

Participation and Action towards Community Empowerment

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#### Digital generation, Our generation

The International Day of the Girl Child was observed at *Jodhwas*, Bhilwara, on October 11, 2021, under the theme "Digital generation, Our generation." Together, we are calling for equal access to the internet and digital devices for girls' and targeted investments to facilitate opportunities for girls' to safely and meaningfully access, use, lead and design technology.

There is a need to assist young girls in growing into empowered women who have access to proper healthcare, skill-based learning facilities and equal opportunities in a nation free from genderbased violence and discrimination. More than 38 girls attended.





#### Award for support in COVID-19 pandemic

**C**UTS got recognition from District Administration, Bhilwara, for doing commendable work in organising camps at the community level, raising awareness, distributing masks and sanitisers, and supporting vulnerable groups during the COVID-19. Shiv Kumar Nakate, District Collector; NK Rajora, Additional District Magistrate (ADM); Mushtaq Khan, Chief Medical Health Officer, provided an appreciation certificate and memento.

### **Childline Se Dosti**

CUTS CHD organised CHILDLINE Se Dosti week during November 14-21, 2021. The aim is to reach out to people from different walks of life to get to know CHILDLINE, care about vulnerable children and initiate action towards change.

Many events were organised with children like playing indoor and outdoor games/sports, painting and rangoli competitions, movies on good/bad touches, essay and poem contests at slum areas, government shelter homes, roadways, railway station, public gardens, collectorate, etc. Adarsh Sidhu, Superintendent of Police (SP), Bhilwara; Mahendra Dave, Additional District & Sessions Judge; Gajendra Jodha, Additional SP and various other officers participated.



## Eat Right, Healthy and Safe Food

A Training of Trainers (ToT), Awareness Meetings with Women and Students, A Choupal with *Nukkad Natak* (street play) were organised during the threemonth campaign. The impact study was conducted with beneficiaries in project districts with children, adolescent girls, women, teachers, *sarpanch*, health workers to gauge the level of awareness gained in various events conducted. More than 4,000 participants attended the events.

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# **Promoting Organic Consumption in Rajasthan**

In Promoting Organic Consumption in Rajasthan (ProOrganic II) project, the focus is on sustainable food and farming and formulating an agenda to achieve it. This will be achieved by promoting organic production of farm products, on the one hand, and promoting organic consumption on the other. Consequently, this would lead to sustainable development in the agricultural and environmental sectors.

#### **Awareness Workshop**

A District-level Awareness Workshop was held at Pratapgarh on November 16, 2021. Yogesh Kanojia and Damor, Scientists, Krishi Vigyan Kendra; Gopal Yogi, Agriculture Officer; and Mangi Lal Janwa, progressive farmer were resource persons. They shared organic farming methods, preparation of biopesticides and vermin-culture compost,



maintaining the level of soil capacity in terms of production and techniques, which reduces the overall farming costs. More than 65 participants attended the event.

### **Farmers Training and Exposure Visits**



District level Farmer's training and exposure visits were held at Pratapgarh and Chittorgarh districts of Rajasthan On November 23-24, 2021. O P Sharma, Deputy Director (Agriculture); and Rajaram Sukhwal, Deputy Director (Horticulture); were resource persons. Progressive organic farmers across the district made an exposure visit at Nirmal Farm, Jai Singh Pura, where they saw the practical work on vermin compost unit, vermin wash, and other multi crops organic farming and were interested in adopting it. More than 116 farmers participated.

## **Showcasing Organic Products**

Organic fairs were organised at Chittorgarh and Pratpagarh districts on November 02 & 15, 2021. The aim is to showcase and popularise the organic products by local farmers who switch from chemical to organic farming.



The progressive farmers and consumers shared their achievements, challenges and the way forward in promoting organic farming.

More than 600 participants represented different ethnic groups, farming communities, private entrepreneurs, and consumers from all over the blocks who participated in the event.

The prominent speakers/resource persons were CP Joshi, Member of Parliament; ADM, representatives from Agriculture, Horticulture, Health Department

Chittorgarh, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Education Departments, etc.



# Media Workshop

Media workshops were held at Chittorgarh and Pratapgarh districts of Rajasthan, on November 15 & December 02, 2021 respectively. George Cheriyan, Director, CUTS, provided a brief overview of the role of media in promoting the consumption of organic farming. Raja Ram Sukhwal, Deputy Director, Horticulture, remarked on the media's reactions to the need for organic farming in the current perspective.

Gauhar Mehmood urged journalists to facilitate engaging messages on organic products. Rajdeep Pareek shed light on media's role in programme's outreach. Madan Giri Goswami and some progressive farmers highlighted the project's outcomes and narrated successful field stories. More than 44 media persons attended.

# **Green Action Week**

Green Action Week (GAW) was observed in Chittorgarh, Pratapgarh and Bhilwara districts of Rajasthan on October 06-08, 2021 with the theme of sharing community. The focus was on encouraging cultures of sharing and collaboration. The training was imparted to participants to reuse, regenerate clothes, plastic, etc. This campaign will bring equal and sustainable access to goods and services for the people to benefit. A total of 85 persons attended.

# **Prevention of Child Labour Programme**

he programme commenced in Limbodi and Kataro Ka Kheda of Pratapgarh district. The following activities will be carried out:

- forming and strengthening village-level child protection committees to ensure an inclusive and accessible community;
- interface with District Child Protection Unit, Special Juvenile Police Units, children groups, establishing community-based tracking system to capture timely interventions, response and rehabilitate affected children;
- creating a safe and nurturing environment;
- leveraging with social security and welfare schemes;
- raising awareness among the general public on the issue of child rights;
- creating social accountability among stakeholders;
- sensitising parents on the importance of education and child rights; enrolling children out of schools;
- providing vocational training to adolescent youth; and
- promoting and providing livelihoods options on the farm, non-farm and off-farm with their families.

George Cheriyan, Gauhar Mahmood and Madan Giri Goswami visited the Limbodi and Kataro ka Kheda villages on December 02, 2021, to see the ground reality. They met with community members and representatives to introduce the project objectives and expected outcomes.

#### NETWORKING AND VISITORS

- Pradip Sharma, District Collector, Praptagarh
- Gopal Swarnkar, Additional District Magistrate, Pratapgarh
- Tejram Meena, District Collector, Chittorgarh
- Ankit Singh, District Collector, Banswara
- Yogender Kanojiya, Scientist, KVK
- Rajaram Sukhwal Deputy Director, Horticulture.
- Shanker Lal Jat, Deputy Director, Agriculture

- Mushtaq Ahmed CMHO and Dr RC, Goswami, ACMHO
- Dharamraj Pratihar, Deputy Director, Social Justice and Empowerment
- Girish Pandey, Farooq Pathan, Rajesh Chabarwal, Chanderkala Ojha, Seema Trivedi, Members from Child Welfare Committee
- Sachin Badetiya, Vishesh Meena and Rajesh Meena District Development Managers, NABARD



#### **REPRESENTATIONS**

- Gauhar Mahmood attended the Divisional Rail Users Consultative Committee (DRUCC) Meeting at Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, on October 01, 2021, in which Alok Kansal, Divisional Manager, Ratlam and his senior team were present. Mahmood shared brief information about CUTS and its programmatic areas, proposal regarding consumers and disability.
- George Cherivan, Gauhar Mahmood, Nimisha Gaur met with Prakash Chand Sharma, District Collector and Gopal Lal Swarankar, ADM, Pratapagarh district, on December 02, 2021.
- Hemant Singh Sishodiya attended the Rajasthan State Commission for Protection of Child Rights at Jaipur on November 01, 2021. The main discussion was to conduct Child Week Campaign activities.
- Gayatri Moud attended the One-Stop Centre meeting under Women Empowerment Department at Chittorgarh on November 22, 2021.
- Gauhar Mahmood attended State Consultation on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SDG-12) at Jaipur on October 27, 2021.

- Gourav Chaturvedi and Hemant Singh Sisodiya attended a two-day virtual training on Social Security Scheme, IT Act, Cyber Security & Safety, POCSO Act organised by United Nations Children's Fund, Child Resource Centre and Childline India Foundation, on October 21-22, 2021.
- Hemant Singh Sisodiya attended Labour Task Force Meeting on Prevention of Child Labour held on October 22, 2021.
- Gauhar Mahmood visited an Organic Fair at Prayatn Sansthan Udaipur on October 18, 2022.
- Madan Giri and Gourav Chaturvedi attended a State-Level Organic Fair held at Jaipur on December 19, 2021.
- Gourav Chaturvedi attended State Level Stakeholder's Consultation at Jaipur on December 20, 2021.
- Gourav Chaturvedi attended a National Consultation on the Right to Health and Nutrition for Children of Brick Kiln Workers on December 21, 2022.

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