To review the progress of interest subvention, on December 18, 2018, a Video-Conference was held under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (NULM), with the States/UTs and banks on-boarded on the PAISA portal. The states were impressed upon the requirement to ensure updating SEP data in MIS regularly and also for on-boarding early the remaining ULBs on the portal.

Training on PAISA portal

A training programme, through VC, on PAISA portal was organised, for the benefit of states of Tripura and Goa, on December 21, 2018. The programme aimed at sensitizing the participants about various features of the Portal, including the roles & responsibilities of various stakeholders.

Funds released (During the fortnight)

Rs.3.66 Cr. released to Arunachal Pradesh

Shelter home inaugurated

Bihar: On December 22, 2018, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Laln Singh), Hon’ble Minister, Water Resources and Planning Development, and Shri Vijay Kumar Sinha, Hon’ble Minister, Department of Labour Resources of the State of Bihar jointly inaugurated a newly constructed shelter for urban homeless in Lakhisarai. The 50 bedded shelter is equipped with provision(s) of food, drinking water, toilets and other facilities.

Chandigarh: Addressing the livelihood concerns of street vendors, the Union Territory of Chandigarh has started allotment of vending sites to them. In the first phase, 1,270 registered street vendors have been allotted sites measuring 5x7 sq. ft. dimension in 48 vending zones of 41 different sectors and areas in Chandigarh. Other registered street vendors are also proposed to be allotted sites in a phased manner after completion of the necessary formalities.

Andhra Pradesh: 135 SHGs of MEPMA, participated in a regional SARAS Mela 2018 held at Visakhapatnam. In the Mela, they exhibited 180 product items such as textiles, handicrafts, handicrafts, food products, kalamkari products, kondapalli toys, photo frames, imitation jewellery etc.

Karnataka: Seven SHGs of Kamataka participated in India International Mega Trade Fair held at Kolkata from December 14-25, 2018. During the exhibition, the SHGs showcased their products like jewellery, cotton bags, woollen dress, food products, copper utensils and home decor items.

Arunachal Pradesh: A workshop was conducted by DUDA on December 15, 2018 at Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh, where around 80 street vendors participated. Besides providing awareness on rights of street vendors, role & responsibilities of Town Vending Committees they were also provided training on cooking, food safety, personal hygiene, cleaning, pest control, waste disposal and entrepreneurship etc.

Maharashtra: Mira-Bhayandar Municipal Corporation of Maharashtra had organised a job fair on December 17, 2018 wherein around 532 trained candidates, trained under Skill India Mission, participated. 20 companies from various sectors also participated. A total of 126 candidates were provided job placement/offers in sectors like automobile, retail, banking, sales & marketing. The selected candidates were offered packages ranging from of Rs. 10,000 to 14,000 per month.

Bihar: In a bid to make the city plastic free, an awareness drive was conducted by Self Help Groups & Street vendors at Bhagalpur, Bihar. During the drive, around 300 members of SHGs & 100 street vendors participated in a rally organised on December 14, 2018 for spreading the message of ill effects of plastics, and sensitising the public on using eco-friendly products as an alternative.

Maharashtra: The Latur Municipal Corporation organized a Mahila Mela on December 22, 2018. In the event, the revolving fund amounting to Rs. 22,10 Lakh was disbursed among 221 Self Help Groups. Further, under the SEP component, the bank linkages amounting to Rs. 201.31 Lakh were provided to 149 SHGs and loans disbursed to 40 individual beneficiaries for purchase of auto rickshaws.

Shelter on Wheels

To reduce the incidence of winter deaths of homeless persons, the Bharuch Nagarpalika and Gujarat State Road & Transport Corporation started ‘Shelter on Wheels’ as a special initiative to aid the homeless people in the city. Two discarded buses were renovated and turned into a comfortable accommodation for homeless people. The ‘Shelter on Wheels’ has beds & blankets, lights, water facilities, CCTV cameras, fans etc for the safety and comfort of homeless people.