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## Our Mission

SAMBHALI TRUST'S PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO PROMOTE SELF-ESTEEM, ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE, COMMUNITY, UNITY, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL, VOCATIONAL, AND SOCIAL SKILLS FOR DISADVANTAGED WOMEN AND GIRLS WITHIN RAJASTHANI SOCIETY. WE FOCUS OUR WORK ON WOMEN WITHIN THE SCHEDULED CASTE COMMUNITY AND FROM ALL RELIGIONS WHO EXPERIENCE THREE LEVELS OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON THEIR CASTE, THEIR ECONOMIC SITUATION, AND THEIR GENDER.

Since its creation in January 2007, Sambhali Trust has worked tirelessly to change the lives of Rajasthani girls and women by providing them with access to education, training in traditional income-generating skills such as handicraft production, as well as arranging and monitoring women's self-help groups, helping them to save money, have access to loans, and create small enterprises of their own. We also empower women by teaching them about their human rights and provide refuge, counselling, and support in cases of domestic violence, and financial help with legal and medical issues.

**Sambhali Trust does not accept ANY discrimination on the basis of caste, colour, creed, religion, sex, or language.**



## Overview of 2021 – 22

Like every year, the 2021-22 fiscal year (from April 2021 through March 2022) was a year full of challenges which Sambhali Trust faced with all its resources and capabilities in order to provide deprived women and girls with a life that was meaningful and fruitful. With the continuous endeavours of Sambhali Trust, the marginalized girls and women have commenced on their journey of a new life full of opportunities and a bright future ahead.

### **EFFORTS AGAINST COVID-19**

Sambhali had been distributing ration kits since Covid-19 first wave and in the second wave, under the Covid relief program, we launched Western Rajasthan's first raw food ration bank. The program benefitted 7085 people in Jodhpur and 1050 people in the surrounding rural areas. Sambhali also conducted medical camps, vaccination drives, and vaccine registration for those who are illiterate. And in collaboration with the local administration and the government hospitals, Sambhali provided supplies of medical equipment and other necessities.

### **EMPOWERMENT CENTERS**

Empowerment Centres may be regarded as the core project of Sambhali Trust. They were established to provide underprivileged women with an opportunity to develop their skills and empower themselves. Even after the acute challenges faced by the devastating Covid-19 second wave, the Empowerment Centres were able to reopen using every safety precaution. Classes in martial arts and self-defence and workshops on a variety of topics supplemented the core vocational training in sewing and embroidery and basic education in English, Hindi, and mathematics. Together these components develop communication and analytical skills as well as increase financial opportunity.



### **BOARDING HOMES**

A total of 50 girls and 1 boy live in our Laadli, Sheerni, and Abhayasthali Boarding homes. Under the proper guidance of the Sambhali staff, the girls receive a good education and the values of cooperation and teamwork. The staff takes care of the individual interests of the participants and helps in the development of their education and individual personalities.

### **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Scholarship Program was initially developed to enable children of the women who attend Sambhali's Empowerment Centres to receive an education. But with gradual development other families who lack the financial and other resources to educate their children were also covered under the project. Individual scholarships are provided to enable the children to attend a good local schools. In 2021-22, a total of 167 children were sponsored.

## **STAFF TRAINING**

*Only when the GURU (tutor) is competent and possesses the required skills, then only she can provide the SHISHYA (students) with the right knowledge and guidance.*

The staff members at the Sambhali are all proficient in their respective fields. They create a healthy and conducive learning environment for the participants where the participants can express their views freely without any hesitation or second thought.

To further enhance the staff, development workshops were conducted including *Storytelling, Aspire to Inspire, Being the Being in Human, and Business Training*. Staff learned to better understand psychology in order to guide each student's overall character according to individual requirements.

## **SHEERNI MICROFINANCE**

The women Sambhali serves are disadvantaged with illiteracy or low literacy. They often rely completely on their husbands for financial support and live with ongoing domestic violence. Self-Help (microfinance) groups are formed in which the women contribute and then, with the cumulative amount, provide loans to group members at a very low interest rate. This helps the women with financial assistance as well as developing leadership skills. Eleven Self-Help groups are running in Jodhpur, Setrawa, and other rural areas with a total participation of 250 women.



## **NIRBHAYA PROJECT**

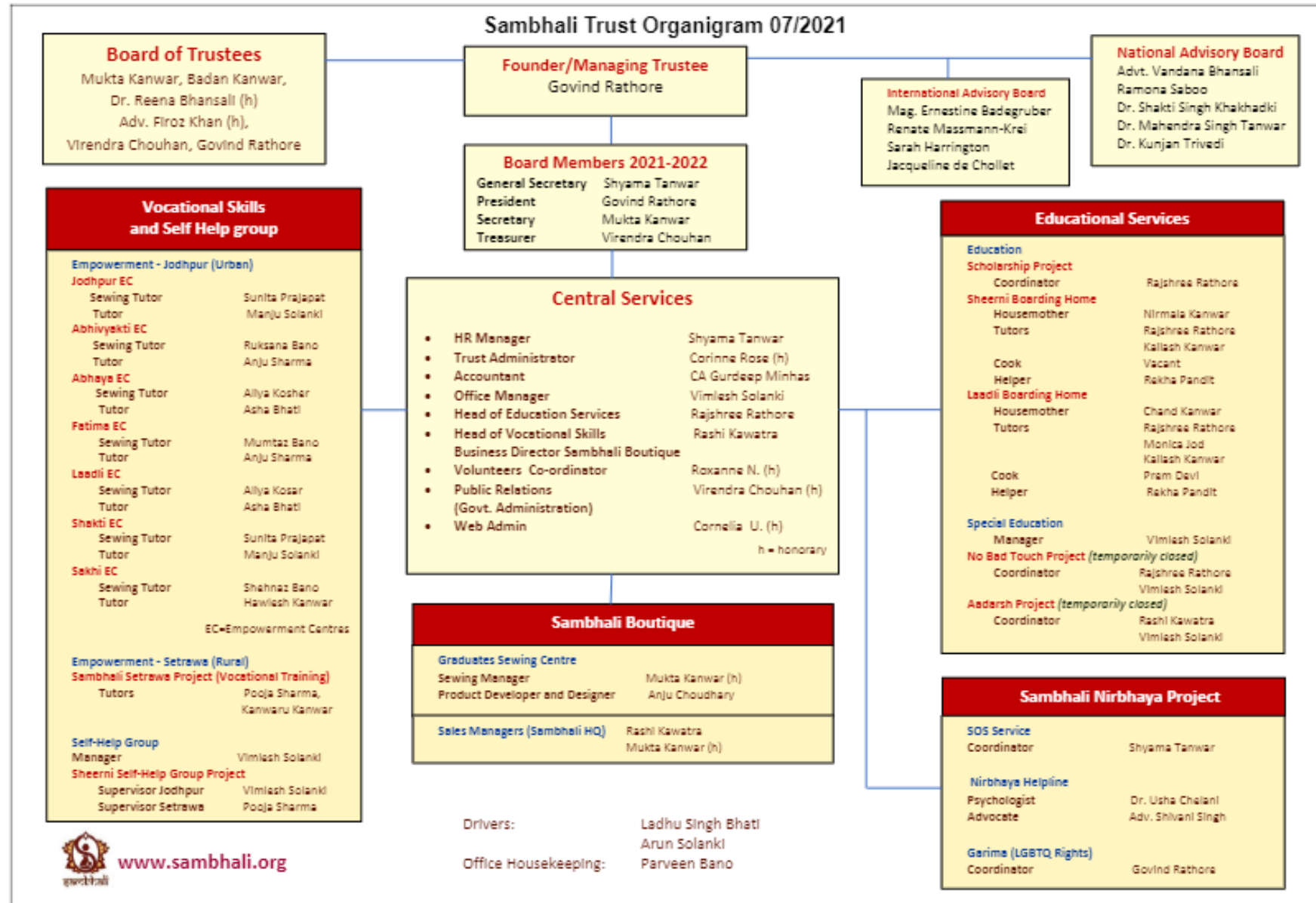
The Nirbhaya Projects provides psychological and legal counselling as well as other services for survivors of gender-based violence including domestic violence, forced marriage, and sexual abuse. It includes a hotline that is free of charge and accessible at all times. The project also works to prevent gender-based violence and to educate women about their rights.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Sambhali organizes various enlightening events for the participants in its programs to strengthen their mental, psychological, and physical characteristics. There is a special emphasis on current topics impacting the lives of the women, one of the fundamental characteristics of Sambhali.

Events like *Covid Vaccine Camp, Orange the World: End Violence Against Women Now!* were organized during 2021-22.

# Organigram



## Actions to Fight Covid-19

Sambhali had been distributing ration kits since Covid-19 first wave in March 2020 and under COVID Relief Program we launched the Western Rajasthan's first raw food ration bank during the second wave. We distributed 1150 dry ration kits to a total number 7085 beneficiaries in Jodhpur. We also reached women and families in Setrawa village, Jaisalmer District, Barmer District, and Dechu Tehsil, reaching a total number of 1050 beneficiaries in rural areas. As most beneficiaries had lost their jobs due to the lockdown and restrictions there was a lack of income, so we repeated the ration kits to many beneficiaries every 15 days until the situation improved.



During the lockdown, tutors in Sambhali's programs reached out to participants to ask if they needed anything. Sambhali provided medical assistance, financial assistance, and ration based on verification of need. Tutors called their students in intervals to check on them and assure the women that they can reach Sambhali when needed.



During the second wave lockdown, Sambhali Trust had special permission from the government administration to work as covid frontline warriors. A team devoted to this program developed a standing operating procedure for this project. Sambhali started to distribute rations from Sambhali HQ on

24<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, establishing Western Rajasthan's first raw food ration bank and Sambhali: A Nourishing Community was born.

Many times, it was difficult to manage the crowd as needy and vulnerable women and their families came from all over Jodhpur and from villages. The team followed the process, gathering information from everyone including name, age, address, number of family members, and financial situation.



We also tried to register those who came for the vaccine on the government website and provided education about safety precautions. Social distancing and wearing of masks were strictly followed.

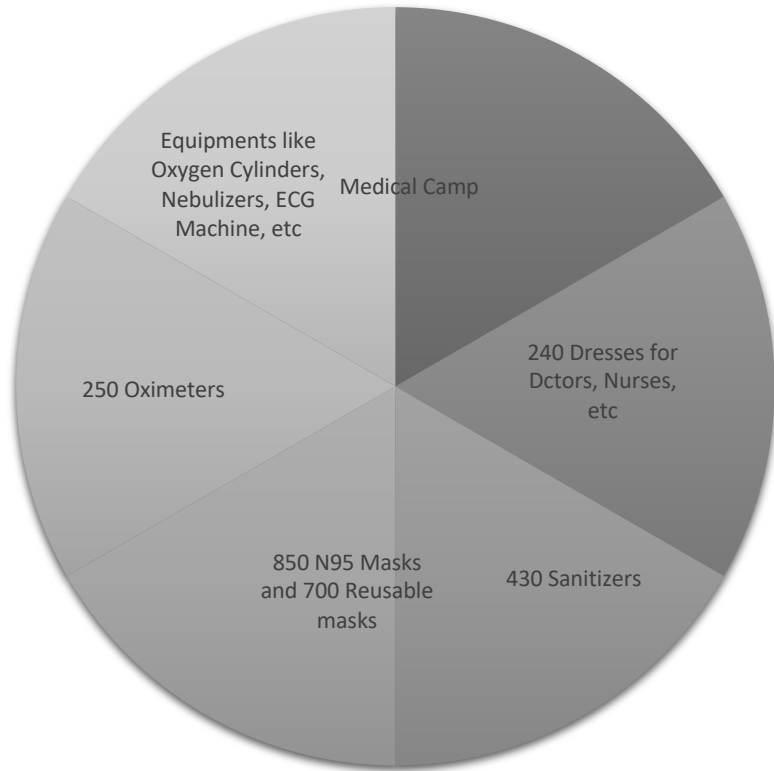
On 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 all the covid relief program team members received vaccinations in order to be able to continue their critical work. Later on, when vaccines were generally available, Sambhali arranged a vaccination camp at its HQ where participants from our Empowerment Centres and their families got vaccinated.

Sambhali also connected with local administrations in urban and rural areas and government hospitals to learn about their needs and was able to provide supplies of medical equipment and other necessities.

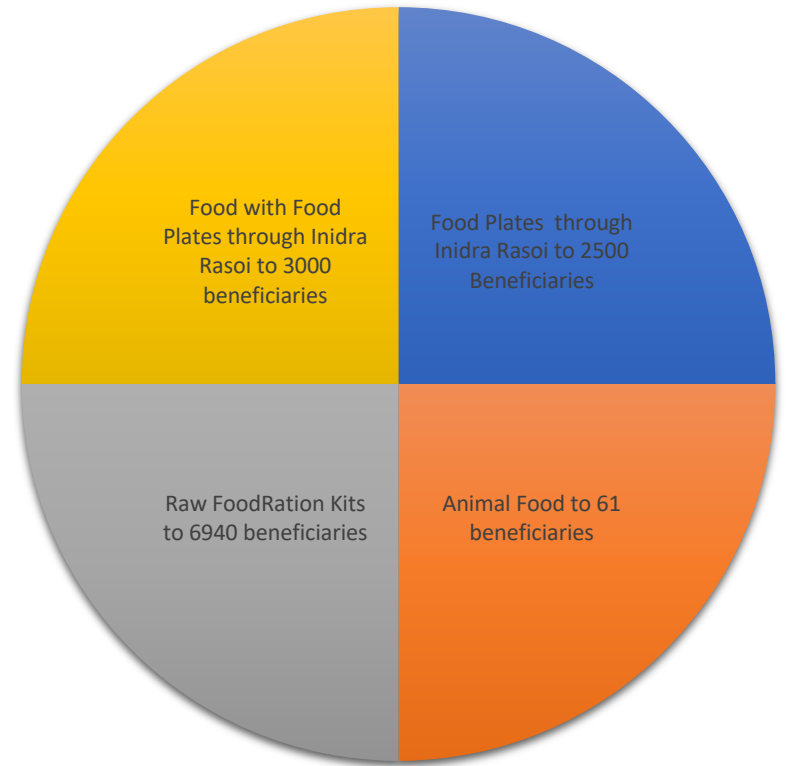
The local administration greatly appreciated Sambhali's covid relief efforts and all leading newspapers covered our initiatives and efforts throughout the program. Sambhali was also presented with the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) at the Honourable Rajasthan High court for transgender vaccinations.



### Distribution of Medical Equipments



### Ration Distribution



## Empowerment Centres



The word Sambhali means rising of the deprived women. After the COVID-19 lockdowns ended, extra efforts were made to ensure the safe functioning of Sambhali's Empowerment Centres. As a result, Sambhali Trust could showcase its resilience by the smooth functioning of the Abhaya, Laadli, Sakhi, Abhivyakti, Fatima, Shakti, JEC (Jodhpur Empowerment Centre), and Setrawa Empowerment Centres

Many women who come in these centres are illiterate and cannot fully express themselves and others do not have the courage and confidence to speak out their hearts because of childhood traumas they have faced and insecurities that follow along with the traumas.

At the Empowerment Centres, they receive instruction in Hindi, English and maths, and vocational training in sewing and embroidery.

Sambhali staff have worked with immense will to improve the conditions of women. There are many inspiring stories from the Centres, stories such as Suman's.

### **Suman Acharya from Fatima Centre**



Suman studied at government schools until 9<sup>th</sup> class but was not able to read and write when she joined the Centre. She was married to a salesperson, and they earned their living by daily jobs, thus providing an unstable income for the family. After graduating from the Empowerment Centre, Suman was able to read and had learned sewing skills enabling her to contribute along with her husband to provide income for the family.

The story of Suman is one among many stories that tell us about the success of Empowerment Centres. Many women whose families were going through the difficulties of drug abuse and domestic violence, and could not find a source of hope, have now found their hope at Sambhali's Empowerment Centres.

Students from all age groups come in these centres. In addition to vocational training and academic classes, Sambhali staff assists them in obtaining the documents they need to access other government programs for which they are eligible and provides support with other problems in their daily life.

Many workshops were conducted at Sambhali Empowerment Centres this year.



#### List of Workshops

*Human Trafficking*

*Asia*

*Earth and Environment (Pollution and Recycling)*

*Women Environmental Campaign*

*Continents of the World*

*Indian Geography*

*Natural Disasters*

*Means of Transportation*

*Free Legal Aid*

*Skeleton*

*Martial Art*

*How to Take Care of Teeth*

*Dengue Symptoms and Precautions*

*Sexual Violence*

*Schemes about Women Welfare*

*HIV*

*Malaria*

*Aadarsh Project on sexual abuse and teenage years*

*Domestic Violence & Cyber Harassment*

*Gender Equality Awareness*

*Importance of Vaccines*

*Nutrition*

*Digestive System*

*Diabetes*

## Success Stories

### **Zeena Aara**



I am 30 years old. I have a daughter and a son. My husband works at a cloth store. His income is not good, so I decided to help my husband. I wanted to earn money on my own. One of my friends has told me about the Centre and the opportunity to learn and get taught how to sew. For that, I attend the Centre to learn daily.

By now, I can sew clothes for my daughter and myself.

Through this, we don't have to spend money on buying new clothes but save money instead. It helps us financially a lot. I also joined the Self-Help-Group and save Rs. 200 per month. So, I was able to get a loan to pay the school fees of my son. I am very grateful for this loan. It is so helpful for my son.

I also work for the local market to have an income and to support our financial situation. Sambhali also provided a scholarship for my daughter. I am very thankful for all the support we received. Coming to the Centre makes me very happy because I have made many new friends. I get so much support that it is to me more like a big family.

### **Misha Devi (name changed)**

Misha Devi is the beginner class student in our Centre and got married in her childhood and her husband was twice her age. She had 7 children with

her first husband. She remarried and after the second marriage her second husband troubles her a lot including hitting her and the children. He is also a drug addict and gambles. Sometimes he kicks them out of the house.

She received help from Sambhali's Nirbhaya project, which provided counselling for her and her husband, and her husband now behaves well towards her. She is also a member of a Sambhali Self Help Group and has received two loans, once to get her house repaired and second time to pay off some of her old debts.

Misha comes to our Centre every day and her two daughters Priya and Anu (names changed) also come with her to learn. When they started coming, they did not know how to sew at all or even how to hold sewing needle properly. But now all three of them sew very well. Misha ji has learned to make salwar kurta frocks, and pajamas, and her daughters are doing well, too.



## Renu Ji (name changed)

Renu Ji is a 35-year-old, married women with 7 children. She has been coming to the Empowerment Centre (EC) for about a year and is enrolled in both the education and vocational training programs. She lives with her husband and children in the area near the Centre and got to know about it from her neighbours. Her husband works in a stone quarry and one of her daughters is a domestic worker. When asked about her reason to join the Centre, she said that she always wanted to learn sewing but her husband never allowed her to step out of the house. He did not approve of her coming to the Centre, and beat and accused her of having an affair whenever she went.

In her own words: “Due to this mistrust, he doesn’t even let the children go to school and tells them to stay at home and keep an eye on me. He abuses



and beats me for coming to the Centre and if the children intervene, he hits them too!”

She sought help from her teachers Asha ji and Mumtaz ji. Her husband was called to the Centre and was counselled thoroughly. Although he has stopped hitting Renu Ji after the tutors intervened, he still abuses her on a daily basis.

Before joining the Empowerment Centre, Renu Ji didn’t know to sew at all. Through the guidance of Mumtaz ji and with practice, she can efficiently work on a sewing machine now. She also works on market orders and uses the money that she earns in her household expenditure. Talking about the education program, she said that although she wants to continue studying, she is more interested in learning sewing as it will help her to earn some money. This makes sense keeping in mind her current living situation. She lives in a Kuccha house built on a mountainous terrain. She does not have access to drinking water and has to fetch water from a common well in the village for which she must walk a long distance. The house does not have electricity connection, toilets, or any other facility. She has a gas cylinder that she received from the government under Ujjawala scheme but says that she doesn’t have the money to get it refilled and therefore, uses brick stove (Chulha) for cooking.

She is also a member of the Self-Help Group (SHG) at the Centre and regularly pays the monthly amount of Rs. 200 for the microfinance program. Recently, she has taken a loan of Rs. 10,000 from the SHG which is being repaid by her and her eldest daughter. In the future, she aspires to start a small sewing enterprise and become independent so that she is able to support the family’s living expenditure. With respect to her husband, the tutors have advised her to bring him for counselling at the Sambhali office

to speak to the counsellor in the Nirbhaya project. Though she is a bit reluctant, she says that she will make an effort.

A survivor of domestic violence, Renu ji has gained confidence and strength by joining the EC. The EC gives her the opportunity to step out of the toxic environment of her house and spend her time focusing on learning and self-growth. Although Renu ji and her family has a long way to go, joining the EC has been the good first step in the right direction.

## Boarding Homes

### Laadli Girls Home



Laadli serves elementary school girls. Despite all the challenges, Laadli Boarding Home has successfully completed four years since its opening.

Schools were closed for most of the first two years of the pandemic and the school the girls attended decided to not conduct online classes for the classes below 6<sup>th</sup> class. But with constant presence of tutors provided by Sambhali Trust, the girls have been provided a school-like environment. Three tutors provided instruction throughout the year and

covered all the academic areas.

Although the girls have missed out on exams, the educational authority automatically promoted all children to the next school year.

### Sheerni Girls Home

Girls in the Sheerni Boarding home are in class 6-12. The Trust moved eight girls in class 6 to the Sheerni Boarding Home so they could attend online classes with other girls. Like the Laadli girls, the Sheerni girls have daily tutoring in all subjects.



Sheerni students also took computer classes where they learnt about MS. Word, MS. Excel, etc.

The girls at Sheerni are given some household duties in to build a sense of responsibility and to understand the importance of being punctual in their work.



Also, during any conflict between girls, tutors have them sit together and listen to each side and try to help them understand the situation and point of view of each other.

The student's success stories are inspiring:

### Rekha

Rekha moved to the Sheerni Boarding Home in 2011 and stayed until 2019. Like most of the girls, she is from a small village where many women are not able to get a proper education. Rekha joined Sambhali through a known person who was already working with the Trust. As well as receiving an academic education, she learned many new skills like sewing, handicraft work, and bag making.

Rekha is now teaching class 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class students in a private institution and earning up to Rs. 4000. Sambhali helped her groom her personality and made her self-confident and independent.



## Santosh

Santosh is from a village called Shergarh, Balesar. When we talked to her about her experience, she was super excited to tell us her success story. She came to Sambhali in 2012 when she was of only 11 years old. With the help of the trust, she completed her best 6 years of life from 6th class to 12th class and studied in Galaxy Sr. Secondary school.

She went on to do a hotel management course and is now working in Jaipur and having a salary of Rs.18,000.



## Abhayasthali Boarding Home

A new boarding house for college students opened where secondary school graduates from the Sheerni Boarding Home are now pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees in various fields like teaching, accounting, and law. In 2021-22 there were five college students with another five set to join them the following year. Sambhali also assists the students in pursuing different courses such as computer certification.

The students get more freedom and privacy. They not only focus on their studies but also have the chance for entertainment such as a trip to Mount Abu or a recent visit to a waterpark. Like all boarding home girls, they have access to Sambhali's psychologist when needed. In return, they are responsible for their boarding home, performing tasks like cooking and washing clothes.

Many students at the Abhayasthali Boarding Home volunteer for Sambhali. They want to give back to the Trust for all it has provided to them.



## Nirbhaya Project

Gender-based violence is a huge problem in India. It is widely a taboo, seen as a family matter to be kept confidentially. Uneducated women do not know about their rights and feel helpless, due to their lack of education or lack of financial resources, exposed to the mercy of husbands, in-laws, and the legal system.



The purpose of Nirbhaya is to improve lives of women exposed to domestic violence in three ways:

- **provide psychological and legal counselling and support** to survivors of gender-based violence in Jodhpur on site or through referrals to other private and government resources to callers from outside Jodhpur

- **develop and deploy educational efforts** to prevent gender-based violence and provide knowledge of legal rights and services available to survivors
- **increase awareness of the current HelpLine** and services provided by Sambhali Trust

### The results of the program this year have been impressive:

**1126 women** from all over Rajasthan and beyond called the toll-free helpline number

**168 cases** in the state of Jodhpur have been handled either by phone or in multiple counselling sessions with the psychologist and/or the lawyer.

The 168 cases have been made up of

Domestic Violence:	94
(Cyber) Harassment:	29
Forceful marriage:	06
Rape:	05
Mental health issues:	05
Physical assault:	04

The rest of cases have been about child marriage, dowry death, public nuisance (two each) and other issues like child custody, fraud, property dispute, abetment to suicide, missing person report, and fraud.

**Psychological counselling:** Psychological counselling has been offered through individual counselling, couple counselling, and family counselling as appropriate. Once a problem seemed to be successfully resolved through counselling, then the survivor has been contacted regularly once a week then once a month, and then half-yearly to keep track of their progress in life. If counselling didn't resolve the issue, then the survivor has been provided with appropriate legal aid.

**Legal counselling and legal aid:** Each survivor learns about the legal rights and remedies available to her. All the legal terms and procedures are

explained to her in various stages of her proceedings. She is assisted in the drafting of the police complaint and then the written complaint is read over to her and filed at the police station. Compensation procedures are filed for eligible survivors. All required paperwork and court functions are performed by the staff lawyer without cost to the survivor including preparing the survivor for recording evidence, keeping track of the case, research work, drafting and pleading, arguments, etc.

**Emergency Shelter** was provided twice this year at Sambhali HQ – once for a woman alone and once for a woman with her child. In addition, two young survivors of gender-based violence joined Sambhali’s boarding homes.

### **Educational efforts**

Workshops were developed on 11 different topics such as domestic violence, sexual violence and harassment, and free legal aid. The workshops were presented to 31 groups of women, reaching about 500 women in total.

Approximately 3 law interns each month are given training on dealing with gender-based violence. They are trained to assist clients at the police stations, and court visits including High Court, Session Court, and Tribunals. They also assist in promoting awareness through workshops and leaflet campaigns.

### **Awareness has also been raised by**

6 posts on social media

2 webinars

1 interview with a radio station

9 campaigns with 650 leaflets distributed



### **Careful monitoring of success**

- Evaluation forms were filled out by the participants after workshops to examine their understanding of the topic discussed in the workshop and to help them learn the information.
- Follow up was conducted to ensure problems remained successfully resolved.
- Many cases were referrals from previous survivors who successfully resolved their problems through the Nirbhaya Project.



## CASE STUDY 1

*Names have been kept anonymous to respect the family's private information*

This case involves a 28-year-old woman whose husband left her and their 3 children. She is living with her parents in Jaisalmer. Her father is a security guard and doesn't earn well enough to take care of her and her children. It is becoming stressful for both her and her family because of the abandonment by her husband. She had not filed any police complaints or courts case before because she was unsure of what to do in this situation. She was provided counselling to help her make a rational decision. Her husband refused to get counselling offered by Sambhali Trust. She has received legal advice on her rights and she now has the information she needs to decide how she wants to proceed.

## CASE STUDY 2

This case involves a 35-year-old female who has been married for 12 years and is experiencing violence from her husband. Her husband drinks daily and creates chaos in the house, ill-treats her and their children, throws the plate of food at her, yells, and has lost all her jewellery from gambling. He has many medical problems because of alcoholism. One day, he harassed her by sending a video of him committing suicide by hanging on a fan. She became afraid and approached Sambhali. The husband was counselled regarding all these issues and sent to an addiction centre for treatment. Both were counselled and spoken to on certain points to build a healthy relationship. Today, the situation has improved, and they are staying together happily with their children.



## Microfinance Project

All women in Sambhali's Empowerment Centres are now invited to join one of the Self-Help Groups. They save a little money every month and are entitled to get a loan at low interest, usually below 1 %.

These loans help women to set up their shops or other businesses, buy a goat or a cow, pay for medical expenses, school fees, or other urgent personal expenses. Funds for these loans are raised through contributions from other members of the Empowerment Centre.

Members who are provided with these loans are expected to provide for interest and pay back in time.

In case someone is not able to repay these loans then lenient measures are used and their duration of repayment is extended.



SHG Setrawa

S. NO.	Month	Group No.	Name	Amount	Purpose
1.	May	3	M	5,000	Personal
2.		3	KK	15,000	Cow
3.		4	KD	10,000	Marriage
4.	June	4	BD	10,000	Personal
5.	July	2	RK	24,000	Shop
6.		2	R	25,000	Personal
7.		4	DD	25,000	Personal
8.		4	IRR	20,000	Construction
9.		5	S	20,000	Goat
10.		10	GK	28,000	Treatment
11.	August	2	SJ	25,000	Personal
12.		5	KD	21,000	Treatment
13.		6	CD	10,000	Personal
14.		6	R	15,000	Construction
15.		10	PKR	7,000	Personal
16.	September	2	BD	10,000	Personal

17.		2	JD	20,000	Personal
18.		5	D	9,000	Treatment
19.		5	SGR	20,000	Cow
20.		5	LBR	20,000	Cow
21.	October	3	H	15,000	Online Business
22.		3	P	10,000	Personal

23.		3	K	10,000	Personal
24.		4	P	30,000	Personal
25.		4	B	6,000	Personal
26.		5	S	10,000	Goat
27.		5	K	5,000	Personal
28.		10	M	10,000	Personal
29.		10	M	15,000	Treatment
30.		10	S	20,000	Marriage
31.	November	4	JD	18,000	School fees
32.		5	AD	10,000	Goat
33.	December	5	S	20,000	Construction

34.		6	MD		Personal
35.		10	SD	20,000	Treatment
36.	January	5	S	10,000	Personal
37.		10	PKR	13,000	Marriage
38.		10	S	30,000	Marriage
39.	February	3	CD	10,000	Personal
40.		4	M	7,000	Personal
41.		6	SD	20,000	Personal
42.		10	S	10,000	Personal
43.		10	GDR	10,000	Treatment
44.	March	2	IK	49,000	Shop
45.		4	IRR	20,000	Personal
46.		5	S	22,000	Construction
47.		6	KD	10,000	Personal
48.		10	L	11,000	Personal

### SHG Jodhpur

S. No.	Month	Group No.	Name	Amount	Purpose
1	April	3	G	10000/-	Personal
2	July	2	M	15000/-	other loans Installment
3	August	1	SS	20000/-	Treatment
4		2	MB	16000/-	Personal
5		3	RP	15000/-	Personal
6	September	2	BK	7000/-	School Fees
7		3	PB	10000/-	Personal
8	October	1	PK	15000/-	Electronic Machine
9		2	SB	10000/-	School Fees

10		2	SS	11000/-	House Repairing
11		3	AK	17000/-	School Fees
12	December	2	KS	15000/-	Kitchen Repairing
13	January	2	MG	15500/-	Other Loans Instalment
14	February	3	R	20000/-	Personal
15		3	G	12000/-	Personal
16	March	2	MJ	20000/-	House Repairing
17		3	SB	17000/-	Other Loans Installment



## Scholarship Program

Through our scholarship program, we were able to support 167 children with scholarships for private schools this year, 103 girls and 64 boys. Since the beginning of Sambhali Trust in 2007 this has been one of our important programs to increase the education and literacy of girls and boys. As every year, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the individual donors who ensure that these children can be empowered and learn important values via education.

The children who are being sponsored mostly live in Jodhpur (137 children) while 30 students come from Setrawa or come from other villages and attend private schools there. Of these children, 33 attend junior school (Nursery – 3<sup>rd</sup>), 68 go to primary school (4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) and 50 children attend secondary school. In addition, 16 teenagers and young adults are at university.

The academic year 2021-22 faced all three waves of covid-19 directly or indirectly. This caused the education of students to be compromised. Schools switched several times from in-class learning to online mode and when schools finally opened it happened in phases with 10th-12<sup>th</sup> called, then 6th-9th and last the students of class 5 and below.

These are the stories of some of our scholarship students:

### Dakshita

Dakshita is a 7-year-old girl whose family includes her father, mother, and a younger sister. Her father is the sole breadwinner in the family. He met with an accident 18 years ago and since then the right side of his upper body is completely paralysed. He also suffers from a heart ailment and has ongoing treatment at a government hospital. Despite all this, he hasn't given up. He travels on his cycle every day to complete deliveries to different shops. However, his monthly earning of Rs. 9000 is definitely not enough to manage even the household and medical expenditure, let alone the education of his children. This is where Sambhali Trust's education scholarship plays a pivotal role in his children's life.



Dakshita's father, who himself couldn't continue his education after his father's death, wants both his daughters (Dakshita and Kavya) to get educated and build a career for themselves. Before receiving the scholarship, Dakshita's father could manage to send only one of his daughters to the school, and therefore, Kavya, the younger daughter, could not attend school. The scholarship helped him in funding Dakshita's education and because of this he was able to get Kavya admitted into a school too. Presently, both the girls are attending a



good, private school, with Dakshita studying in class 2, and Kavya in kindergarten.

The scholarship thus helped Dakshita's father in realising his dream of sending both his daughters to school. Both Dakshita and her sister can now hope to create a better brighter future for themselves and their family.

## **Udaiveer**

Udaiveer received a Sambhali scholarship in the year 2013 when he was in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and a sudden rise in school fees made it difficult for him to continue to attend school. Sambhali Trust reached out to him and provided relief. Udaiveer voluntarily gave up this internship after passing 12<sup>th</sup> grade. After getting through this tough time he started earning by doing a part time job in a travel agency along with his studies. Recently he qualified for SBI bank exam and is now serving as assistant manager at a bank.

Udaiveer has worked hard for his progress, from a point where he could not afford his studies to the present condition where he can contribute for welfare of others. Such success stories motivate Sambhali Trust to continue with the scholarship programme and to support young people like Udaiveer.



## Special Events

### COVID VACCINE CAMP

Sambhali organised a COVID Vaccine Camp at Sambhali headquarters on 12<sup>th</sup> January. The Trust distributed masks to the people in Jodhpur and provided information regarding vaccination. Sambhali Trust formally started its Intervene and Stop COVID campaign.

### ORANGE DAY CAMPAIGN

**“ORANGE THE WORLD: END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN NOW!”**

Colour Orange is the new colour of freedom from gender-based violence. Sambhali Trust celebrated this sixteen-days of activism against gender-based violence in different ways each day. Participants of Sambhali expressed themselves by using the colour orange in different projects and workshops. Participants wore orange clothes to stand in solidarity with those seeking gender equality around the world, made flower rangoli, created posters on various topics related to gender equality, decorated the centres, and painted their face and hands orange to show that we support gender equality.



## Staff Training

Sambhali Trust's expert staff helps students in their development and creates a happy learning environment. Staff is connected to the work with their hearts and work with full determination.

To get the best benefit out of the tutors' knowledge and skills, Sambhali conducts many workshops and programs which polish the existing skills of the tutors, and also provides them with different and effective methods of learning and using technology.

In one of the workshops, tutors were told to close their eyes and imagine themselves being successful, shining brightly, and also imagine what challenges they will face in near future. This workshop helped teachers to get a new approach to teaching and understanding students.

### **Workshops conducted by psychologist Dr. Reena Bhansali**

In one workshop, tutors were given some situations and asked how they would get through it – such as what to do if you were stuck on a desert island or needed to be a wedding planner. These activities helped the tutors think through reasonable solutions and taught them how to make bold and quick decisions.

In another workshop, tutors learnt about the importance of "learning has no age". Not all the teachers are fluent in English or any other foreign language, yet they try to communicate in the best way possible with every international or national visitor, donor, or volunteer. This shows the enthusiasm the teachers have towards their work and learning new things.





### **Sunita Prajapat**

In 2017, Sunita joined Sambhali as a participant to learn sewing. After two years of learning and gaining knowledge, she joined Sambhali as a sewing tutor at the Shakti centre and at the Sheerni Boarding Home where she teaches students different embroideries, patterns of frocks, kurtas, pants, etc.

Working here brought lots of changes in Sunita's life.

Sunita's husband, a daily earner who died of a heart attack in

2018, was the only earner in her family. As a result, the whole family was in trauma because there was no earning source for the family. Four months later, Sambhali gave her the chance to use her sewing experience to earn as a tutor. In addition, the scholarship programme helps her children get a good education.

Also, from not being confident and not wanting to appear for the 12<sup>th</sup> class boards, Sambhali motivated her to start her education again. She has now passed 12<sup>th</sup> class and wants to complete her graduation. Thanks to Sambhali, she is now independent and takes care of all the family responsibilities by herself.



### **Rajshree Rathore**

Rajshree has been working with Sambhali since 2018. She has been teaching since she was in class 10 through home tuitions, primary and secondary classes, and has completed graduation with a B.A.

She can teach all subjects, with expertise including English, math, and science.

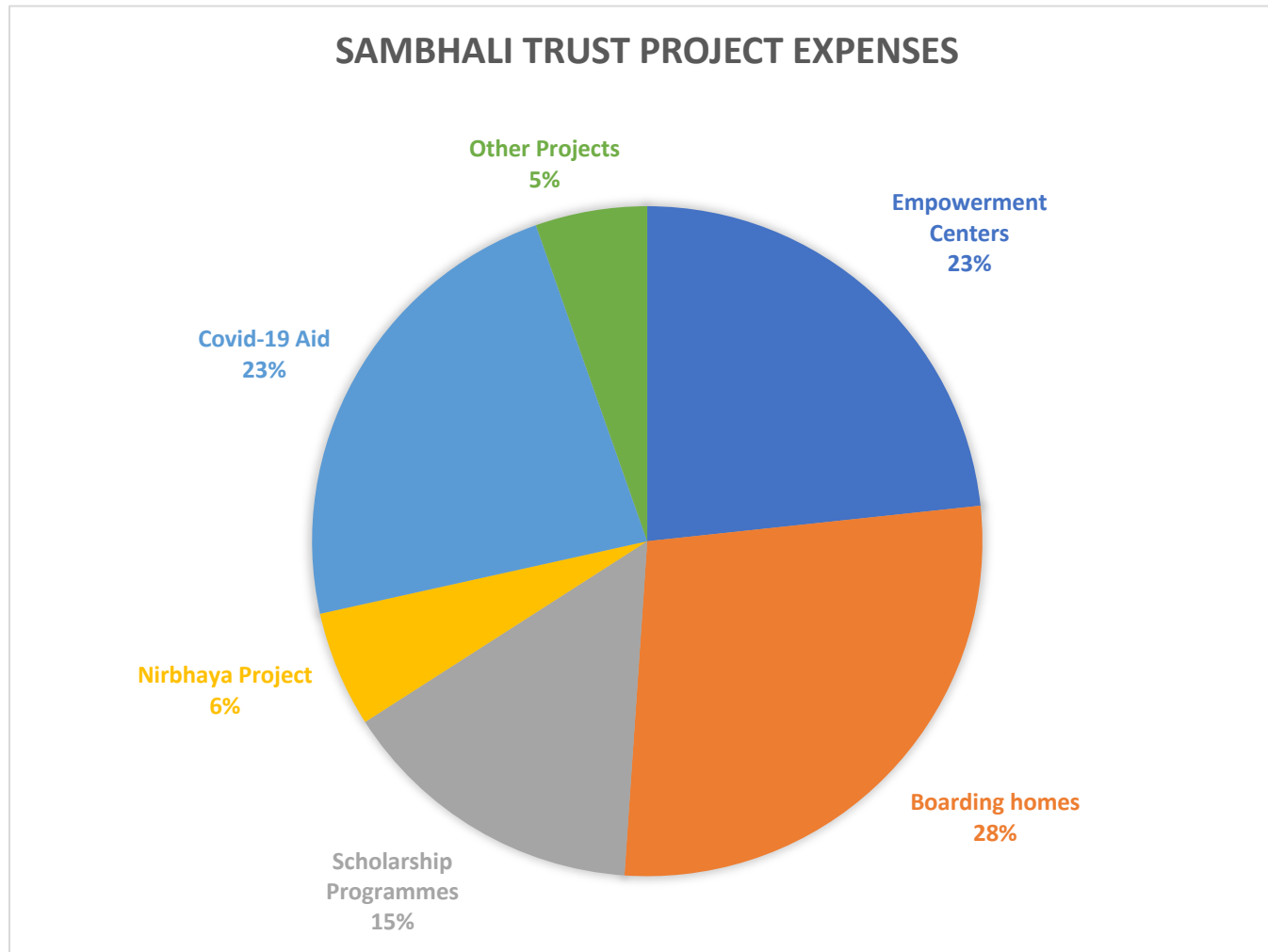
Rajshree joined Sambhali as a tutor teaching girls at both the Sheerni and Laadli Boarding Homes. Today, she also leads the educational services of the Trust and has the responsibility

for the entire development of women and children in the Adarsh Project, Empowerment Centres, Scholarships, and Boarding Homes.

“A successful four years with Sambhali, has given me strength, courage, and wisdom! It has truly empowered me and fulfilled my purpose in my life!

God's plans were surely better than mine! My words can't express enough gratitude for giving me the opportunity and making me part of this beautiful family. I am happy with my work and proud of this career milestone!”

## Finances



„Other Projects“ includes Microfinance, Garima, SOS, General Donations, Self-Defence, Sewing Machines

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