

The following are the important activities of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment during October, 2017:

Activities of the Department

(i) A Commission comprising the Chairperson, three Members and Secretary has been constituted under Article 340 of the Constitution on 02/10/2017 to examine the issue of Sub-categorization within Other Backward Classes for the Central List. The Chairperson assumed the charge on 11/10/2017 and the Commission has begun interactions with the State Government/UT Administrations and the Backward Classes Commission of the States.

(ii) Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment flagged off the Senior Citizens Walkathon organized on 02/10/2017 at Rajpath, India Gate, New Delhi.

(iii) The Hon'ble President of India conferred Vayoshreshtha Samman-National Awards 2017 to the institutions/individuals working in the field of Ageing on 09/10/2017 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

(iv) Dr. Ambedkar Foundation organized a Prize Distribution Function on Dr. Ambedkar Foundation National Essay Competition, 2016 for Students of recognized Schools, Colleges, Universities and Institutions on 11/10/2017 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

(v) Meetings of the Project Monitoring Committee to review the progress of construction of Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial at 26 Alipur Road, New Delhi, were held on 05/10/2017, 10/10/2017 and 30/10/2017.

Activities of Corporations

(i) National Scheduled Caste Finance Development Corporation (NSFDC) signed Memorandum of Understanding with Telangana Grameena Bank (TGB) & Apollo Med Skills Limited, Hyderabad for imparting assured job placement linked long term vocational courses in Healthcare Sector through Apollo Med Skills with loan under NSFDC's Vocational Education & Training Loan Scheme provided by TGB on refinance mode. The courses are affiliated to Healthcare Sector Skill Council (HSSC) of the NSFDC.

(ii) National Backward Classes Finance Development Corporation (NBCFDC) organized DEEPAWALI SHILPOTSAV-2017 at Handloom Haat, Janpath, New Delhi from 16-29 October, 2017 wherein artisans displayed their products during the exhibition.

(iii) Under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) component, the NBCFDC organized (i) a Medical Camp on 02/10/2017 at India Gate, New Delhi for providing Medical facilities to the old people. A demonstration of composter unit was also organized to create awareness about Environment Sustainability by generation of fertilizer through the use of composting pit and (ii) sanctioned grant of Rs. 19 Lakhs for setting up "Water Over Head Tank" having capacity of 50,000 litres at Tumkur, Karnataka.

(iv) Under Cluster Development, NBCFDC has completed the first phase of preparation and submission of DPR for Six Handicraft Clusters to office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) for the States of Karnataka, Haryana, Assam and Tripura.

(v) NBCFDC sponsored/organized holding of Awareness Camp-cum-Credit Camps with the objective of spreading awareness of Corporation's scheme and providing an opportunity to the target group to avail financial support in short time. During this month 5 such camps have been organized in Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh states in partnership with State Channelizing Agencies and Regional Rural Banks.

(vi) National Safai Karamcharis Finance Development Corporation (NSKFDC) organized three Awareness Camps in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana to make the target group aware about the schemes & programmes of NSKFDC/Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers and to motivate them to avail financial assistance and also to enrol for Skill Development Training Programme.
