

## BACKGROUND

1. The SAWASI regional workshop was organized by DFAT at Bangkok, Thailand, in August 2023 as a cross-learning platform between the India, Pakistan, and Nepal consortiums.
2. From MHT's side, it was attended by Nishtha (Development Associate) and 1 representative each from both communities (Mubarakpur Dabas and Bakkarwala).



SAWASI Workshop Participants

## ACTIVITIES

1. Sarojben, a CAG member and resident of B-Block Bakkarwala and Arvind Ji, RWA member from Mubarakpur participated in the regional workshop.
2. The workshop, spanning three days, featured presentations from all three teams, focusing on their efforts and progress toward implementing water-sensitive design solutions.
3. The MHT team outlined its community engagement strategy and progress under AIWASI CDP.
4. Sarojben and Arvind Ji, from the community, provided insights and experiences from the ground related to the project's progress since its inception.



Presentation on Community Engagement strategy

## ACTIVITIES

1. A field visit was organized on the second day to Benchakitti Forest Park and Poonbumpen community, in two groups.
2. The visit to Benchakitti forest park helped the members understand water as a vital resource and its role in sustaining diverse ecosystems.
3. The visit to Poonbumpen community was a learning to understand the challenges of urbanization pressures, and how it preserves its agricultural roots despite it.



Field visit to Benchakitti Forest Park

## Community Testimonials

1. Sarojben, a CAG member, who participated in the workshop, said “This was a very first experience for me; visiting a new country and talking about our issues and work on an international platform. While sharing my community’s issues, I realized that other countries also faced similar concerns, and how they worked towards resolving them.”
2. Arvind Dabas Ji, RWA member, said in the convention “The continuous community engagement in Mubarakpur has started to impact the lives of the community members positively. Women have started taking the lead in solving community-level issues.”



Sarojben from Bakkarwala, sharing her experiences, along with Nishtha