

The following are the important activities of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment during June, 2017:

**I Activities of the Department:**

(i) Rajya Sabha Select Committee held two meetings on the Constitution (One Hundred Twenty Third Amendment) Bill, 2017 on 05-06-2017 and 14-06-2017, in which, this Department tendered evidence to the Committee. The Bill was earlier passed in Lok Sabha on 10-04-2017 and introduced in Rajya Sabha on 11-04-2017 and stands referred to the Select Committee.

(ii) EFC meeting was held on 6th June, 2017 and considered the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Caste Students.

(iii) A Regional Review meeting under the Chairmanship of Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment was held with the States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal on 22-06-2017 at Ranchi and was attended by the Welfare Ministers from the State of Bihar and Jharkhand. In the meeting progress of various schemes of this Department were reviewed, including pending issues and Utilization Certificates. etc.

(iv) International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was observed by the Department on 28th June, 2017.

(v) Swachta Pakhwara has been observed by this Department from 16th to 30th June, 2017. The PSUs [NSFDC / NBCFDC / NSKFDC] of this Department actively participated in not only cleaning up certain localities but also spread the awareness. In addition:

(a) In furtherance of Government's policy for Open Defecation Free (ODF) Society, mobile toilet comprising of 10 Water Closet Units were installed for the cluster of Bagri Lohar Denotified Tribal (DNT) Community at Gohana village, District Sonapat, Haryana.

(b) Also a free health and eye medical check up camp was organized for the benefit of Bagri Lohar DNT Community, in which, 191 persons availed the facility and 63 reading glasses were also distributed in the camp.

(c) A '*mukkad natak*' was also organized in the village near Shahpur Jat, South Delhi for creating awareness and sensitization for improving day-to-day habits in maintaining cleanliness and hygiene during the Pakhwara. The residents were encouraged through demonstration for adopting the practice of recycling household waste for composting.

## **II Activities of Corporations:**

(i) In the field of Skill Development Training an amount of Rs. 20,54,000/- has been released as part-payment the training expenditure by National Backward Classes Finance Development Corporation (NBCFDC), to various Training Institutes/SSCs to provide Skill Development Training to eligible trainees.

(ii) National Backward Classes Finance Development Corporation (NBCFDC) was made Nodal Corporation for coordinating Exhibition "*Textiles India 2017*" at Gandhinagar, Gujarat on behalf of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. The exhibition was organized by the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India from 30.06.2017 to 02.07.2017. 11 (Eleven) Stalls were allotted to this Department's Corporations viz. National Backward Classes Finance Development Corporation, National Scheduled Castes Finance Development Corporation and National Safai Karmacharis Finance Development Corporation.

(iii) Under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Two Bio-Gas projects (out of the 15 numbers of such plants sponsored by NBCFDC & implemented by I.I.T., Kharagpur) were handed over on 30th June, 2017, to the identified poor beneficiaries in Gobindpur, West Medinipur Distt., West Bengal. This was aimed at dual advantage of use of animal waste and production of clean fuel.

(iv) Another CSR project for modernization and training of potters community at Kavaserry Panchayat, Distt. Palakad, Kerala was implemented by handing over 15 modern machines for partial automation of their occupation to enhance their productivity and quality of products.

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