

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

Activities of the Department

- (i) A Conference under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot was held on 26th and 27th February, 2019 at New Delhi with the Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of Social Welfare Department of States/UTs to review the effective implementation of the schemes of the Department in States/UTs.
- (ii) This Ministry assigned the work of National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Abuse to National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC), AIIMS. The Report of National Survey has been uploaded on the website of the Ministry.
- (iii) The President of India signed the Warrants of Appointment in respect of (i) Dr. Bhagwan Lal Sahni as Chairperson and (ii) Shri Kaushlendra Singh Patel (iii) Dr. Sudha Yadav and (iv) Shri Achary Thalloju as Members of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) with effect from the date they assume charge of their respective offices.
- (iv) Recommendations of National Commission for Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (NCDNT) also known as **Idate** Commission was considered and approval of the Cabinet Secretariat was sought vide note for Cabinet dated 15.02.2019 to set up a Development and Welfare Board for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities and also to set up a Committee under the Chairpersonship of Vice-chairman, NITI Aayog to complete the process of identification of the Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities that have not yet been formally classified. Consequently, Cabinet Secretariat in its meeting held on 19.02.2019 approved the same. Pursuant to, Government of India vide Gazette Notification dated 21.02.2019 constituted a Development and Welfare Board for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities. Prime Minister's Office vide ID No. 5003224/PMO/2019-ES-2 dated 25.02.2019 approved the Committee to complete the process of identification of the Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities that have not yet been formally classified. Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog designated as Chairman and Shri Bhikhuji Ram Idate, Dr. J. K. Bajaj, Director General, Anthropological Survey of India were designated as Members of the Committee.
- (v) Under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) Scheme, five camps were held at (i) Baramati, Maharashtra on 15.02.2019 (ii) Mon, Nagaland on 18.02.2019 (iii) Kiphire, Nagaland on 19.02.2019 (iv) Shirur, Maharashtra on 24.02.2019 and (v) Bokaro, Jharkhand on 25.02.2019 to distribute physical aids and assistive living devices to eligible senior citizens belonging to BPL Category. Total beneficiaries at these camps were 18359.

Activities of Corporations

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

- (i) The Corporation signed Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) 04.02.2019 with Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh (04.02.2019) and Saurashtra Gramin Bank Rajkot, Gujarat (14.02.2019) for implementation of NSFDC's Non-Credit Based Schemes.

(ii) The Corporation participated in Surajkund International Mela 2019 Faridabad, Haryana from 1st to 17th February, 2019. NSFDC was provided 30 stalls. 53 Beneficiaries assisted by NSFDC in the States of Assam, Chandigarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal participated in the Mela. The beneficiaries exhibited and sold their products to the tune of Rs. 54.65 lakh. It helped the beneficiaries to get exposure to present marketing trends.

(iii) The Corporation participated in Gramodaya Mela: Aadi Gram Kumbh 2019 Chitrakoot, Madhya Pradesh from 24th to 27th February, 2019. NSFDC was provided one stall. During the Mela, NSFDC carried out campaign and publicity of its schemes by way of distributing pamphlets and brochures. Around 300 persons visited NSFDC stall.

(iv) The Corporation organized an Awareness Programme in the Gautam Budh Mahila College, Gaya in Bihar on 23.02.2019 to publicize Credit and Non-Credit Based Schemes amongst the prospective beneficiaries.

(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) Installation of Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine & Incinerators for Adolescent girls in ten Schools located in Madhya Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir. This facility would improve menstrual hygiene and provide cleaner environment in Girl schools and likely to benefit more than 7,000 adolescent girls students.

(b) **Medical Camps:** The Corporation had organized five free Health-cum-Eye Check-up Camps and Dental Check-up in slum locality of Delhi, Aspirational District (Mewat) and Uttar Pradesh. In these camps, 1,300 people including students (belonging to the economically weaker sections of the society) availed the facilities, about 158 people were provided free spectacles and dental check-up/filling was availed by 213 school children. During the year, so far 35 Health camps have been organized benefitting approx. 12,000 persons.

(ii) The Corporation was Nodal Agency for coordinating the Surajkund International Craft Mela-2019 Exhibition from 1st to 17th February, 2019 Faridabad, Haryana. 30 stalls were allotted to NBCFDC . NBCFDC beneficiaries informed the sale of over Rs.43.79 Lakh during the Surajkund International Crafts Mela. Total sale of Rs.148.38 Lakh was reported by the participants. NBCFDC was also Nodal Agency for coordinating the “Gramodaya Mela” from 24th to 27th February, 2019 at Chitrakoot, Madhya Pradesh.

(iii) The Corporation has organised through its channel partners 18 nos. of Awareness Camps in the States of Assam, Gujarat, Kerala, Rajasthan & Uttar Pradesh. The Camps targeted OBC & DNT dominated localities.

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

- (i) The Corporation organized Skill upgradation training programme for 403 waste pickers in the States of Delhi, Haryana, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.
- (ii) The Corporation organized Skill upgradation training programme for 527 sanitation workers of various Municipal Corporations in the States of Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh.
- (iii) An amount of Rs. 4.92 crore released towards One Time Cash Assistance (OTCA) for 1231 Manual Scavengers in Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.
- (iv) The Corporation participated in Suraj Kund Crafts Mela 2019 from 01st to 15th February, 2019 at Suraj Kund, Faridabad, Haryana and Gramodya Mela 'Adi Gram Kumbh' 2019 from 24th to 27th February, 2019 at Chitrakoot, Madhya Pradesh.
