

## District Level Seminar of person with disabilities, Chittorgarh

25 April 2019

On April 25, 2019 District Level seminar organised at Gadi Lohar School Pratapnagar, Chittorgarh. Main objective of the event were sensitise to PWDs on importance of voting and increase voting percentage of PWDs in forthcoming Lok Sabha election 2019. Total 153 participants (88 Male & 65 Female) were attended from six blocks of Chittorgarh district. Mr. JP Chanwariya, Additional Director of Department of Social Justice and Empowerment Chittorgarh was the chief guest of the event.

District Level seminar started with welcome address by Gauhar Mahmood, Assistant Director of CUTS International, Chittorgarh. After the welcome address Mr. Puran mal Sharma gave information about work of State DPO in Rajasthan including the role in last assembly election. He informed that State DPO was formed with help of district DPOs from five districts partner of Sightavers. State DPO is working with government for benefiting to PWDs at grassroots level. Policy level advocacy is also doing with state level for policy influence and enactment.



Brief progress of district DPO was shared by Ms. Preeti Taneja, Chairperson of district DPO (MVSS). She told that district DPO is well-known registered NGO as Mewar Viklang Sewa Sansthan working for the development of PWDs since 2010.

She informed about high percentage of PWDs voting of Chittorgarh district in last legislative election, It was possible with joint efforts by district administration and CUTS Centre for Human Development, For this our two DPO members and CUTS got state award for excellence work in the area of PwDs welfare including inclusive election.

APNO member Gangadhar Solanki told that he met with district election officer for better implementation of Code of conduct in district during the Lok Sabha election. He told political parties tent should be established 200 meters far distance from polling booths.

Mr. JP Chanwariya, Additional Director of Department of Social Justice and Empowerment Chittorgarh told that district administration is working for increasing voting percentage at various levels. Various Awareness rallies and meetings were organised at al block level in collaboration of district DPO. All basic facilities will be provided at all polling booths and special vehicles will provide at polling booths for senior citizens and PWDs. He told to all participants make active participation on voting day for casting 100 percent voting. Rajendra Kumar Sharma, Block Development office, DPO members Salma Banu, Husaina B, Sushil Kumar Jain also addressed to participants on increasing voting percentage in Lok Sabha Election 2019.



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