



## Study Accessibility of Public Buildings for Disabled People



An access audit of about 15 public buildings was conducted by the Disabled People's Organisation (DPO) and CUTS Centre for Human Development (CHD) supported by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJ&E) and District Collector Office under 'Accessible India Campaign'. The objective of the study was to contribute

towards creation of a better universally accessible infrastructure by assessing the accessibility of the facilities and recommendations for their betterment. The enhanced infrastructure facilities will not only be available to various categories of physically challenged people but also to the other weaker sections of the society.

## Workshops on 'Organic Farming'

Village-level awareness workshops were organised at 26 villages of Chittorgarh and Pratapgarh districts during evening hours in common meeting areas/central arena of villages. The main objective of the workshop was to promote organic consumption and production by awareness generation, sensitisation, and capacity building and advocacy activities.



During the programme, organic-based documentary films were shown; Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials were distributed to the participants and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) session was held. The participants raised queries related to organic consumption and production. The team highlighted the side effects of chemical-based farming and asked to adopt the traditional sources, Agriculture Officers, supervisors, *sarpanch* and *panch* of *Panchayat* (village council), Community-based Organisations and about 1400 farmers/consumers attended the workshops and got benefited from the programme.

## Wheat and Orange Farmer Producer Organisation

Awareness generation meetings were organised to expand the membership of farmers in the Wheat and Farmer Producer Organisation from 50 to 1000 in the coming three years. Taking this opportunity, the CHD team shared the plans on farmers training, skill development interventions including conduct of exposure visits, areas of farm production, input/output management, productivity enhancement, process improvement, agribusiness management, book-keeping, regulatory compliance, internal organisational structure, good governance etc. In this project, Ravindra Kumar Chandel, Additional Agriculture Officer, Satyender Kumar Agarwal, Scientist, *Krishi Vigyan Kendra*, Ratan Solanki, Scientist, Soil Department attended the meeting.

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### Go Back to School

The CHD Bhilwara team conducted a survey with support from Education Department under Right to Education Act for children as part of *Go back to School* initiative for those children who never went to school or are dropouts.



The team explored that there were about 200 girls and boys in the age group four to 14 years. Further, in the new academic session, CHD Bhilwara team has started the school enrollment campaign to enroll dropout children.

### Water Conservation and Management

On June 15, 2016 a workshop was held at CHD to generate awareness of the people on significance of water conservation and management. Sachin Badetiya, District Development Manager Chittorgarh spoke on Non-government Organisation's (NGOs) progressive role in National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) promoted activities.



He presented detailed information on the concerned subject and informed that voluntarily labour contribution was also done on the specified day and a clean drive activity for traditional water pond was also accomplished in Madhuvan, Senthli involving 30 SHGs members, NGO representatives and social activists actively. Moreover, 1000 trees were planted in three blocks of Chittorgarh district.

### Depositor Education and Awareness Programme

CHD facilitated the Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Programme supported by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) held in Bhilwara (Rajasthan) on July 22, 2016 at Hotel Shagun.

The event was attended by nearly 87 participants comprising representatives of banks, Farmers Producers Organisation, NGOs, self-help groups (SHGs), volunteers, consumer activists and media etc. R P Sharma, Assistant General Manager Office of Banking Ombudsman, RBI, Jaipur; K N Verma, Counsellor Disha Trust-Financial Literacy Coordinator Jaipur; Shiv Kumar Gupta, District Development Manager, NABARD; N K Jain Assistant Lead Development Manager Bank of Baroda, George Cheriyan Director CUTS, Deepak Saxena, Senior Programme Coordinator of CART were among the main speakers of the programme.



The purpose of the workshop to enhance awareness and knowledge of depositors on various aspects of safe and secure deposits.

### Disabled People Organisation Leadership Training

A training programme was organised at CHD from May 26-27, 2016. Nearly 36 DPO members including 28 male and eight female participated from district DPO and block-level DPO representing from areas: *Bassi, Nimbahera, Kanera and Bhadesar* of Chittorgarh.





## Livelihood Skill Training on Goatry

Livelihood Skill Training on Goatry was organised from July 12-15, 2016 at *Krishi Vigyan Kendra*, Chittorgarh. About 35 disabled people participated including five visually impaired and five female participants who were already engaged in the goatry works.

The purpose of the training was to provide technical knowledge on goat breed, fodder health, housing management; market structure, market strategy; opportunities and challenges; understanding on welfare schemes. Dr Suresh Jingar expert (Livestock) from *Krishi Vigyan Kendra*; Dr Rao Veterinary Officer, Dr Mukesh Sharma Veterinary Doctor from Livestock Research Centre were part of the event.



## Grahak Suvidha Kendra Collection Centres

CUTS Consumer Action Research & Training (CART) GSK collection centres at CHD Chittorgarh and Bhilwara, Rajasthan are actively involved in increasing the number of consumer's complaints in providing services available at *Grahak Suvidha Kendra* (GSK) Jaipur. On July 08 and 31, to promote the programme, the consumers, networkers, non-government organisation (NGO) representatives an interaction meeting was held on consumer protection related issues, especially from rural and semi urban area through counseling and conciliation for quick and easy redressal.

Prathana Sharma, an Intern of the centre helped in collecting the consumer complaints from households and generating awareness of GSK collection Centre at Bhilwara and helped in Reserve Bank of India (RBI) supported Depositor Education and Awareness Programme in Bhilwara.



## Welfare Camp for Disabled People

A welfare camp was organised in Nimbahera with the support from DoSJE, *Srijee Sewa Sansthan* and DPO from July 21-23, 2016. Inderjeet, District Collector (Chittorgarh); Prasann Kumar, Superintendent of Police (Chittorgarh); O P Toshniwal, Deputy Director of DoSJ&E (Chittorgarh) were some of the eminent guests of this event.

About 144 Disabled people were benefitted by acquiring various mobility and disability aids for ensuring quality of life. In addition, 40 rail passes and 25 bus passes were also distributed to the physically challenged group.

## Anti-tobacco Campaign

On July 31, 2016 Anti-tobacco campaign was initiated with the collaboration of Department of Medical and Health, Chittorgarh and District Anti-tobacco cell jointly in the presence of 32 participants including consumers, NGO representatives, and volunteers. During the campaign, Information Education and Communication (IEC) material was distributed to all participants.

The organisers stated, "we all stakeholders are committed to ensuring healthcare and social safety for all. Warning people about the dangers of tobacco, is a key part of our strategy, using mass media campaigns, film rule, and all other methods". The participants pledged to stand up against the tobacco menace.



## CHD REPRESENTATIONS

- Shanti Lal Dangi and Jasraj Jat Chief Executive Officers of Farmers Producer Organisation attended the NABARD State-level workshop on July 29, 2016. The workshop was organised in Jaipur to explore the prospects in new areas and to identify new Natural Resource Management based activities.
- Gauhar Mahmood, Centre Coordinator, CHD and Madan Giri, Assistant Centre Coordinator attended a meeting on prevention on tobacco control on July 29, 2016 at Chief Medical and Health Office (CMHO) Chittorgarh.
- Gauhar Mahmood and Madan Giri met Leela Jat, Chairperson, District Council Chittorgarh on July 10, 2016 to get an insight of the women empowerment project at grassroot level.
- Gauhar Mahmood, and Madan Giri of CHD attended on Meeting on Prevention on Tobacco Control' in Chittorgarh in Chairmanship of District Collector, Inderjeet Singh held on June 30, 2016.
- On July 22, 2016 Madan Lal Keer, Project Coordinator, CHD attended Nourishing School Workshop organised by Centre for Health Education Training and Nutrition Awareness (CHETNA) NGO and Ashoka Innovative for public on held at CHETNA, NGO Samvaad Heritage Conference Centre (SHCC), Ahmedabad.
- Madan Lal Keer attended three-day's training programme of 'Training of Trainers' on June 23-25, 2016. The theme of the training was 'Youth Leadership' and was held at Jaipur organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Chittorgarh.
- On June 07-09, Mandan Giri, attended Training Programme of Grahak Suvidha Kendra scheduled at Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) in New Delhi.

## VISITORS

- On May 18, 2016 Indrani Thuraisingham (Head, Office of Asia and the Pacific, Consumers International, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) and George Cheriyan, Director, CUTS visited Odund village and had a meeting with the women's groups, as part of finalising a Consumers International proposal to IKEA Foundation. She recommended to choose organic food (consumption and production) availability, accessibility and affordability related issues as the key concerns for awareness generation.
- Noor Jahan, Consultant, Sightsavers visited CHD to meet with the beneficiaries of vocational training and livelihoods initiative on May 18-19. She also discussed and reviewed the progress of DPO's targeted plan and achievements.
- On July 05-06, 2016 Ketan Kothari, Programme Development Officer at Sightsavers along with Noorjahan, were on a two-day visit to assess the progress of DPO. They discussed annual plan, achievements, increasing membership, gender balance, livelihood activities, rights and entitlement etc. Nearly 36 DPO members participated in the event.
- O P Toshniwal attended DPO Meeting at CHD held on July 06, 2016. The meeting was held under Accessible India Campaign, the purpose of the study to make 15 barrier-free public buildings.

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