

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

#### Activities of the Department

(i) This Ministry had introduced a Bill namely Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2019 regarding 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Section who are not covered by the extant reservation policy. The Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on 08.01.2019 and Rajya Sabha on 09.01.2019. The President gave his assent to the Constitution (One Hundred and Third Amendment) Act, 2019 on 12.01.2019. The act has been enforced with effect from 14.01.2019.

(ii) Under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) scheme, eight camps were held at (i) Jalandhar on 06.01.2019 and Hosiarpur, Punjab on 21.01.2019 (ii) Gadag, Karnataka on 13.01.2019 (iii) Godda, Jharkhand on 17.01.2019 (iv) Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh and Lakshdweep on 20.01.2019 (v) Bikaner, Rajasthan on 28.01.2019 and (vi) Andaman & Nicobar on 29.01.2019 to distribute physical aids and assistive living devices to eligible senior citizens belonging to BPL Category. Total beneficiaries at these camps were 2809.

#### Activities of Corporations

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

(i) The Corporation signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 14.01.2019 with M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Mumbai for implementation of NSFDC's Non-Credit Based Schemes (Skill Development Training Programmes) with the financial assistance of BPCL.

(ii) The Corporation participated in Lok Utsav Mela- 2019 Panaji, Goa from 11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. NSFDC was provided 5 stalls. Beneficiaries assisted by NSFDC in the States of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh participated in the exhibition. The beneficiaries exhibited and sold their products to the tune of Rs. 5.96 lakh. It helped the beneficiaries to get exposure to present marketing trends.

(iii) The corporation organized half day meeting on 25.01.2019 with the Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) of NSFDC implementing Cluster Projects. The basic objective of the meeting was to apprise them about process for submission of Utilization Certificates under Handicrafts Cluster Development schemes of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, New Delhi. Five Project Implementing Agencies from various States participated in meeting.

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

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

(A) **Making wide publicity of Gandhian philosophy' among Children & Youth in Six Districts of Gujarat**, which is aimed to bring awareness about Swachhta and ideals of Gandhiji among people of poor, DNT & backward classes, for removal of untouchability practices and social evils, which are impeding the development of these backward sections of the society, viz. Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco abuse and organizing various programmes regarding Gandhiji & Gandhian Philosophy to cover large no. of Children & Youth of Six Districts of Gujarat.

(B) **Medical Camps:** The Corporation organized two free Health-cum-Eye Check-up Camps and Dental Check-up in slum locality of Delhi and Aspirational District (Mewat). In these camps, about 516 nos. people including students (mostly poor) availed the facilities, about 217 people were provided

free spectacles and dental check-up/filling was availed by 68 school children belonging to the economically weaker sections of the society. Based on the feedbacks hold Special Medical Camps for school children, comprising of Dental check-ups and filling, eye test and distance vision spectacles and Hemoglobin check-ups along with supplements. During the year, so far 31 Health camps have been organized.

(ii) The Corporation was Nodal Agency for coordinating the "Lokotsav-2019", Panaji, Goa on behalf of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment from 11.01.2019 to 20.01.2019 at Panaji, Goa organized by Directorate of Art & Culture, Goa. During Lokotsav-2019, 15 Stalls were allotted to the Ministry, out of which 05 were allotted to NBCFDC. Total sale of Rs.12.94 Lakh has been reported by the beneficiaries of all Apex Corporations combined of which NBCFDC's beneficiaries have reported sales of Rs 3.92 lakh.

(iii) A Regional Review Meeting with Channel Partners (SCAs & Banks) of Eastern and North-Eastern Region was organized at Sunderbans, West Bengal on **18<sup>th</sup> January, 2019** to update knowledge of the participants about the schemes of the Corporation.

(iv) Under Cluster Development Programme, the Corporation has sanctioned Rs.21.90 Lakh to Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati for a project involving procurement of machinery & development of common infrastructure under Technology Upgradation Scheme of NBCFDC for 50 beneficiaries and their families in Morigaon District, Assam are likely to benefit from this initiative.

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

(i) The Corporation organized nine Health-cum-Awareness Camps at Auraiya and Jalaun, Uttar Pradesh (04.01.2019 and 15.12.018), Mysore, Karnataka (12.01.2019), Aurangabad and Nasik, Maharashtra (14.01.2019) and (26.01.2019) & (27.01.2019), South Delhi Municipal Corporation, Delhi (16.01.2019) and Poorbi Burdhman and Paschim Burdhman, West Bengal (30.01.2019).

(ii) The Corporation executed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Paints and Coating Skill Council for providing training under Skill Development Training Programme (SDTP) to the target group of NSKFDC.

(iii) The Corporation organized Organized Skill upgradation training programme for 323 waste pickers in the States of Gujarat, Rajasthan & Jammu and Kashmir.

(iv) The Corporation organized Organized Skill upgradation training programme for 1795 sanitation workers of various Municipal Corporations in the States of Delhi, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu & Uttar Pradesh.

(v) An amount of Rs. 4.40 crore released towards One Time Cash Assistance (OTCA) for 1101 Manual Scavengers in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan.

(vi) The Corporation organized 2 Awareness Camps-cum-Interaction Meetings with Manual Scavengers on 04.01.2019 & 14.01.2019 at Auraiya, Uttar Pradesh and Aurangabad, Maharashtra which was attended by more than 1000 and 500 manual scavengers/dependants. Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment was Chief Guest of the said programmes.

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