



Nationwide Drive against Child Marriage

The Child Marriage Free India Campaign was organised at 20 locations in Bhilwara to raise public awareness against child marriage. As part of the campaign, women, girls, and social activists led people in lighting lamps, candles, and torchlight processions around. The campaign aims to endorse the Central Government's idea of extending the marriageable age of girls from 18 to 21 for a "Child Marriage Free India."

CUTS Centre for Human Development (CUTS CHD) requested the community to speak out and ensure that no child marriages are performed in their localities, as this is a crime against children. Approximately 650 people from 20 locations participated in this campaign and pledged to end child marriage.



International Day of the Girl Child

The Send Back Children School Programme observed International Girls Child Day in Pratapgarh and Bhilwara districts of Rajasthan to raise awareness about the importance and potential of girls as the future of our society.

The Centre spoke about the need to address the challenges that girls face and to promote their empowerment, as well as the fulfilment of their human rights, good touch and bad touch, and girl child education. A total of 145 people participated.

Skilling the Young India

Skill trainings have been provided to youths to under BMZ Child Labour Project enhance the quality of life of girls and boys by improving their skills and knowledge.

Due to poverty, they needed to learn new vocational skills, such as tailoring, two-wheeler and mobile repairing, which could help them become economically self-sufficient and independent.

This will alleviate poverty and help the 32 youths who benefit from supporting their families without being dependent on their parents.

Schools Teaching Organic Gardening

Organic gardens were established in schools of Chittorgarh, Pratapgarh, Bhilwara and Banswara districts of Rajasthan. The aim is to teach a culture of sustainable consumption and bring the campaign of organic farming to the children's level. Organic clubs and gardens are being developed in each district.

An Organic Club comprising 25-30 children was formed to develop organic gardens. Through the government's Midday Meal (MDM) scheme, the children's nutrition problem could be addressed to some extent.

If organic gardens are developed in these schools, then the grown vegetables will be used for MDMs, with the help of teachers. A total of 8 schools participated.



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Talent Orientation Workshop

A Talent Orientation Workshop under the BMZ Child Labour Project was organised for selected adolescents in collaboration with Childline, employment agencies, and vocational institutions. The workshop aimed to familiarise the selected adolescents with potential employment and vocational training opportunities.



During the orientation event, 45 participants received basic information about potential employment areas and realistic vocational training options aligned with their interests and qualifications.

Time to Send Children Back to School

Send Children Back to School Programme educates 400 eligible children through 10 Asha Kiran Centres in slum and underprivileged areas.

These children drop out of school regularly, coming from socially and economically disadvantaged and vulnerable communities, such as the children of migrant workers, victims of child labour practices, and children in need of care and protection.

The aim is to send these children back to formal government and government-aided schools, provide educational materials to students, orient and train 10 Asha Kiran teachers to provide quality education and conduct monitoring visits in all Asha Kiran Centres.



Childline Se Dosti Week

Ashish Modi, District Collector of Bhilwara, launched Childline Se Dosti Week, a national campaign to spread awareness of Childline 1098, children's rights, and children-related laws. Our campaign involved a range of events and activities among the children.

The week was celebrated in association with government departments in Bhilwara from November 14-20, 2022. The CHILDLINE team conducted various motivating activities in the district, including a signature campaign, an awareness rally, a drawing competition, a song, local fun games and sports, and open discussions on child marriage, labour, trafficking, and abuse.

The team spoke about the importance of the week and encouraged every child to know their basic rights and always to speak up when their rights are being violated. Appreciation and awards were distributed to the winning children, and 630 people were present.

Celebrating National Consumer Rights Day

Consumer Rights Day is observed on December 24, to spread awareness about consumer rights and power. A set of rights is conferred to every citizen under the Consumer Protection Act to keep consumers' integrity and protect them from malpractices.



Members from farmer producer organisations, self-help groups, consumer groups, disabled people organisations, and other groups attended the event. The resource persons spoke on the Consumer Protection Act, which provides easy and rapid compensation for consumer grievances. The Act outlines six consumer rights that all Indian citizens have and mentions five responsibilities that every consumer should fulfil. It safeguards and encourages consumers to speak up against any inadequacies or flaws in goods and services. National Consumer Day aims to make every consumer aware of their rights and responsibilities.

The Additional District Magistrate, Chief Executive Officer, District Council, and District Supply Officer attended. In total, 90 people attended.

Nutri-Gardens: A Rich Source of Nutrition

Training of Women on organic nutri-gardens, so-called 'Poshan Vatikas', was organised in four districts to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to their homes in our proposed model organic villages in each district.

The Poshan Vatika programme focuses on self-reliance and adopting sustainable food systems to address nutrition security. Nutri-gardens represent an exemplary best practice with the potential to address multiple goals, such as diet diversity, nutrition security, agri-food cultivation, local livelihood generation, and environmental sustainability. Approximately 425 women attended the training.



Formation and Promotion of FPOs

CUTS undertook Farmers Producer Organisation (FPO) project with support from the Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC), National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD), and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) to form and promote 34 FPOs in Pratapgarh, Bharatpur, Bhilwara Chittorgarh and Banswara districts of Rajasthan.



The project aims to facilitate sustainable, income-oriented farming development, increase productivity, realise higher returns, establish market linkages, effectively build capacity to develop agriculture entrepreneurship skills and

create self-sustaining outcomes. A total of 25,000 farmers will directly benefit from the project.

REPRESENTATIONS

- Gauhar Mehmood and Hemant Singh participated in the consumer outreach programme organised by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India in Bhilwara on October 11, 2022.
- Suresh Sharma and Vishal Lalwani provided capacity-building training to CEOs and BODs in Bharatpur from October 17-19, 2022.
- Gauhar Mahmood attended pre-budget consultation at the divisional level in Udaipur on October 31, 2022.
- Gauhar Mahmood, Gaytri Moud and Kamlesh Jangid met Chairperson Rehana Reyaz Chisti, Rajasthan State Commission for Women, during her visit to Chittorgarh and Pratapgarh on November 07-08, 2022.
- Rajender Bahadur Mahurey attended Technical Seminar on Agriculture Promotion in Exhibition and Micro Dairy Training Management at ATMA Mathura.
- Madan Giri and Mohan Meghwal attended DMC Meeting chaired by District Collector in Pratapgarh on November 30, 2022.
- Rajesh Kumar Bishnoi attended India Agro Trade & Technology Fair in New Delhi.
- Rajendra Bahadur Mahurey attended the FPO review meeting headed by District Collector Bharatpur on December 10, 2022.
- Gauhar Mahmood and Vishal Lalwani attended 'National level Training on Self-Regulation of FPOs' at APMAS Training Centre in Hyderabad on December 19-22, 2022.
- Hemant Singh attended a two-day capacity-building programme on Child Protection at HCM-RIPA Jaipur on December 27-28, 2022.

NETWORKING AND VISITORS

- Sourav Swami, District Collector, Pratapgarh
- Arvind Kumar Poswal, District Collector, Chittorgarh
- Alok Ranjan, District Collector, Bharatpur
- Prakash Chandra Sharma, District Collector, Banswara
- R K Mangla, Regional Director, NCDC
- Gitesh Malviya, Additional District Collector, Chittorgarh
- Bhawani Singh Palawat, CEO, District Council, Banswara
- Rajesh Purohit, CEO, District Council, Chittorgarh
- Mahender Dudi, Vishesh Meena and Rajesh Meena, District Development Managers, NABARD
- Yogender Kanojiya, Scientist, and Rajender Solanki, Scientist, Krishi Vigyan Kendra
- Rajaram Sukhwal, Deputy Director, Horticulture, Chittorgarh
- Shanker Lal Jat, Deputy Director, Agriculture, Chittorgarh
- Dharamraj Pratihari, Deputy Director, Social Justice and Empowerment, Bhilwara
- Rajender Kumar Jaga, Deputy Director, ATMA, Chittorgarh
- Girish Pandey, Chairman, Child Welfare Committee, Bhilwara

