

## Project Update: January 2010

Field visits and lectures were conducted in schools and villages during this period in the study area. During the Wildlife Week various programmes were organized with Hobby Nature Club and Hadothi Naturalists Society. An on the spot painting competition was organized in Proposed Ummedganj Pakshi Vihar, a key sarus crane breeding area closer to the city. A flex poster was displayed at the site and later displayed in the three day photo exhibition of the society at the District Information Centre of Kota district from 5<sup>th</sup> October to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009. The state Forest Department was the co-organizer of the exhibition that was inaugurated by the Principal of Government College Kota. The exhibition was visited by students of the local colleges and schools, visitors, families of various competition prize winners and the guests.

The second year students of Textile Designing, Commercial Arts and Interior Decoration branches of the Women's Polytechnic College Kota were taken to Ummedganj Proposed Pakshi Vihar to understand the ecology and breeding biology of the sarus crane. A written quiz and collage competition was organized for these students during the Wildlife Week 2009, with Hobby Nature Club and Hadothi Naturalists Society. The winners of these competitions were given books on butterflies, animals and trees.

During this period we recorded: in Baran District - 9 nests (15 chicks); Kota District - 8 nests (13 chicks); Bundi District - 3 nests (4 chicks); and Jhalawar District - 6 nests (8 chicks).



Left: MSc students of Girls College- Kota, during Ummedganj Field visit. Right: Participants painting the landscape of Ummedganj Pakshi Vihar during Wildlife Week 2009.



Left: Students of the polytechnic college in the field at Ummedganj. Right: Students with posters and pamphlets on Sarus Crane at Ummedganj.



Left: Students of MSc noting details from the Flex Banner at proposed Ummedganj Pakshi Vihar during Wildlife Week 2009. Right: Chief Guest –Principal, Government College- Kota, seeing the exhibition on Sarus Crane in the Wildlife Week Photo Exhibition 2009.



Left: A written quiz competition at Women's Polytechnic College Kota. Total number of students participated in the quiz organized during the wildlife week 2009. Right: Chief guest Mrs. Sandhya Gupta, HOD, Zoology Department, Girls College-Kota along with students and faculty of Polytechnic college.