

# RATRI CHAUPAL ON COVID 19 AWARENESS

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Traditionally, “Ratri Chaupal” refers to a large, open area outside a house where people, primarily men, congregate and converse after a long day at work. In the past, it served as the hub of village life, where gatherings were held. Barmer is located in one of the most challenging areas of western Rajasthan. The inhabitants are living across the clustered houses called "Dhani" in the desert rural areas. The reach and connectivity to such locations become challenges. The areas and villages that were located in far-flung, remote areas of the desert generally had issues with transportation.



The organization has chosen the Paraganiyon ki Dhani, Aadarsh Dhunda, Village Kawas for the Ratri Chaupal, which was scheduled to begin in the evening of 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The team from Dhara Sansthan made the villagers aware of the importance of vaccination. More than 200 villagers have connected with the program. The sarpanch named Sabai Ram Devasi, ASHA Mina Devi, and Principal of GSSS Mr. Jagdish Nama in a widespread campaign for this program. To inform the community about COVID-19 vaccination, the cultural team engaged in some activities like folk songs and Kalbeliya dance performed by the local artists. ANM Radha Devi vaccinated some of the villagers. The social worker, Mr. Arun Kumar, helped the organizations bring out the program successfully.



Lastly, the members of the Dhara Sansthan team also collected feedback from the villagers about the program, and the team received positive feedback from the community members. The villagers gave thanks to the organization for this kind of awareness program. In return, the Dhara Sansthan thanked the villagers for their support and cooperation.

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