

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

### **Activities of the Department**

- (i) 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 09.08.2019 and 10.08.2019 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), 15, Janpath, New Delhi.
- (ii) An Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between National AIDS Control Organization, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for enhanced linkage and effective co-ordination between IDUs-TI supported by National AIDS Control Organization and Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCA) supported by Department of Social Justice and Empowerment for harm reduction, socio-psycho and legal protection to victims of drug abuse including injecting Drug Users for using Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST) as a treatment procedure for holistic recovery.
- (iii) Under the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY), Rs. 149.63 crore were released for development of 1654 Scheduled Castes majority villages from the State of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Manipur, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha.

### **Activities of Corporations**

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

- (i) The Corporation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Honey Bee Network [through Gujarat Grassroots Innovation Augmentation Network (GIAN)], Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 26.08.2019 for promoting Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Entrepreneurship.
- (ii) The Corporation distributed free Toolkits to 115 Handcraft Artisans of Poogal Cluster, Bikaner District, Rajasthan State on 24.08.2019 under the Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles.
- (iii) The Corporation donated an Ambulance to M/s The Earth Saviours Foundation, Gurugram, Haryana on 31.08.2019 under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives.
- (iv) The Corporation participated in the Awareness Programme organized by the ALIMCO in Yamuna Nagar District of Haryana State on 31.08.2019. NSFDC was provided one Stall. During the Awareness Programme, NSFDC carried out campaign and publicity of its Credit and Non-Credit Based Schemes amongst the prospective beneficiaries schemes by way of distributing pamphlets and brochures. Around 200 persons visited NSFDC stall.

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

- (i) The Corporation signed a Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with 06 new organizations i.e. Centre for Technology & Entrepreneurship Development, Indo German Tool Room (Aurangabad), Furniture Sector Skills Council, Swadesh Sewa Sansthan, Annamalai University and Vailankanni Society for Rural Construction and Technical Education (VIRTUE) for imparting Skill Development Training to the members of Backward Classes in various States and to facilitate loan disbursement to the eligible beneficiaries. With this, NBCFDC has linkages for skilling with 61 Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) and Training Institutes (TIs).

(ii) The Corporation sanctioned 15 nos. of Awareness Camps in the State of Assam, and organized 13 such Camps in collaboration with its Channel Partners in the States of Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Kerala and Rajasthan.

(iii) The Corporation organized Two day Management Development Programme (MDP) cum Regional Review Meeting at Amritsar, Punjab on 8th-9th August, 2019 to apprise the Managing Directors and senior officers of Northern Region the policy and guidelines of NBCFDC and to update the knowledge of the participants about the schemes of the Corporation and about the latest revisions and also discuss the issues related to implementation of NBCFDC loan schemes through SCAs and Banks.

(iv) The Corporation organized Free Health and Eye Check-up Camps in Rajasthan & Mewat of Haryana. In these Camps, about 1657 poor people attended the Camps and got 3370 OPD check-ups done and 768 free spectacles were also distributed to the poor.

(v) The Corporation under its CSR initiative, provided counseling and health services in Aspiration district of Mewat. Two Schools of Mewat (Blocks, Nuh and Tauru) were covered. Health Education Specialist were engaged and interactive sessions were held with about 390 school children especially girls. 270 patients were also treated by doctors in four villages of Mewat by partner NGO. The main points covered are in the areas of health and hygiene, cleanliness of house, street and neighbourhood, proper nutrition to combat malnutrition and gender issues. Programme was well received by the students, which is expected to change their mind-set and enhance their personality contributing to social development in Mewat district.

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

(i) The Corporation organized 19 Health-cum-Awareness Camps in Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Uttarakhand, West Bengal and Haryana.

(ii) The Corporation sanctioned an amount of Rs.256.50 Lac (NSKFDC's share) to Ujjain Municipal Corporation for procurement & operation of 8 units of Mechanized Cleaning Equipments/Vehicles under Swachhta Udyami Yojana Scheme (SUY) of NSKFDC.

(iii) The Corporation executed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Ujjain Municipal Corporation & Bhopal Municipal Corporation for implementation of Swachhta Udyami Yojana of NSKFDC.

(iv) The Corporation sanctioned Skill Development Training Programmes for 1120 candidates of the target group of NSKFDC.

(v) The Corporation conducted Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) programme for 180 waste pickers.

(vi) The Corporation executed Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) with Automotive Skill Development Council (ASDC) and Rubber Skill Development Council (RSDC) for providing Skill Development Training to the target group of the Corporation.

(vii) An amount of Rs. 3.89 crore released towards One Time Cash Assistance (OTCA) for 973 Manual Scavengers in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Karnataka.

(viii) The Corporation organized 15 workshops on hazardous cleaning of Sewers and Septic tanks in various Municipalities.

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