

WORLD BANK TEAM VISITS GUJARAT

Delegates from the World Bank India and SICOM - Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change visited the sites of Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project in Jamnagar and Kachchh districts of Gujarat. The project is being implemented by GEC along with the PEAs such as Jamnagar Municipal Corporation, Marine National Park & Sanctuary, GEER Foundation, BISAG, GPCB and Kachchh Forest Circle. On August 31 & September 3, 2015 the delegates reviewed and visited the work sites of various project interventions such as sewerage network, real time air monitoring system, sewage treatment plant, coral transplantation, mangrove restoration, natural resource augmentation and livelihood enhancement of coastal communities. This was the eighth joint implementation review mission of the World Bank and the four day mission included visits to the following project interventions:

- Work of Sewage Treatment Plant, Jamnagar – one of its kind for the first time in India
- Underground sewerage network in Jamnagar
- Rising main of underground sewerage network in Jamnagar city
- Sanitation work (construction of toilet by EDC) and skill development of SHG members (handicraft training) in Jambuda village of Jamnagar
- Interaction with the SHG members at Hadiya village in Jamnagar about skill development training
- Village pond rejuvenation work that resulted in rain water collection, which in turn has benefitted the farmers of Modpar village in Kachchh district
- Mangrove plantation activity and related benefits for the community in Jangi village of Kachchh district
- Construction of cyclone shelter cum multipurpose building in Varsana village in Kachchh district

Apart from the above visits, the team also participated in the 13th Steering Committee Meeting and have done a debriefing of the implementation mission to the Principal Secretary, Forests & Environment Department, Government of Gujarat. One of the highlights of the review mission was the team's visit to the PEAs such as BISAG, GEER Foundation and GPCB. This has certainly helped the team to understand the activities being implemented by the PEAs since the inception of the ICZM project in Gujarat.

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