

SESSION NOTE

" Bhopal as Wetland City : A Citizens' initiative for Win-Win solutions."

CONTEXT: Bhoj Wetland - Past, Present & Future

- **Past :** Hamara Shahar Hamara Sarovar programme (pre-1995); Upper Lake declared Ramsar site(2002); Bhoj Wetland project (1995-2005): VIP road; Bhadbhada/ Judicial Academy road ; Jaltarang/ Interpretation Centre , Walkway around Lake*, Sewage treatment* ; Sewage lines*;Deweeding *-(* indicates pending)
- **Current problems:** Containing wall , Cruise proposal , tree felling in catchment zone, encroachments/ illegal plotting in catchment area; earthen dam tunnel closed ; Floating fountains/screens; Waterlogging ;
- **Ongoing schemes:** Ramsar site; Amrit Sarovar scheme; National water reservoir scheme; Kolans deepening; Bird aviary.
- **Future Apprehensions:** Professor Colony redevelopment ; Proposed Double Decker road alongside VIP road ; Ropeway/ Cablecar across Upper Lake ; Flyover across lower Lake .
- **Future Proposal:** Bhopal as Wetland City