

The following are the important activities of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment during February, 2018.

### **Activities of the Department**

(i) Under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) scheme, two camps were held at (i) Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh on 04.02.2018 and (ii) Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh on 11.02.2018 to distribute physical aids and assistive living devices to eligible senior citizens belonging to BPL Category. Total beneficiaries at these camps were 2446 and 1835, respectively.

(ii) The following activities had been carried out in connection with the “National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use” under the scheme of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse:-

(a) Mapping and Listing Trainings have been completed in the States/UTs of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Lakshadweep.

(b) Mapping and Listing Fieldwork has been completed in the States/UTs of Delhi, Daman and Diu, Gujarat, Andaman & Nicobar, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram.

(c) Household Survey Trainings have been completed in the States/UTs of Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi, Daman and Diu, Sikkim, Bihar, Goa, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya and Nagaland.

(d) Respondent Driven Sampling Survey trainings have been completed in the States/UTs of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andaman & Nicobar, Manipur and Mizoram.

(e) Respondent Driven Sampling Survey has been completed in the State of Punjab.

(iii) Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) meeting held on 22.02.2018 to consider the proposal to revise BJRCY, to include therein new component of setting up ‘Residential Schools for SC Girls’.

(iv) Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) meeting held on 22.02.2018 to consider proposal for Revision and continuation of National Fellowship Scheme for SC students’.

## Activities of Corporations

(i) National Scheduled Caste Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC), National Backward Class Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) and National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) participated in International Surajkund Crafts Mela held at Faridabad, Haryana from 02.02.2018 to 18.02.2018. NSFDC provided space to its 54 participants free of cost to display and sell their products in the Mela. Total sales of Rs. 45.78 Lakhs was reported by NSFDC. Under NBCFDC, 29 Artisans from 10 States participated with handicraft items like artificial jewellery, cane & bamboo, wood carving etc. Total sales of Rs. 53.78 Lakhs was reported by NBCFDC.

(ii) National Backward Class Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) Corporation signed MoU with Management & Entrepreneurship and Professional Skill Council for imparting Skill Development Training to the members of Backward Classes in the various States.

(iii) NBCFDC has invited Expression of Interest (EoI) for imparting Skill Development Training Programme (SDTP) for the financial year 2018-19 from Government Training Institutes and Sector Skill Councils (SSCs). A meeting to discuss the progress of earlier years Training Programmes and EoI with CEOs of SSCs and Training Institutes was held on 24.2.2018.

(iv) NBCFDC and its channel partner (Kashi Gomti Samyut Gramin bank) organized one Awareness Camp in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, where 88 prospective beneficiaries registered their names for availing loan/skill development training for the first time.

(v) Under the CSR component during February, 2018 NBCFDC sanctioned following CSR projects worth Rs. 56.84 Lakh to benefit large no. of OBC/Other poor communities:-

(a) Development of an improved pottery kilns for the potter's community at Khurrampur, Farrukhnagar Block, Gurugram, Haryana" at a cost of Rs.11,50,000 for assisting Approx 180 Potter's Families. The objective is to improve fuel efficiency, provide cleaner environment & increase income of the target group.

(b) Installation of Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine & Incinerators for Adolescent girls in the 20 Government Schools of Aalot & Jaora blocks of Ratlam and Khachrod block of Ujjain District of Madhya Pradesh" at a cost of Rs. 19.00 Lakhs to benefit about 3000 girl students. The objective of the project is to improve menstrual hygiene & cleaner environment in schools.

- (c) Promotion of Traditional Arts and Handicraft (Pitloom replaced with Handloom) In two Mandals (Devaruppula and Palakurthy) of Jangoan District, Telegana at a cost of Rs.20,00,000/- to assist 40 OBC Category weavers. This project would help the beneficiaries to improve their health/ productivity & income generation.
- (d) Village Development Programme at Rajamayong, Assam at a cost of Rs. 6,33,336/-. The project would assist 30 artisans to acquire advanced skills in making handicraft products by using water hyacinth etc.
- (e) NBCFDC also organized a medical camp at Mirapur Basahi, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. About 202 persons (mostly poor) availed free eye checkup & medical checkup facilities & about 59 people were provided free spectacles.
- (vi) NBCFDC also participated in 5<sup>th</sup> Govt. Development & Policy Expo-2018 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 for dissemination of information regarding NBCFDC schemes.
- (vii) National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) organized Four Awareness Camps in Bijnore (17/02/2018), Moradabad (18.02.2018), Gautam Budh Nagar (24.02.2018) Uttar Pradesh and Mewat, Haryana (21.02.2018) to make the target group aware about healthy living and the schemes and 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.
- (viii) NSKFDC released One Time Cash Assistance (OTCA) of Rs. 39.60 Lakh @ 40,000/- each to 99 identified Manual Scavengers in the States of Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh under the Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS).
- (ix) NSKFDC successfully organized Recognition of Prior Learning programme for 439 sanitation workers of various Municipal Corporations in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Delhi, Maharashtra and Rajasthan.
- (x) NSKFDC organized workshop on National Survey of Manual Scavengers on 27.02.2018 at Chennai, Tamilnadu.
- (xi) NSKFDC organized workshop on Hazardous Cleaning with the officials of Local Bodies at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh on 28.02.2018.

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