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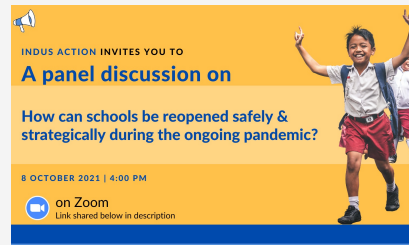
This past month, we've been working extensively on our [PoWER \(Portfolio of welfare entitlements and rights\) project](#) with the aim of ensuring vulnerable families have sustained access to their legislated rights. **See our team at work!**



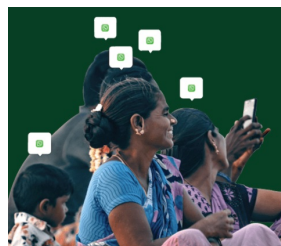
As part of the [Sewapuri Vikas Abhiyaan](#), we conducted **10,300 household surveys** to understand the reach of welfare rights for the eligible population in Uttar Pradesh. Based on the results, we have defined our next goal, which is **“Linking 2500 beneficiaries with eligible schemes by March 2022.”**



In other news, an upcoming and exciting new update is our upcoming panel discussion on **“How can schools be reopened safely and strategically during the ongoing pandemic?”** Join us on **October 8th, at 4 pm**, to hear the thoughts of esteemed guests working towards transforming the Indian education system. Bookmark this [zoom link to join!](#)



Blog Update: Reimagining Training for Frontline Workers



Anganwadi workers play a very crucial role in society. We were fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with the Women and Child Department (WCD) to conduct training of over 2000 Anganwadi workers across 5 districts and 30 Project areas in Delhi. [Read about how we leveraged Glific - an open-source, two-way communication platform](#) for NGOs, to chat and uplift lakhs of lives at the same time.

Welfare during the Pandemic

A big win for the Right To Education! After the [Assam High Court nudged the state government, Assam is swiftly moving towards the implementation of RTE](#) across state schools. **RTE ensures that 25% of**

seats in private schools are reserved for children from socially and economically disadvantaged classes. More needs to be done to ensure hassle-free admissions.

The West Bengal state government is making big leaps in ensuring welfare for women. Last month they launched '[Lakshmi Bhandar](#)', giving women up to **Rs. 1000 per month**. The **government has allocated Rs 2.5 crore** for the first lot of this income support scheme.

Policy and its impact

In the 1st week of September, we **celebrated the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) Saptah** by **creating awareness about the [PMMVY CAS portal](#) and [helpline 7998799804](#)**.

We also [supported Dr. Amar Patnaik's call to Hon'ble Smriti Irani](#), Minister of the Department of Women and Child Development, where he highlighted the **issues regarding the implementation of the PMMVY scheme**.

September is also observed each year as the **Poshan Maah**, as part of the Government's efforts to achieve nutrition-related targets. However, despite multiple schemes under the POSHAN Abhiyaan, [India is missing its nutritional goals](#).

Our work with partners is aimed at bridging this gap and working towards **improving maternal and child health through schemes like PMMVY**. Here's a heartwarming story of one of our beneficiaries!



Jyoti Vishvkarma lives with her husband Manoj in Lalitpur. The couple was expecting a child, but due to financial constraints, they were worried about Jyoti and the child's health in these times. **Through timely intervention, Jyoti was able to avail her Right to Food through the PMMVY scheme for pregnant and lactating mothers. Under this, she received benefits to obtain nutritious food and ensure timely health check-ups by ASHA workers.** These benefits also helped cover Manoj's wage compensation, as he is the sole breadwinner of the family.

This is one of the many stories of impact created by our team with the support of [Indus Action](#). Together, we aim to enable more such families to have sustainable access to legislated rights.

Perspectives

In this world without walls, it is not ironic that a movement miles away can help us think differently. Read some of the interesting perspectives the Indus Action team has been reading.



[The pandemic has undone many years of educational progress.](#)



["Corporate Social Responsibility" is like music to our ears!](#)



[Merkel, has managed to set precedence for leaders across the globe.](#)

Join Samaaj 3.5%

We recently celebrated JALSA'21 - the graduation ceremony of **our first [Samaaj 3.5% cohort!](#)** We're proud of the community leaders we've nurtured, as they're ready for driving systemic and sustainable change across India!



We're looking for the next batch of changemakers to be a part of Samaaj 3.5%. Come, join us! To know more, [click here](#).

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