

## CAGs & Community members showcased activities undertaken in AIWASI project during the Australian Senator's visit to Bakkarwala

### CONTEXT

- The President of Australian Senate, Miss Sue Lines and Australian High Commission visited India in October 2023 to be a part of the G20 summit held in Delhi.
- During her trip, she visited Bakkarwala project site, along with senior members from the AIWASI consortium to witness the work being done as a part of the project.
- She observed different activities carried out for water sensitivity awareness within the community.

### ACTIVITIES

- MHT Toolkit contains some simple yet effective strategies for building awareness around water sensitivity.
- The first demonstration involved adolescent school girls playing the snake and ladders game designed based on climate parameters.
- The ladders in game depict solutions for developing climate resilience and the snakes show negative impact of various climate stresses on health and livelihood.
- As this was a unique experience for the senator too, she joined in the game to experience it herself.



School girls playing snakes and ladders game

## ACTIVITIES

- CAG member, Seemaben illustrated a sample test from a total of 9 tests required to check the quality of water currently received by Bakkarwala for drinking.
- The senator also performed the test.
- Nemibhai from the community presented Community-Based Vulnerability Assessment Toolkit (CBVAT).
- He briefly explained the CBVAT mapping process and how it further translates to a Community-Based Resilience Action Plan (CBRAP).



CAG member performing a sample test to check quality of drinking water

## OUTCOME

- Drawing inspiration from the work being done in the project on ground, the senator cited excerpts from her visit to Bakkarwala in front of all other world leaders in the G20 forum the next day.
- While mentioning her visit, she said “I met women who are now very aware of the need to conserve water and take action where necessary to ensure that the water they are drinking is healthy”.
- The Australian High Commission also appreciated the depth and awareness with which water testing is being carried out in the community.



Senator mentioning her visit to Bakkarwala in the G20 forum