

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

Activities of the Department

- (i) The 63rd Mahaparinirvan Diwas of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was observed on 06.12.2018 in the Parliament House Lawns. Hon'ble President of India, Prime Minister, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment and other dignitaries paid floral tributes to Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.
- (ii) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment formulated Implementation Framework of National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR) for 2018-2023. The Plan aims at reduction of adverse consequences of drug abuse through a multi-pronged strategy involving education, de-addiction and rehabilitation of affected individuals and their families. It focuses on preventive education, awareness generation, identification, counseling, treatment and rehabilitation of drug dependent persons and training and capacity building of the service providers through collaborative efforts of the Central and State Governments and Non-Governmental Organizations. National Institute of Social Defence (NISD) has been designated as a nodal agency for conduction of various awareness, capacity building & community intervention programmes under National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR) in collaboration with various stakeholders in different States/UTs. Under NAPDDR, the Institute is making efforts to have partnership with the organizations on a larger scale in States/UTs.
- (iii) Under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) scheme, six camps were held at (i) Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand and Vijaynagram, Andhra Pradesh on 07.12.2018 (ii) Salem, Tamil Nadu on 13.12.2018 (iv) North West Delhi, Delhi on 14.12.2018 (v) Gurugram, on 22.12.2018 and Faridabad, Haryana on 25.12.2018 to distribute physical aids and assistive living devices to eligible senior citizens belonging to BPL Category. Total beneficiaries at these camps were 2200.

Activities of Corporations

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

- (i) The Corporation signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on 11.12.2018 with Punjab & Sind Bank, New Delhi for implementation of NSFDC's Credit Based Schemes.

- (ii) The Corporation signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on 18.12.2018 with Centre for Indian Bamboo Resource & Technology, New Delhi to develop and promote Scheduled Caste Artisan/Weavers Clusters.
- (iii) The Corporation signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on 19.12.2018 with BSE Institute Limited, Mumbai for implementation of NSFDC sponsored Skill Development Training Programmes.
- (iv) The Corporation organized an Awareness Program-cum-Health Camp in the Aspirational District Gaya on 21.12.2018. Shri Abhishek Singh, District Magistrate, Gaya was the Chief Guest of the Program. Shri Shyam Kapoor, CMD and other senior Officers of NSFDC addressed the gathering of more than 1000 SC people.
- (v) The Corporation organized a Medical Camp with association of M/s. Mahavir International, Delhi on the same day in the Gaya District. The gathering availed the facility of free medical checkup like Eye, BP, Sugar, ECG and General Health Checkup from a team of experienced doctors. Free medicines and spectacles were also distributed to those who needed it.
- (vi) The Corporation Installed a Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine in the premises of Gautam Budhh Mahila College, Gaya as a part of CSR activity and Swachhta Abhiyan. The machine is likely to be of great help for 1,600 girls students studying in the college.
- (vii) The Corporation participated in "Swadeshi Mela", Baliya-2018 from 22nd to 31st December, 2018. NSFDC along with other apex Corporations of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment were provided one stall for distribution of their publicity material. The publicity material on schemes and programmes of the Corporation was distributed during the Mela. Around 200 persons visited NSFDC stall. The Corporation also participated in East Himalayan Expo-2018, Shillong from 10th to 17th December, 2018. NSFDC was provided two stalls. Two beneficiaries assisted by NSFDC in the State of Assam participated in the exhibition. The beneficiaries exhibited and sold their handloom products to the tune of Rs.0.17 lakh. It helped the beneficiaries to get exposure to present marketing trends.

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

- (i) The Corporation gets evaluation studies done for assessing the socio-economic impact of its schemes on the target group at grassroot level. During the current month, work was awarded for conducting of Evaluation Studies of 1700 no.

of beneficiaries in the States of Puducherry (850 no's) and Punjab (850 no's) financed under the NBCFDC Schemes through Puducherry Backward Classes and Minorities Development Corporation in the State of Puducherry and Punjab Backward Classes Land Development Finance Corporation (BACKFINCO) and Punjab Gramin Bank, in the State of Punjab respectively.

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

(A) **Project for Construction of Fish Drying Yard in Tamil Nadu:-** The Corporation sanctioned a project namely "Construction of Fish Drying Yard and Administrative Building for the Fisheries Community in Mudasalodai Village of Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu" for supporting approx. 420 fishermen families. The objective of this intervention is to improve the living standards of target group.

(B) **Medical Camps in Mewat, Aspirational District:** The Corporation organized two free Health-cum-Eye Check-up Camps and Dental Check-up Camp at Schools of Aspirational District of Mewat. In these camps, about 700 people including students (mostly poor) availed the facilities, about 189 people were provided free spectacles. The facility of dental check-up/filling was availed by 146 children. During the year, so far 28 such camps have been organized.

(iii) The Corporation has sanctioned by its channel partners organizing of 24 Awareness Camps in the States of Tripura and Gujarat. During this year 2018-19, so far 134 such camps have been sanctioned.

(iv) NBCFDC was Nodal Agency for coordinating the 10th East Himalayan Expo on behalf of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment from 10.12.2018 to 17.12.2018 at Shillong, Meghalaya organized by India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) wherein awareness about NBCFDC schemes were created through stalls by beneficiaries. During 10th East Himalayan Expo, 04 stalls were allotted to the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, out of which 01 was allotted to NBCFDC. NBCFDC was also Nodal Agency for coordinating the Swadeshi Mela on behalf of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment from 22.12.2018 to 31.12.2018 at Baliya, Uttar Pradesh. During Swadeshi Mela, one

stall was allotted to the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for dissemination of information regarding schemes of Apex Corporations.

(v) Under Cluster Development Programme, the Corporation has sanctioned Rs.8,06,000/- for 52 beneficiaries to J&K State Women's Development Corporation for conducting Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) for Garment & jute enterprises under Technology Upgradation Scheme of NBCFDC. The duration of this programme is 3 months which is expected to greatly benefit the groups of semi-skilled artisans in the district of Srinagar & Budgam, Jammu & Kashmir.

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

(i) The Corporation organized nine Health-cum-Awareness Camps at Moradabad (04.12.2018), Muzaffar Nagar (15.12.018), Meerut (16.12.2018), Lucknow and Sitapur (22.12.2018), Barabanki (23.12.2018), Uttar Pradesh, Haridwar (26.12.2018), Uttrakhand, Sawai Madhopur (30.12.2018), Rajasthan and Surendar Nagar (31.12.2018), Gujarat.

(ii) The Corporation executed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with CII Institute of Logistics 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 1455 sanitation workers of various Municipal Corporations in the States of Delhi, Haryana, Gujarat, Odisha, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu & Uttar Pradesh.

(iv) An amount of Rs.16.81 crore released towards One Time Cash Assistance (OTCA) for 4202 Manual Scavengers in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttrakhand and Rajasthan.

(v) The Corporation organized 2 Awareness Camps-cum-Internaction Meetings with Manual Scavengers on 04.12.2018 & 26.12.2018 at Moradabad and Haridwar which was attended by more than 1000 and 2000 manual scavengers/dependants. Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment was Chief Guest of the said programmes.
