

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

*Featuring Second Chance Education (SCE) programmatic highlights and updates in India for the month of August 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

## Skill training

Women are seen completing their General Duty Assistant (GDA) training, at the DDU-GKY centre in Chittorgarh (Rajasthan). 45 candidates participated in the training programme. DDU-GKY stands for Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana - it is one of the initiatives by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, that seeks to promote rural livelihoods.



## Rural self-employment

This initiative is part of the collaboration between the Second Chance Education and Vocational Learning (SCE) Programme and the SBI-RSETI initiative (State Bank of India - Rural Self Employment Training Institutes). Through this collaboration, SCE programme India candidates will benefit from Skill India certification, SBI certification and loan facility.

## World Humanitarian Day

On the occasion of World Humanitarian Day, 19th August 2021 - UN Women India collaborated with UNHCR to produce some co-branded creatives for social media. One of the creatives featured Anju Salvi (from Rajasthan), Community Educator, with the Second Chance Education and Vocational Learning Programme in India. See image on the right.





# Key Highlights



## Sewing Machine Operator Training

Four women from Odisha left for Sahana Clothing pvt. Ltd. in Tiruppur (Tamil Nadu) for SMO (Sewing Machine Operator) training. This was facilitated by the SCE programme lead partner PRADAN (Professional Assistance for Development Action) and implementing partner Aaina NGO in Odisha.



## Pre-departure orientation

Pre-departure orientation sessions were held for 35 young women enrolled in various skill based programmes/courses such as nursing training, SMO (Sewing Machine Operator) and home nursing. This was facilitated by the SCE programme lead partner PRADAN (Professional Assistance for Development Action) and implementing partner Aaina NGO in Odisha.

## NIOS books

The Women Empowerment Hub (WEH) in Dhenkanal (Odisha) received books from NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling). More about the NIOS - in the forthcoming section on 'Partner in Focus'.





# Key Highlights

## Enterprise - tailoring



This is part of the 'skilling' vertical within the Second Chance Education and Vocational Learning (SCE) Programme in India. Groups of women in different parts of Nandurbar (Maharashtra) have been undergoing training in tailoring, in order to set up group or individual enterprise initiatives.



## The SCE Programme Brief

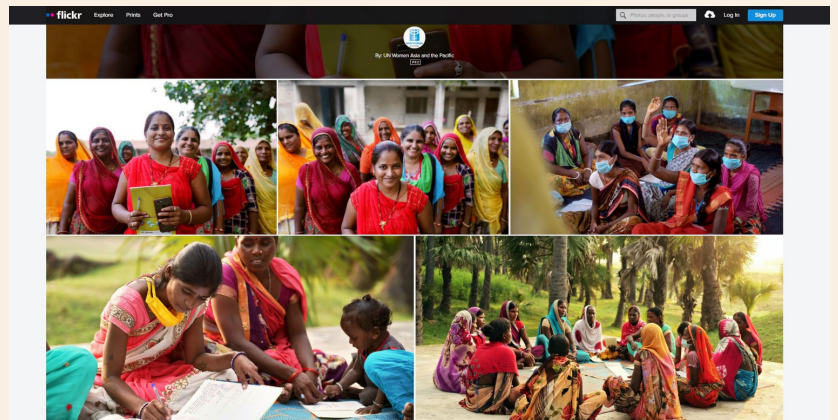
We have recently published - the brief for UN Women's Second Chance Education and Vocational Learning (SCE) programme in India, on our UN Women Asia and the Pacific (regional) website. This two-pager brief provides a concise overview of the programme in India, alongside highlighting some of the major programmatic impacts and results, thus far.

**Click the image/screenshot to the left, to read and download the full brief.**

## SCE India Flickr album

The first SCE India photo album on Flickr is also available via the UN Women Asia and the Pacific Flickr account.

**Click the image/screenshot on the right, to view some of the SCE photographs from the field.**





## Rashmi's Story...



Rashmi Ranjan, is a 21-year-old girl from Pilkhi Gajpati village of Muraul block, in the Muzaffarpur district (Bihar, India). After completing her senior year of high school i.e. Class 12th, she had to take up teaching at a coaching institute in order to finance her higher studies. She managed to put together all available resources at her disposal in order to complete her graduation. After this, she started looking for a job, in order to financially support her family.

UN Women's Second Chance Education and Vocational Learning (SCE) Programme in India (launched in 2019 in Muzaffarpur district), enabled her to find employment opportunities alongside attaining economic independence. She was selected as one of the beneficiaries under the programme. She visited Yuva Junction center in her village. The Yuva Junction center is an initiative by AKRSP to provide support to the youth in villages of India. The Aga Khan Rural Support Programme – India (AKRSP) is a consortium partner for the SCE programme in India.



She was enrolled in a three-month computer course (skill development training). After the skill training, she also received placement support. She received an offer from Dr. Reddy Foundation, in Tajpur (West Bengal, India). The job offered her a monthly salary of INR 10500/-. Her spirited effort and dedication alongside targeted programmatic interventions, enabled her to become financially independent and support her family.



## Partner in focus



## NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling)

**The National Institute of Open Schooling from India wins the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize 2021 for its programme 'Enabling education of persons with disabilities through technology enabled inclusive learning material, with specific focus on Indian Sign language based content'. Access the full article by clicking on the screenshot/image on the next page.**

The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Education in India, aiming to provide quality education to all through open and distance learning. It focuses on the educational needs of persons with disabilities, particularly deaf and hard-of-hearing learners, and other minority groups. It is the largest open schooling system in the world.

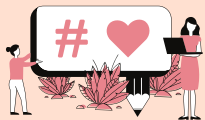


UN Women's Second Chance Education and Vocational Learning (SCE) Programme in India identified the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) as the partner for developing a pathway back to formal education for girls and women who have not completed their basic education.

Through a network of 54 community educators across the 12 programme districts, the Second Chance Education programme, has enrolled 3,648 women and girls in formal education. Out of this, 2,096 have successfully completed their Secondary and Higher Secondary, with the National Institute of Open Schooling or State Open Schooling System.



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## Social Media Outreach

**Over 70k Impressions on Twitter with 1000+ engagements and a reach of over 9k on Facebook, for the month of August 2021.**



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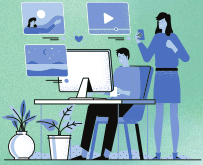


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