



Toward a Disability-Inclusive and Sustainable Post-COVID-19 World

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities was held on December 03, 2020, with the theme 'Building Back Better: toward a disability-inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 World.'

Sunil Kumar Ojha, Additional District Judge and Secretary, District Legal Service Authority stated that we must ensure that the aspirations and rights of persons with disabilities (PwDs) are included and accounted for in an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19. This will only be achieved through active consultations with PwDs, government and organisations.

Vikas Ameria, Social Justice and Empowerment; Santhosh Chouhan, District Coordinator, Yuva Clubs, Government of India; Hemant Kumar Soni, Integrated Education Officer; Arvind Purohit, Financial Literacy Coordinator, Bank of Baroda spoke on various issues, such as social security schemes, financial inclusion, integrated education to PwDs, promotion of youth in rural areas, among others. They also discussed PwDs' challenges, achievements and the way forward. More than 52 participants attended the event.



My Voice, Our Equal Future

The International Girl Child Week was observed on the theme "My voice, Our equal future" held at Kachchi Basti, Bhilwara on October 11, 2020. The event aimed to spread awareness about gender equality and the problems faced by girls in their everyday life. During the campaign, masks, sanitisers, and sanitary pads were distributed and

information was shared about health and hygiene. A total of 30 girls participated.

Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2020

Rashtriya Poshan Maah Abhiyan was observed in collaboration with the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of India. The team delivered sessions on supplementary food, health, nutrition, drinking water, sanitation, focus to children, pregnant and fosters women, girls for their behavioural change.

The Childline team distributed the sanitary pads, sanitisers, masks in affected and slum areas. The COVID-19 situation has interrupted girls' access to sanitary pads as most of them have switched to un-hygienic cloth in the absence of sanitary pads.



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Generating Livelihoods, Changing Lives

Livelihoods training-cum-exposure visits were held on 'Detergent making and Goat rearing' to developing skills, the capability to make economically self-reliant enhancing, knowledge on government schemes/programmes, selecting appropriate breeds and materials, and establishing these units as entrepreneurship. A total of 38 PwDs participated.

Seed preservation vital for community farmers

Community managed seed cells were established in Chittorgarh, Bhilwara and Pratapgarh districts of Rajasthan. The aim is to regain, maintain, and increase control over seeds by community farmers and strengthen or establish a community forum of cooperation among and between farmers and others involved in the conservation and sustainable use of agriculture seeds. By making seeds of both local and improved varieties available, community seed banks can therefore contribute to the maintenance of more genetic diversity in farmers' fields.



Building a Sustainable Society

A district-level seminar on 'Green Action Week' was observed at Banswara on October 29, 2020, with the theme of 'Sharing Community'. The aim is to create awareness among the community for their active involvement in sustainable development. This will bring more equal and sustainable access to goods and services for the appropriate people and plant through sharing and collaboration. District Development Manager, National Bank for Agricultural & Rural Development was the chief guest. A total of 35 persons participated.

'CHILDLINE Se Dosti' Campaign

This was a weeklong campaign aimed at creating awareness about CHILDLINE 1098 that would reach out to people from all walks of life. The team shared CHILDLINE 1098 emergency phone helpline number for children in need of care and protection through organising various events, such as colourful rangoli, games, drawing, quiz, essay and slogan writing, and signature campaign on child rights. Children were eager to participate in these events. The guests spoke about child rights and protection.



Disability Matters – Let's Make their Votes Count

The Disabled People Organisation (DPO) participated in the Systematic Voter Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign. The aim was to reach out to the specially-abled persons for registration as voters and enable them to cast their votes with support from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. Participants ensured that they will come forward, enroll themselves in the electoral process and exercise their voting rights in the upcoming *panchayat* elections.

No one should sleep hungry

The DPO promoted by CUTS CHD under Disability Social Inclusion Programme has launched the Indira Kitchen, Scheme of Government of Rajasthan in three different locations, viz Government Hospital, Bus Stand and Chanderiya Industrial area in Chittorgarh.

The objective is to provide quality and nutritious meals to the needy at concessional rates twice a day. The price of each plate is ₹20 - the state government pays a subsidy of ₹12 per plate and the remaining ₹8 is borne by the customer. The Kitchen was inaugurated by Uday Lal Anjana, Cabinet Minister, Government of Rajasthan along with District Collector, Additional District Magistrate, Commissioner, Municipality, District Supply Officer on August 20, 2020.

In each plate of food, people will get chapatis, pulses, vegetables, and pickles. The basic idea behind the scheme is to ensure that no one sleeps hungry in the state. Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General and Ajit Singh, Secretary of CUTS International visited one of the canteens on August 26, 2020. They also had the opportunity to meet DPO members and customers to obtain their feedback about the kitchen.



Motor Vehicles Act is a Welcome Move



Two block-level workshops on Road Safety were held at Suwana, Rashmi, and Choti Sadri of Rajasthan. The aim of the workshops on the ground level was to make people aware of the five key risk factors and Motor Vehicles Amendment Act (MVAA), 2019 provisions. The resource persons opined that road traffic accidents stand as one of the leading causes of mortality and morbidity across the globe.

In Rajasthan, total of 23,480 road crashes, 10,563 road deaths and 22,979 injuries occurred in 2019 in which drunk and drive caused 889 deaths and over speeding caused

9,050 deaths. In road safety, there is a strong need of controlling all these key risk factors and effective enforcement of MVAA 2019.

It is also imperative to strengthen the system and generate wider civic awareness especially among youths and vulnerable road users about road safety. A total of 152 persons attended.

'No Mask, No Entry' Campaign

The campaign was organised in collaboration with Bharat Scout & Guide, Municipal Council and Education Departments, Chittorgarh. Gyan Mal Khateek, Chief Executive Officer; Rinkle Gupta, Commissioner, Municipality. District Council; Vinod Kumar Garu, CO Scout & Guide; District Education Officer (Secondary) and (Primary), District Coordinator, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Chittorgarh were the main guests.

The campaign will strictly enforce the rules of wearing masks and maintaining social distancing.

It has been made mandatory to wear masks in the district. Khateek stated that strictness, awareness will prevent the spread of COVID-19 and the people would not be allowed at places or given services without masks. The Centre extended its full support to make mass awareness campaign successful in intervention areas.



REPRESENTATIONS

- Gauhar Mehmood attended an online seminar on "Whose Labour Codes are these anyway: Implications on Industry and Workers" on October 30, 2020.
- Madan Giri Goswami and Gourav Chaturvedi attended ProOrganic Partner's Orientation at Jaipur on October 28, 2020, and discussed the progress about consolidating seed banks, compost units, farmers training, exposure visits, organic fairs, end line survey and a five-year plan of action.
- Gauhar Mehmood and Gourav Chaturvedi attended an online consultation on PsychoSocial Manual and formulate an action plan for further activities under Childline Programme, held on October 16, 2020.
- Gauhar Mehmood attended a Seminar on 'The Agri-Reforms 2020 (Contentious Issues)' on October 16, 2020.
- Social Inclusion team attended Training on Organisation of Persons with Disability on Leadership Skills under Social Inclusion programme on November 26-27, 2020.
- Gauhar Mehmood, Madan Giri Goswami, Gayatri Moud attended a Webinar Dialogue with Transport Minister for Effective Enforcement of Key Risk Factors: Opportunities and Challenges, on November 26, 2020.
- Hemant Singh Sisodiya attended a Webinar on 'Child Rights Week' inaugurated by Chief Minister on November 13, 2020.
- Gauhar Mehmood attended a webinar on 'Boosting Green Economy: Is E-mobility the way forward in Rajasthan', on December 10, 2020.
- Social Inclusion Team attended a Training on Communication Skills on December 07-10, 2020; and Financial Literacy Training on December 12, 2020, respectively.
- Gauhar Mehmood attended a Knowledge session on 'Encryption and Consumer Welfare' by Deepak Maheshwari on December 16, 2020.

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