

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Featuring Second Chance Education (SCE) programmatic highlights and updates in India for the month of June 2021.



What is Second Chance?

In 2018, UN Women initiated the development of the Second Chance Education and Vocational Learning (SCE) programme that would provide marginalized women who have lost out on an education with pathways to employment through a tailored learn-to-earn approach. The ongoing programme is aimed at empowerment of the most marginalized women who, owing to poverty and gender-based discrimination, have been denied access to opportunities at an early age.

The programme undertakes a holistic approach to empowerment using the pathways of learning, employment and entrepreneurship. The SCE programme enables and offers women opportunities to (1) re-enter into formal education, (2) undertake vocational education and (3) receive entrepreneurship training and skills and 4) potential employment. SCE offers a comprehensive solution by adopting a holistic approach, leveraging partnerships at all levels, using innovative pedagogies and finance to achieve its objective. SCE is being implemented in 12 districts across 4 states of India – Bihar, Maharashtra, Odisha and Rajasthan, covering 200 villages.

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Key Highlights

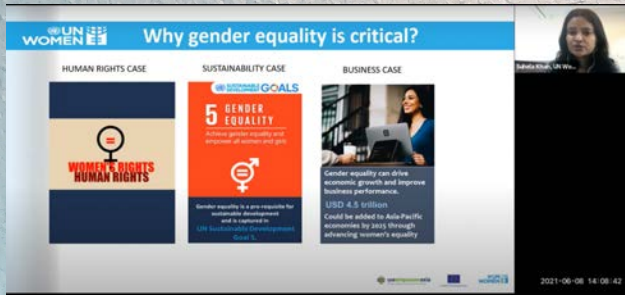


SCE Global Conference Series



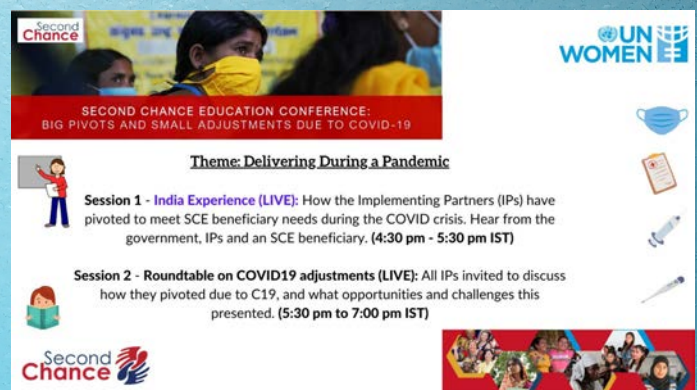
SCE Global Conference 1 - Sharing, Networking and Building the Evidence Base

- This space or platform was created for all SCE IPs (Second Chance Education - Implementing Partners) on a global scale i.e., across all six programme countries. This platform was created for IPs to showcase their work for two days, and to actively engage in opportunities for discussion (through live dialogue, live typed chat and asynchronous discussion forums). The intent behind hosting this conference is to foster relationships between global IPs in Jordan, India, Mexico, Chile, Cameroon, Nigeria and Australia.
- A session/discussion on India's experience with Women Empowerment Principles (WEPs) was held on day 2 of the conference. The speakers for this session were as follows - Ms. Kanta Singh, Country Programme Manager, Second Chance Education (SCE) India, Ms. Suhela Khan, Country Programme Manager, WeEmpower Asia (WEA) Programme India, and Mr. Yash Ranga, Stakeholder Engagement Partner, Jaipur Rugs Foundation.



SCE Global Conference 2 - Big Pivots and Small Adjustments due to COVID-19

- This second mini-conference brought together UN Women and SCE Implementing Partners in Mexico, Chile, India, Cameroon, Nigeria, Jordan and Australia to discuss the big pivots and little adjustments that were made to the Second Chance Education Programme due to COVID-19.
- On June 23rd, as part of the theme - 'Delivering during a Pandemic', the session focused on the India experience - i.e, the way in which the SCE IPs in India pivoted to meet beneficiary needs during the Covid-19 crisis.
- The Panellists for this session were as follows - Roji Begum, Assisting the on-duty nurse, Amrit Dhara Hospital, Haryana (India), Vedprakash Sharma, Technical Support Partner, B-Able India, SVS Anupama, Project Coordinator, Aaina NGO, K.L.Gupta, Regional Director, NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling) - Patna.





Key Highlights

Sphurthi Guest Speaker Series



Skill Development, Employment and Entrepreneurship Department, Government of Maharashtra

In Association with **UN WOMEN**

SPHURTI Initiative
Platform that will bring together best practitioners from skill development, vocational education, training, employment and entrepreneurship.

Session 2:
'Transforming ITI Education - Experiences from Odisha'

Schedule:
8th June 2021 at 12.00 pm

Mr. Subroto Bagchi
CHAIRMAN (OSDA)

Mr. Subroto Bagchi is Chairman of the Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA) aimed at creating employable skills for 15 million youth by 2024. The architect of the brand Skilled-in-Odisha, Mr. Bagchi has transformed ITIs in Odisha into vibrant and thriving institutions and counts among his achievements for OSDA - a partnership with Singapore Govt to train 215 ITI and polytechnic teachers, the upcoming launch World Skill Centre in Odisha and a gold medal for the state in the recently concluded World Skills Competition.

Mr. Bagchi will interact with SDEED functionaries from across the state including ITI principals


Sphurthi Guest Speaker Series Session 2: 'Transforming ITI Education - Experiences from Odisha'

“ Skilling should not only focus on empowerment but also human transformation. ”

ITIs (Industrial Training Institutes) as a brand have been under-leveraged, which is a serious and tragic waste of resources. World-class ITIs will contribute towards economic resilience.

- Mr. Subroto Bagchi, Chairman, Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA)

Second Chance



The Sphurthi Guest Speaker Series - is a platform that brings together best practitioners from skill development, vocational education, training, employment and entrepreneurship. This initiative has been launched by the Skill Development, Employment and Entrepreneurship Department, Government of Maharashtra, with the support of UN Women's SCE programme in India. Mr. Subroto Bagchi, Chairman, Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA) was the speaker for Session 2 of the Series. Mr. Bagchi, spoke at length on 'Transforming ITI Education - Experiences from Odisha'.



Webinar: Women in the Workplace

- The UN Women India and NHRDN (National HRD Network) held a joint webinar as part of the series - 'Dialogue on Increased Participation of Women in the Workplace: Women at Workplace promotes Inclusion and makes more Business Sense'.
- The webinar brought together diverse perspectives from panelists - Mr. P. Dwarkanath, Fomer Chairman, GSK Consumer Healthcare Ltd., Mr. Sudheesh Venkatesh, Chief Communications Officer and Managing Editor, Azim Premji Foundation, Ms. Seema Bangia, Chief People Officer and Member - Board of Directors - Mahindra Agri, Defence and Aerostructure sector, Mahindra & Mahindra and Mr. R. Anand, Principal Consultant and Advisor, HCL Tech.

NHRDN Second Chance UN WOMEN

DIALOGUE ON INCREASED PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN WORKPLACE

23rd JUNE
10.15 AM - 12.30 PM

P Dwarkanath
Former Chairman GSK Consumer Healthcare Ltd.

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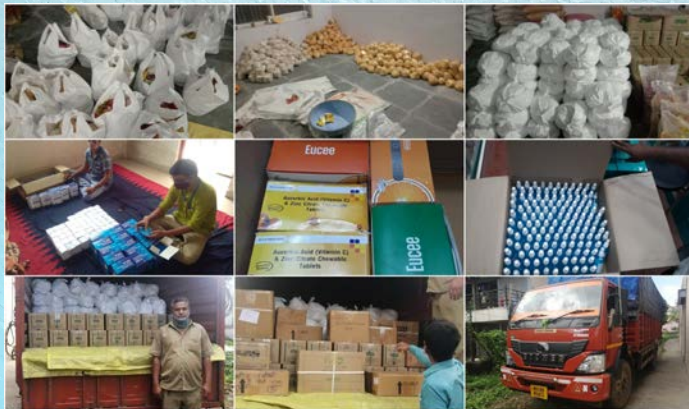
Webinar: Talk Show Series



Jatan Sansthan (a grassroots NGO working with the rural population of Rajsamand, Udaipur and Bhilwara), held a virtual talk show series. This talk show series featured - Nandita Das, Manjaree Pant, Kanta Singh and Deepthy Menon. Kanta Singh, Country Programme Manager, Second Chance Education (SCE) Programme India - deliberated on the issue of 'Women's Contribution to Economic Development', on 11th June. The talk show series covered a wide range of issues such as - gender discrimination and body positivity, the pandemic and institutions and women's issues - perspectives from Asia and the Pacific.



SCE Covid19 relief efforts



Listed below are some of the relief measures undertaken by UN Women's Second Chance Education (SCE) Programme in India, in the wake of the second wave. These response mechanisms and measures are a part of the SCE programme's initiative to mitigate communities against the C19 second wave.

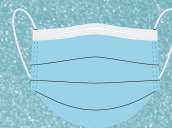
- 4000 medicine kits - distribution to persons who were Covid positive or with Covid-like symptoms.
- Distribution of 3050 dry ration kit packets for COVID infected patients.
- 931 oximeters - distribution to ASHA/ANM workers.
- 60 thermometers - distribution to ASHA/ANM workers.
- 455 face shields - distribution to ASHA/ANM workers



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Key Highlights



SCE Covid19 relief efforts

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- Block wise awareness drives on vehicles with sound system (or public address system) - key messages: vaccination, identification and management of symptoms.
- 821 masks - distribution to ASHA/ANM and cadres.
- 300 gloves - distribution to ASHA/ANM and cadres.
- 16 community cadres were supported through insurance.



Employment Training Activities

Women have participated in employment training and briefing sessions, in Gaya (Bihar), as part of UN Women's Second Chance Education and Vocational Learning (SCE) Programme. These training sessions have been facilitated by partner organizations PRADAN (Professional Assistance for Development Action) and B-ABLE (BASIX Academy for Building Lifelong Employability Ltd).



With support from partner organizations - PRADAN and B-ABLE, some of the SCE programme India candidates have started working at Sahana Clothing Private Ltd in Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu.

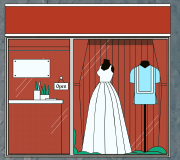


New Innings: skills based placement





Neetu's Story...



Neetu Kumari, hails from Pilkhi village of Muraul block in the district of Muzaffarpur (Bihar, India). Neetu was 30, at the time when her story was documented. She fondly reminisced her days at school, while narrating her story.

Neetu was married at a very early age i.e., even before she could complete high school or senior secondary education. There came a time when she eventually had to drop out. She has two children and household chores took up most of her time.

Her husband was a hired hand and earned somewhere between INR 300 to INR 350 a day. This was barely enough to meet the daily needs of the family and there was no end to their economic hardships. There were instances, when the family had to cut back on food supplies.

The implementation cycle for the Second Chance Education and Vocational Learning (SCE) Programme in Muzaffarpur district, began in 2019. During their initial assessment and other field activities, AKRSP (Aga Khan Rural Support Programme - India), identified Neetu Kumari as a potential beneficiary.

AKRSP is an Implementing Partner for UN Women's SCE programme in India. Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (India) provides direct support for the betterment of rural communities, promoting sustainable natural resource use and human resource development.

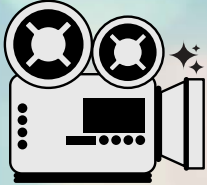
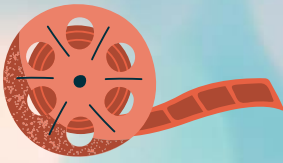
Neetu was an avid learner and got herself enrolled as a trainee, under the SCE programme. The skill development training component was particularly useful in her context. She was enrolled in one of the tailoring training cohorts.

After completing the training module, with support from SCE programme and AKRSP, she started her own enterprise. She started stitching clothes in order to generate income. During the pandemic, Neetu was also stitching masks and selling them in the local market. At this point, she was able to earn a monthly income of approximately INR 2500 to INR 2700 per month.

Neetu Kumari's story serves as an example of true grit and determination in the face of immense hardships. Her story also looks at the timely intervention that led her to tap into a specialized skill set in order to set up a small-scale enterprise.

Neetu has since continued with her endeavour to reach newer and greater heights. She is our #AgentofChange.

SCE Featured Film



In 2015, women's illiteracy remained stubbornly high at 477 million across the globe, falling just 1 per cent since 2000. By 2019, this number had reached 484,991,881 illiterate women in the world*.

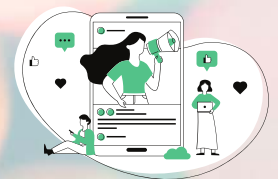
UN Women in partnership with BHP Foundation is seeking to break this trend by creating a global second chance model for women to fill the gaps in their education and link them to earning and leadership opportunities. The Second Chance Education and Vocational Learning programme gives hope to some of the world's most disadvantaged women – who have missed out on education and are at risk of being left behind. The programme is being piloted in Cameroon, Jordan, India, Mexico, Chile and Australia, directly benefitting 67,000 young women from indigenous, refugee, displaced and low-income groups. Through local organisations, the Second Chance programme gives women support that is tailored to their needs as learners and earners.

Click on the image above to watch the SCE global film showcasing a glimpse all six programme countries.

**Data in the first sentence has been sourced from - UNESCO Institute for Statistics (2019) UIS Database Available at: <http://data.uis.unesco.org>*



Social Media Outreach



Over 39k Impressions on Twitter with 700+ engagements and a reach of over 10k on Facebook, for the month of June 2021.

UN Women India @unwomenindia · Jun 21
Medicine kit, pulse oximeter, hand gloves, sanitizers, masks & head caps - distributed to PHC & frontline workers at Thakurganj Block (Bihar).
@UN_Women's @SCEprogram (Second Chance Education & Vocational Learning Programme) in India.
@PRADAN_India

UN Women India @unwomenindia · Jun 16
#AgentofChange: Anju Ser's Journey
The all women group enterprise from #Odisha
Training programmes for young women for careers in - banking & financial services, and much more. 1
The @UN_Women's @SCEprogram India Newsletter is here!
bit.ly/35sZyIW

UN Women India @unwomenindia · Jun 4
#ChetnaRath for #COVID19 & Vaccination Awareness' Campaign was flagged off recently by the Collectorate and District Magistrate of Ittorgarh, Zilla Pramukh, and CEO. The initiative is being supported by UN_Women @SCEprogram, @PRADAN_India and @manjari_org. (1/2)

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UN Women India @unwomenindia · Jun 4
is campaign will cover 43 villages. (2/2)
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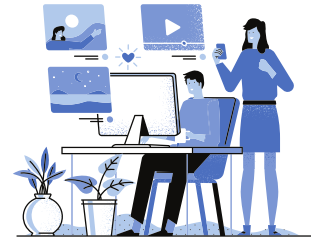
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