

Well of Success: 2013 Overview

1. Title: Integration of Plans by the Women's Rights Forum in the Rural Municipality

As planning methodologies become more advanced in the municipality and District Development Committees, numerous ethnic, caste, and communal groups proactively submit their specific demands and requirements, ensuring their integration into broader strategies. In alignment with these endeavors, the RCDSC Mahottari, endeavors to elevate women's participation in foundational seminars and combat violence against them. Women's Rights Forums, now active in five Municipality, continuously work towards the amalgamation of their strategies. Notably, the Women's Rights Forum in matihani municipality Simardahi of Mahottari district showcases commendable activity. The forum's members from Simri municipality have convened meetings to pinpoint challenges and articulate requisite solutions, resulting in well-defined plans. Subsequently, they have collaborated with local political representatives and district stakeholders to publicize their initiatives. The Women's Rights Forum has devised strategies with comprehensive accountability. The primary requirements are discerned and chosen for integration, as elucidated by the Forum's chairperson, Ms. Dharmashila Chaudhary. Addressing spatial limitations for discussions and operations, the establishment of an office for the Women's Rights Forum is underway. Provisions have also been made for women without adequate shelter, emphasizing their protection. Given the predominant reliance of women on water, proposals have been made for pipeline installations in regions devoid of potable water. The key proposals include:

- Erecting a dedicated structure for the Women's Rights Forum.

- Installation of 250 individual sanitation facilities.
- Implementation of 315 water supply pipelines.

Simriti's Women's Rights Forum: Strategic Overviews

The strategic frameworks put forth by Simriti's Women's Rights Forum have received unequivocal affirmation and commitment from the municipality Secretary and affiliated political representatives. Deliberations concerning the strategies persist among the Women's Rights Forum's constituents and associated stakeholders.

2. Title: Provisions for Female Entrepreneurial Ventures in the Rural Municipality

To bolster the growth of female micro-entrepreneurs, the District Small Enterprise Development Committee (DEDC) has been instituted at the district echelon, presided over by the local development officer. This committee encapsulates representatives from diverse government establishments, including the Animal Husbandry Office, Agriculture Office, Forest Office, Domestic Affairs Office, Women's Advocacy Office, Industrial and Commercial Association, Business Coalition, and the consortium of micro-entrepreneurs in Mahottari district. Cumulatively, the committee is constituted of 11 delegates. In a pivotal assembly convened on the 5th of the month in 2017, upon the budgetary revision proposition for female entrepreneurs by Ms. Fullodevi Pulakhan from DIMEGU, the committee endorsed the motion. This initiative underscores a surge in women's engagement and visibility across all organizational tiers, as women-led cohorts amplify their influence in both public and private sectors. The significance of a female delegate

proposing in a district conclave is paramount, and the motion was universally acclaimed.

3. Title: Optimization of Desiccated Ponds.

Agriculturalists from Matihani municipality, inclusive of Mr. Lalit and Mr. Mumihan, have synergized to capitalize on desiccated ponds and their adjacent areas. Historically desiccated ponds have been meticulously managed and repurposed for economic gains. The agrarian consortium, comprising 5 members, negotiated a lease agreement for the pond's utilization with the landowner. Subsequent to the consensus, these farmers have commenced pisciculture and agricultural practices in the pond's vicinity. Their collective annual revenue approximates two to three lakh, while individual profits range from 50 to 60 thousand post expenditure deductions. Mr. Lal Mandal, a member of the agrarian group, elucidated the profitability derived from these erstwhile neglected resources. Presently, the pond is leased for a duration of three years, with similar ventures being contemplated for analogous untapped resources. Mr. Raj Kumar Paswan from the Sau group accentuates the imperative of harnessing such resources.