

Animal Husbandry and Goat Rearing Training



Animal husbandry refers to raising or keeping of livestock (domestic animals) for farm purposes and using or making profit by selling the same. Realising the value of Animal Husbandry in India, three-day training was held for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) on Animal Husbandry from May 14-25, 2018. The training aimed at increasing the productivity of the animals; first aid management; animal vaccinations; deworming; breed improvement; enhancing quality of milk products, vermin composting, marketing and exposure visits of goat farming. Various subject experts provided useful information on the theme in their respective sessions.

Capacity Building on UNCRPD and RPWD Act

Eight trainings on United Nation Convention for Right of Person with Disability (UNCRPD) and Rights to Person with Disabilities (RPWD) Act 2016 under the Disability Social Inclusion Programme, were held in the month of May and June, 2018. The Convention promotes, protects and ensures PwDs to fully enjoy human rights. The training was attended by 164 participants.



Livelihood Trainings to PwDs

The human spirit is one of ability, perseverance and courage that no disability can steal away. Taking this fact into consideration, training on making 'Detergent Powder and Phenyl' was organised on May 28-29, 2018 for PwDs. The aim of the training was to provide rural areas an opportunity to engage in better income generation; provide information about how to make white phenyl, detergent powder, liquid soap and its ingredients. Total 32 Self Help Groups (SHGs) of Disabled Persons participated in the event and proved that the only disability in life is bad attitude.



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Ensuring Well-being in Welfare Camps

The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity. Two welfare camps were organised by Social Justice and Empowerment at *Satkhandra Gram Panchayat*, Chittorgarh on May 16 and June 30, 2018. Various aids, such as tricycles, crutches, hearing devices, etc. were given to 26 disabled people in the camps. These aids will empower PwDs by enhancing their mobility and their social-economic potential for becoming self-independent. Shrichand Kriplani, Urban Development and Housing Minister, Government of Rajasthan; Inderjeet Singh, District Collector; Narayan Singh Charan, Additional District Manager; and O P Toshniwal, Deputy Director, Social Justice and Empowerment; and other dignitaries attended the event to make it a success.



Horticulture Training to FPO

Two-day Training from June 19-20, 2018 was held for Farmers Producer Organisation (FPO) on Horticulture Farming at *Krishni Vigyan Kendra* (Agriculture Science Centre) Chittorgarh. A K Bohra, Dr S K Agarwal, Rajesh Jalwania and Dr R L Solanki provided a detailed information on Importance of horticulture, promote fruits orchard, modern techniques and hi-tech production technology, soil preparation, pruning tree, planning, layout, grafting, assessment, etc. Nearly 19 farmers attended the event.

Farmers' Desk Inaugurated

Inauguration of *Kisan Samridhi Kendra* (Farmers' Desk) under FPO was held at *Ghatiyawali* village of Chittorgarh on May 17, 2018. The aim of the desk is to provide demand-driven information and knowledge to local farmers for enhancing their well-being and livelihood security. Bhupender Singh Rathod, Deputy Director, Agriculture Extension; Dinesh Kumar, Project Director, Agriculture Training and Management Authority; Ratan Lal Solanki, Scientist, Soil Testing, Agriculture Science Centre; Satyanarayan Vijayvargiya, Chief Manager, Mahindra and Mahindra Company; and Brijraj Meena, Regional Manager, Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) were the main speakers of the event. Around 65 farmers attended the event and got benefitted.



World Environment Day

On June 05, 2018 'World Environment Day' was observed at Chittorgarh. Puroshottam Vaishnav, Rajasthan State Pollution Control stated, "We should encourage awareness and action for the protection of our environment". Ganpat Singh, Assistant Engineer, Physical Health and Engineering Department said that everyone should consider how they change their day-to-day lives to reduce the pressure of plastic pollution in all natural places. Bheru Singh Bhati, Forest Department said that one should put stringent efforts

to take care of the trees and plantation, and make villages plastic-free. Rameshwar Lal Dhakad, *Sarpanch Netawalgarh*; and Meethu Singh Bhati, *Sarpanch, Eral* said that the village people should be aware about the environment, adverse effects of deforestation, excess use of plastic, global warming and preservation and conservation of environment. About 86 persons attended the event.

Consumer Welfare Camps

Two *Gram Swaraj Abhiyan* (welfare camps) were organised in *Eral* and *Netwalgarh* village on May 21-22, 2018 by District Administration of Chittorgarh. Nearly 65 families applied for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) connection on concessional rate. This initiative will empower women and protect family health by shifting from traditional cooking methods to modern ones. Around 207 LED bulbs/tubelights were distributed among the rural community to promote efficient use of energy. Nearly 33 households acquired new electricity connection and free connections were provided to people living below the poverty line (BPL).

Rural Eye Health Camps



Eight Rural Eye Health Camps were organised at Community Health Centre in eight blocks of Chittorgarh district from July 03-27, 2018, with the collaboration of Ram Snehi Eye Hospital Bhilwara; Sanwaliyaa Government Hospital, Chittorgarh; and District Eye Relief Society, Sightsavers India. About 531 eye patients attended the camp, where 91 cataract patients were identified – 51 were referred to District Government Hospital for their eye surgery. CUTS team generated awareness to facilitate participation of cataract patients in the camps and hospitals, by undertaking preliminary screening with doctors and paramedical team involving the local representatives.

Consumer Awareness Rallies

Consumer Awareness Rallies were organised in *Eral* and *Netawal*, Chittorgarh on July 06, 2018. More than 250 students and teachers participated in the two events. The school teachers flagged off the rally, which passed through several streets – appealing to the people to be aware of their rights and responsibilities. The rallies took place in public places like the streets using banners, posters and placards to make rural residents aware about their eight consumer rights and five duties. The teachers indicated that students could play a vital role in creating awareness about consumer rights and duties.



Developing Organic Club and Kitchen Garden

A kitchen garden ensures an inexpensive, regular and handy supply of fresh vegetables which are basic to nutrition. The green vegetables contain vitamins and minerals which protect against diseases and solves food problem.



Considering this, six inception meetings of Organic Club and Organic Kitchen Garden were held at schools in Bhilwara, Chittorgarh and Pratapgarh districts from July 16-18, 2018. The meetings were organised to form organic club and organic kitchen garden in schools under the 'ProOrganic' project.

These school activities will serve as an important educational tool in the form of gardening, physical activities, etc., to help students understand how organic food is important for healthy life. In fact, this was the first school organic forum, facilitated by CUTS Resource team, where students learnt how to grow organic vegetable garden. About 290 students and teachers attended these events and got benefitted.



FCP Follow-up Meeting and Impact

A strong consumer protection regime is key to ensuring that expanded access to financial services benefits consumers, enabling them to make well-informed decisions on how best to use financial services, building trust in the formal financial sector, and contributing to healthy and competitive financial markets.

Few meetings were organised under the Financial Consumer Protection (FCP) project, to get the impact of Social Security Scheme, labour card, pension scheme, open savings bank account, Mudra Loan Scheme, etc., and encourage remaining to leverage with the financial schemes. About 784 people got benefitted under *Suraksha Bima*; 506 under *Jeevan Jyoti Insurance*; 166 through Atal Pension; 319 by Labour Cards; seven by Mudra; and 342 via SB Accounts.

Moreover, 96 community-based facilitators were identified to disseminate the information at the grassroots.

Tree Plantation Programme

According to a famous saying, “He who plants a tree, plants a hope”. The trees around us are extremely important and have always been necessary for improving the human condition - both during a tree’s life and after a tree’s harvest. It would not be stretching things if one were to say that without trees, humans would not be able to exist on this planet. A Tree Plantation activity was organised in collaboration with Rural Youth Group at *Atal Seva Kendra* and Government Senior Secondary School, *Netawalgarh Pachli*, Chittorgarh on July 23, 2018. The aim of the drive was to create awareness and convey the message of saving earth. Rameshwar Lal Dhakad, *Sarpanch* elucidated the importance of trees in contributing to environment by providing oxygen, enhancing air quality, conserving water, preserving soil, etc.



CHD REPRESENTATIONS

- A state level DPO Meeting was held on May 21-22, 2018 at Jaipur. Madan Lal Keer, Programme Officer, CUTS CHD along with Puranmal Sharma and Gangadhar Solanki from CHD met Disability Commissioner regarding advocacy issues including proper implementation of PwD Act 2016 and visited Jaipur Rugs Foundation to explore the possibility of entrepreneurship endeavours.
- Madan Giri Goswami, Senior Programme Officer, Madan Keer and Gaytri Moud, Programme Assistant of CHD met Lilian Gress, Member, Rajasthan State Minority Commission on May 13, 2018 in Chittorgarh. About 11 women met her under the Leadership Minority Women Development programme, and shared the benefits acquired under the programme.
- Gauhar Mahmood, Assistant Director and Madan Giri Goswami of CHD met Sushil Sharma, Chairman, Municipality; and Naseem Sheikh, Commissioner respectively on May 23 and 29, 2018 regarding the approval of the proposed building.
- Radhe Shyam Vaishnav, Programme Associate of CHD attended a workshop organised by *Bachpan Bachao Andolan* on May 31, 2018 at Jaipur. The workshop aimed to sensitise and guide law enforcement officials on the provisions of the new Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.
- Radhe Shyam Gurjar of CUTS attended Consumer Workshop and Open House organised by IDEA Cellular on May 17, 2018 at Bhilwara.
- Radhe Shyam Vaishnav of CHD attended a workshop on Child Sexual Abuse held in Roman Catholic Diocesan Social Service Society (RCDSS), Ajmer from June 25-27, 2018 organised by CHILDLINE India Foundation under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act 2012.

