

The following are the major achievements, significant developments and important events of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment during May, 2018.

### **Activities of the Department**

(i) Hon'ble Vice-President of India visited the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC) at 15, Janpath and Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial (DANM) at 26, Alipur Road in New Delhi on 30.05.2018 and paid floral tributes to the statue of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

(ii) The Commission constituted under Article 340 of the Constitution to examine the issue of Sub-categorization within Other Backward Classes for the Central List headed by Justice (Retd.) G. Rohini, former Chief Justice, Delhi High Court, held meetings at Delhi (22.05.2018), Pune (25.05.2018) and Ranchi (28.05.2018) for discussing issues relating to Sub-categorization with the Backward Classes Commissions of Punjab, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal.

(iii) Under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) scheme, six camps were held at (i) Ferozepur, Punjab on 05.05.2018, (ii) Viidisha, Madhya Pradesh on 18.05.2018, (iii) Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh on 23.05.2018, (iv) Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand on 26.05.2018, (v) Namchi, Sikkim on 30.05.2018 and (vi) Gangtok, Sikkim on 31.05.2018 to distribute physical aids and assistive living devices to eligible senior citizens belonging to BPL Category. Total beneficiaries at these camps were 7358.

### **Activities of Corporations**

(i) National Scheduled Caste Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) signed Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) with (i) Media and Entertainment Skills Council for implementation of NSFDC's sponsored Skill Development Training Programme in the domain of media and entertainment (ii) Logistic Sector Skill Council for implementation of NSFDC's sponsored Skill Development Training Programme in the domain of logistic sector and (iii) Sports, Physical Education, Fitness and Leisure Skill Council for implementation of NSFDC's sponsored Skill Development Training Programme in the domain of Sports, Physical Education, Fitness and Leisure.

(ii) NSFDC received the Hindustan Ratna PSU Award – 2018 for the Category of ' Best Financial Performance – Other CPSE'. NSFDC was selected taking into account the performance of the Corporation on various stringent parameters such as Disbursement/Total fund available, NPA/Loan Assets, Revenue from Operations, Overdue Loan/Loan Assets, Surplus/Network, Production Efficiency, Technology Upgradation, Operating Surplus. The award was presented to Shri Shyam Kapoor, CMD, NSFDC by Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Railways and Coal and Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship on 30.05.2018.

- (iii) National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) signed MoUs with HARDICON; Metal Handicrafts Service Centre; MPCON; NITCON; HIMCON and Central Rail Side Warehouse Corporation (CRWC) for imparting Skill Development Training to the members of Backward Classes in the various States and to facilitate loan disbursement to the eligible beneficiaries.
- (iv) NBCFDC organized three free Medical-cum-Eye Check-up Camps at Sikar & Ajmer Districts of Rajasthan and in Khurja (U.P). About 1747 (mostly poor) availed the facilities. Free medicines were distributed and about 223 people were provided free spectacles.
- (v) NBCFDC issued sanctions to seven Channel Partners to hold 63 Awareness Camps in the States of Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana and Rajasthan. During the month, two have been organized in Rajasthan (Sikar and Ajmer).
- (vi) Under the CSR initiatives, NBCFDC sanctioned installation of four sets of Sanitary Napkin Vending & Incinerator Machines in one College and three Hostels of West Bengal (Howrah, Purba, Midnapur and Purulia districts) to benefit about 2300 girl students. The objective of the project is to improve menstrual hygiene and ensure cleaner environment in Girl's Colleges/Hostels.
- (vii) National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) organized five Health-cum-Awareness Camps in Rae Bareli, Uttar Pradesh (13.05.2018), Ludhiana, Punjab (19.05.2018), Sikar, Rajasthan (20.05.2018), Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh (26.05.2018) and Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (27.05.2018) to motivate them to avail financial assistance and also to enroll for Skill Development Training Programme.
- (viii) NSKFDC executed Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) with Instrumentation Automation Surveillance & Communication Sector SSC (IASC SSC), Sports, Physical Education, Fitness and Leisure Skill Council (SPEFLSC), NIESBUD for providing Skill Development Training to the target group.
- (ix) A review meeting on National Survey of Manual Scavengers with the State Nodal Officers was held on 25.05.2018.
- (x) NSKFDC successfully organized Recognition of Prior Learning programme for 790 sanitation workers of various Municipal Corporations in the States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.
- (xi) NSKFDC initiated the Survey of Manual Scavengers in the states of Assam, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.

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