# Fortnightly Newsletter

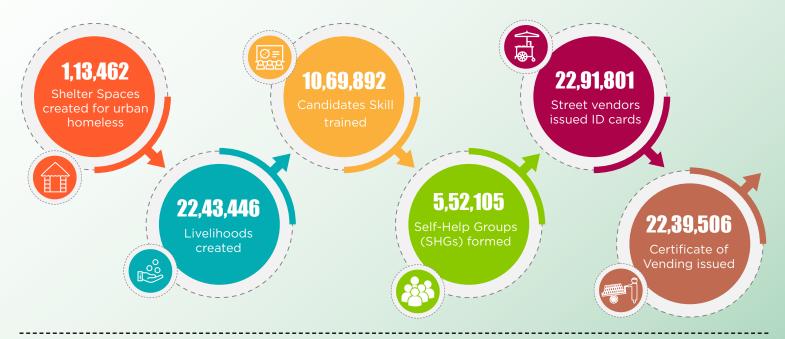


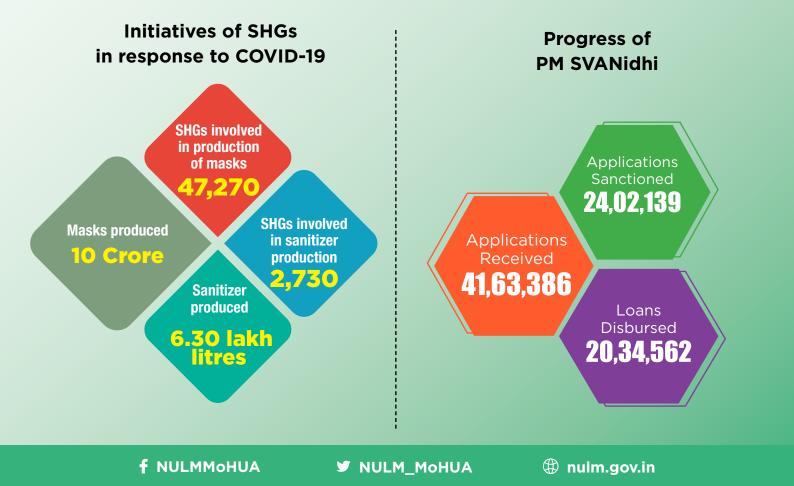




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## Updated progress till April 30, 2021







#### PROGRESS OF ONBOARDING OF ULBS ON PFMS EAT MODULE REVIEWED

On April 30, 2021, Shri. Niraj Kumar, Director, NULM, MoHUA reviewed (through video conference) the progress of onboarding of Urban Local Bodies on PFMS EAT Module. States/UTs which were yet to complete this requirement were advised to expedite onboarding of ULBs and create provisions for mapping of the scheme, registration of the agency, registration of vendors etc.

#### FREE FOOD TO HOMELESS IN SHELTERS

In a bid to help the homeless people to cope with the distress situation during the COVID-19 linked lockdowns in various parts of the country, the homeless residing in the Shelters for Urban Homeless are being provided with free food, face masks and sanitizers. Also, special sanitization/ disinfection drives are being undertaken in NULM Shelters for maintaining hygiene and to prevent spread of infection.



### SUDA, ODISHA ORGANISES TRAINING ON PFMS

On April 29 & 30, 2021, the State Urban Development Agency, Odisha organized training sessions (through video conference) on Public Financial Management System (PFMS) for functionaries from 114 Urban Local Bodies, City Mission Managers and Accountants. During the training, the Resource Persons explained details of Expenditure, Advance, and Transfer (EAT) modules. Intense deliberations were held on aspects of creation of provisions for entry/registration of vendors, approvers, mapping of scheme/agency, etc. A total of 228 participants attended the training (in four batches).



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#### HEALTHCARE SKILL TRAINED YOUTH ENGAGED TO ASSIST HEALTH WORKERS

A total of 20 candidates trained in General Duty Assistants course in the Healthcare sector under Employment through Skill Training & Placement (ESTP) component of the Mission were engaged, to assist the health workers in providing medical care to the COVID-19 infected people in the District Hospitals of Khargone, Indore and Burhanpur district in Madhya Pradesh. In FY 2020-21, so far, a total of 87 candidates have been engaged to assist the health workers.



#### HEALTH SCREENING CAMPS ORGANISED AT SUHS

Health screening camps were organised at nine Shelters for Urban Homeless at Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Karnataka. Doctors from Govt. hospital and Urban Primary Health Centers, Bangalore undertook general body check-up and thermal screening of residents, and distributed immunity-booster medicines. Residents were sensitised on COVID protocols covering use of masks, maintenance of social distancing, regular hand washing, maintenance of personal hygiene, etc. Over 200 shelter residents underwent health check-up in the camp and 6 residents with Covid 19 symptoms were referred to the COVID hospital.



#### SHG WOMEN LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID 19

In Tamil Nadu, over 2.75 lakh Self Help Group members and Community Resource Persons joined the effort to contain the effect of second wave of COVID-19 in 38 districts. As part of this effort, SHGs undertook a number of initiatives which included, holding of gate meetings to create awareness in slums and gated communities on COVID-19 precaution measures to be followed including practicing of social distancing, undertaking active surveillance of people residing in that area as part of containment plan, identifying suspected cases and guiding them for quarantine requirement, mobilizing SHG family members and citizens for vaccination.



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#### DELIVERY OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES BY SELF HELP GROUPS

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic linked lockdowns and restrictions prevailing in the district of Pali, Rajasthan, a novel initiative in the name of Gulmohar Mart has been started by women SHG members of Pratigya Urban Cooperative Society formed under National Urban Livelihood Mission. This online grocery store, on dial, ensures delivery of essential items such as grocery, vegetables, etc at the door-step of people. This initiative adheres to no-contact delivery, obeying safety and hygiene measures, and undertaking digital payments while delivering goods.

#### TOWARDS WOMEN EMPOWERMENT: SUCCESS STORY OF PRATTASHA ALF

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Women members of Prattasha Area Level Federation (ALF) of Dharmanagar Municipal Council, Tripura set an example of ensuring sustainability by engaging in productive incomegenerating activity. A total of 22 members of this federation who are trained in tailoring, undertook to stitching cotton masks and selling the same in open market to the public. Facing a surge in demand for face masks during the outbreak of second wave of COVID-19, Prattasha ALF received an order for making 5,000 pieces of multi-layer cotton masks from the ULB. This initiative will help in augmenting their income and ensuring its sustainability during this distress time.



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