

The following are the major achievements, significant developments and important events of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment during April, 2019.

### Activities of the Department

- (i) The 128th Birth Anniversary of Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated on 14th April, 2019 in the Parliament House Lawns, New Delhi. Hon'ble President of India and Hon'ble Prime Minister of India led the Nation in paying floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar. The other dignitaries, viz. the Vice President of India, Ministers (Social Justice and Empowerment), and other Cabinet Ministers and dignitaries also paid the floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar. A large number of general public was also present on the occasion.
- (ii) An Expert Committee was constituted by the Government of India under the Chairmanship of Shri B. P. Sharma (former Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training) to examine the issues related to Creamy layer equivalence among the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBCs). Two meetings were held by Expert Committee on 16.04.2019 and 23.04.2019 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), 15, Janpath, New Delhi.

### Activities of Corporations

#### **(A) National Scheduled Caste Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC):**

- (i) The Corporation Participated in the Inter-Ministerial Committee Meeting under the Chairpersonship of the Secretary, DPE, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises on 16.4.2019 to negotiate and finalize the targets of NSFDC-MOSJ&E MoU for the financial year 2019-20.
- (ii) The Corporation Received financial assistance of Rs.9.40 lakh in the form of grant from M/s Security Printing and Minting Corporation under their Corporate Social Responsibility to sponsor skill development training programmes in the State of Maharashtra and Telangana.
- (iii) The Corporation Received financial assistance of Rs.59.20 lakh in the form of grant from M/s Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles towards reimbursement for two cluster projects (Hand Embroidery Craft) being implemented by NSFDC for Scheduled Caste Artisans at Gadra Road, Barmer, and Poogal, Bikaner, Rajasthan.
- (iv) In order to expand the outreach under cluster projects with the financial assistance of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) and Development Commissioner (Handlooms) of Ministry of Textiles, explore the possibility with two Agencies namely M/s Indian Institute of Rural Management (IIRM), Jaipur and M/s Jay Dashama Hastkala Udyogik Sahkari Mandli Ltd., Ahmedabad to implement the cluster projects in the State of Rajasthan and Gujarat respectively. As per the prevailing procedure under the scheme, both the agencies gave Power-point Presentation before a Committee constituted by the NSFDC about their credential/potential to implement the projects under cluster approach for the benefit of Scheduled Caste Artisans/Weavers.

#### **(B) National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC):**

- (i) The Corporation disbursed loans of Rs. 60.00 crores to 4 Scheduled Castes Agencies/Banks for 18,350 beneficiaries primarily in the States/UT of Kerala, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

**(C) National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC):**

(i) The Corporation organized Skill upgradation training programme for 82 sanitation workers of Municipal Corporations in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

(ii) The Corporation organized 48 workshops on Hazardous cleaning of Sewers & Septic Tanks in Jammu and Kashmir, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat States.

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