

WOMEN PANCHAYAT FUNCTIONARIES INTERACT WITH MEDIA IN ODISHA CAPITAL

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Bhubaneswar (21/9/2018): Alibha Federation formed by women panchayat functionaries of Baliana & Bolagarh Block interacted with media here on Friday.

This media interface workshop was organised by People's Cultural Centre (PECUC) in collaboration with The Hunger Project. The participants of this workshop were from the women representatives of Baliana and Bolgarh blocks of Khordha district, print and electronic media houses.

Presiding the meeting, executive director, PECUC Anuradha Mohanty emphasised that participation of women in the governance process is need of the hour.

Mohanty informed that PECUC is working with elected women panchayat functionaries of 23 panchayats and 223 women representatives of Baliana and Bolagarh.

She said that various trainings are being imparted to the EWRs on finance management of panchayat, leadership building, federation building and government schemes and other programmes to build their capacity and leadership quality.

She further highlighted that EWRs have solved 11 cases of violence against women, stopped 5 child marriage cases, linked people with various schemes of government and planted more than 1000 trees in their area.

President of Alibha EWR Federation of Baliana block Rashmita Patra and sarpanch of Benupur Rashmita Patra said she is continuously trying to make her panchayat alcohol free & violence free.

Alibha-EWR Federation president and sarpanch of Bolgarh Babita Sahoo discussed about the work of Alibha Federation in stopping violence against women and also child marriage.

Director, PECUC Dr Meenakshi Panda shared her thoughts and said that there is need of a supportive environment and encouragement to women panchayat functionaries so that they can also perform. The women representative also shared their success stories and challenges of their localities. Naib sarpanch of Satyabhamapur Sabitri Sahu shared that she could solve a domestic violence case.

Similarly, ward member of Bhainchua Laxmipriya Sahoo has stopped a child marriage case, while ward member of Baliana Bijayani Patra solved a problem in her school and constructed a tube well in her area, Besides, ward member of Puran panchayat Swapna Bhoi stated that she has successfully sent all the children of her ward to school and provided support to a poor cancer patient.

Ward member of Puran panchayat Shantilata Pradhan provided help and support to a person with disability and ward member of Bhingarpur Gitanjali Das cited the problem of a poor people in getting government sanctioned house.

Apart from them, ward member of Bolgarh Anjana Swain, who won in the unreserved seat told about the problem of people who are not included in any scheme of government

and said that she is striving hard to link them to get benefit.

Ward member Puspalata Paikray discussed about the solving of drinking water problem in her area.

Media persons also asked various queries and questions which was answered by the women panchayat functionaries.

Programme manager, PECUC Jyoti Shankar Mohanty, Upama Mohanty and Bamadeva Jena of PECUC facilitated the workshop.` .
