## **Bhawani Shanker Kusum**

Born on June 04, 1947 Bhawani Shanker Kusum is Master's in sociology. He has been engaged in various rural development activities for past 30 years.

He has served as NGO delegate for Asia Pacific in the UNAIDS PCB, NGO Observer for Asia Pacific in the CTF Committee of the World Bank and CSO representative from Asia in the UNCCD for 2 years. He is presently working as president, Gram Bharati Samiti.

Bhawani established 'Gram Bharati Samiti' an NGO in 1984 for "Establishing a society based on humanitarian, democratic values and ecologically balanced habitat". Focus of GBS's work has been mainly on empowering the women by making them aware of their rights and economically self-sustained and conserving natural resources.

The 'wasteland development project' implemented by him at Gandhivan, village Todaladi in block Jamwaramgarh of district Jaipur is a model work in relation to restoration of land degradation, checking soil erosion and stabilizing sand dunes.

He has expertise in training, monitoring and evaluation on environmental issues, developing training materials, restoring rain water harvesting structures.

Presently he is engaged in implementing SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and 15 (Life on Land).