



Calendar 2020

Girls Count

is an independent national level coalition of civil society organisations and individuals across the country converging efforts to draw attention to the problem of declining child sex ratio. The coalition aims to influence policy, amplify advocacy and establish accountability through dialogues, capacity development, supporting community action and evidence generation to end the decline in the child sex ratio and enhance the value of women and girls.



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Non-Traditional Skills and Livelihoods

Girls Count Coalition has started a grassroots level intervention around non-traditional skills and livelihoods in Ahmedabad, Bilaspur, Howrah, Indore, Pune and Ranchi districts.

The objective of the intervention is to promote non-traditional skills among young women and girls, and connect them with livelihoods in trades that are male-dominated. The intervention aims to influence larger narratives/norms around gender roles and occupations, and thereby change public discourse.

Annually, a group of 600 young women & girls from marginalized urban/semi-urban communities are being trained across the six intervention districts. The skill training is being provided by partner organisations - CARM-DAKSH, CYDA, LEADS, NOSKK, Saath Charitable Trust and Samaan Society.

We, at Girls Count also believe that economic 'liability' of girls is one of the factors which lead to daughter aversion and hence there is a need for investment in women and girls' ability to earn, own and inherit assets.



▲ Tara Kori, E-Rickshaw Driver

Bilaspur

January

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Reason for joining?

I wanted to do something non-traditional to make my name and earn livelihood.

Reaction of family and neighbors?

My family didn't support me as no woman in my family goes out to work.

Acceptance as a woman E-Rickshaw driver?

Commuters question me if I can drive well. They get their answer at the end of trip.

Ask?

We are disqualified when we apply for a loan to buy E-Rickshaw. Easy loan facility with subsidy must be in place.

January

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	GURU GOVIND SINGH JAYANTI 2	3	4
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12	13	LOHRI 14	PONGAL & MAKAR SANKRANTI 15	16	17	18
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REPUBLIC DAY 26	27	28	29	30	31	

12 Jan National Youth Day, 24 Jan National Girl Child Day / International Day of Education



▲ Solanki Hasumati, Plumber

Ahmedabad

February

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Reason for joining?

I had not seen any woman plumber in my city so I was wanted to become one.

Reaction of family and neighbors?

My husband has been supportive but neighbors taunted me saying that I am wasting my time.

Acceptance as a woman plumber?

Initially people doubted if I can do the work but later commended me for doing male dominated occupation.

Ask?

I wish someone was there to look after my child so that I could attend complaints even outside my locality.

February

2020

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6 Feb International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation, **11 Feb** International Day of Women and Girls in Science, **20 Feb** World Day of Social Justice



▲ Priya Chauhan, *Two-wheeler mechanic*

Indore

March

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Reason for joining?

I got motivation from my husband who owns a garage.

Reaction of family and neighbors?

My husband was happy about my decision. Neighbors were indifferent.

Acceptance as a woman two-wheeler mechanic?

People in general think that women can't become mechanic. Earlier, people also believed that women can't ride two-wheelers.

Ask?

In order to encourage women mechanics, employers should be flexible with working hours.

March

2020

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1 Mar Zero Discrimination Day, 8 Mar International Women's Day



▲ Pinky Tirkey, Home Appliance Technician

Ranchi

April

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Reason for joining?

I wanted to do something different from door to door selling.

Reaction of family and neighbors?

People in my locality didn't show confidence in me, doubted my skill and competency.

Acceptance as a woman home appliance technician?

People don't believe that women can repair home appliances.

Ask?

Government should provide technical training to homemakers.

April

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	MAHAVIR JAYANTI 6	7	8	9	GOOD FRIDAY 10	11
12	13	AMBEDKAR JAYANTI 14	15	16	17	18
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7 Apr World Health Day, 11 Apr National Safe Motherhood Day



May

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Reason for joining?

I chose this profession out of six livelihood options I had with me.

Reaction of family and neighbors?

Initially, my family didn't support me but I got encouraged when a few women visited me to enquire about my work.

Acceptance as a woman petrol pump attendant?

Customers appreciate me for doing male dominated work.

Ask?

I want more and more women to take up this occupation.

May

2020

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24	EID-UL-FITR 25	26	27	28	29	30

10 May Mother's Day, 31 May World No Tobacco Day



▲ Priyanka Khaara, Carpenter

Howrah

June

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Reason for joining?

I wanted to help my husband in his carpentry work and become an entrepreneur.

Reaction of family and neighbors?

I gained full support of my husband and family members.

Acceptance as a woman carpenter?

I have seen professionals in carpentry encouraging women to join this occupation.

Ask?

Facilities should be developed for more in-depth training of women carpenters.

June

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5 Jun World Environment Day, **12 Jun** World Day Against Child Labour, **23 Jun** International Widows Day



▲ Shekh Sumaiya, House Painter

Ahmedabad

July

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Reason for joining?

I wanted to earn my livelihood and make my identity as a house painter.

Reaction of family and neighbors?

My family was supportive but neighbors felt weird about my choice of occupation.

Acceptance as a woman house painter?

I was nervous in the beginning as people demotivated me by saying house painting isn't a woman's job.

Ask?

Companies like Asian Paint should encourage women house painters by linking them with market.

July

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11 Jul World Population Day, 15 Jul World Youth Skill Day, 30 Jul World Day Against Trafficking in Persons



▲ Lalita Tirki, Security Guard

Ranchi

August

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Reason for joining?

I wanted to shift from performing typical domestic chores as a house-helper to use metal detector.

Reaction of family and neighbors?

A few people in my neighborhood became judgmental and said that I am snatching job from men.

Acceptance as a woman security guard?

I get a lot of respect from visitors at the mall where I work.

Ask?

Crèche facility at work place will encourage more and more women to join the workforce.

August

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31					1
2	3 RAKSHA BANDHAN	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 JANMASHTAMI	13	14	15 INDEPENDENCE DAY
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 GANESH CHATURTHI
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 MUHARRAM

12 Aug International Youth Day, 29 Aug National Sports Day



▲ Sonal Rajendra Ranpise, Cab Driver

Pune

September

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Reason for joining?

Usually, women prefer traditional work but I always wanted to do something different.

Reaction of family and neighbors?

People in my locality have always seen me in trouser and shirt so they were not surprised!

Acceptance as a woman cab driver?

People's trust in our competence will increase when more women come into this profession.

Ask?

For the safety of women, App based cab services should give its commuters the option of male and female driver.

September

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8 Sep International Literacy Day, 28 Sep World Daughters' Day



▲ Piyali Kormokar, Mobile Phone Technician

Howrah

October

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Reason for joining?

I had curiosity to enter the male dominated occupation.

Reaction of family and neighbors?

My husband supported my decision but neighbors questioned my choice.

Acceptance as a woman mobile phone technician?

Neighbors and friends now come to me with their mobile phones for repairing.

Ask?

Government institutes should offer such technical courses to women and girls, and more importantly encourage them to enroll.

October

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DUSSEHRA 25	26	27	28	ID-E-MILAD 29	30	31

10 Oct World Mental Health Day, 11 Oct International Day of Girl Child, 15 Oct International Day of Rural Women



▲ Kiran Mehto, Bookbinder

Ranchi

November

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Reason for joining?

Opportunity and motivation were two reasons for me to join this profession.

Reaction of family and neighbors?

No one opposed me when I learnt stitching then why would someone oppose my bookbinding skill!

Acceptance as a woman bookbinder?

Infrastructural facilities are not women friendly and hence women are invisible in this profession.

Ask?

Schemes and policies should be formulated for income generation of women bookbinders.

November

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29	GURU NANAK JAYANTI 30					

14 Nov Children's Day, 19 Nov World Toilet Day, 25 Nov International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women



▲ Pooja Natha Sawant, *Electrician*

Pune

December

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Reason for joining?

I had never seen any woman doing electrical work so I wanted to change the role.

Reaction of family and neighbors?

Mother supported me but father was initially against it as he thought only men can do this work.

Acceptance as a woman electrician?

Presently, employers don't have confidence in us but we can prove ourselves, if equal opportunity is given.

Ask?

Jobs are mostly offered outside the city. We can join provided we get a good package, accommodation and safety assurance

December

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27	28	29	30	31		

2 Dec National Pollution Control Day, 3 Dec International Day of Persons with Disabilities, 10 Dec Human Rights Day



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