

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

Activities of the Department

- (i) One Day National Seminar on “The Vision of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar for Socio-political and Economic Empowerment in the Constitution of India” was held on 26.11.2018 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, 15, Janpath, New Delhi.
- (ii) The 4th Constitution Day was celebrated on 26.11.2018 with reading of the Preamble of the Constitution.
- (iii) 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 has been extended sixth time till 31st May, 2018. Now, the Commission would submit the report by 31.05.2018.
- (iv) Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) has been extended as Phase-II to cover villages of 25 States/UTs and Central Assistance amounting to Rs. 128.412 Crore to 13 States for implementing the Phase-II of the Scheme was released, from PMAGY as well as SCA to SCSP. “Interactive session/Workshop with the Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of State and other Stakeholders were also held on 20.11.2018.
- (v) Under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) scheme, two camps were held at (i) Amethi, Uttar Pradesh on 19.11.2018 and (ii) Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu on 22.11.2018 to distribute physical aids and assistive living devices to eligible senior citizens belonging to BPL Category. Total beneficiaries at these camps were 662.

Activities of Corporations

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

- (i) The Corporation signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on 14.11.2018 with Hindustan Latex Family Planning Promotion Trust (HLFPPT), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala as Industry Partner/Training Institution for implementation of NSFDC’s sponsored Skill Development Training Programme.
- (ii) The Corporation participated in Shilpotsav 2018 organized at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi from 01.11.2018 to 15.11.2018. During the exhibition, NSFDC allotted stalls free of cost to its 54 beneficiaries representing 10 States/UTs. The beneficiaries exhibited and sold their products to the tune of Rs. 47.53 lakh during ‘Shilpotsav’. Such initiatives help a lot SC beneficiaries to get much needed marketing assistance. The Corporation also participated in India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2018 organized at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 14.11.2018 to 27.11.2018. During the exhibition, NSFDC allotted stalls free of cost to its 17 beneficiaries representing 8 States/UTs. The beneficiaries exhibited and sold their products to the tune of Rs. 28.09 lakh during the Trade Fair. It helped the beneficiaries to get much exposure to present marketing trends. In these exhibitions, the products exhibited and sold by the beneficiaries comprised of handloom products & handicraft items, wooden toys, fiber articles & jewelries, leather products, embroidery items etc.

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

(i) The Corporation organized six Awareness Camps in the States of Gujarat with the help of its channel partner (Gujarat Nomadic & De-Notified Tribes Development Corporation).

(ii) Under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, the following activities were undertaken by Corporation:

(D) **'Promoting Health Care & Sanitation'** :- The Corporation sanctioned a project namely "Construction of a Toilet Block having Eight Toilets for Girl students in Government School, Village- Bandhwari, Haryana for use by about 325 girl students. The main objective is to ensure personal hygiene; as this will also lead to clean and hygienic environment.

(E) **Medical Camps:** The Corporation organized four free Health-cum-Eye Check-up Camps and Dental Check-up Camp at Schools of Mewat, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. About 1,110 people including students (mostly poor) availed the facilities. 314 people approximate were provided free spectacles and dental check-up/filling was availed by 334 children. During the year, so far 26 such camps have been organized. One such programme along with a Medical Camp and drawing competition was organized in Dr. Ambedkar International Centre for about 200 street children of Delhi. The Winners of Drawing competitions and Quiz programmes were presented Awards and certificates.

(F) **Taking Gandhi Heritage to Youth/Students:** As a part of the ongoing CSR interventions being executed by National Gandhi Museum (NGM), five (05) events were organized during the month in Delhi, Aligarh and Mewat. This programme included display an exhibition and documentary on the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi followed by a Quiz Competition on the said subject. The programme was successful in exposing the youth, specially the underprivileged to the Gandhian values.

(iii) The Corporation was Nodal Agency for coordinating the Shilpotsav-2018 on behalf of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment from 01.11.2018 to 15.11.2018 at Dilli Haat, Opp. INA Market, New Delhi. During Shilpotsav-2018, 31 were allotted to NBCFDC. The NBCFDC invited beneficiaries from all State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) and 31 Artisans from 11 States were given space free of cost to display their products like silk sarees, readymade garments, dress material, kashmiri shawls/stoles etc. during the Shilpotsav. Total sale of Rs.182.94 Lakh was reported by the participants which is nearby 5.5 times the amount

spent by the Ministry and the Apex Corporations in organizing the event. NBCFDC beneficiaries reported sale of Rs.47.46 Lakh.

(iv) The Corporation was also Nodal Agency for coordinating the IITF-2018 on behalf of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment from 14.11.2018 to 27.11.2018 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. 31 Stalls were allotted to the Ministry out of which 09 were allotted to NBCFDC in IITF-2018, Pragati Maidan New Delhi. The NBCFDC invited beneficiaries from all State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) and 17 artisans from 10 States participated with handicraft items like silk & handloom products, woolen products, readymade garments, dress material, kashmiri shawls/stoles/suit, etc. NBCFDC's beneficiaries executed the sale of over Rs.32.56 Lakh during the IITF. Total sale of Rs.101.26 Lakh was reported by the participants.

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

(i) The Corporation organized two Health-cum-Awareness Camps at Sambhal (17.11.2018) and Moradabad (18.11.2018) respectively.

(ii) Under National Survey of Manual Scavengers, 1395 manual scavengers have been identified in the States of Rajasthan and West Bengal.

(iii) The Corporation organized Organized Skill upgradation training programme for 387 sanitation workers of various Municipal Corporations in the States of Haryana, Odisha, Maharashtra & Uttar Pradesh.

(iv) An amount of Rs.20.39 crore released towards One Time Cash Assistance (OTCA) for 1972 Manual Scavengers (MS) in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.

(v) The Corporation participated in Shilpotsav, Dilli Haat, New Delhi from 01.11.2018 to 15.11.2018. The Corporation also participated in IITF, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 14.11.2018 to 27.11.2018.
