

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

Activities of the Department

- (i) Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment approved the expansion of 'Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana' for 3000 new villages.
- (ii) Hon'ble Minister approved the change the revenue sharing pattern in 'Pre-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes Students studying in Class IX & X bringing it to a ratio of 60:40 between the Centre and State or notional allocation for the States whichever is less.
- (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 from time to time and now the Commission has to submit its report by 31.07.2019.
- (iv) 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). Two meetings were held by Expert Committee on 09th to 11th May, 2019 at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi and 28th May to 31st May, 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 Corporation Participated in the review meeting on NSFDC Performance Audit under the Chairmanship of Shri Sekhar Bonu, DG, DMEO at NITI Aayog on 8.5.2019 to assess the performance of NSFDC post enhancement of Authorized Share Capital from Rs.1000 crore to Rs.1500 crore in January, 2016.
- (ii) The Corporation signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on 14.05.2019 with Telecom Sector Skill Council, Gurugram, Haryana for implementation of NSFDC sponsored Skill Development Training Programmes.
- (iii) The Corporation signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on 29.05.2019 with Shri Jay Dashama Hastkala Udhogik Sahkari Mandli Limited, Ahmedabad to develop and promote Scheduled Caste Weavers Clusters in Gujarat.
- (iv) The Corporation signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on 29.05.2019 with Indian Institute of Rural Management, Jaipur to develop and promote Scheduled Caste Artisans/Weavers Clusters in Rajasthan.

(v) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between NSFDC-MOSJ&E for the financial year 2019-20 on 24.05.2019 finalizing the targets in compliance of DPE Guidelines.

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

(i) The Corporation signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Stree Nidhi Credit Cooperative Federation Ltd., Hyderabad, Telangana, Micro Finance Institution (MFI) promoted by the State Government of Telangana for supporting the women self-help groups on 21.05.2019. This agreement will formally help commence implementation of NBCFDC MFI lending schemes. More importantly, it will help finance the target group of NBCFDC in the State of Telangana, where presently there is no nominated State Channelizing Agency.

(ii) The Corporation signed Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) with 6 new organizations i.e. ATDC, UPICA, Gems & Jewellery SSC, Tool Room and Training Centre Guwahati, Indo German Toolroom, Ahmedabad and Webcon. In addition to this MOUs have also been signed with Concor Air Ltd. and Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd. (IRFC) for conducting Skill Development Training Programmes with their CSR funds.

(iii) Three day Management Development Programme (MDP) cum Regional Review Meeting was organized at National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Ni-msme) Hyderabad from 19.05.2019 to 21.05.2019 to apprise the Managing Directors and senior officers of Southern and Western 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. Highly qualified faculties from Ni-msme delivered lectures on (i) Handling Stress and Managing time (ii) Managing Projects: Financial Auditing (iii) Cluster concepts & Methodology (iv) Financing, Monitoring and Recovery.

(iv) The Corporation sanctioned 38 Awareness Camps in the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan and Gujarat to spread awareness about its schemes amongst the target groups.

(v) The Corporation has awarded the work for evaluation of 700 trainees in various trades in the state of Assam. The evaluation would be conducted by Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Tejpur University, Assam.

(vi) The Corporation as a responsible corporate citizen is undertaking various CSR projects from time to time as per its CSR policy. During this month, A CSR Project has been sanctioned for provision of 'Improving Access to Healthcare Services through Mobile Van for Vulnerable Children, Youth and community, Mewat, Haryana'. The project envisages treatment of community in three blocks viz Nuh, Taouru & Punahana as well as health counseling of girls & boys in 25 schools. This would also include provision of Menstrual Hygiene Kit (Sanitary Pads & Soap) and Dental Kit. Its will cater to help about to 11,520 Children, Youth & Community 25 nos. villages of Mewat during 2019-20. The

project is already operational & has so far covered more than 1800 beneficiaries during the last two month.

(vii) The Corporation has embarked upon improvement of its web based software (Phase II) for generating MIS & provides easy access to the Channel Partners for ease of business with NBCFDC.

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

1. The Corporation organized 50 workshops on Hazadouz cleaning of Sewers & Septic Tanks in Tamil Nadu, J&K, Meghalaya, West Bengal, Sikkim, Jharkhand, Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat States.