

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

Activities of the Department

(i) The Hon'ble Vice President of India conferred Vayoshreshtha Samman-National Awards 2018 on 01/10/2018 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

(ii) Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment flagged off a Senior Citizens' Walkathon organized on 01.10.2018 at Commonwealth Village, Akshardham, New Delhi.

(iii) A meeting of the Consultative Committee of Parliament was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment on 29.10.2018 at Kochi, Kerala.

(iv) Under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) scheme, seven camps were held at (i) Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh on 01.10.2018, (ii) Sagar (Malthon), Madhya Pradesh on 02.10.2018, (iii) East Delhi, Delhi on 03.10.2018, (iv) East Khasi Hill, Meghalaya on 25.10.2018, (v) West Garo Hills, Meghalaya, on 26.10.2018, (vi) South Delhi, Delhi on 27.10.2018 and Uttara Kannada/Karwar, Karnataka on 29.10.2018 to distribute physical aids and assistive living devices to eligible senior citizens belonging to BPL Category. Total beneficiaries at these camps were 8652.

(v) The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2018 was challenged in the Hon'ble Supreme Court by way of several Writ Petitions (Civil) viz, 11015, 1016, 1064 and 1066 of 2018 filed in the Supreme Court. The Union of India in W.P. (C) 11015 of 2018 filed the Counter Affidavit in the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 26.10.2018. The matter is presently subjudice and the next date of hearing is 20.11.2018.

(vi) Under Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY), a total amount of Rs. 47.94 crore was released in Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Punjab and Gujarat.

(vii) The following modifications have been made in the scheme of Top Class Education for Scheduled Castes Students:

(1.) Income ceiling for eligibility increased from Rs. 4.50 lakh to Rs. 6.00 lakh per year.

(2.) Earlier 175 institutions of excellence spread all over India were covered under the Scheme. Now, total of 220 institutes of excellence, including IIMs, IITs, NITs, IIITs, AIIMS, NIFTs, Institutes of Hotel Management, Aviation Training Institutes and Flying Training Institutes are empanelled under the Scheme.

(3.) Total scholarship slots have been increased from 1250 students to 1500 students.

(4.) A new provision for 30 % reservation to Girl students has been made.

Revised provisions under the Scheme are applicable from the academic session 2018-19.

(viii) Committee on Welfare of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) 2018-19 held a sitting on 08.10.2018 in Committee Room, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi to take evidence of the representative of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Personnel and Training, Union Public Service Commission and Ministry of Law and Justice in connection with examination of the subject “Formulation and implementation of Reservation Policy and Rationalization of Creamy Layer in employment for OBCs in the posts and services under Government of India and Union Territories and Welfare measure for them”. Written replies to the supplementary questions and reply to the questionnaire pertaining to this Department was sent to the Committee.

Activities of Corporations

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

(i) The Corporation signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Assam Skill Development Mission for implementation of NSFDC’s sponsored Skill Development Training Programmes with the objective to increase employment and entrepreneurship opportunities in the State of Assam.

(ii) The Corporation organized Awareness Campaign in the District of Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh on 24.10.2018. Shri Aunjaneya Kumar Singh, District Magistrate, Fatehpur was the Chief Guest in the Programme. Officers of Baroda UP Gramin Bank, Social Welfare Department, National Rural Livelihood Mission, Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission, Government ITI and Polytechnic, Girls Degree College of Fatehpur also participated in the Programme.

(iii) The Corporation organized a Health Camp in collaboration with Mahavir International, New Delhi. Free check-up of Blood Pressure, Sugar, ECG, Eye and General Health check-ups were conducted by a team of experienced Doctors of Vedanta Hospital, Kanpur. Free spectacles and medicines were provided to the persons who required the same.

(iv) The Corporation installed a Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine in the campus of Girls Degree College, Fatehpur on 23.10.2018 as a part of the CSR activity.

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

(i) The Corporation organized two free Health-cum-Eye, Dental, Check-up Camps at Village-Ghasera and Sikharpur of Mewat District, Haryana. About 702 persons (mostly poor) availed the facilities. Free medicines were distributed and about 159 people were provided free spectacles. During the year, so far 22 such camps have been organized.

(ii) The Corporation organized an Awareness Camp in the State of Kerala with the help of its channel partner (Kerala Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation). During this year, so far 110 such camps have been sanctioned.

(iii) The Corporation participated in Kullu Dussehra Mela at Kullu, Himachal Pradesh from 19.10.2018 to 28.10.2018 and earned Rs. 1.90 Lakh from the sale against the expenditure of Rs. 1.20 Lakh on participation.

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

(i) The Corporation executed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Infrastructure Equipment Skill Council (IESC) for providing SDTP to the target group of NSKFDC.

(ii) Under National Survey of Manual Scavengers, 3024 manual scavengers were identified in the States of Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Uttrakhand.

(iii) The Corporation sanctioned Skill Upgradation Training for 2000 sanitation workers of Indian Railway at various locations.

(iv) The Corporation organized Skill Upgradation Training Programme for 80 Sanitation workers of Municipal Corporations in Uttar Pradesh.
