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First Women Mason Batch trained at Cairn Rajasthan Centre | A CSR Initiative



Barmer Though 'Skill training' is the new mantra for India and is driving force of Government but it is still a far cry for women in western Rajasthan where even stepping out of their household is a big achievement.

Thanks to a CSR initiative of Cairn

India, a group of tenacious women have broken this social barrier and stepped outside to travel a new path. This started when a group of 26 women enrolled themselves for three months vocational skill training in masonry offered by Cairn India in partnership with ILFS

Skills. It was not easy for these women initially to get permission from their family to enroll for the programme. However after constant counseling and discussions by CSR team with the family members of these women they finally could get their family nod to enter

the programme. The two months training programme consisted of use of modern methods of teaching including use of multimedia and audio visual aids. A lot of emphasis was also put on practical aspect of the training so that they could also learn hands on apart from only theoretical know how. During the period apart from learning the art of the trade they were also made functionally literate. Now they know how to sign their name, count currency notes and even can read documents. This ensured that after completing the training the women are not only financially independent but are also equipped to face a new world.

The idea of the initiative was to empower village women and make them self-reliable. After completing the training the women have now become self-employed and are currently working as masons for constructing toilets under

Swachh Bharat campaign of GoR supported by Cairn India. On an average they earn Rs.500-600/day which was unimaginable for them even a few months ago. With increased income, socio economic status, this has been path defining for them. Now their opinion is sought in all family matters and they are seen as winds of change in the village.

For a 44 year old trainee of the group, Shugni Devi this is a major change, not only for her but for her family members as well. Today they treat her with much more respect and dignity.

"I am not just another woman, I am confident of speaking my mind now. The training programme is changing the lives of women in each house of our Dhani. I hope Cairn continues this nobel initiative."

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By RH Team

Udaipur In order to expedite development projects and proper action, the state home minister directed for effective implementation of various projects under various departments.

Kataria presided over a review meeting here in the Jila Parishad premises last wednesday. Kataria acquired

cognizance of these projects and reviewed their progress. His instructions were clearly in favour of speedy completion of plans for the people of state.

In the presence of chief of mining department and in charge of district Mr. Ashok singhvi, Kataria took details of all complaints and their resolutions received during the Sarkar Aapke Dwar program. He also asked

for verification of these resolutions so that a common man could be benefitted with relief the government intended to provide.

Apprising the status to the home minister, district collector Ashutosh AT Pednekar said that about 18 thousand complaints have been resolved and the process of verification is underway. He also said that in

order to provide effective relief to the people, these will be verified by development officer, tehsildaar, naayab tehsildaar.

CEO of Jila Parishad, Neha Giri informed about the action taken against complaints pertaining to rural development department.

Kataria also asked about the status of Bhamashah scheme for which office Sudheer Dave told that some 597 camps had to be organized and out of which 292 have been organized hitherto. Approximately 2 lacs of people have been nominated in the scheme while the data of about 75 thousand has been sent for further processing. Out of these 75 thousand

process, some 2 thousand 468 cards have been received. Kataria asked to set up a time limit for getting remaining cards ready.

Kataria while reviewing various announcements and departmental projects instructed officials of public works department to get the development of biological park completed quickly. He also took cognizance of development of 4GSSs of 33 KV each by AVVNL.

Reviewing the water resources and development, Kataria was curious about the highly ambitious Dewas project and its status. He instructed officials to ensure completion of Dewas II dam by april. He also asked to ensure timely completion of

Udaisar and other developments related to lakes and other water bodies.

Sumita Saroch who is taking care of tourism department informed the minister about the development of campsite and water sports at Badi Lake. Minister asked to further beautify this lake for a better tourism place. Saroch also apprise about the tender been invited for the sports activities in Jasamand Lake.

Reviewing the forest department, Kataria took cognizance of proposed plans at the Baghdara and having reviewed the status, the minister asked officials to develop such places in such a way that more tourists could spend quality time here.

Kataria chaired review meeting!



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