Thank you for joining us on the Influencer journey. This month, as we mark the beginning of the new volume of the Influencer Bulletin, we would like to bring you our special issue bearing opinions, stories of hope and achievements, fact checks and campaigns shared by our 15 inspirational, grassroots partners in 10 states.

Join us as we celebrate their work in ensuring women and girls’ freedom from violence and discrimination, access to legal justice, grassroots leadership, rights and entitlements and freedom from economic dependence.

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Sabah Wajid Ali Siddiqui’s confidence in herself bloomed at a VACHA Resource Centre where she found the tools to carve her future.

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