

About CART

Established in 1983 as a small voluntary group of concerned citizens, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) expanded its activities and CUTS CART was set up in 1996 as a programme centre to pursue the cause of common consumers, initially being undertaken by CUTS as the mandate.

The programmes of the Centre are primarily aimed at generating awareness, creating a more responsible society and encouraging changes at the policy level by advocating with the government machinery and sensitising it to the issues of concern of the common man. The Centre has spearheaded several campaigns and pioneered consumer empowerment.

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State-Level Road Safety Policy Advocacy Consultation

CUTS, in collaboration with the Public Affairs Foundation (PAF), conducted a day-long state-level Stakeholders Consultation on Road Safety Policy Advocacy in Karnataka, Bengaluru on November 23, 2023. The primary goal was to advocate for effective policies and guidelines related to speed management, two-wheeler safety, and protecting vulnerable road users in the state.

The inaugural session of the event featured key figures, such as Yogesh A.M (IAS), Transport Commissioner; J Ghanendra Kumar, Additional Transport Commissioner; J Purushottam, Additional Commissioner and Member Secretary of Karnataka Road Safety Authority; and HD Manjunatha, RTO, Bengaluru.

Technical sessions included insights from experts like Anita B. Haddannavar (IPS); Pradeep BS, Professor from National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences Hospital (NIMHANS); Srinivas Alavalli, Chetan Sodaye from World Resources Institute; Pratiksha Surpuriya from the Global Design of Cities Initiative (GDCI); Satya Shankaran (Bicycle Mayor); and Indira (General Secretary, Bengaluru Nav Nirman Party). The event, coordinated by Annapoorna and Sheeba Das from PAF, saw participation from NGOs, media, and academic institutions, with 55 participants. Madhu Sudan Sharma of CUTS delivered a detailed presentation during the inaugural session.



witnessed the top officials of road safety of the district. The discussion was focused on effective speed management, two-wheeler safety and better implementation of key risk factors related to provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 2019 in the district.

The consultation aimed to address critical road safety issues and advocate for impactful policies in Karnataka. Subsequently, a Regional Level Stakeholder Consultation was conducted by the Centre for Environment and Development in Thrissur, Kerala on December 08, 2023. The consultation

Exploring Sustainable Consumption: Insights from Community Consultations

Two community-level stakeholder consultations were organised by local partners Rajesh Malakar and BR Sharma in their respective areas. BR Sharma organised a consultation at Karni Palace Road on November 03, 2023, which was attended by more than 50 women participants. Amar Deep Singh attended the consultation.

Rajesh Malakar organised a community-level consultation at the Jagannath Puri area on November 06, 2023, which was attended by 30 women participants. Rajdeep Pareek and Dharmendra Chaturvedi attended the workshop. Artist Srajan Mishra also attended both consultations to gain insights into community sustainable consumption.



World Day of Remembrance, 2023

CUTS commemorated the World Day of Remembrance (WDoR) in Rajasthan and Kerala on November 19, 2023. The theme of this year's WDoR, 2023 was 'Remember. Support. Act.' Several media creatives focussing on various key risk factors, road safety issues especially #over speeding, #two-wheeler safety # child safety # NRSB #speed management guidelines # two-wheeler safety guidelines etc. were developed. In Kerala, road safety awareness programmes with youths, college management, nursing staff and students, print and electronic media reach and several activities were conducted.



Recognising FoPL as a Fundamental Consumer Right

A State Level Consultation on “Significance of FoPL in Addressing NCDs” organised by CUTS with local support from Ram Krishna Shikshan Sansthan was held at Kota, Rajasthan on October 12, 2023. The event aimed to raise awareness about Front-of-Pack Labelling (FoPL) and its role in combating Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) among diverse stakeholders.

Yudhishter Chansi, Secretary, Ram Krishna Shikshan Sanstha, Kota welcomed the guest speakers and the participants providing a brief overview of the programme. Deepak Saxena, Associate Director, CUTS highlighted that FoPL empowers consumers to make informed purchasing decisions by swiftly identifying unhealthy ingredients, emphasising its cost-effectiveness.

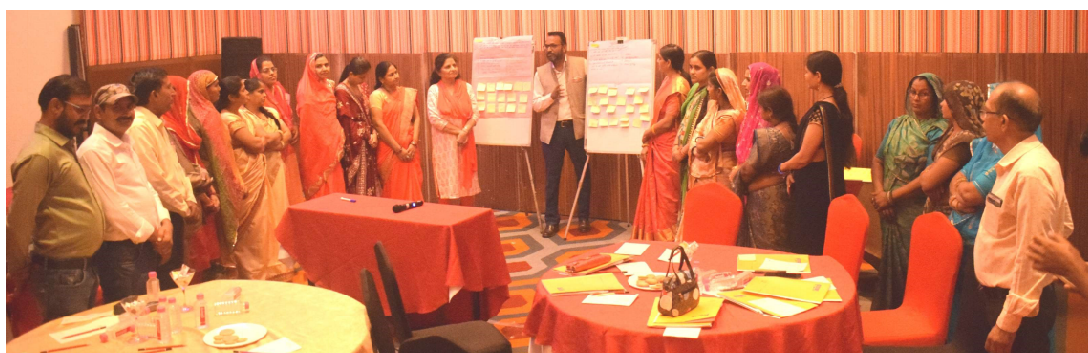
Dr Jagdish Soni, Chief Medical Health Officer, Kota, in his keynote address, acknowledged the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India’s (FSSAI) decision to implement Voluntary Health Star Labelling from mid-2023 and welcomed any discussion in the interest of public health. Dr Ratna Jain, Gynaecologist and Former Mayor, stressed FoPL as a consumer right, urging regulators to recognise and implement an effective labelling system tailored to Indian consumers.

Dr Sanjay Pandey, National Consultant at Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAI), presented the ‘Status of NCDs in India and Rajasthan and the role of FoPL.’ Other speakers included Dr R.C. Sahni, Deputy Superintendent (Retd.), MBS Hospital, Kota; Yashwant Sharma, Director, Vibrant Academy; Yagyadutt Hada, Retd. Director, Medical and Health; Gunjan Sanadya, Home Scientist, Food Processing and Value Addition Unit, Kota; Ashok Maheshwari, General Secretary, Vyapar Mahasangh, Kota; Pankaj Sharma, Chairman, State Consumer Counselling Centre Kota; and Hari Vallabh Meghwal, State President, Journalist Association of Rajasthan, Jaipur.



Envisioning a Sustainable Future

CUTS organised a Sustainable Consumption Envisioning Workshop during Green Action Week in Jaipur on November 09, 2023. The workshop, attended by 25 residents from the targeted community, including BR Sharma and Rajesh Malakar, aimed to gather ideas from community members and formulate a vision for a sustainable future. The participants were divided into two groups for collaborative work, facilitated by Amar Deep Singh, who guided them in generating ideas and envisioning a sustainable future.



Asia Regional Road Safety Conference

Madhu Sudan represented CUTS in the Asia Regional Road Safety Conference held at Manila, Philippines from December 5-7, 2023. The conference was organized by The Asian Development Bank, the Asia-Pacific Road Safety Observatory (APRSO), the Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP) and International Road Assessment Programme (iRap) jointly at ADB headquarters. This APRSO Annual Meeting and the GRSP Regional Road Safety Seminar is a high-profile combined regional event on road safety having stakeholders from 53 countries.



PUBLICATIONS/ARTICLES/OP-EDS

- Three issues of Gram Gadar of October, November and December 2023 (<https://cuts-cart.org/gram-gadar-issues/>)
- Combined issue of ONW of September-October 2023 (<https://cuts-cart.org/pdf/onw-12-sep-oct-2023.pdf>) and November-December, 2023
- One issue of Panchwan Stambh of July-September 2023 (https://cuts-cart.org/pdf/paanchwa_stambh_3-2023.pdf)
- One issue of GSK Alert of July-September 2023 (https://cuts-cart.org/pdf/gsk_alert_jul-sep_2023.pdf)
- Consumer Dialogue of May-August 2023 (https://cuts-cart.org/pdf/consumer-dialogue_may-aug-2023.pdf)
- Catalyst of July-September 2023 (<https://cuts-cart.org/pdf/catalyst19-3-2023.pdf>)
- City Matter of July-September 2023 (https://cuts-cart.org/pdf/city_matters-3-2023.pdf)
- What Ails Health Claims (<https://cuts-cart.org/what-ails-health-claims/>) Financial Express, December 29, 2023

VISITS AND APPOINTMENTS

N M Prusty and Namrata from the HCL Grant Team visited CUTS on November 20, 2023. Amrat Singh along with Deepak Saxena, G C Jain, Amar Deep Singh, Gauhar Mehmood and Rajdeep Pareek attended the meeting with the team at the CUTS conference hall. During the meeting project proposal, the organisation's profile, achievements and governance structure were reviewed.

On November 21, 2023, the HCL team visited CUTS CHD for evaluation of the fieldwork. A field visit was organised at Bassi *Gram Panchayat*, where they interacted with self-help group (SHG) members, and reviewed various accounts and organisational documents of the SHG. They also visited the Gadiya Lohar community.

INTERNSHIP AT CUTS CART

Tashreen Khan and Krishna Sharma from Vivekananda Global University for a month and Kashika Gupta from Symbiosis School of Liberal Arts for a month completed an internship with CUTS CART at different times in 2023.

WEBINARS/MEETINGS/VISITS/NOMINATION

- Simi TB attended a meeting on “Ultra-Processed Products Webinar: Latest Evidence and Policy Implications with Professor Carlos Monteiro” organised by the University of Sao Paulo, and Global Health Advocacy Incubator on October 05, 2023.
She also attended a meeting conducted by Cochin International Airport, represented by its officers, for CIAL’s apron expansion and associated Terminal 3 works.
- Madhu Sudan Sharma attended the GRSP India Partners Annual Strategic Meeting in Chennai from October 11-13, 2023.
- Simi TB attended a webinar on “Protecting children from the harmful impact of food marketing: Unpacking the evidence to guide policies to prevent harmful impacts of marketing” organised by WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia on October 11, 2023.
- Amardeep Singh attended an online launch of the national report “Empowerment of Women Elected Representatives” organised by Praja Foundation on October 27, 2023.
He also attended a webinar on ‘Capacity Development for Financing a Sustainable Urban Future for All’ organised by the IIHS Capacity Development Forum (CDF) on October 31, 2023. Ravikant Joshi, an Urban Financial Management Expert was the main speaker and spoke on the sustainable finance of Urban Local Bodies and the need for capacity building.
- Simi TB attended Intermediating Sustainable Consumption and Production - Presentation by Allison Marie Loconto organised by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on November 01, 2023.
- Dharmendra Chaturvedi attended the Consumer Outreach Programme organised by TRAI, Jaipur on November 04, 2023.
- Simi TB attended a Zoom meeting with CADE representatives to discuss the G20 Consumer Summit to be held in Brazil in 2024 on November 08, 2023.
- Madhu Sudan Sharma participated in an online road safety workshop organised by Tremmers Private Limited based in the UK on November 09, 2023.
He also visited the office of the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety on November 16, 2023, and met with Sanjay Mittal, Secretary of the Committee. He provided factsheets detailing the recently published road accident data for Rajasthan, Kerala, and Karnataka.
- Amrat Singh along with Amar Deep Singh, GC Jain, Veena Vidhyadharan, Gauhar Mahmood, Madan Giri, and Gayatri Mod attended an online meeting with the HCL tech grant team on November 16, 2023.
- Amrat Singh, Amardeep Singh along with Gauhar, and Madan Giri visited various CSR/Foundations based in Chittorgarh on November 22, 2023, to explore possible collaboration and support. They met with Vijay Singh, CSR in charge of Aditya Birla Foundation; Mahaveer Singh, CSR Head, Wonder Cement and Sudhir Kumar, CSR Manager, Nuvoco Vistas.
- Simi TB attended the Airport User Consultative Committee Meeting organised by Cochin International Airport Limited at Nedumbassery on December 08, 2023.
- Amar Deep Singh and Simi TB attended the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) Expert Group Online Meeting on ‘Promoting Women’s Economic Empowerment in South Asia through Inclusive Transport’ on December 13, 2023.
- Simi TB attended an online workshop on Simplifying Sustainability for MSMEs: The What and Why of Sustainability organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry on December 14, 2023.
- Madhu Sudan Sharma attended the release of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Status Report of Road Safety, 2023 on December 13, 2023.
- Amar Deep Singh attended state-level workshop on Biomedical Waste Management organised by WHO, Department of Health & Family Welfare and Toxics Link at Jaipur on December 18, 2023.
- Madhu Sudan Sharma met Kishore Kumar, Joint Secretary, Planning, Education Department, Government of India on December 20, 2023.
- Amar Deep Singh, Amrat Singh, Deepak Saxena and Simi TB attended a Zoom meeting with officials of the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) on the Child-Friendly City Initiative on December 20, 2023.
- On December 21, 2023, a virtual meeting took place involving Sabrina Gander, Senior Officer of Advocacy and Grants, Nalin Sinha, India Coordinator for GHAI, and participants including Amrat, Rajdeep, Deepak, Gauhar, and Madhu Sudan from CUTS.
- Madhu Sudan attended a meeting organised by RTO, Jaipur with NGOs to discuss MoRTH’s report on Road Accidents, 2021 and Global Status of Road Safety Report, 2023 on December 28, 2023.
- Deepak met lawyers Bhaskar and Tarun Agarwal in their chamber on December 29, 2023, to discuss and explore the ways to file the review petition in the National Green Tribunal.

एफओपीएल पर राज्य स्तरीय परामर्श कार्यशाला बीमारियों से बचाव के लिए खान-पान पर विशेष ध्यान देने की जरूरत: सीएमएचओ

कोटा | एफओपीएल पर एक राज्य स्तरीय परामर्श कार्यशाला स्टेशन रोड स्थित एक होटल में हुई। कार्यशाला में कोटा व्यापार महासंघ के महासचिव अशोक माहेश्वरी, सीएमएचओ डॉ. जगदीश सोनी, नगर निगम की पूर्व महापौर डॉ. रत्ना जैन, डॉ. आरसी साहनी, डॉ. एस पांडे, रिछपाल पारीक ने शामिल हुए।



सर्वाधिक मौत हो रही है। हमें चाहिए कि आने वाली पीढ़ी को जागरूक करना होगा और संरक्षकता है। पूर्व महापौर की होती है, उसने कौन सी लिखी जाएं। डॉ. एस पांडे और संचारी रोग के कारण डॉ. माहेश्वरी ने कहा कि गुणवत्ता का ध्यान रखें।

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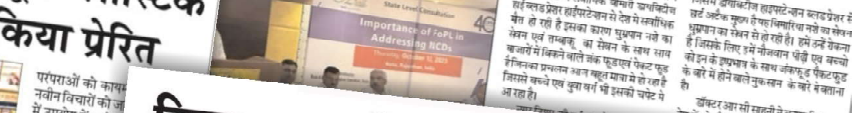
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अंकित त्रिवेदी/कट्टी विजन/लालसोट

सभी व्यापारी उद्यमी पैक फूड सामग्री में गुणवत्ता का विशेष ध्यान रखें: कोटा व्यापार महासंघ



कोटा व्यापार महासंघ के अध्यक्ष डॉ. जगदीश सोनी ने कहा कि पैक फूड में गुणवत्ता का ध्यान रखना जरूरी है।

पर्यावरण सुरक्षा के लिए सिंगल यूज प्लास्टिक का प्रयोग नहीं करने के लिए किया प्रेरित

न्यू सर्विस/नवज्योति, दुधू। महिलाओं की ओर से कोचन गार्डन लगाने से घर परिवार स्वस्थ बन रहे हैं, साथ ही पर्यावरण संवर्धन में सहयोग मिल रहा है। यह विचार कंसुमर यूनिटी एंड ट्रस्ट सोसायटी जयपुर के सहयोग से कोटा में किया जा रहा है।



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एफओपीएल के महत्व पर परामर्श कार्यशाला का आयोजन

संदेश न्यूज़। कोटा।

नट्स इंटरनेशनल के सह निदेशक जेफरसन ने बताया कि एफओपीएल पर एक राज्य स्तरीय परामर्श कार्यशाला का आयोजन शान रोड स्थित होटल लिलेक किया गया। इस कार्यशाला में डॉ. जगदीश सोनी, नगर निगम की पूर्व महापौर डॉ.



कार्यशाला को संबोधित करते हुए कोटा व्यापार महासंघ के महासचिव अशोक माहेश्वरी ने कहा कि पैक फूड के व्यापारी उद्यमी फूड सामग्री गुणवत्ता का पूरा ध्यान रखें। साथ ही फूड एक्ट के नियम इतने कठोर होते हैं कि सैपल लेने के दौरान कभी-कभी एक के नियमों में सलीककरण हो ताकि फूड प्रोडक्ट के व्यवसाय में भी बढ़ोतरी हो सके। साथ ही सभी व्यवसायी फूड पैकिंग में शामिल होने वाले सामग्री की मात्रा की जानकारी सरल भाषा में लिखी जाए ताकि लेने वाले व्यक्ति को उस के बारे में पूरी जानकारी मिल

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