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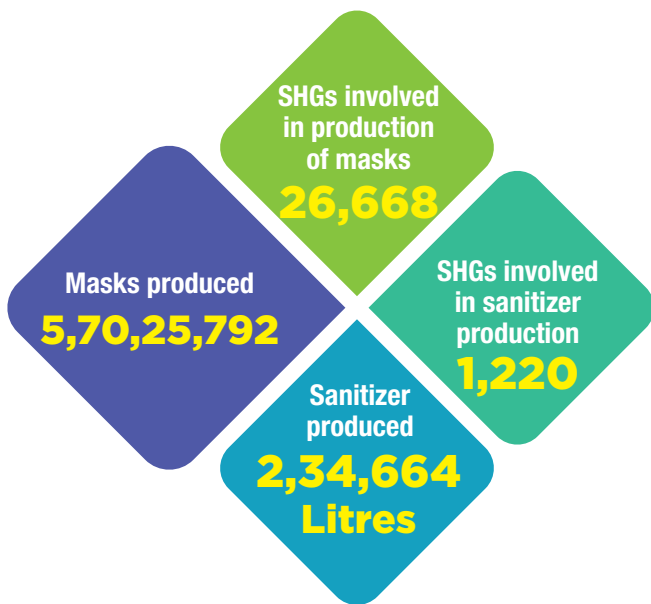
Progress since 2014-15 till June 30, 2020



Funds Released

West Bengal: **₹34.30 crore**

Initiatives of SHGs in response to Covid 19



MOU SIGNED WITH SIDBI

On June 19, 2020, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed, by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs with SIDBI, in the presence of Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs. As per MoU, SIDBI has been engaged as the implementation partner for PM SVANidhi – PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi. SIDBI shall prepare an integrated IT platform for the scheme. Leveraging on the digital technology, the Portal will provide for contactless end-to-end solution for users to avail benefits under the scheme in a time bound and transparent manner.

PM SVANIDHI PORTAL LAUNCHED

On June 29, 2020, Shri. Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the beta version of PM SVANidhi portal in the presence of officials from States/UTs, Banks, MFIs, Digital Payment Aggregators and other stakeholders. The launch was done through video conference. The portal will enable the street vendors to avail contactless loan sanctions for their working capital needs.





SCHEMES NOTIFIED

Towards implementation of the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014, the states of Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Puducherry have notified their respective Schemes under the Act. The eligible street vendors in these states/UTs will now be able to avail benefits under PM SVANidhi.

AWARENESS CREATED FOR TVC MEMBERS ON PM SVANIDHI

In a bid to aid street vendors in resuming their livelihoods, affected due to COVID-19 lockdown, MoHUA has launched PM SVANidhi - a special micro-credit facility scheme. During the second fortnight of June, 2020, Town Vending Committee meetings were organized in 110 ULBs of Andhra Pradesh to create awareness among the street vendors about the scheme benefits and its implementation aspects.



ID CARDS DISTRIBUTED

To ensure safe, secure, and undisturbed vending by urban street vendors, 752 registered vendors were provided smart Identity cards in Rayadurg and Parvathipuram ULBs of Andhra Pradesh on June 26, 2020. The street vendors were sensitised about PM SVANidhi under which the eligible vendors can avail working loan up to Rs. 10,000/-.

SHGS STICH AND SELL MASKS WORTH RS. 5 LAKH

Amid outbreak of COVID-19, there has been a surge in demand for face masks among the public at large. Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand undertook preparation of face masks and have supplied more than 25,000 masks to the frontline workers, Govt. officials & public in the last few weeks. Under the aegis of DAY-NULM and the Rudraprayag Municipality, 39 women SHG members of 6 SHGs have sold masks worth Rs 5 lakh so far.



CII DONATES BLANKETS FOR SHELTERS

During the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure maintenance of personal cleanliness and hygiene among residents of Shelter for Urban Homeless, IKEA, in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) donated 2,500 blankets, 756 towels, and 630 bedsheets for 33 shelters in Telangana.

HEALTH CAMPS ORGANISED

On June 26, 2020, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Karnataka organized Health Check-up Camps for shelter residents. A total of 106 residents of 4 shelters underwent health screenings for COVID-19 symptoms. Residents were informed and assisted for downloading of Aarogya Setu App. They were also sensitised on using masks and advantages of adhering to social distancing norms.



RESCUED AND REHABILITATED: STORY OF PUJA SINGH

About a year and a half ago, Puja Singh was rescued along with her 2 months old baby and accommodated in a Shelter for Urban Homeless run by *Odisha Patita Udhara Samiti*, Bhubaneswar. Under care of the Shelter, Puja underwent the door-mat and broom making training organised by the Shelter Management Agency. The training has enabled her earning her livelihood as she has got a job in a nearby factory. Being able to pay for her accommodation expenses she, with her baby, has recently shifted to a rented house.