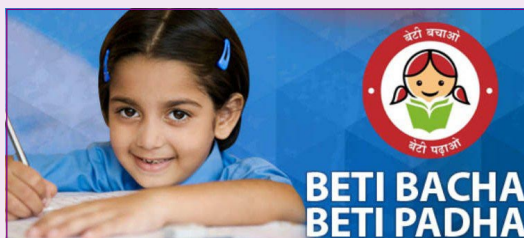




## Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Workshop

A workshop on *Beti Bachao Beti Padhao* (Save Girl Child Educate Girl Child) was organised by CUTS CHD on December 22, 2015 at *Kisan Bhawan*, Bhilwara. In the inaugural speech, Sheela Choudhary Deputy Director, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Bhilwara addressed issues related to gender imbalance and discrimination against girl child in the Indian society. She also briefed about the various schemes for the benefit of girl child. Merington Soni of ICDS said that such schemes will make people aware about the importance of girls in the society. It will increase awareness among the common people to save the life of girl child.



Gauhar Mahmood, Centre Coordinator of CUTS CHD said that patriarchal mind set should be changed by persistent endeavours towards creating a society free from gender bias and inequalities. Minakshi Jain National Cadet Corps Incharge and Madan Giri Goswami, Assistant Centre Coordinator of CHD said that there is need to drive the campaign for generating awareness as well as enhancing the efficiency of welfare services for women and girl child.

## National Consumer Day Observed

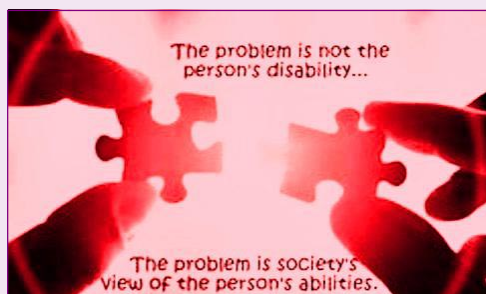
How well consumer rights are unveiled in the saying 'Buy less, choose well and make it last'. Keeping this fact into consideration 'National Consumer Day' was observed on the theme 'Safe and Healthy Food: Combating Food Adulteration' on December 24, 2015 to generate awareness about the rights of consumers. Suresh Chand, Acting Collector and Additional District Magistrate, Chittorgarh said that consumer education is essential to protect consumer rights from companies/service providers that sell products and provide services not as assured and consumers have the right to be protected from malicious acts.



Utpender Mishra, Food Security Officer elucidated about Food Safety and Standard Act. Gauhar emphasised on the importance of the consumer movements. Virender Singh, District Supply Officer (DSO), Chittorgarh urged the public to apply their informed choices to buy commodity from the market and assert their rights as vigilant consumers. On this day, certificates were distributed to the prize winning school children. Vote of thanks to the dignitaries present was given by Madan Giri.

## 'World Disability Day' Observed

'World Disability Day' was organised on December 03, 2015, with the collaboration of Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DSOJ & E), Chittorgarh at District Collector Office in presence of District-level officers from various departments. Suresh Chand, Acting Collector cum Additional District Magistrate chaired the programme where 15 selected Disabled People's Organisation (DPO) members participated. Kamlesh Kumar Jangid, Project Coordinator of



CUTS CHD stated that the objectives of the event was to identify and eliminate the obstacles for people with disabilities and make them follow the guidelines of Ministry of Urban Development and Central Public Works Department to provide services as per the needs of the physically challenged people. Gauhar endeavoured to sensitise the DPOs for creating a conducive environment for such people. Omprakash Toshniwal Deputy Director of (DoSJ & E) informed about the various schemes for disabled people and provisions under 'Disabilities Act'.

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## **Skill Development Camp**

A five-day residential skill development camp (Orientation & Mobility, Daily Living Skills) for visually impaired people was organised on December 22-26, 2015 at *Gadi Lohar School* Chittorgarh with the participation of 30 visually impaired people including five female members for enabling them to carry out day-to-day activities with least possible external assistance.



also made on the last day at IL & FS Vocational Training Centre, Bhilwara and certificates were provided to the participants on successful completion of training.

## **Vocational Trainings for Disabled Class**

Two vocational trainings were organised at Keli, Ghatiyawali Tehsil in Chittorgarh for physically challenged people on making detergent, dish washing soap, washing powder, phenyl etc. Lalit Jaroli, resource person from Sankalp Credit Cooperative Society Ltd. facilitated the training to around 40 participants. In continuation to this other one and half month tailoring training was conducted at Bassi for 15 physically challenged participants. Uttam Singh Shekhawat Sub-Divisional Magistrate; Praveen Singh Rathore *Pradhan*, *Panchayat Samiti*, Chittorgarh; V Chandrashekhar Branch Manager, State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur and Anju Kanwar, *Sarpanch*, Bassi were the eminent guests of the event. An exposure visit was

## **Study for Physical Barriers of PwDs**

A study on accessibility was conducted to know the challenges faced by People with Disabilities (PwDs) in all important government buildings and public facilities involving 15 DPO members, Rajasthan Social Inclusion Programme (RSIP) staff and representatives from ARUSHI, a consultant agency from Bhopal. During the study the obstacles for PwDs at accessing public facilities were identified and later a study on the same was shared with the concerned departments to sensitise the service providers to create favourable environment for them.

## **Welfare Camps**

Three welfare camps was organised with help of (DSOJ & E). Ved Prakash District Collector- Chittorgarh; OP Toshniwal, Deputy Director SJ & E; Praveen Rathore *Pradhan* of *Panchayat Samiti*; Chand Kriplani MLA, Nimbahera; Hemendra Naagar, State District Magistrate and Anil Pahadiya, Block Development Officer, Nimbahera attended the camps in their areas, where about 15 DPOs were benefitted by getting allotted nine tricycles, four white canes, five crutches, six disability certificates, two pension benefit, three *Sukhad Dampaty Yojana*, five *Mukhyamantri Swarojgar Yojana*. On this occasion, *Mewar Viklang Sewa Sansthan* (DPO) was appreciated by District Collector Chittorgarh for its incredible contribution in the welfare of disabled people.



## **Posters Unveiled in Welfare Camp**



Under the social inclusion programme, about nine posters developed were unveiled by CP Joshi, Member of Parliament, Chittorgarh; Chandrabhaan Singh Akyaa, Member of Legislative Assembly and O P Toshniwal in welfare camp held at SJ & E. In the opening session, Gauhar elucidated about the role of posters in social inclusion programme. The guests were impressed to see the posters with inspiring messages for the upliftment of disabled people. As part of the programme, nearly 127 disabled got benefitted by acquiring various aids meant for the physically challenged group like tricycles, crutches, wheelchairs, hearing aid devices, rollato prosthetic limbs etc.



## DPO Leadership Trainings and PwDs Office Bearer Trainings

Capacity building of 14 Office Bearers of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) of PwDs was organised on November 28, 2015 to acquire an insight of SHGs, SHG's role in social inclusion, group management, promoting income generating activities. A three-day's training on leadership development trainings to DPO was also organised by Sightsavers at *Astha Sansthan*, Udaipur to understand economic, social and educational status of PwDs in the society.



## Signature Campaign under Road Safety Week

Road Safety Week was observed by CHD and DPO in collaboration with Regional Office of Transport Department, Chittorgarh on the theme of road safety 'Time for Action' to spread awareness on road safety issues at village-level. Two wheeler drivers were urged to wear good quality helmet to protect themselves whereas four wheeler drivers were recommended to use seat belt while driving. Over 600 people participated in signature campaign giving the assurance to follow the traffic rules to avoid fatalities. In Bhilwara, an Open House was organised at the Control Office of Traffic Police on 'Road Safety Week' where around 150 children and community people were provided relevant information about the road safety.

## Income Generation Activities for Women

A month's training in tailoring for 102 Self-help Groups (SHGs) women for was conducted at *Mandal* and *Bagore* block of Bhilwara with the objective to develop model SHGs by providing training in all aspects of SHGs. This included sensitising about the SHG concept, developing regular saving habit among the SHG's members, maintaining records, developing leadership qualities and ensuring additional income for each SHG member by adoption of income generation activities.



## CHD REPRESENTATIONS

- Madan Giri and Madan Lal Kheer attended two-day's state-level advocacy cum dissemination meeting under 'Pro-Organic' project organised at Hotel Royal Orchid, Jaipur where key highlights of the project activities were discussed i.e. key findings of End Line survey, feedback from partners, planning of further activities etc.
- Madan Giri attended Open House of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) at Nandwai Block, Bengu, Chittorgarh. P L Jeengar, Assistant General Manager, Chittorgarh; Ram Dutt Sharma, Assistant Engineer (Telecom) and Ankur Jhalani, Account Officer participated in this event and provided valuable feedback to the consumers on their complaints.
- Gauhar and Madan Giri attended District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) meeting in Chittorgarh, which was chaired by the District Collector of Chittorgarh.
- Radhe Shyam Vaihnav, Project Officer, CHD attended Labour Task Force meeting at Bhilwara and discussed about child labour related issues.
- Archana Sharma, Facilitator, *Chittorgarh Kendriye Sahkari Bank* (CKSB), Bhadesar has visited five eligible SHGs for new credit linkages and discussed about non-performing SHGs on loan repayment.
- Anita Updadhayay, Project Executive, *Parivar Seva Sansthan* (PSS), Ajmer visited CHD to discuss common interest to work with the Centre as resource agency in some of their expertise area and also identified various areas for possible collaboration.
- Radhey Shyam Vaihnav, attended an Open House of IDEA (mobile and Internet service provider) at Bhilwara, Deepak Regional Manager, IDEA and his colleague Babita. Almost 100 consumers, shop keepers, activists, consumer rights officials attended the house, and the consumers raised their complaints and the service provider tried to convince them regarding their complaints.
- Madan Lal participated in capacity building training on 'Advocacy for Quality of Care for Maternal Health' at Jaipur organised by CHETNA, Ahmedabad.
- Gauhar and Madan Lal attended workshop on 'Understanding Monitoring and Evaluation from Human Rights Based Approach' at CUTS Jaipur, organised by 'Gender At Work'.
- Gauhar attended meeting cum workshop to discuss the modalities for implementation of *Nai Roshni* Scheme under Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) at Lodhi Road, New Delhi.



## 'SMILE Operation' of CHILDLINE

The CHILDLINE team Bhilwara rescued eight children from Hyderabad and Rangareddy (Telengana state) with help of Police Anti-human Trafficking Unit Bhilwara and rehabilitated all the victims.

### VISITORS

- Merington Soni of ICDS visited the women trainings programme at Mandal and Bagore, villages of Bhilwara.
- Teena Kumar, District Collector (Bhilwara) and Peerchand Singvi, Zila Pramukh of Bhilwara visited the CHILDLINE exhibition stall at Indira Gandhi Community Hall, Bhilwara.
- An employment fair was organised by District Employment Office, Bhilwara. The CHILDLINE team exhibited the posters, stickers and resource materials with the support of (SJ & E) and distributed Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials to 650 people. Teena Kumar and other DLOs visited and communicated with the staff.
- Shashank Singh, Senior Faculty, Institute of Livelihood Research and Training, Bhopal was on a four-day mentoring support visit for livelihood mapping survey, under RSIP and interacted with the target beneficiaries.
- Sheela Chowdhary, Deputy Director, ICDS Bhilwara visited CHD office regarding *Beti Bachao Bethi Padoo* campaign.
- George Cherriyan, Director; Deepak Saxena, Sr. Programme Coordinator and Ram Kumar Jha, Policy Analyst of CUTS along with two external consultants of Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC), Sudarshana and Pallavi (Gender at Work, Hyderabad) visited CHD. The visit was made for a meeting with the 'ProOrganic' project CHD team and beneficiaries (women, farmers etc.) of Chittorgarh and Pratapgarh as part of an exercise for incorporating Human Rights Based Approach in the upcoming phases of activities with Swedish SSNC.
- Jyoti Swaroop Sharma, Deputy Supritendent, Bhilwara and other District Level Officers visited the CHILDLINE stalls on the occasion of 'Road Safety Week'.
- Amit Gordon, Director, CUTS visited CHD for discussing sanitation project of 'Habitat for Humanity' in Nagri village and also interacted with the staff to get their feedback on administrative issues.

### MEDIA

