



Stories of Change

“Child protection and women’s empowerment are two major pillars of India’s future development. We cannot simply ignore the valuable contribution that the one-half of our humanity is making towards the growth and development of our country,” said Maneka Gandhi, Women and Child Development Minister of India.

She was speaking on the occasion of the release of “Stories of Change”, which captures some glimpses of a journey by CUTS Centre for Human Development (CUTS CHD) of its grassroots interventions in several districts of southern Rajasthan over a period of last 25 years. The occasion was graced by a number of female networkers, who are taking such messages forward to the society at large. Over the years, CUTS has facilitated the formation of more than 1050 self-help groups in these districts, which are mostly managed by women.

Lauding the efforts of CUTS and its networkers across villages in these districts in creating opportunities for women to become entrepreneurs, she underlined the need for sensitising the men-folk of the society on virtues of protecting girl child and empowering women.



Commemorating Road Safety Week

CUTS CHD with the support of Road Transport Office and Traffic Police organised 30th Road Safety Week on theme ‘Sadak Suraksha – Jeevan Raksha’ during February 04-10, 2019.

During Signature Campaign, Nanji Ram Gulsar, District Transport Officer; Madho Singh Soda, Deputy Superintendent Police; and Ram Swaroop Meena, Traffic In-charge spoke about road accidents, which are mainly attributed to behavioural tendencies, such as habitual flouting of traffic rules, not wearing a helmet/seat belt, jumping traffic lights, over speeding, drunken driving etc.

In addition, two seminars were held in the Government School of Abhaypur and Gadola Gram Panchayat to make students/community aware of the perils of not following traffic rules and the emotional and financial trauma that it could bring to their families. The leaflets, booklets and posters were distributed to travellers and commuters to sensitise about road safety. The events witnessed the participation of over 1000 persons.

Skill-based Training of Accredited Social Health Activists

A Skill-based Training of Accredited Social Health Activists was held at Chittorgarh. B Kanwar, Trainer GNM Training Centre, Government Hospital, Chittorgarh spoke about the importance of eyesight, problem and prevention to ASHA workers, role of ASHAs workers in rural eye health, eye care campaign, maintaining eye patient register and referring eye patients into screening camps. Total 158 persons attended the training.

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Poster Making on Safe Driving

Inter School Poster Competition on Road Safety Awareness was held at Chittorgarh and Bhilwara with support from Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India on April 12 & 23, 2019.

The main aim of the competition was to raise awareness among road users and future generation on the importance of road safety through art and painting. Anil Kumar, Inspector, RTO, Bhilwara and Usman Gani, ASI, Traffic Police, Chittorgarh stated that most of accidents occur either due to carelessness or lack of road safety awareness of the road users. Ajay Agarwal, Rajasthan Roadways, Bhilwara said that road accidents are mainly attributed to behavioural tendencies, such as habitual flouting of traffic rules; not wearing helmets and seat belts; jumping traffic lights; over speeding; drunken driving etc.

Ganesh Lal Purbia, Principal, Senior Secondary School, Chittorgarh opined that road safety education is essential and should be followed strictly. More than 162 students from 15 schools participated.



Evening Chaupal Meeting on Road Safety

An Evening Chaupal Meeting on Road Safety was organised with support from the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India at Eral, Chittorgarh on March 26, 2019. The aim was to focus on diverse aspects of road safety to sensitise road users about safe road usage.

Mr. Hrishkesh Meena, Deputy Superintendent of Police stated that road accidents are mainly attributed to behavioural tendencies, such as not wearing helmets/seat belts, jumping traffic lights, over speeding, drunken driving etc.

Mr. Jagdish Prasad Chawariya, Deputy Director, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment; Mr. Amrat Lal Changeria, Principal; Mr. Bhagwat Singh, Environmentalist; Mr. Ejaz Mohammad, HC, Road Transport Department and Traffic Police representative said that most of accident cases occur either due to carelessness or lack of road safety awareness of the road user.

Signature campaign was organised; Information, Education and Communication materials were distributed; and Puppet Show, Drama, Folk Music and Dance were performed by local artists to make the programme informative. Over 250 persons participated.



Disability Matters

Let's Make their Votes Count

Around 16 Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) events under Social Inclusion Programme were held at Chittorgarh in March and April 2019. The aim was to enhance electoral awareness and increase electoral registration.

Shivangi Swarnkar, District Collector; Mukesh Kalal, Additional District Magistrate; Namrata Vaishnav, Chief Executive Officer, District Council; Jagdish Prasad Chawariya, Assistant Director, Social Justice & Empowerment; sub-divisional magistrates, block development officers participated. About 2200 persons with disability (PwDs) attended events, such as rally, quiz, conference, meetings to make SVEEP campaign successful.



Understanding the UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disability

Four trainings for persons with disabilities (PwDs) were held at Chittorgarh in February & March 2019. The aim was to protect the rights and dignity of PwDs and ensure the full enjoyment of human rights. Total 178 persons attended the training.



Preventive Strategies for Child Protection

57 Gram Panchayat Level Child Protection Committees were formed by the involvement of community members, children, government functionaries and elected representatives under Child Rights for Change at Banswara district of Rajasthan. The Committees will be addressing child protection concerns and taking steps to address and prevent them. 42 Palanhaar Camps

were also organised to facilitate eligible children to complete their documents online to avail the child protection scheme.

Livelihood Skill Development Training on Goat Farming

23 disabled members attended Livelihood Skill Development Training on Goat Farming during March 13-15, 2019. The aim was to enhance the quality of lives through enhancement of their skills and knowledge which can help them earn more income and become economically self-sufficient. Dr. Manish Kumar Rasolia and Dr. Mukesh Kumar Meena, Veterinary Department spoke about goat farming, prevention and precaution from diseases, quality breeding etc.



Making Women Economically Self-reliant



17 Financial Consumer Protection Workshops were held in Chittorgarh and Bhilwara districts of Rajasthan. The resource persons spoke that women should come forward to get financial information, this training and education will be aware and familiar to rural women with banking and financial institution and full fill their need and demand about banking services., they detailed explained about Social Security Schemes, micro insurance, pension, investment, credit linkage and

challenges faced by financial consumers. Around 965 participants particularly women attended events.

Disability is not Inability!

State Award was given to the disabled for their excellent work in disability area; and in creating a barrier-free environment for persons with disabilities (PwDs) in Chittorgarh at Jaipur by Bhanwar Lal Meghwal, Cabinet Minister, Rajasthan; Rajendra Singh Yadav, State Minister; and Akhil Arora, Principal Secretary, Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of Rajasthan.



Rural Eye Health Camps

19 Rural Eye Health Camps were jointly organised by CUTS CHD, Government Hospital, Ram Snehi Eye Hospital, District Eye Relief Society, Sightsavers. Total 1162 eye screening of patients were held in camps; where 237 cataract patients were identified and 116 referred to District Government Hospital for their eye surgeries.



Audio Description Allows VI to Get the Whole Story

18 visually impaired (VI) children and adults viewed 'Hichki' movie in audio described format that can entertain the movie buffs who cannot understand the portion of movies that are without dialogues. Earlier, the VI could only hear the dialogue portions and during the non-dialogue portions, they would not know what was happening on the screen. Whereas in audio described movies, there is an audio track that describes everything that is being played on the screen, in between dialogues with the help of a separate audio track where the narrator describes segments without dialogues.

International Women's Day: Balance for Better



The International Women's Day was observed at Chittorgarh and Bhilwara on March 08, 2019. Balance for Better is the theme for this year's International Women's Day, which is observed each year on March 8.

Sushila Laddha, Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee; Sushil Kumar, IAS, Sub Divisional Officer; Jagdish Prasad Chawariya, Assistant Director, Social Justice and Empowerment; Heena Choudhary, Assistant Manager, Bank of Baroda attended the event.

Laddha spoke about women rights and responsibilities whereas Prasad provided a brief

overview of welfare scheme. Kumar said that this is a global day celebrating achievements of women in every field, such as economic, social, cultural and political by sharing few success stories. More than 95 women participated.

Celebrating World Consumer Rights Day

The day was observed on March 15 in Chittorgarh and Bhilwara with an aim to promote basic rights of consumers and to ensure that these rights are respected and protected. M L Salvi, Financial Literacy Coordinator, Bank of Baroda and Ramraj Meena, Block Development Officer while shedding light on consumer's rights and responsibilities mentioned that this day calls for access to secure internet for all. Smart products, such as smartphones, TVs, health trackers, thermostats etc. are increasingly becoming connected by default.

They highlighted what consumers need from a connected world and how important it is for them to know about these digital products and services. Consumers should uptake of more and more smart products in steadily growing day-by-day, it is important for them to understand the issues of security and privacy. Total 112 consumers participated.



CHD REPRESENTATIONS

- Gauhar Mahmood attended Smart Villages Conference organised by Wheels India Niswarth, Wheels Charitable Foundation, IIT and IIPH Gandhinagar on April 05-06, 2019.
- Madan Lal Keer and Aradhya Shanker Gour attended a one-day training of PNGOs team and Volunteers on Vulnerable Assessment organised by Save the Children at Banswara on April 23, 2019.
- Goverhan Lal Pareek along with five Disabled People Organisation members attended State Level Election Commission Meeting at Jaipur on April 02, 2019.
- Madan Giri Goswami and Mohan Meghwal attended Launch event of 'Electricity Governance in Rajasthan: Putting Consumer First' at Jaipur, on March 28, 2019.
- Gauhar Mahmood and Aradhya Shanker Gour attended quarterly review-cum-planning meeting organised by Save the Children at Jaipur on March 12, 2019.
- Goverhan Lal Pareek and Deepika Sen attended Safe Health of Mother and Child organised by CHETNA Ahmedabad during March 28-30, 2019.
- Madan Lal Keer and Gourav Chaturvedi participated in Exposure visit-cum-training under the project entitled, 'Promoting Organic Consumption in Rajasthan (Phase II)' at Dehradun during March 23-27, 2019.
- Hemant Singh attended workshop on the subject of CARA organised by the Department of Child Rights, Rajasthan at Jaipur on March 07, 2019.
- Gourav Chaturvedi attended Workshop on Child Labour and Human Trafficking organised by the Department of Child Rights, Rajasthan at Jaipur on March 12, 2019.

VISITORS

- 39 Bank Managers from Baroda Rajasthan Kshetriya Gramin Bank of 12 districts visited Chittorgarh on February 12, 2019.
- Namrata Vrishni, Chief Executive Officer, District Council; Jagdish Prasad Chawariya, Assistant Director, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment; M Sharma, Block Development Officer visited Chittorgarh in regard to SVEEP campaign in April 2019.
- Suman Trivedi and Sushila Laddha, Chairpersons, Child Welfare Committee; Sushil Kumar, IAS Trainee; Hrishkesh Meena, Deputy Superintendent of Police; Heena Choudhary, Assistant Manager, Bank of Baroda; OP Toshniwal, Deputy Director, Social Justice and Empowerment; and SK Jha, Chairman, Advisory Committee visited Chittorgarh to discuss various projects.

MEDIA

दिव्यांगजनों का सिलाई प्रशिक्षण शुरू
प्रधानमंत्री जन धन योजना में खाता खुलवाने पर 342 में मिलेगा 5 लाख का बीमा
भीलवाड़ा। कट्स मानव विकास केंद्र द्वारा वित्तीय उपभोक्ता संरक्षण अभियान के अंतर्गत रायपुर में आयोजित प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम में बचत करने की आदत डालना

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भीलवाड़ा। पारिवारिक न्यायालय ने साढ़े 14 वर्ष की उम्र में कराए बाल विवाह को शून्य घोषित किया है। किशोरी विवाह को शून्य करार देने का फैसला कर दिया।

महिलाओं को दी सरकारी योजनाओं की जानकारी
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परिजनों को किया पाबंद, फिर भी हो गया बाल विवाह
भीलवाड़ा। रायपुर क्षेत्र के थोरिया गांव में बचपन के बाल विवाह की प्रथा को रोकने के लिए कट्स मानव विकास केंद्र द्वारा रायपुर में आयोजित प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम में परिजनों को किया पाबंद, फिर भी हो गया बाल विवाह।

बाल विवाह के मामले में बाल कल्याण समिति ने पुलिस व प्रशासन से मांगी रिपोर्ट, एसडीएम ने दिए जांच के आदेश
को. वहां बुधवार तक बाल विवाह होने की सूचना चाइलड लाइन ने रायपुर धार में दी। पुलिस व पटवारी पहुंचे तब तक 15 वर्षीय बालिका को बाल विवाह के मामले में बाल कल्याण समिति ने पुलिस व प्रशासन से मांगी रिपोर्ट, एसडीएम ने दिए जांच के आदेश।

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दिव्यांगों को बकरी पालन की आधुनिक तकनीक बताई
भीलवाड़ा। कट्स मानव विकास केंद्र द्वारा रायपुर में आयोजित प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम में दिव्यांगों को बकरी पालन की आधुनिक तकनीक बताई गई।

लापता मिले बालक को किया परिजनों के सुपुर्द
न्यूज सर्विस/नवज्योति, भीलवाड़ा। रेलवे स्टेशन पर लावारिस बच्चे को लापता मिले बालक को किया परिजनों के सुपुर्द।

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