



## World Environment Day Observed

**C**UTS Centre for Human Development observed the World Environment Day in various *Gram Panchayats* of Bhilwara and Chittorgarh districts of Rajasthan on June 05, 2021. The theme is 'ecosystem restoration' – a global mission to revive billions of hectares, from forests to farmlands, from the top of mountains to the depth of the sea.

On this occasion, a small plantation campaign was held at various locations by community members. The main aim of the day is to create awareness and initiate action to protect the environment.

## Community Kitchen Initiative

**C**ommunity Kitchen Initiative provides quality and nutritious meals to needy persons at concessional rates twice a day and free of cost food to about 200 patients in hospitals during COVID. This initiative has been able to provide sustainable self-employment to 14 differently-abled persons, particularly women. This is the only kitchen model in Rajasthan that persons with disabilities operate.



## Interventions for Vulnerable Children

**C**hild Helpline Service aims to reach out to every child in need of care and protection by responding to emergency calls and advocating services for children who are inaccessible or nonexistent in the Bhilwara district.

Since August 2021, 4424 child cases and 109 cases have been registered in various vulnerable case intervention categories during April-June 2021. These include medical, shelter, restoration, rescue from abuse, sponsorship, emotional support and guidance, the child lost/missing/labour/marriage, conflict with laws, information and referral to services, support to corona affected children/families, etc. Outreach activities were held in the form of street corner meetings, group meetings with children.



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## Promoting Organic Consumption in the State of Rajasthan

**P**roOrganic Monitoring Visits were held in Bhilwara, Chittorgarh, Pratapgarh districts of Rajasthan. The objective was to provide information to farmers on the ways of organic farming for sustainable agriculture and motivate them to adopt organic farming and consumption.

The team explained the disadvantages of chemical farming, conventional farming and its impact on life, methods of organic farming, preparation of bio-pesticides and vermin-culture compost, maintain the level of soil capacity in terms of production.

A discussion was held with selected farmers on Community Managed Seed and Vermin Compost Cells. 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 seed.



## Farmers Producer Organisations

**F**armers Producer Organisations (FPOs) project was undertaken with the support from Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC), National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) started in Bharatpur, Chittorgarh and Banswara districts of Rajasthan.

The aim is to facilitate the development of sustainable income-oriented farming and socio-economic development and well-being of agrarian communities, enhance productivity, realise a higher return, market linkage, effective capacity building to develop agriculture- entrepreneurship skills and self-sustaining. A total of five FPOs was registered in Bharatpur and the remaining are in the process.

## REPRESENTATIONS

- Gauhar Mehmood attended 'A 2020 vision of India's farmland' organised by Pune International Centre on April 17, 2021.
- Mehmood and Gayatri Moud attended a webinar on the 'Prevention of COVID-19 in focus on Vulnerable Children' organised by the Rajasthan State Commission for Child Rights (RSCPCR) on May 18, 2021.
- Mehmood attended a webinar on 'Ensuring Road Safety on the streets through Speed Management in India' organised by CUTS to commemorate the 6<sup>th</sup> UN Global Road Safety Week on May 20, 2021.
- Gourav Chaturvedi and Hemant Singh Sisodiya attended a webinar on 'Initiative on Child Protection during COVID Pandemic' organised by the Department of Child Rights, Rajasthan on May 17 and 31, 2021.
- Nirmala Purohit and Gayatri Moud attended a webinar on 'Counselling for Trauma & Self Care' organised by Childline India Foundation on May 26-27, 2021.
- Madan Giri Goswami and Gayatri Moud attended 'Organic Farming, Challenges and Opportunities' on May 24, 2021.
- Gourav Chaturvedi and Hemant Singh Sisodiya attended a webinar on 'Digital Discussion on Strengthening Child Protection Mechanism' in Rajasthan organised by Kailash Satyarthi Foundation on May 27, 2021.

## REPRESENTATIONS

- Madan Lal Keer, Madan Giri Goswami and Gauhar Mehmood visited Banswara for establishing office, GPs identification networking and mobilisation of farmers, meeting with DMC members including CEO District Council, DDM NABARD, PRI members.
- Gauhar Mehmood attended the NABARD review meeting and provided a brief overview about the progress of FPOs on June 14, 2021.
- Gauhar Mehmood and Gayatri Moud attended the launch of a Research Report entitled, 'Status of Child labour and legal entitlements of workers in the major sectors in Rajasthan' organised by Save the Children on June 17, 2021.
- Nirmala Purohit, Gourav Chaturvedi and Gauhar Mehmood attended the CHILDLINE programme's Directors and Coordinators meeting on Progress, Challenges and the Way Forward during the COVID-19 pandemic organised by Childline India Foundation on June 15 and 29, 2021.
- Gauhar Mehmood attended a webinar on 'COVID – Field Work Experiences and Lessons Learned' organised by Wheels Global Foundation on June 26, 2021.
- Gauhar Mehmood attended CUTS Webinar on 'Restoring the Ecosystem: Challenges amid the Pandemic and the Way Forward' on June 05, 2021.

## VISITORS

- Amandeep Kaushik, City In-charge, Childline India Foundation
- Mahender Kumar Dave, Secretary District Legal Service Authority, Bhilwara
- Shiv Prakash Nakate, District Collector, Bhilwara
- Tejram Meena, District Collector, Chittorgarh
- Gyanmal Khatik, CEO District Council, Chittorgarh
- Vishesh Meena and Sachin Badetia and District Development Managers, NABARD
- Radheshyam Gurjar, Chief Medical Health Officer (CMHO) Chittorgarh
- Mushtaq Khan, CMHO, Bhilwara
- CP Goswami, ACMHO, Bhilwara
- Vinayak Mehta, District Programme Manager, Chittorgarh
- Gajender Singh, In-charge Human Trafficking Unit
- Richhpal Singh, Additional District Magistrate, Bhilwara
- Rajender Kumar Godara, In-charge, Child Labour Rescue
- Om Prabha, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Bhilwara
- Gajender Singh Jodha, ASP, Bhilwara
- Rinkle Gupta, Commissioner, Chittorgarh
- Sanket Modi, Deputy Commissioner, Labour Department, Bhilwara
- Dharamraj Pratihari, Deputy Director, Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India
- Santhosh Chouhan, District Coordinator, Yuva Clubs, Government of India



