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Message from Project Director

I am pleased to introduce the third volume of the RFBDP Newsletter, reflecting our ongoing commitment to livelihood promotion, biodiversity conservation, and inclusive growth across the Eastern Rajasthan.

During this quarter, the project has achieved several milestones that reflect the spirit of partnership and community-led growth. The signing of MoUs between Rajasthan Grameen Ajeevika Vikas Parishad (RVJVS) and Rajasthan Grameen Ajeevika Vikas Parishad (RGAVP) marks a significant step in strengthening livelihood promotion for forest-dependent communities through convergence of allied government schemes. Similarly, the MoUs established between RVJVS and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) have paved new pathways for income generation and environmental sustainability through agroforestry interventions.

Exposure visits on nursery development and grafting techniques have further enhanced the technical capacities of field teams and community members, promoting quality planting material and self-sustaining green enterprises.

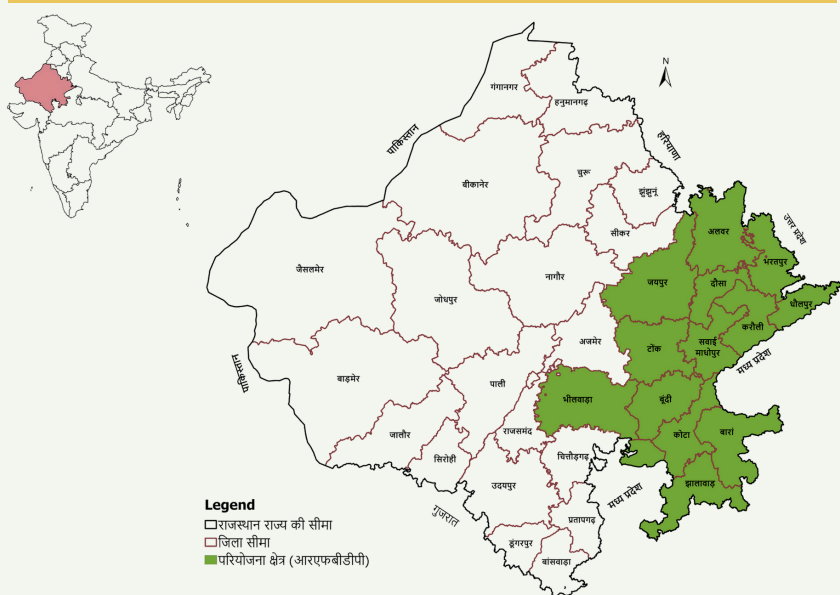
The celebration of Wildlife Week 2025 across multiple districts added momentum to our outreach efforts, creating public awareness and appreciation for Rajasthan's rich biodiversity. I am also delighted to note that RFBDP's activities and achievements are increasingly being recognized and featured in the media – reflecting the collective commitment of our teams.

As we move forward, let us continue to build on this progress with enthusiasm and collaboration, ensuring that our interventions create lasting impacts for both people and nature.

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Project Director, RFBDP

A LOOK BACK, A STEP AHEAD: QUARTERLY JOURNEY

- ◆ MoU Signed between RVJVV & RGAVP for Livelihood Promotion of Forest-Dependent Communities
- ◆ MoU Signed between RVJVV & FPO under RFBDP for Livelihood Promotion through Agroforestry
- ◆ Exposure visit on Nursery Development & Grafting Techniques
- ◆ Celebration of Wildlife week 2025 under RFBDP
- ◆ RFBDP in the News



Objectives of RFBDP

Protect and develop natural forests in the project area

Promote conservation of threatened species

Restore semi arid grasslands for fodder management and carbon sequestration

Preserve biodiversity and restore habitats, including wetlands

Promote sustainable forest management through improved administration, community engagement, and promote livelihoods

MOU SIGNED BETWEEN RVJVS & RGAVP UNDER RFBDP FOR LIVELIHOOD PROMOTION OF FOREST-DEPENDENT COMMUNITIES

Strengthening Livelihoods through Convergence

This quarter, the Rajasthan Forestry and Biodiversity Development Project (RFBDP) achieved a significant milestone with the partnership between the Rajasthan Forest Department (RFD) and Rajasthan Grameen Ajeevika Vikas Parishad (RGAVP). This collaboration is set to transform the livelihoods of women associated with SHGs in the operational areas of the project.

Scale of Outreach

- Support extended to **1,200 SHGs** across **800 villages** in **13 districts**.
- Ensuring wide coverage of women-led institutions in forest-fringe communities.

Financial Empowerment

- Each SHG to receive a **Livelihood Promotion Fund (LPF)** of ₹1 lakh.
- The fund will be utilized for starting sustainable **Livelihood Improvement Activities (LIAs)**.

Resource Optimization

- Pooling of **financial and technical resources** from both RGAVP and RFD.
- Avoiding duplication of efforts to ensure **optimum utilization of resources**.

Capacity Building & Skill Development

- 600 Institutional Development trainings** for SHG strengthening.
- 800 trainings** on skill upgradation, vocational skills and technical know-how to develop sustainable income-generation activities.

This partnership is paving the way for women’s empowerment, development of sustainable livelihoods, and promotion of stronger community based institutions, ensuring that forest-dependent households move towards self-reliance while conserving biodiversity.

Empowering women through forest-based livelihoods is not just about income- it’s about restoring dignity, ownership, and stewardship of natural resources.

Project Director – RFBDP

Communities become greener when Self-Help Groups (SHGs) are strengthened; this collaboration guarantees that women are at the core of all livelihood projects.

State Mission Director – RGAVP



MOU SIGNED BETWEEN RVJVS & FPO UNDER RFBDP FOR LIVELIHOOD PROMOTION THROUGH AGROFORESTRY

Expanding Agroforestry for Sustainable Livelihoods

One of the key milestones of this quarter was the successful launch of Agroforestry initiatives through five Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) in Jaipur and Dausa districts. This initiative marks a significant step forward in RFBDP’s efforts to integrate livelihood enhancement with ecological sustainability, establishing a strong foundation for future interventions.

It has also demonstrated the potential of community-led models in promoting climate-resilient farming systems and long-term economic stability for rural households.



Strategic Partnerships

- **MoUs signed with 5 FPOs in Dausa and Jaipur districts** to implement agroforestry with their shareholders.
- FPOs to act as anchors, serving as processors, and market facilitators –providing input services such as fertilizers, pesticides, and technical guidance, while also supporting marketing, branding, and packaging initiatives.



Large-Scale Plantation Drive

- A total of **50,574 saplings** of diverse species such as Mango, Jamun, Jackfruit, Guava, Ardu, Lemon, and others were distributed in **Tunga (Bassi) of Jaipur district and Lawan and Lalsot of Dausa district.**
- Directly **benefiting 720 farmer households** and marking a significant expansion of agroforestry in the state.



Strengthening Value Chains

- FPOs to facilitate **aggregation, processing, branding, and packaging** of agroforestry produce.
- This will create strong market linkages, enhancing income security for farmers and building a sustainable agroforestry value chain.



Capacity Building for Impact

- Around **283 farmers trained** on plantation techniques, survival, growth and management of saplings.
- Focus on ensuring **high survival rates**, better productivity, and promoting long-term climate resilience.

This achievement is a defining milestone for RFBDP, not only in promoting livelihood diversification but also in strengthening the climate-resilient ecosystem of Rajasthan. By empowering farmers and communities, agroforestry is paving the way for a greener and prosperous future.



EXPOSURE VISIT ON NURSERY DEVELOPMENT & GRAFTING TECHNIQUES

Rajasthan Forestry and Biodiversity Development Project (RFBDP), in collaboration with the Horticulture Department, Rajasthan, successfully organized a two-day Exposure Visit on the theme of Nursery Development & Grafting Techniques at the Centre of Excellence, Devrawas, Tonk.

A total of 45 participants trained in two batches—including Range Officers, Foresters, Forest Guards, Project Facilitation Team (PFT) members, and VFPMC representatives.

Key Highlights:



Hands-on training on advanced grafting methods including Bud, Approach, Tongue, Crown, and Wedge grafting



Promoted wider adoption of agroforestry practices at the grassroots level



Built the capacity of Village Forest Protection and Management Committees (VFPMCs) for advancing sustainable forest management

Technical knowledge in nursery layout planning, pest & disease management, shade-net practices, and disinfection techniques



Practical exposure to different types of layering techniques for successful propagation



Empowered communities to develop sustainable, tree-based livelihoods



CELEBRATION OF WILDLIFE WEEK 2025 UNDER RFBDP

The Rajasthan Forestry and Biodiversity Development Project (RFBDP) celebrated Wildlife Week 2025 with great enthusiasm across the project landscape. To mark the occasion, drawing and essay writing competitions were organized in various schools, engaging hundreds of students in activities centered around biodiversity conservation and protection of wild species.

The initiative aimed to instill environmental awareness and empathy towards wildlife among school students — nurturing them as the future stewards of biodiversity.

Students showcased their creativity and understanding through colorful drawings and thoughtful essays on the importance of conserving forests and wildlife.

Forest officials, teachers, and RFBDP team members motivated students to spread the message of wildlife conservation within their communities.

The activities served as a celebration of India's rich biodiversity and reinforced the spirit of collective responsibility toward nature.

The event strengthened RFBDP's vision of promoting community participation and environmental education as key elements of sustainable forest management.



जानकारी दी गई। ताकि पौध उत्पादन और दूधराशेपन के साथ-साथ किसानों को दीर्घकालिक आर्थिक लाभ भी मिल सके। फिनिट में वन विभाग के रेन्जर्स, फॉरेस्टर्स, फॉरेस्ट गार्ड सहित 25 जनों को उच्च प्रशिक्षण तकनीक, कृषि यान्त्रिकी, उत्पाद गुणवत्ता वाले पौधों के चयन, नर्सरी प्रबंधन, उन्नत पौधाराशेपन तकनीक आदि विषयों पर प्रशिक्षण प्रदान किया गया। प्रशिक्षण सत्रों का संचालन राजेश कुमार डाटा उपनिदेशक उद्यानिकी ने किया। परियोजना प्रबंधक सलाहकार धर्मेश गौरैया एवं हेमंत दीक्षित ने भी दृष्टी रणनीति पर प्रकाश डाला।

