On August 7, 2020, Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, MoHUA launched the Letter of Recommendation (LoR) module under PM SVANidhi. This initiative will provide access to street vendors, who don’t have Certificate of Vending or Identity Card, to avail benefits of the scheme. With the help of module, the eligible vendors can now request for a LoR from ULB & on its receipt, he/she can apply for the loan.

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SPECIAL PROGRAM ON DD NATIONAL
On August 13, 2020, DD National telecasted a special program-Sapna Hua Sakar on initiatives of MoHUA under AatmaNirbhar Bharat covering the newly launched PM SVANidhi scheme, Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHCs) scheme, the extension of Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) for MIG & Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act.

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CM REVIEWED PM SVANIDHI
Hon’ble Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Pema Khandu, reviewed implementation of PM SVANidhi in the state. Discussions were held with senior officials and bankers with the objective to provide hassle-free loan to the eligible vendors to restart their business.

PM SVANIDHI LAUNCHED IN ASSAM
On August 1, 2020, Hon’ble Minister, Urban Development, Sri Pijush Hazarika launched PM SVANidhi scheme in Assam in presence of Hon’ble MP Sri Pradhan Baruah, MLA Sri Bhurban Pegu, DC, Dhemaji, and State Mission Director (DAY-NULM). On the occasion, the ceremonial distribution of Revolving Fund amounting to Rs. 2.50 lakh was also made to five Area Level Federations of Silapather ULB.

REVIEW OF STATES
On July 10, 2020, a meeting through Video-Conference with the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana was held, under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjay Kumar, Joint Secretary (NULM), MoHUA. The States were advised to improve the performance in selected ULBs to be saturated by September 2020 under PM SVANidhi, engage digital payment aggregators and constitute Grievance Redressal Committees under Street Vendors Act.

VISIT OF CS TO STREET VENDORS
On August 6, 2020, Chief Secretary, Telangana Shri Somesh Kumar along with Principal Secretary, MA&UD, Shri Arvind Kumar, Mission Director, MEPMA Dr.N. Satyanarayana, & Municipal Commissioner GHMC Shri Lokesh Kumar D.S. visited Rythu Bazar and Market area at Mehdipatnam in Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation and interacted with the street vendors regarding PM SVANidhi.

SHGS TIED RAKHIS TO TREES
SHG women, in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, celebrated the festival of Raksha Bandhan by SHGs tied Rakhis to trees to create awareness on 'Save Environment'. The women also took a pledge to protect the trees.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED
74th Independence Day was celebrated in the Shelters for Urban Homeless across the country following the COVID 19 precautionary norms. Shelter inmates celebrated by hoisting the national flag, followed by singing the national anthem, paid tributes to freedom fighters who laid down their lives for the independence of the country.

CERTIFICATE OF VENDING & IDENTITY CARDS DISTRIBUTED
Over 7,600 Certificates of Vending (CoVs) and 3,280 Smart Identity Cards (IDs) were distributed to Street Vendors in the ULBs of Radaur, Faridabad, Rewari, Loharu, Naraingarh, Ambala, and Bhiwani of Haryana. State has chalked out a plan to provide CoVs and Ids to all the eligible vendors by September 2020.
In a very confident voice, Md Abdul Gaffar, a street vendor in Ramgarh, Jharkhand says, “Pehle Bank wale hume koi value nahi dete thae, lekin ab PM SVANidhi Yojna se hamari mazbooti ho rehi hai.” Md Abdul Gaffar has been selling artificial jewellery and cosmetics as a roadside vendor in Ramgarh, Jharkhand. The beautiful and colourful jewellery and cosmetics at his stall has been a world of joy for buyers for almost ten years. He had been earning approximately Rs. 800/- day with the help of which he was supporting his family. But his joy and regular source of income were all lost due to COVID pandemic lockdown. His trouble was further compounded when there was a sudden fire outbreak in their market place, which left him with almost no means of livelihood. It was at this time, he got to know about PM SVANidhi scheme through a newspaper advertisement and he approached the municipality office without losing much time. He applied and availed loan at Rs. 10,000/- from Canara Bank on July 28, 2020. He has also been provided with UPI number for conducting digital transactions. He has now restarted his business. There is sense of hope in his eyes and he is looking forward to increasing the scale of his business with time.