

# **USHA SILAI SCHOOL MONITORING PROJECT**



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**Association of Professional Social Workers &  
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**CHNADIGARH**

## **Introduction: about the Project:**

Usha International Ltd aims to work with the women in the villages and believes that helping women develop their inherent latent potentialities would bring about a holistic development for the society at large. In the last three years Usha International through their Silai School Program has reached out to remote villages across the country. This is a community based initiative with the aim of empowering village women to become entrepreneurs and teach sewing and stitching within the precincts of their homes. This programme is necessarily “inclusive” in character, thereby implying that the programme is implemented for the economically poor irrespective of caste, class, religion or creed.

As on February 2015, UIL in partnership with 48 NGO partners is running 10,185 Silai Schools (Classical- 3409, Satellite- 6776) in all the 29 States and 5 Union Territories of India. UIL has trained (in stitching, tailoring and repairing of machines) all these village women entrepreneurs, provided them a sewing machine, a syllabus and a Silai School signage and encouraged them to teach other community women the art of stitching and sewing. The trainings have been conducted in their vernacular language with the syllabus available in the same language. More than 36,000 learners have completed their course from Silai Schools and nearly 8000 learners continue to get sewing skills training every day from these schools. The schools are making a marked difference in the lives of the women. The women, on an average have started earning Rs. 3000/- per month, with the highest earning going up to Rs.18,000/- per month. This earning, though small, at the moment is working as a catalyst in building the self-confidence of women and raising her status within and outside the family. This financial income and increased self-worth is facilitating in creation of empowered change agents in the lives of these women.

Usha International Ltd has entrusted Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners for the monitoring project at Chandigarh.

**Objectives:**

- Usha Silai School is a community based initiative with the aim of empowering village women to become entrepreneurs and teach sewing and stitching within the precincts of their homes.
- Provide training to the selected women for seven days by a very experienced and skilful trainer from UIL. Helping them to improve and honed up their tailoring and stitching skills so that they develop confidence to train and teach other women from their village.
- To provide them sewing machine, a syllabus and a Silai School signage and encouraged them to teach other community women the art of stitching and sewing.
- Encourage them to start their own school and enrol the students for basic, refresher and advanced course and develop the self confidence by becoming financial independent.

**Implementation:**

In this project, 15 women from the various villages of the Chandigarh were identified and selected as per the requirement of the project. The training was kept in the Young Women Conference Association, Sector 11 Chandigarh. Sewing machines were installed in YWCA by Usha International Ltd. USHA also provided a trainer from the company for giving training to the women for seven days.

Women were taught about the drafting, ways of cutting, new designs of dresses, repairing and maintenance of machines.

After the completion of training, the trained women were asked to display the Usha Silai School Board outside their premises for publicity and spread the awareness about the school in the community.

- **Identification of beneficiaries**

The coordinator met the Panchayat members in the villages and briefed them about the USHA Silai School Programme. They were asked to suggest the name of the women from their village whom they considered to be eligible for the training as per the conditions prescribed by the agency.

### - **Project Area**

Seven Villages were selected for the project, which are as under:-

S. No	Name of Villages	No of Trainees
1.	Dhanas	1
2.	Khudda Lahora	2
3.	Naya Gaon	1
4.	Khuda Alisher	3
5.	Kansal	4
6.	Kaimbala	2
7.	Burail	1
8.	Sec- 45	1
	Total	15

### - **Outcome**

While interacting with the women after the training it is observed that running a Silai school has brought so many changes in their life. The training has helped in improving their skills and confidence now women folk from the village come to Silai School to inquire about the sewing training process and benefits of it. They were very proud because family members and villagers are giving importance to them. They were very convinced that the hard work will make their dream come true.

### - **Limitations**

There were many limitations in the programme but the key limitations was denial of beneficiaries to open Silai centers

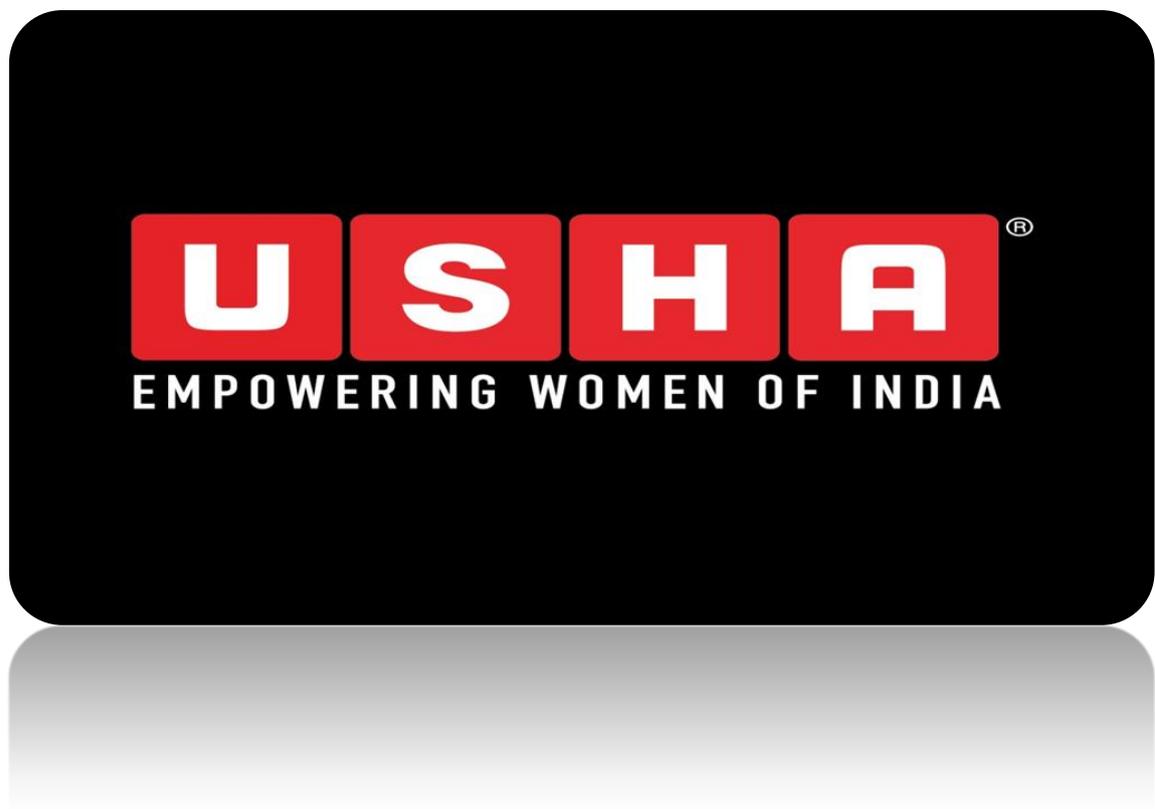
### **Conclusion**

The seven days training programme was very effective in creating awareness as well as skilling them. Women and the trainer put their best efforts to make the training period productive and successful.

After that women met the women folk of their respective villages and told them about the Silai School and encourage them to attend the school. About 8 schools have started functioning and the women's income has also increased.

## Financial Budget:

S. No.	Project Head/Expenditure	Amount (INR)
1.	Venue Bookings	7000.00
2.	Refreshment	22050.00
3.	Honorarium to Beneficiaries	10500.00
4.	Salary of Project Coordinators	78000.00
5.	Miscellaneous	2000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,19,550.00</b>



## Pictures



**Pictures: Women's undergoing training at YWCA Chandigarh**

**List of Beneficiaries:**

S. No.	Name of Beneficiary	Husband/Father	Address	Contact No
1	Seema Devi	Sh. Desh Raj	#61, Vill Khuda Ali Sher	8968556879
2	Reetu	Sh. Dev Kumar	#447, Vill Kaimbwala	9530661389
3	Manprit Kaur	Sh. Baksha Ram	#286 , Vill Kaimbwala	9646303481
4	Sharanjit Kaur	Sh Jatinder Singh	#62 , Vill Khuda Ali Sher	9855721575
5	Renu Katoch	Sh. Sumedh Chand	#754/9 ,Nayagaon	7508545632
6	Ruby Devi	Sh. Arvind Sharma	#1766 ,Vill Dhanas	9501520960
7	Sunita Garg	Sh. Sushil Kumar	#452 ,Sector 45 A	9041370674
8	Anu Prasher	Sh. Naresh Kumar	#2136 , Vill Kansal ,Block 1	9056114417
9	Rupinder Kaur	Sh. Rupinder Kaur	#38, Vill Khuda Ali Sher	8557997302
10	Kavita	Sh. Mahinder Singh	#184 , Vill Kansal	9888140607
11	Pooja	Sh. Sanjeev Kumar	#183 ,Vill Kansal	9876108131
12	Geeta Devi	Sh. Jagtar Singh	#176 ,Vill Kansal	9316931211
13	Usha Rani	Sh. Vijay Kumar	#183A ,Vill Khuda Lahora	8725004469
14	Pooja	Sh. Mahesh Kumar	#278 , Vill Khuda Lahora	9888040678
15	Ramna Devi	Sh. Kuldeep Singh	#1606 , Vill Burail	9780624892



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