



Women promoting helpline number to deal with domestic violence

"We have launched an intensified awareness campaign involving going door-to-door to inform women about the helpline for violence against women. This helpline serves as a crucial resource for women who may be experiencing violence or abuse. By spreading the word about this valuable tool, we hope to empower women and provide them with the support they need to stay safe and secure," says Sakina, member, Women's Forum, village Chundari, Patan gram panchyat.

Women of Chundari village in Ajmer district of Rajasthan have taken up the responsibility of educating and informing women against violence. This, because despite the implementation of strict laws to protect women against crimes, many women still face violence, primarily due to the lack of knowledge on the available redressal mechanisms. They are often unaware of where and how to report incidents of violence.

The government has established various resource centres to provide justice to



women, such as the District Legal Services Authority, One Stop Sakhi Center, Women's Safety Center, and the State Women's Commission. However, these can only be effective if the women are aware of these facilities and have access to mechanisms.

To address this issue, a women's group, comprising women and adolescent girls, at the village level was set up to create a narrative around violence against women



and its prevention. This group has taken up the responsibility to educate every woman in the village about the legal framework and helplines established by the government. They are diligently going door-to-door in the village, and putting up informative posters outside each house. These posters contain vital information regarding all available services including helpline that can be utilized in the event of any violence against women.

This group hopes to empower women to seek help and support through the helpline in case of any violence against them or their female peers. It is a commendable effort by these women and girls to create a safer and more informed community.

Their efforts are commendable, as they are taking proactive steps to ensure the safety and well-being of all women in the community. By spreading awareness and providing resources, they are empowering women to take action and seek help when necessary. It is inspiring to see such



dedication and commitment towards creating a safer environment for all.

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