

### **Project Update: April 2010**

From January 2010 until April 2010 field visits were made to different wetland sites and along the Chambal River to Nimodha. The data on Sarus nesting and breeding in these different sites was collected. During field visits, film and slide shows were also organized in the villages. People were very receptive in particular to the short movie by CSE- New Delhi, on the conservation of water by ordinary villagers in different parts of India.

The information was gathered from the local villagers who are residing close to these sites. This year the rainfall has been very scanty and most of the wetlands dried up early due to less water. Because of this the nesting in all the three districts was negligible.

For the first time we have made 10,000 pamphlets to be inserted along with the local newspaper and circulated by the distribution agents in rural areas. This will give us more information on the new wetland sites and breeding of the Sarus crane. This task of putting all the pamphlets will be done between the next breeding seasons from July to October 2010.

