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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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What is Second Chance?

In 2018, UN Women initiated the development of the Second Chance Education and Vocational Learning (SCE) programme that would provide marginalized women who have lost out on an education with pathways to employment through a tailored learn-to-earn approach. The ongoing programme is aimed at empowerment of the most marginalized women who, owing to poverty and gender-based discrimination, have been denied access to opportunities at an early age.

The programme undertakes a holistic approach to empowerment using the pathways of learning, employment and entrepreneurship. The SCE programme enables and offers women opportunities to (1) re-enter into formal education, (2) undertake vocational education and (3) receive entrepreneurship training and skills and (4) potential employment. SCE offers a comprehensive solution by adopting a holistic approach, leveraging partnerships at all levels, using innovative pedagogies and finance to achieve its objective. SCE is being implemented in 12 districts across 4 states of India – Bihar, Maharashtra, Odisha and Rajasthan, covering 200 villages.

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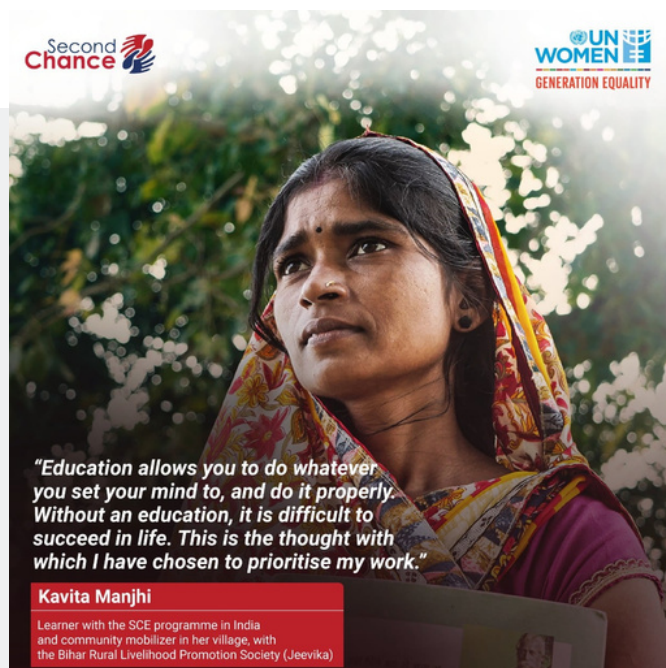
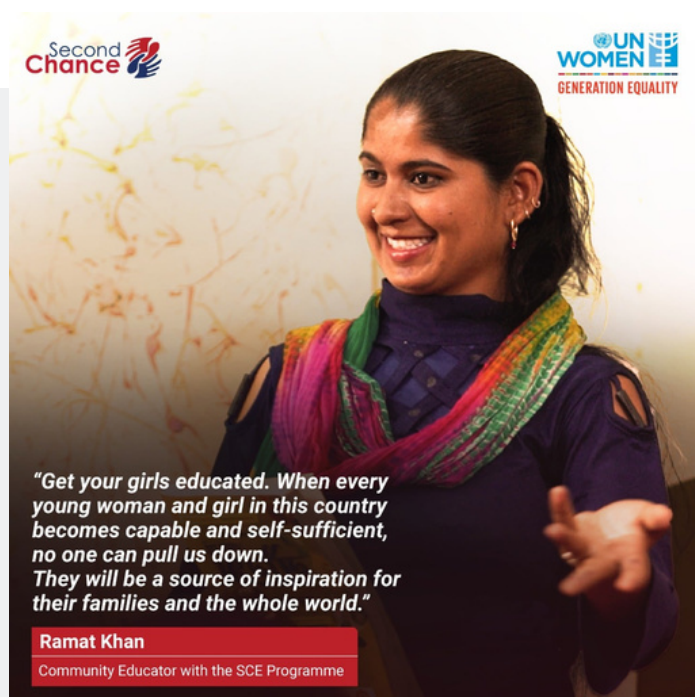
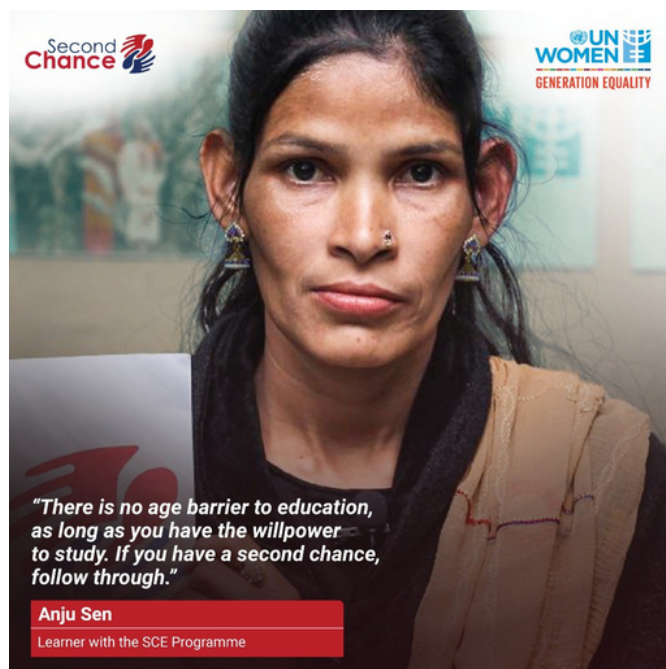
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KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

International Day of Education, 2022

#BetiBachaoBetiPadhao (Save the Girl Child, Educate the Girl Child) is a campaign initiated by the Government of India that aims to generate awareness and improve the efficiency of welfare services intended for girls. This flagship scheme was launched in 2015, to empower girls through education. Education, whether attained when young or old, is the stepping stone to empowerment. For gender equality to become a reality, it is crucial for women and girls of India to be educated. In the days leading up to the International Day of Education (24th January, 2022), UN Women's SCE programme in India, highlighted this campaign by bringing to the forefront three inspiring stories about our #AgentsofChange. **Click on each of the images/infographics to learn more about their respective journeys.**





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Enterprise Development

A six day residential training in enterprise development with SBI-RSETI (State Bank Of India - Rural Self Employment Training Institutes), was organized for SCE programme candidates, in Nandurbar, Maharashtra.



SCE Learners

Learners with the Second Chance Education and Vocational Learning (SCE) Programme in Gaya (Bihar), received their 10th grade/standard (senior secondary school) examination certificates. It was a moment of joy for the candidates.



Congratulations!



Tailoring batches

Batch wise assessments for tailoring classes were conducted for SCE candidates in Nandurbar (Maharashtra), with assistance and facilitation by Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS).



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Mobilisation

New SCE participants/candidates have been mobilized in Gaya (Bihar). In-person classes and study groups have also resumed.



Skill based training programmes

14 SCE candidates joined the DDU-GKY (Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana) training centre in Rayagada, Odisha. 12 women joined the Vigyan Bharati Charitable Trust Skill Development Cell, for nursing or GDA (General Duty Assistant) training and 2 women joined Sahana Clothing pvt. Ltd. in Tamil Nadu and Odisha respectively, for tailoring and textile designs.





NARRATIVE: GETTING TO KNOW LIPI SINGH



Lipi Singh, hails from the Dhenkanal district of Odisha (India). They are a family of eight i.e., seven siblings and their father. Her mother had passed away when Lipi was a young child. Lipi's dream to study, earn and support her family came to a standstill because of her family's economic condition.

Her father being the sole earning member of the family found it difficult to provide for all of them. He also had to gather all available resources to ensure that two of Lipi's sisters were able to get married. Over a period of time, Lipi's lack of educational qualification had become a barrier that prevented her from realising her dreams.

Lipi saw a ray of hope when a 'Sarathi' (mentor/guide) from UN Women's Second Chance Education and Vocational Learning (SCE) programme got her enrolled for the Sewing Machine Operator (SMO) training at Sahana Clothing, in Khurda (Odisha). While being trained as a sewing machine operator, Lipi also learned computer skills and personality development at the training centre.

Lipi completed the training successfully with her dedication and hard work and is now earning around INR 11,300 per month, working at Sahana Clothing, in Tirupur, Tamil Nadu. Initially, Lipi felt homesick and she had trouble understanding the local language. However, over a period of time, the SCE programme team regularly called her, to keep her motivated and helped her adjust to and navigate, her new environment. Soon she made new friends as there are many young women from Odisha working in Tirupur. Previously, Lipi was under the assumption that she might have been the only one facing financial hardships. She soon realized that there were many others like her, who had similar stories, and ultimately had their second chance at a better future.

Sahana Clothing provides Lipi and many others, with food and accommodation within the campus, with 24 hours security. She feels comfortable and safe and has now completely adapted to the new environment. She is also learning new skills in stitching. It is indeed a proud moment for Lipi's father, given that his daughter has become both financially independent and is also supporting her family. Lipi is very grateful to Sahana Clothing, AAINA, B-ABLE (BASIX Academy for Building Lifelong Employability Ltd), PRADAN (Professional Assistance for Development Action) and UN Women for supporting her, in the journey towards fulfilling her dreams.



SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH



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