

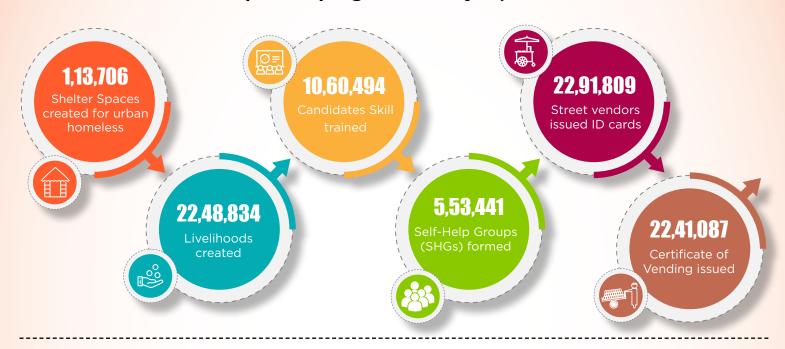




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SHGS TO BE ENGAGED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

On May 3, 2021, Shri. Niraj Kumar, Director, NULM, MoHUA held a meeting (through video conference) with States/UTs on the role of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic. States/UTs were impressed to leverage the services of SHG network in creating awareness and disseminating the message on importance of preventive measures such as wearing face mask, regular washing of hands with soap or sanitizing, maintaining social distance, etc., which are extremely critical in containing spread of the disease and in complementing the efforts of the medical staff.





COVID 19 VACCINATION FOR RESIDENTS OF SUHS

MoHUA issued advisories to States/UTs for provisioning COVID 19 vaccination for residents of Shelters for Urban Homeless including those without prescribed photo identity cards. The homeless persons form part of the most vulnerable sections of the society and the effort has been to facilitate vaccination of this segment on priority in coordination with Health Department of the State/UT.

PBMC ORGANISES SPECIAL VACCINATION CAMP

Port Blair Municipal Council (PBMC) in Andaman and Nicobar Islands organized a special vaccination camp for DAY-NULM SHGs and their family members on May 1-3, 2021. During the event, the participants were also sensitised regarding COVID Appropriate Behaviour. Over 60 persons were vaccinated during the special camp.





VIRTUAL MEET ON SHG'S ROLE IN CONTAINMENT OF **SPREAD OF COVID 19**

On May 5, 2021, an orientation meet (virtual) on SHG's role in containment of spread of COVID-19 was organised by the Directorate of Municipal Administration, SMMU, Jharkhand in collaboration with Health Department of Govt. of Jharkhand. During the meet, discussions were held on the importance of COVID vaccination, use of SHG network for creating awareness and mobilization of citizens for vaccination, encouraging livelihoods of SHGs by procuring face masks, sanitizer, PPE kits, etc., vaccination of SHG members and their family members. This was organised in collaboration with the District Health Officers and the Aryogya Mahila Samiti. Over 100 participants including City Mission Managers, Community Organisers and Community Resource Persons of various ULBs participated in the meeting.

SHG WOMEN RUNNING KITCHEN IN CHITTORGARH

Members of Muskan and Neha SHGs of Chittorgarh ULB of Rajasthan have emerged as foot soldiers in response to the second wave of COVID pandemic in the city. SHG members are preparing hygienic food for COVID-19 positive patients as well medical staff. Food is being prepared for over 200 persons every day and the packets are being sent to them through various COVID Care Centres.





AWARENESS GENERATION ON DAY NULM THROUGH WALL PAINTINGS

Tripura Urban Livelihood Mission (TULM) has undertaken an initiative to create awareness among the public on the benefits of DAY-NULM scheme, through wall paintings on the walls of government buildings in various Urban Local Bodies (ULBs). A good number of art college students/artists are getting an opportunity to display their creativity in this drive in 20 ULBs of the state. Walls are painted with messages on importance of SHGs, livelihoods creating through bank-linkage and skill training, facilities in shelter for urban homeless, etc. This kind of IEC activity is not only creating awareness about the scheme but also beautifies the streetscape in the cities.

SHG WOMEN LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID 19

To break the chain of second wave of COVID-19 pandemic. Rourkela Municipal Corporation (RMC), Odisha has roped in SHG women as Covid monitors both in slum & non-slum areas of the city. A total of 32 women SHG members are engaged in door-to-door, surveillance equipped with infrared thermometers and digital pulse oximeters, to survey health of households. During the survey, persons with COVID-19 symptoms are advised to go for COVID test at the nearest testing centre.





SHELTERS FOR URBAN HOMELESS SANITIZED

A total 35 shelters for urban homeless were sanitised as a preventive measure against COVID-19 spread in West Bengal. On daily basis, the staff of shelter management agencies are monitoring temperature and oxygen level of residents in the shelters. The residents are also sensitized on preventive measures like maintenance of social distancing, maintaining hygiene, wearing face masks, use of sanitizers and frequently hand wash with soaps, etc.