



International Youth Day

International Youth Day, on the theme of Safe Spaces for Youth, was observed at Netawalgarh village in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) Chittorgarh. Gopal Lal Vaishnav, Communication In-charge said that NYK aims to provide the rural youth avenues to take part in the process of nation building as well as developing their personality and skills. A total 52 people participated.



Women-specific District Level ProOrganic Workshop

Women-specific District Level ProOrganic Workshop was held on September 26, 2018 at Chittorgarh. Shanker Lal Jat, Assistant Director, Agriculture highlighted the necessity of organic farming and that farmers should avoid using excess urea and fertiliser.

Ratan Lal Solanki, Scientist, Krishi Vigyan Kendra spoke about soil health card and soil management scheme. Mukesh Chand Sharma, Assistant Professor, Animal Research Centre spoke on the importance of cattle rearing in organic farming. OP Sharma, Deputy Director, shed light on the importance of pest management. Vineet Vyas, Seed Certification Officer, Rajasthan State Seed & Organic Products Certification Agency, explained the process of applying for certificate in organic farming. A total of 58 women farmers attended the workshop.

Telecom Consumer Outreach Programme

Telecom Consumer Outreach Programme was organised in support with the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) at Kapasan, Chittorgarh on September 30, 2018. Dilip Kumar Vyas, Chairman, Municipality said that every rural consumer must understand the digital communication era and complaint redress mechanism. CUTS representatives spoke about consumers' rights and obligations which can help bridge the gap between the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and the consumers. The representatives from BSNL, Idea and Vodafone responded to consumers' complaints and suggestions. About 100 consumers attended the programme.



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District-level Farmers Training

District-level Farmers Training was organised at Bhilwara under the ProOrganic Project on August 07, 2018. Ratan Lal Jat, Ex-Chairman, Dairy Cooperative; Balmukund Sen, District Officer, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna; OP Pareek, Head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK); and Prakash Panwar, Agriculture College gave information on the importance of organic farming and appealed to farmers to adopt the culture of sustainable consumption through organic farming. The training was attended by 60 farmers.



Rural Eye Health Camps

About 24 Rural Eye Health Camps were organised at eight blocks in Chittorgarh in collaboration with Ram Snehi Eye Hospital, Bhilwara; Shri Sanwaliyaa Government Hospital, Chittorgarh; District Eye Relief Society; Sightsavers India; and CUTS Centre for Human Development. During the campaign, the CHD staff created awareness on eye health and engaged with the local representatives to facilitate flow of patients to the camps and hospital for preliminary screening. About 1420 patients were screened and 252 cataract patients identified, of which 147 admitted to government hospital.

Workshop on SHGs Leadership Training

Workshop on self-help groups (SHGs) leadership training was organised in collaboration with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) at Bassi, Chittorgarh on August 14, 2018. The aim of the workshop was to enhance the capacity of the SHG leaders/representative through modular training on leadership, team building with a focus on Enterprise Development Training. Sachin Badetiya, District Development Manager, NABARD; Anil Anchaliya, Director, Baroda Swarozgar Seva Sansthan, Chittorgarh; and Meva Lal Balai, Financial Literacy Coordinator, Bank of Baroda were the key speakers. About 42 SHGs members attended the training programme.

Awareness Meeting on Bad Effects of Tobacco Use

Two Awareness Meetings on bad effects of Tobacco were organised with *Bidi*-making labourers in Bengu and Bassi villages of Chittorgarh on September 24, 2018 in joint collaboration with the District Tobacco Cell and Rajasthan Skill & Livelihood Development Corporation (RSLDC). The aim of meeting was to educate *Bidi* workers to find an alternative profession to the fight against tobacco and help people lead tobacco-free lives. The meeting counted an attendance of 170 women.



Annual General Meeting of Farmers Producer Organisation

Annual General Meeting of Farmers Producer Organisation (FPO) was held at Ghatiyawali, Chittorgarh on September 27, 2018. Bhupender Singh Rathod, Deputy Director, Agriculture, Chittorgarh mentioned that FPO is one of the most effective mechanisms to address challenges faced by small and marginal farmers. Sachin Badetiya, District Development Manager, NABARD said that acquired knowledge can help farmers in value addition, connecting them to the markets and empowering them for better negotiations while purchasing inputs.



Ramesh Chandra Chashtha, Assistant Agriculture Officer and Komal Chand Modi, Deputy Project Director, Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) said that FPOs are a good platform of knowledge management gathering relevant inputs either from external source or from members' own experience. Over 300 farmers attended the General Meeting.



Animal Husbandry and Dairy Management Training

Animal Husbandry and Dairy Management Training under Social Inclusion Programme was held at Vijaipur and Kanera in Chittorgarh from September 17-21, 2018. The resource persons spoke about animal husbandry which is a major economic activity of the rural people. This training will add to the knowledge about scientific methodology, which includes: effective first aid management, vaccination, deworming, breed improvement, and value addition of milk. The veterinary doctors were given relevant training as well. The training programme was attended by 75 people including people with disability and 30 females.

Workshop on Depositor Education and Awareness Programme

Five workshops on Depositor Education and Awareness Programme (DEAP) supported by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) were held in Chittorgarh and Bhilwara districts in the months of August and September 2018. Gauhar Mehmood, Assistant Director, CUTS CHD, welcomed the participants. Deepak Saxena, Assistant Director, CUTS, in his opening address briefed the participants on the objectives of workshop.

Pukhraj Nahar, Financial Literacy Coordinator, Bank of Baroda spoke on the importance of savings, steps to prevent an inactive account and digital literacy. The Branch Managers of various blocks demystified Know Your Customer requirements, nomination facilities, investment in registered entities, safe banking, Banking Ombudsman Scheme and micro insurance schemes for the participants. Madan Giri Goswami and Gourav Chaturvedi conducted an open house programme. A total of 339 depositors attended.



ASER Survey Conducted

The Annual Status of Education Report or ASER, is the largest citizen-led annual survey of children in rural India supported by Pratham and seeks to understand children's status in schooling and basic learning. About thirty randomly selected villages were surveyed in each district. The survey assessed children belonging to the age group of 5-16 years, on basic reading and arithmetic, as well as the application of these skills in everyday tasks.

World Sight Day Observed

World Sight Day was observed on October 11, 2018. Gauhar Mehmood encouraged the grassroots volunteers to work towards eliminating avoidable blindness and drew attention to the issues involved in accessing eye care across Chittorgarh. Madan Lal Keer expressed the need for the community to help in rural eye health programme. Madan Giri Goswami talked about ensuring that everyone should have access to eye care. Avoidable blindness is a key health issue that needs major attention. People need to know that major eye problems, which lead to blindness, can be prevented through early detection. The programme was attended by 20 people.



International Girl Child Day

International Girl Child Day was celebrated at Government Upper Primary School, Jodhdas, Bhilwara on October 11, 2018. The main aims were: to promote female empowerment; highlighting the challenges that the girls face such as child sexual abuse, child marriage; along with promotion of education.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (Save Girl Child, Educate Girl Child)

This campaign by the Women and Child Development Department, Bhilwara was held on October 04. Gajendra Singh, CEO, District Council, asked the concerned departments like education, labour, health, police, child welfare committee, social justice and empowerment, women & child development and Childline 1098 to ensure the safety of the girl child as well as to stop the crimes against them especially female foeticide and gender inequality.

Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Campaign

A District Seminar on "Matdaan ki Baat Divyang ke Sath" under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) was collaboratively organised by CHD, Disabled People Organisation and Social Justice & Empowerment Department on October 25, 2018 at Chittorgarh. Inderjeet Singh, District Collector was the Chief Guest. Deepender Singh Shekhawat, Additional District Magistrate; Ankit Singh, Chief Executive Officer; Suresh Khatik, Sub Divisional Magistrate; Om Prakash Toshniwal, Deputy Director, Social Justice & Empowerment were the special speakers. They emphasised that the campaign's aim is to inform and educate disabled people about the importance of voting and also to motivate them to vote. A total of 165 persons with disability attended the Seminar.



Conference on Farmers Promotional Scheme



NABARD, Chittorgarh organised a one-day orientation on October 10, 2018. Sachin Badetia, District Development Manager, NABARD shared various rural and agriculture-based schemes with the CEO, Board of Directors and members of Farmers Producers Organisation (FPOs) Chittorgarh and Pratapgarh districts. Mehndiratta, Lead District Manager, Bank of Baroda; Alok Jain, Regional Manager, BRKGB; Solanki and Jalwania both from Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Chittorgarh were the main resources. The Conference was attended by 40 people.

ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) Trainings

Two ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) trainings were conducted on October 11 and 22, 2018 at Parsoli and Mandfiya in Chittorgarh under Rural Eye Health Programme. B Kanwar, Trainer, Nursing Training Centre, Government Hospital, Chittorgarh spoke on the importance of eyesight, problem and prevention.

Madan Lal Keer and Shanti Lal spoke about the role of ANMs in rural eye health, eye care campaign, maintenance of eye patient register and referring eye patients to screening camp. The training was attended by 79 ASHA workers.



Farmers Exposure Visit

Farmers Exposure Visit consisted of the Board of Directors, CEOs from Chittorgarh and Bhilwara visiting the Yuva Mitra, FPOs located at Nasik, Maharashtra from October 02-07, 2018. The aim was to motivate the farmers and to educate them on the successful interventions.

CHD REPRESENTATIONS

- Gauhar Mehmood attended Regional CHILDLINE Partner Meet for learning and assessment of training need for CHILDLINEers held from October 25-26, 2018 in New Delhi. The main aim of the training needs analysis (TNA) was to gather information on gaps between existing knowledge versus what is needed in child protection activities.
- Gauhar Mehmood attended the Meeting cum Workshop under the Scheme "Nai Roshni". Women Leadership Development Programme, Ministry of Minority Affairs held on August 20, 2018 in New Delhi.
- Madan Giri Goswami attended capacity building workshop on techno-financial and contract evaluation of Solar PV Systems on August 10, 2018 at Jaipur.
- Madan Giri Goswami attended workshop on capacity building of Civil Society Organisations on Responsible Governance and Management on September 17-18, 2018 at Jaipur.
- Madan Lal Keer, Kamlesh Sharma and Deepika Sen attended Training to Disabled People, UNCRPD Sustainable Development Goals, conducted on August 20-21, 2018 in Jaipur.
- Gauhar Mehmood attended District Health Society meeting at Chittorgarh on August 18, 2018 and provided training to Bidi workers in Bassi in the presence of Chief Medical & Health Officer, Block Medical Officers and Anti-tobacco Cell Personnel.
- CUTS CHD was represented at Partners Meet in Bhopal held on September 19-20, 2018. CUTS CHD received the "Token of Appreciation" for constant effort and contribution in accomplishing the project mission and vision of Sightsavers.

VISITORS

- Inderjeet Singh, District Collector, Chittorgarh; Deepender Singh Rathod, Additional District Magistrate, Chittorgarh; Ankit Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, District Council; and OP Toshniwal, Deputy Director, Social Justice & Empowerment participated in SVEEP workshop on October 25, 2018.
- Deepshikha Prasad, City Coordinator, CHILDLINE India Foundation's networking visit on August 9-10, 2018 in regard to case intervention and follow-ups of cases.
- Bindu Bal Rajawat, Rajasthan Administrative Services, visited in October to learn about the CUTS programme activities at grassroots level.
- Neema Pant and Om Prakash Arya from Save the Children visited on September 28, 2018 for project partnership in the area of child rights at Banswara district.

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