

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

### **Activities of the Department**

1. Dr. Ambedkar National Award for Social Understanding and Upliftment of Weaker Sections, for the years 2011, 2012 and 2014 were given away by Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President of India on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. A meeting of Group of Ministers was held on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Home Minister to discuss the draft Cabinet Note on National Policy on Drug Demand Reduction.
3. National Consultation meeting on National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use chaired by Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment was held on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Ministries/Departments of Central Government, State Governments, UNODC, AIIMS and NIMHANS participated in the consultative meeting.
4. The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the National Consultative Committee on De-addiction and Rehabilitation (NCCDR) under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment was held on 24/05/2017 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi in which representatives from Ministries/Departments of Central Government, State Government, NGO, AIIMS etc. participated.
5. The Rajya Sabha Select Committee held two meetings on the Constitution (One Hundred Twenty Third Amendment) Bill, 2017 on 02/05/2017 and 15/05/2017 with the Ministries concerned, where the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment tendered evidence to the Committee.
6. Newly appointed Chairman, Vice-Chairman and three members have taken charge of the National Commission for Scheduled Caste on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017.

### **Activities of Corporations**

1. National Scheduled Caste Finance Development Corporation (NSFDC) signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Furniture and Fitting Skill Council, Gurgaon, Haryana for implementation of NSFDC sponsored skill development training in the domain of furniture and fitting.

2. National Backward Class Finance Development Corporation (NBCFDC) signed five Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with (i) Domestic Workers Sector Skill Council, (ii) Media and Entertainment Skill Council, (iii) Rubber Skill Development Council, (iv) Logistics Sector Skill Council, (v) Instrumentation Automation Surveillance & Communication Sector Skill Council for imparting Skill Development Training to the members of Backward Classes in various States. The Corporation has also signed MoU with IFCI Social Foundation for imparting training to 600 youths of target groups in the States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Manipur, Odisha, Sikkim, Tripura, and West Bengal. IFCI Social Foundation has sanctioned Rs. 77.91 lakh under this CSR initiative to NBCFDC.

3. NBCFDC participated in Malwa Utsav, Indore from 2-8 May, 2017 CSR Fair, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 4-6 May, 2017 and Ambedkar Exhibition, GTB Hospital, New Delhi on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

4. NBCFDC has sanctioned a grant for installation of "Dough Making Machine" to The Earth Saviour Foundation, an NGO working with the Government of Haryana for care of destitute and abandoned Senior Citizens; and

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

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