



Bal Mela



CUTS Centre for Human Development (CUTS CHD), in association with Save the Children, is implementing a project entitled 'Stronger Voice to Excluded Children in Government & NGOs Policies & Programmes' in 28 villages of six *gram panchayats* of Chittorgarh. On the occasion of the *Bal Divas*, a huge *Bal Mela* was organised at the Senior Secondary School Ghatiyawali, Chittorgarh, on November 14, 2011. More than 1200 children and 50 teachers from seven schools (five government and two private) of Ghatiyawali *Gram Panchayat* took part in the event.

Several competitions and extracurricular activities (dances, songs, role plays, sack races, spoon races, musical chairs, etc.) were conducted. Badri Lal Jat, Dairy Chairman, Chittorgarh and Pratapgarh districts, was the chief guest. Jat, along with Dharamveer Yadav, Centre Coordinator, CHD; Amit Choudhary, Advocacy Coordinator, Save the Children, Jaipur; Bhagwani Bai, *Sarpanch*, *Gram Panchayat*, Ghatiyawali; Aditya Singh, Vice *Sarpanch*, Ghatiyawali; and Samir Mohammad, Principal Senior Secondary School, Ghatiyawali, formally inaugurated the event by lighting the lamp and garlanding the picture of Jawahar Lal Nehru.

Towards the conclusion of the programme, prizes were distributed to winners. During this session, Surendra Singh Jadawat, Member of Legislative Assembly from Chittorgarh, along with some other guests, adorned the stage as the Chief Guest.

Formation of Block-level Bal Panchayat

The Centre, in association with Save the Children, is implementing a project entitled 'Stronger Voice to Excluded Children in Government & NGOs Policies & Programmes' in 28 villages of six *gram panchayats* (Sawa, Samri, Shambhupura, Ghatiyawali, Netawalgarehpachli and Eral) of Chittorgarh.

While working on child protection issues under the project, it was realised that without strengthening the participation of children in the implementation of schemes related to their rights and development, the goals and objectives of any scheme cannot be achieved successfully. In order to make children aware of their rights so that their voices should be heard and recognised individually/institutionally, Block Level *Bal Panchayat* (BLBP) was formed on November 25, 2011.

Children, along with village volunteers from 28 villages, were invited to take part in the formation of BLBP. It is a formal and active organisation of children for the children, by the children and to the children, which comprises 20-30 members and President and Secretary elected by the children of respective villages in a democratic way. It contains one representative from each *Bal Panchayat*.

The main objective of the BLBP is to make children aware of their rights and encourage their participation in addressing issues such as child marriage, education, cleanliness of villages and health facilities.



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Children Learn to Generate IEC Material

The art of creativity is vital in the development of children. Yes, it is fun for children and it also helps them develop a variety of ideas and concepts about the world around them. The act of creativity helps all children communicate their inner thoughts and feelings by expressing these thoughts and emotions in visual and auditory ways.

Creativity can be engaged in a variety of ways. Children love to sing, create, move and think in new and inventive ways and it is our job to help encourage expressions of creativity. It encourages children to express themselves and to understand the freedom involved in committing to a project they are in the process of creating. Creativity development provides a child a sense of ownership in his creation and fosters mental growth by encouraging the child to try new things, new ideas, new ways of thinking and problem-solving. As a child creates, it gives us the opportunity to celebrate the child's uniqueness and sense of self.

It is in this context an IEC Material Generation Workshop was held in Chittorgarh, on December 27-28 2011, in which more than 88 participants including 65 children from 28 villages of IPAP, took part. This workshop aimed to encourage children to express their creativity and thoughts in writing, give them editorial support and guidance, and provide them a platform where they can see their efforts polished and presented attractively.

K L Jain, Block Development Officer, Chittorgarh and Narbada Bhambhi, Additional, District Education Officer,



Elementary, Chittorgarh, and other guests commenced the workshop by lighting the lamp and inspiring children to study. Veena Dwivedi, Professor, School of Social Work, Udaipur, along with five interns, participated in the workshop as a resource person and facilitated/guided children in generating IEC material on some burning issues, such as Child Marriage, Child Labour and Gender Discrimination, to develop their thought process.

An exhibition of prepared IEC material was put on December 28, 2011, to which all government officials and media representatives were invited. Visitors appreciated the efforts of children and interacted with them on various child issues.

World Pneumonia Day

Pneumonia is the leading single cause of childhood mortality. The disease accounts for 19 percent deaths in children less than five years. Pneumonia kills more children than any other illness. Globally, 156 million new pneumonia cases are reported every year in the developing world. As many as 8.7 percent of these cases are severe enough to be life-threatening and require hospitalisation. Pneumonia is estimated to kill 410,000 children in India every year.

It has been shown through various studies that mortality due to pneumonia could be decreased by interventions such as prevention through immunisation, early diagnosis and optimal case management, exclusive breastfeeding for six months, reducing indoor air pollution, preventive antibiotic treatment in HIV infected children and zinc supplementation.



Understanding the need of raising awareness about pneumonia and the ways of preventing it, a workshop entitled, 'Orientation of Service Providers & Key Influencers', was organised on the occasion of the 'World Pneumonia Day' in Chittorgarh, on November 12, 2011.

More than 230 participants, including National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) officials, Public representatives, NGO representatives, Anganwadi workers, ASHA, lactating ladies with their infants and key influencers of villages from Chittorgarh participated in the event.

Mithu Lal Jat, Up Zila Pramukh, Chittorgarh; Jitendra Ojha, Block Programme Manager, NRHM; and Parveen Bano, Project Officer, Earth Foundation, Udaipur participated as resource persons.

Orientation Camps

Adult Visually-impaired Persons

A four-day residential camp for visually-impaired persons was organised at Jain Dharamshala in Chittorgarh block during October 11-14, 2011. More than 32 participants from 21 villages participated in the event.

The objectives of the programme were to build their confidence on mobility; make them realise that they are capable enough of doing many things in their lives; give them an idea on the kind of jobs they can do; and invite suggestions from them on the kind of work they would like to do.

In the context of all the above objectives, various activities were conducted. The first round of orientation was provided through lecture and audio. They were trained on basic tasks in their routine lives like using a tooth brush, using toilets, crossing roads without any support, personal hygiene and sanitation etc.

The second round of orientation was on government and non-government schemes and various other issues such as the rights of disabled persons, disability certificate, government schemes for the disabled, community-based income-generating activities/employment etc.



Prem Pakash, a blind person who has achieved success in his life, while narrating his real-life experiences, motivated the visually-impaired persons in order to build self-confidence in them. Some others success stories were also shared. Participants sang songs and played the *dholak* and the harmonium as part of extracurricular activities.

During the fourth day of the programme, four disabled persons participated in access audit of the District Collector's Office in Chittorgarh.



Health Ministers of Bal Panchayat

A one-day orientation of Health Ministers of *Bal Panchayat* was organised on October 20, 2011. More than 68 participants attended the training. Focus areas were project (CBR) information, documentary show on eye-care and preventive and curative treatment of the eye.

Sensitising Government Officials

A one-day workshop was organised for government officials at Chittorgarh on November 16, 2011. The purpose of the workshop was to sensitise government officials to the rights and benefits of disabled persons and their acceptance in the community as well as offices. More than 11 government officials from various departments participated.

Block-level Workers of Consumer Redressal Cell

A one-day orientation programme for block-level workers of Consumer Redressal Cell was organised. The main objective of the programme was to sensitise them and make them aware of disability, especially blindness. Information related to eye-care and government schemes was shared. During the conclusion of the programme, the officials agreed to change their way of thinking and disseminate the information it among the masses.

Celebration of World Disability Day

World Disability Day was celebrated at Chittorgarh on December 03, 2011. More than 112 participants attended the programme. Shushila Jingar, *Zila Pramukh*, Chittorgarh, was the chief guest. While addressing Persons with Disability (PwDs), she said we should change our attitudes towards PwDs and work together for their development as well as encourage them.

Chittorgarh *Viklang Manch* members shared their achievements and experiences of the last one year and the future road map. They stated that they will work continuously for the rights and welfare of the disabled. Some disabled people, while sharing their experiences, stated how they has struggled and got benefits of various schemes with the help of CUTS and Chittorgarh *Viklang Manch*.

In this quarter, the Centre conducted 139 Village Health Sanitation Committee trainings in both Chittorgarh and Pratapgarh districts.



CHD REPRESENTATIONS

- IPAP Team attended a training programme organised by Save the Children at Jaipur during October 11-16, 2011.
- Dharamveer Yadav attended the Silver Jubilee Programme of ASHTA NGO at Udaipur on October 17, 2011.
- Dharamveer Yadav and Vinod Jain attended a Child Labour Committee Meeting in Chittorgarh on October 20, 2011.
- Dharamveer Yadav attended a village planning committee at CTO office in Chittorgarh on October 17, 2011.
- Madan Giri Goswami attended a District Review Meeting conducted by NABARD Bhilwara on SHGs on October 14, 2011 & November 14, 2011 respectively.
- Dharamveer Yadav and Madan Giri Goswami attended a MNGO meeting organised by Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited (IL&FS) in Bhilwara on November 21, 2011.
- Aradhya Shanker Gour attended a review meeting on blind persons' Status in Chittorgarh, as a member of that committee in Chittorgarh on September 26, 2011.
- Dharamveer Yadav attended a MNGO state level meeting organised by RVAH at Jaipur on December 20, 2011.
- Dharamveer Yadav attended a MNGO Meeting of national level which was organised by Voluntary Health Association of India (VHAI), at New Delhi on December 09, 2011.
- Dharamveer Yadav attended a meeting on Women Empowerment headed by President of State Women Commission Rajasthan and district officials in Chittorgarh on December 20, 2011.
- Dharamveer Yadav and Madan Giri Goswami attended/organised National Consumers Day at Chittorgarh along with government system in Chittorgarh on December 18-24, 2011.

VISITORS

- ICICI Regional Marketing Head and Regional Processing Head visited CHD Chittorgarh on October 12, 2011.
- Davis and Narender from Sight Savers visited CHD under CBR project on October 18-19, 2011.
- Officials from URMUL Foundation Bikaner visited CHD under IPAP project on October 19-20, 2011.

MEDIA

चितीइन्द्र। कट्स द्वारा आयोजित आईईसी कार्यशाला में बच्चों की प्रदर्शनी का अवलोकन करते अतिथि।
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विकलांग दिवस पर जिला स्तरीय सम्मेलन में जिला प्रमुख जीनगर ने कहा विकलांगों के प्रति बदलनी होगी सोच

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ज्योति के विकास में विकलांगता बाधा नहीं है, इसे अपनी सोच और मानसिकता को बदलने की जरूरत है। विकलांगता के अनेक कारणों के लिए संवेदनशील बनने और अधिकारी के लिए विकलांगों के प्रति सोच को बदलना जरूरत है। यह विचार विमर्श कार्यक्रम दिनांक 27-28 दिसम्बर, 2011 को जिला स्तरीय सम्मेलन में मुख्य अतिथि जिला प्रमुख जीनगर ने कहा।

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आईईसी कार्यशाला में बच्चों ने लगाई प्रदर्शनी

न्यू सर्विस चितीइन्द्र, 28 दिसम्बर। ग्रामीण पंचायतों की सही अवसर प्रदान किया जा अपनी प्रतिभा का प्रदर्शन कर सकते हैं। मानव विकास केन्द्र द्वारा संचालित विभिन्न दो दिवसीय आईईसी कार्यशाला में उभर कर सामान्यक धर्मवीर यादव कार्यशाला का उद्देश्य बच्चों में छिपी प्रतिभा है, ताकि वे अपनी प्रतिभा को सबके सामने बखूबी दिखा सकें। कार्यशाला का शुभारंभ शिक्षा अधिकारी प्रा. नरेश्वरी ने दी। कार्यक्रम में बच्चों ने रंगों व चित्रों के माध्यम से अपनी प्रतिभा को सबके सामने बखूबी दिखाया। कार्यक्रम के अंत में बच्चों को प्रदर्शनी का अवलोकन कराया गया। कार्यक्रम के अंत में बच्चों को प्रदर्शनी का अवलोकन कराया गया।

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आईईसी कार्यशाला

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