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A grand Sakhi festival was organized at Jawar Stadium under the joint aegis of Zinc, Manjari Foundation and Sakhi Shakti Samiti. More than 1,000 women participated in this program with great enthusiasm. Udaipur MP Mannalal Rawat, the chief guest of the program, praised this initiative of Hindustan Zinc and said that it is not only limited to the mining industry, but is also a major source of employment and women empowerment. He called upon women to come forward to become self-reliant and increase their income. The Sakhi project has given the women of the region an opportunity to become selfreliant, which will also strengthen the society and the nation. From the morning itself, competitions like Matki breaking, tug of war, Kabaddi, Jalebi race and chair race were organized in the festival, in which women participated enthusiastically. After this, Bhajans and Kirtans and dances on Rajasthani songs were presented. This made the atmosphere joyous. Hindustan Zinc Jawar Mines IBU CEO Ram Murari said that women maintain harmony in family and workplace and if they become self-reliant, the society will become more prosperous. He said that continuous efforts are being made for the development of women through programs like Sakhi, Shiksha Sambal, Samadhan and Zinc Kaushal.

More than 25,000 women benefited

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Women got a platform for empowerment.

At the end of the program, certificates were given to 100 girls trained in unarmed guard and food service management. Along with this, the winners of sports competitions were also awarded. Women graced the program with folk dance and cultural presentations. This event proved to be an important step towards women empowerment. In which women not only participated but also pledged their participation in the development of society and the country.