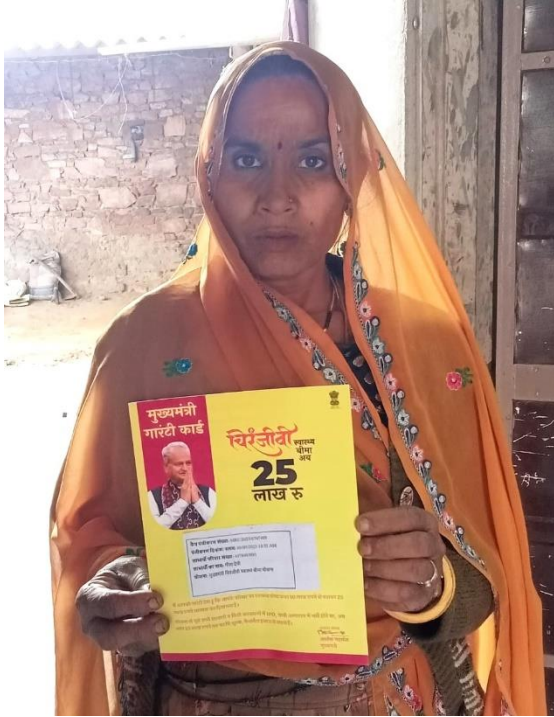


Distress to Happiness: Story of Geeta

Bharthala, a village in Niwai tehsil of Tonk district, where a woman of about 45 years is engaged in preparing mid-day meal for the children in the local government school, her name is Geeta, mother of three, Geeta is a widow and marks of struggles of her life are visible on her face. The untimely death of her husband and the constant Liver related ailment had left



Geeta broken. She was afraid of what would happen to her children if something had happened to her, because the local doctor had referred her to Jaipur for further treatment. The huge expense of treatment and the worry of arranging money for it, further aggravated her illness. Days were passing in this dilemma, when one day Geeta met a representative of CULP who had come to this village under its Help-Desk program and the purpose of this program was to aware rural women and men pertaining to government welfare schemes and to facilitate access to those schemes for women like Geeta.

During the conversation, the organization representative told about the health insurance scheme 'Chiranjeevi' run by the Rajasthan government and how Geeta can get her treatment free of cost. The organization representative helped Geeta get a Chiranjeevi card and with the help of that card, she was able to get free treatment in Jaipur.

With the help of the workers of the organization, Geeta has also got her PAN card and labour card made and has got her children registered in the Palanhar Scheme, through which her children get a fixed amount from the government for their upbringing and education expenses.

Geeta is now able to run her household properly by preparing mid-day meal in school and doing other labour work in the village.