

Project Jalprabandhan launched at Bhimsar village, Gujarat on February 6, 2015

Jalprabandhan aims at strengthening local governance and people's institutions for sustainable rain-fed agriculture and livestock economy in the Kutch district of Gujarat

Strengthening Local Governance and People's Institutions for Sustainable Rain-fed Agriculture and Livestock Economy in Kutch District of Gujarat' or 'Jalprabandhan' as referred to in the native language, is being implemented by *Sahjeevan*, a not-for-profit organisation. The project is funded by Hindustan Unilever (HUL) Foundation and Coastal Salinity Prevention Cell (CSPC), an associate organisation of the Tata Trusts. CSPC would play the pivotal role of technical back-stopping and monitoring for realisation of the project objectives.



Laxmiben Veljibhai Humbal, Sarpanch of Bhimsar Gram Panchayat, gives the welcome speech

The objectives of the project are:

- To strengthen the capacity of Gram Panchayats to plan and implement projects effectively.
- Build capacity of the Producer Company, in order to access inputs and markets for its members.
- To increase the productivity of the land resources and animals of the project area through appropriate management of soil, water, biotic genetic material of seeds, trees, etc.

The project would accrue benefits to 1,000 households of six villages of Anjar and Gandhidham blocks of Kutch district of Gujarat.

The project components to create model for participatory water conservation to increase productivity would revolve around the following key activities:

- Strengthening Local Governance for Resource management
- Water resource development
- Soil moisture conservation Activities
- Agriculture development
- Livestock development
- Grassland development
- Market linkages for agriculture produce
- Groundwater management & salinity prevention

The project launch event was attended by Sarpanch of 4 Gram Panchayat's, CSPC, HUF, Chairman of Kutch Jilla Sahkari Dudh Utpadak Sangh Limited, Sahjeevan, Upaj Producer Company, Govt officials.



Guests present at the project launch unveil the Jalprabandhan brochure