

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

Activities of the Department

- (i) A function was held on 26th June, 2019 on the occasion of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The Hon'ble Vice-President of India was the Chief Guest of the function. The function was attended by the Officers/officials from Ministries/Departments of Central Government, representative from State Governments/Union Territories, Professors from AIIMS, Non-Governmental Organizations, volunteers from Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, NSS, etc. On the day, Technical Sessions were organized on the following topics: -
- (a) **Universal Accessibility of Treatment** – In this Session, presentation were given by National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC), AIIMS and National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIHMANS) on conversion of Integrated Rehabilitation Centre (IRCA) into Treatment Centre, De-addiction Treatment facility in Government Hospitals and Identification of young people at high risk for addiction.
- (b) **Focus on Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation under National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction** – Presentation given by National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) and State Governments on Awareness Generation & Training modules in substance abuse, Skill Development for ex-drug addicts who have recovered from addiction and best practices for Drug Demand Reduction followed in States.
- (c) **Targeted Intervention for High Risk District & for Vulnerable Population in Closed Settings** – Presentation given by organization namely, SPYM, Delhi on Community Based Peer Led Intervention (CPLI), Outreach and Drop in Centres (ODICs) and Intervention for Vulnerable Populations in Closed Settings.
- (ii) An Expert Committee was constituted by the Government of India under the Chairmanship of Shri B.P. Sharma (former Secretary, DOPT) to examine the issues related to Creamy layer equivalence among the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBCs). Expert Committee held meetings on 19.06.2019 to 21.06.2019 at Conference Room No. 1, Second Floor, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), 15, Janpath, New Delhi.

Activities of Corporations

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

- (i) The Corporations organized an Awareness Programme-cum Health Camp at Community Centre of Aspirational District West Sikkim on 27.6.2019 to publicize Credit and Non-Credit Based Schemes amongst the prospective beneficiaries. Apart from NSFDC Officers, the District Collector & Magistrate, Sub-divisional Magistrate and the Managing Director, SABBCO, the

SCA of NSFDC in the State of Sikkim, also addressed the gathering. A Medical Camp was also organized at the same venue in association with M/s. Mahavir International, Delhi on the same day in West Sikkim. The gathering availed the facility of free medical checkup like Eye, BP, Sugar, ECG, Skill and General Health Checkup from a team of experienced doctors. Free medicines and spectacles were also distributed to those who required. Around 250 participants were present during the Awareness-Health Camp.

(ii) The Corporation signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the M/s Life Sciences Sector Skill Development Council, Lodhi Road, New Delhi on 3rd June, 2019 for implementation of NSFDC sponsored Skill Development Training Programmes.

(iii) The Corporation signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Paschim Banga Grameen Bank, Howrah on 27.6.2019 to expand the outreach in the State of West Bengal.

(iv) The Corporation organized a Workshop on "*Karyalayeen Hindi Aur Angreji Da Mansikta*" on 18.6.2019. Prof. Puran Chand Tandon, Delhi University addressed the NSFDC employees on this occasion.

(v) A team of NITI Aayog executives visited NSFDC's Headquarters and held a meeting with NSFDC Officers on 21.6.2019 in connection with Performance Audit of NSFDC by NITI Aayog.

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

(i) The Corporation signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Bank of Baroda (BOB) on 28.06.2019 for channelizing NBCFDC's funds for economic upliftment and development of poorer sections of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) at concessional rate of interest on Pan India basis for income generative activities and educational purpose. Post the amalgamation of Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank, Bank of Baroda has become the second largest bank of the country. This tie-up is expected to give a nationwide major fillip to the economic growth of the poor amongst the OBCs, especially the traditional artisans and others involved in micro level entrepreneurial activities. NBCFDC has also signed MoU with Power Sector Skill Council for imparting skill training to the target group.

(ii) The Corporation sanctioned a project for providing emergency Health Support in Muzaffarpur, Bihar for 'Awareness and preventive Action' on Acute Encephalitis Syndrome which affected 20 nos. villages of three blocks namely Kanti, Motipur and Meenapur of Muzaffarpur, Bihar for covering about 1000 children. Ambulance Service would also be made at night, Health & Nutrition Kits would be distributed to poor besides awareness generation and volunteers would provide basic medicine in each village. Help Age India, an NGO is implementing partner and Braithwaite & Company Ltd., a CPSE is the monitoring partner of this project.

(iii) The Corporation has sanctioned 26 nos. of Awareness Camps in the States of Punjab, Chandigarh and Kerala.

(iv) The Corporation five Free Eye and Medical Check-up Camps organized in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Delhi. In these Camps, about 1287 patients got about 2903 ODP check-ups done and about 472 free spectacles were distributed to the poor.

(v) The Corporation has sanctioned an Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) for 72 members of cluster at Mysuru in the State of Karnataka for an amount of Rs. 11.42 Lakh to be conducted by ni-msme, under Technology Upgradation of Cluster scheme.

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

(i) The Corporation organized a Health-cum-Awareness Camps on 29.06.2019 in Roorkee and Haridwar, Uttrakhand.

(ii) The Corporation disbursed funds of Rs.8.55 lac for providing financial assistance to 16 beneficiaries in the States of Haryana.

(iii) An amount of Rs.6.01 crore released towards OTCA for 1504 MS in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka & West Bengal.

(iv) The Corporation sanctioned Skill Development Training Programmes (SDTP) for 18800 candidates.

(v) The Corporation signed MoAs with Centre for Entrepreneurship Development Madhya Pradesh (CEDMAP), NITCON Ltd. and MPCON Ltd. for providing Skill Development Training to the target group of NSKFDC.
