

National Consumer Day

CUTS is recognised as an organisation working for consumer issues. CUTS raises the consumer related issues and endeavours to make the people aware of consumer rights. In this connection, CUTS has an Execution Centre – CUTS Centre for Human Development (CUTS CHD) at Chittorgarh working from 1991 till date and has been instrumental in generating consumer awareness and protection in Rajasthan. On December 24, 2013 CUTS CHD in association of District Supply Office (DSO) organised a meeting on sustainable consumption at district level in Chittorgarh. The event was chaired by Manveer Singh Atree, Additional District Collector, Chittorgarh with active participation of CEOs, Chittorgarh and other District Level Officers (DLOs), Block Level Officers (BLOs) and consumers from various blocks of Chittorgarh. A detailed discussion was held on several consumer issues. About 70 participants from various networking agencies were present in the meeting.

Swardharni Project

'Swardharni' is a Pilot Project with an objective to upscale and intensify the Self-Help Group (SHG) Saving Bank account and Credit Linkages Programme (SHG-BLP) in Rajasthan, based on Resource Non-government Organisation (R-NGO) model. Though the SHG programme has spread in several parts of the state it has limited success in terms of impact due to lack of suitable PIA (Project Implementing Agency) and requires knowledge, expertise and experience to support the programme. In order to address these issues, and to strengthen and upscale the SHGs programme in Rajasthan State, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) Regional Office has initiated a Project called 'Swardharni' the objective of which is to promote, nurture, and establish bank linkages of SHGs in identified districts through R-NGOs in 11 districts of Rajasthan.

Apart from this, the Pilot Project will also focus on capacity building and training of various stakeholders viz. PIAs, Bankers, SHGs workers and members and other related functionaries. CUTS CHD conducted a two day orientation workshop for CEOs at Chittorgarh and Bhilwara on November 11-12, 2013 in Chitrakoot Resort, Chittorgarh and on November 13-14, 2013 in Hotel Landmark, Chittorgarh. In the CEOs' orientation programme about 30 participants were present on the first day while 28 participants were present on the following day. Pankaj Yadav, resource person



and District Development Manager (DDM), NABARD, Dharmveer Yadav, Madan Giri Goswami, Vandana Chouhan provided orientation to the PIAs about the concept of SHGs, documentation and web portal, micro insurance and pension schemes etc. On the second day, all PIAs prepared the plan of action to achieve their targets and framed the strategy to fulfill the defined targets. With this orientation the R-NGOs identified the potential of the PIAs for developing bank linkages for SHGs in their respective areas.

A five day training programme for PIAs' field workers was organised at Chittorgarh and Bhilwara. CUTS organised this training from December 09-13, 2013 at *Krishi Vigyan Kendra*, Chittorgarh and from December 18-22, 2013 at Hotel Mid-town, Bhilwara. Orientation about SHG formation, documentation, register maintaining, financial inclusion, micro insurance etc. was given to field workers. On the second last day of training programme, field visits were made. SHGs formed in Ochhari village at



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Chittorgarh and Rupaheli village at Bhilwara were also visited. The R-NGO will train the PIAs' personnels and also cooperate with them to promote the SHG programme.

NABARD



- S. K. Gupta, District Development Manager (DDM) of NABARD, Bhilwara observed the SHGs for assessment at Bigod village of Mandalgarh Tehsil, District Bhilwara on December 28, 2013. Gupta encouraged SHGs women for the group activities.
- Assistant Manager, B. L. Dhupiya, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Jaipur visited Devri Gram Panchayat of Chittorgarh

District. He also motivated the women for their group activities.

- A loan of ₹25 to 35 Lakh to the SHGs of Chittorgarh and Bhilwara District was allotted for employment activities.
- Maharani SHG of Bhilwara district participated in a four day industry fair organised by district industrial centre at Mahesh Stadium, Bhilwara. The group members set up a stall in this fair and gained a profit of ₹1500.

Priyadarshini Project

- 'Priyadarshini' Project is funded by the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Rajasthan. The objective of this Project is to train and build the livelihood skills of members of the SHGs to enhance their living standard and to boost their economic empowerment in Suwana Block, Bhilwara. A five day entrepreneurship development and awareness training programme was organised at Pondras and Kodukota village from October 23-27, 2013 and from November 08-12, 2013 respectively. In each training, around 38 women participated from five SHGs. During the training, information on soap making, beautician course, dress designing etc. was catered by the resource persons. An exposure visit was also held at IL & FS Training Institute, Harni Mahadev at Bhilwara.

Childline Se Dosti Week

A national campaign *Childline Se Dosti* (CSD) week was celebrated from November 11-14, 2013 at different localities in Bhilwara city by Childline, Bhilwara. The objective of the Campaign was to:

- interact with the urban community;
- make citizens stakeholders in Childline 1098. Childline is a Project and 1098 is a national round the clock toll free number working for children in need of care and protection. Also to spread awareness amongst those who are unaware about the work done by Childline and generate Children Dosts (friends) everywhere; and
- improve association with different stakeholders for better execution of Childline.



In *Childline Se Dosti* week CUTS organised different activities viz. sports, signature campaign, tying friendship bands, drawing competition etc. were organised on the first day i.e. November 11, 2013 sports events were also organised at R. C. Vyas Colony for youth and children. A volleyball match was also held. On the second day i.e. on November 12, 2013 a Signature Campaign were organised at Bus Stand, Bhilwara. The Campaign was inaugurated by Depot Manager, Dinesh Yadav. Around 300 passengers as well as employees of Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation (RSRTC) took the pledge to stop child labour existing in any form. On the third day, November 13, 2013 'Friendship Band' event was organised. In this event, friendship bands were tied to Additional

SP Jyoti Swroop Sharma. Children also tied bands to several police officers, non-governmental organisation representatives, shop keepers, government officials, businessmen etc. on the concluding day. A Drawing competition was also organised at Alok Public School, Subhash Nagar, Bhilwara. Around 20 children participated in the contest. Children created posters related to Child Rights, Child Labour, Gender Discrimination and Child Marriage. During the event, Children Welfare Committee (CWC) Chairperson, Suman Trivedi, CHD Coordinator, Dharmveer Yadav and Childline Staff were also present.

Stronger Voice to Excluded Children in Government and NGO Policies and Programmes (IPAP Project)

CPC Meetings

Presently, meetings of Child Protection Committee (CPC) on a monthly basis are being conducted. Efforts are also being made to establish linkages with *gram panchayats* and CPC to assure child protection. The Centre facilitates 16 *Gram Panchayat* level CPC meetings and 33 village level CPC meetings during the reporting period. Three District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) meetings were also attended and an important decision was made and intimated to all the concerned *Gram Panchayat Pradhans* (village administration chiefs) to include the agenda in their monthly meeting and report at the district level meeting.

Children's Organisations and Local Governance and Duty Bearers Interaction

- Block Level *Bal Panchayat* Meeting was organised on October 05, 2013 at CUTS CHD, Chittorgarh for preparing Demand Charter of children issues for involving in political manifesto and for selection of children for participation at state level children manifesto meeting held at Jaipur. Discussion was held



on issues related to children like Education, Protection, Development and Health.

- A *Bal Mela* (Children's Fair) was conducted at Samri Senior Secondary School on November 14, 2013. The participants were students from all five Government School students of *Samri Gram Panchayat*, Local Key Stakeholders and IPAP Team.

Campaign against CSA

Campaign against Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) commenced by a Film Show at school level for creating awareness and sensitising the employers, their families and communities where children are vulnerable of being exploited through sexual abuse. The aim of the campaign was to bring the fact to the fore that child sexual abuse and violation of children's rights to education, development, health and well-being is against the law and to sensitise the public towards the issue of child sexual abuse, so that action can be taken at personal and professional fronts. In this context, the Centre organised a film show in month of October and November in Secondary Schools. There were about 1025 participants present in the event.



Information Education and Communication (IEC) workshop on Child Sexual Abuse was organised at CUTS CHD Office for creating awareness and sensitising of block level children collective members to stop child sexual abuse. Under the Child Sexual Abuse Campaign, IEC Activity Workshop was organised on November 28, 2013 at the district level with Block level *Bal Panchayat* members. *Panchayati Raj Institution* (PRI) System was discussed and also focused on children collective system at three levels like PRI's system at three levels.

Workshop on Child Sexual Abuse

CUTS CHD in association with 'Save the Children' and Rajasthan State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (RSCPCR), Jaipur launched a 90

day campaign in Chittorgarh at *Gram Panchayat*, Block and District Level in October-December 2013. Various activities were organised, under the campaign. Firstly, a district level Orientation Workshop on Child Rights and Child Sexual Abuse was organised on December 17, 2013 at Samiti Hall District Collectorate, Chittorgarh. Around 40 participants from various Government Departments were present. These included District Collector, Additional District Collector, Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJ&E), Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), Women and Child Development (WCD), Education, Police Department, *Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan* (SSA), Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), CWC, Labour Department, *Panchayati Raj Vibhag*, Media and NGO's etc. were present. Komal Ganotra, Resource Person for Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Workshop has long experience with Child India Foundation.

Campaign against CSA (Child Sexual Abuse) was carried by means of Film Shows, Group Discussions and Community Meeting at *Gram Panchayat* level for generating awareness and sensitisation of community to 'stop child sexual abuse'. In this context, six *Gram Panchayat* Level activities on CSA were conducted from December 04-10, 2013 through Film Shows, Community Meetings and Group Discussion at *Panchayat* level. In this event, there were 300 participants.

Children Interface Meeting

District level Children Interface Meeting (CIM) with Block and District level Government Officials was organised by CUTS CHD on December 26, 2013 at Panchayat Samiti Sabha Kaksh, Chittorgarh. The objective of the workshop was to create awareness on work of associated departments, their functioning and the expected outcomes along with the duty bearer. All the participants interacted with panelists working at district level, such as JJB, DCPU, ICPS, National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), WCD and Social Justice and Empowerment Department (SJE). A meeting was conducted, under the Chairmanship of Datar Singh, Member of JJB.

Gram Panchayat and CPC Meeting

CHD participated in CPC meetings at district, Gram Panchayat and village level and discussed various development issues, especially of child protection. It is expected that CPC will more efficient to accomplish their work at Gram Panchayat level and also will be able to coordinate directly with ICPS Department, CWC, SJE and ICDS at district level.

CHD REPRESENTATIONS

- Kailash Vyas and Ratan Dan Charan attended a National Children Alliance meeting organised by the 'Save the Children' at New Delhi from September 28-October 03, 2013.
- Majid Khan attended a training programme on SC info round 4 tool (a 'Save the Children' supported Project) on October 04, 2013 organised by 'Save the Children' at Jaipur.
- Majid Khan attended a Pre-planning meeting on Children Manifesto at Jaipur with 'Save the Children' on October 10, 2013.
- Majid Khan, Pushkar Lal Dangi, Kritika Joshi and Shahruk attended state level Children Manifesto Meeting organised by 'Save the Children' and RIHR (Recurse Insinuate for Human Rights) in Jaipur at Pink City Press Club, Jaipur on October 20, 2013.
- Majid Khan and Shanti Lal Dangi attended the Media and Communication Workshop organised by 'Save the Children' at Hotel Sarovar Portico, Jaipur on November 08, 2013.
- Dharmveer Yadav and Majid Khan attended a state level IPAP Review Meeting organised by 'Save the Children' at Hotel Sarovar Portico, Jaipur on November 19, 2013.
- Anuradha Tolambiya attended a three day programme on Training of Trainers' at Jaipur from October 21-23, 2013. The Training was organised by CHETNA, Ahmadabad on Safe Motherhood.
- Madan Lal Keer, Anuradha Tolambiya, Radhayshayam Gurjar and Asha Nayak attended National Consumer Day Meeting at Agriculture Department Meeting Hall on December 24, 2013.

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