

The following are the important activities of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment during April, 2018.

Activities of the Department

(i) The 128th Birth Anniversary of Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated on 14th April, 2018 in the Parliament House Lawns, New Delhi. Hon'ble President of India and Hon'ble Prime Minister of India led the Nation in paying floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar. The other dignitaries, viz. the Vice President of India, Ministers (Social Justice and Empowerment), and other Cabinet Ministers and dignitaries were also paid the floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar. A large number of general public was also present on the occasion.

(ii) Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial at 26, Alipur Road, Delhi on 13.04.2018. This is the place where Dr. Ambedkar attained Mahaparinirvana on December 6, 1956.

(iii) Under Gram Swaraj Abhiyan, this Department coordinated a special drive for issue of Income and Scheduled Castes certificates to eligible beneficiaries in the States. During the period, a total of 12512 special camps were held in which 366407 Scheduled Castes certificates and 651881 income certificates were issued to the eligible beneficiaries.

(iv) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 04.04.2018 approved the proposal for continuation of Post Matric Scholarship Schemes for Scheduled Castes students for three years, i.e. from 2017-18 to 2019-20 and additional allocation of funds for clearing the arrears under this Scheme.

(v) Swachta Pakhwara has been observed by this Department from 14th to 28th April, 2018. The PSUs [NSFDC / NBCFDC / NSKFDC] of this Department actively participated in not only cleaning up certain localities but also in spreading the awareness about the importance of clean and tidy environment and hygiene.

(vi) A Contempt of Court Petition with Cabinet Secretary, cited as Respondent No. 1 has been filed in the High Court of Rajasthan in connection with non-compliance of the High Court's order of dated 10.08.2015 in writ petition No. 5936/1999 and four other Writ Petitions whereby the Central Government as well as the State Government were directed to review the Central List and State List of OBCs and review all the inclusions of the cases, groups and communities including the Jats in the State of Rajasthan as well as the Jats of Bharatpur and Dholpur, for which the statutory period of 10 years has expired after their inclusions. Shri P.S. Narsimha, ASGI was engaged to defend the case and he appeared in the High Court at Jaipur on 05.04.2018 and pleaded the case in extenso on behalf of the Central Government as well as the State Government of Rajasthan, following which the bench agreed to exempt the Cabinet Secretary from the list of respondents.

Activities of Corporations

(i) National Scheduled Caste Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) signed Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) with (i) Management and Entrepreneurship and Professional Skill Council for implementation of NSFDC's sponsored Skill Development Training in the domain of Management and Entrepreneurship and Professional Skill and (ii) Agriculture Skill Council of India for implementation of NSFDC's sponsored Skill Development Training in the domain of Agriculture Skill.

(ii) NSFDC organized an awareness camp at Satna, Madhya Pradesh on 08.04.2018.

(iii) NSFDC organized a meeting at Bijnor on 16.04.2018 for Economic Development of Scheduled Castes persons. The meeting was attended by Shri Kunwar Bharatendra Singh, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Bijnor, and Officers of Sarv U.P. Grameen Bank, Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank, Allahabad Bank, NIESBUD and some of the Sector Skill Councils.

(iv) Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine and Incinerator were installed by NSFDC in Dr. Hedgewar Bhawan, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi to promote safe and hygiene sanitary practices amongst girls/women.

(v) NSFDC installed Smart Composter Planter machine in NSFDC Office Premises. The machine converts all kind of Bio-degradable waste such as left-over foods, canteen waste, tea leaves, plant waste etc. into manure which is used for plantation.

(vi) National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) organized the following Awareness Camps in various states in collaboration with its Channel Partners to spread awareness about its schemes amongst the target group:

(a) An Awareness Camp was organized by the Corporation at Satna District, Madhya Pradesh in coordination with other Apex Corporations (NSFDC and NSKFDC) of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. The Camp was inaugurated by the Hon'ble M.P Shri Ganesh Singh (Chairman of Committee for Welfare of OBCs). The Camp included participation of Apex Corporations and its Channel Partners, which included IFCI Venture Capital Fund, five PSBs, one RRB and eight SSCs/TPs. An approximate number of 1000 people visited the Camp, out of which 767 registered their names for availing loan and 40 registered their names for obtaining training. Registration in the Camp by OBC was 459 nos. SCs were 209 nos and Safai Karamchari were 129 nos. and others 10 nos. The Camp was successful in spreading awareness about the loan and training schemes of the

Corporation and provided a platform to the beneficiaries to interact and register their names with our Channel Partners and avail facilities in short time.

(b) Further, an Awareness Camp was also organized at Rae Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh by the Corporation in collaboration with Modern Coach Factory (MCF), Indian Railways, Rae Bareilly. Channel Partners of NBCFDC i.e. Banks and Sector Skill Councils have participated in the Camp. NBCFDC Loan and Skill Development Training schemes were informed to the public. Approx. 970 people registered their names for availing loan and training.

(vii) Under the CSR initiatives the following activities were undertaken by NBCFDC:

(a) Eight free health and eye Check Up Camps were sponsored by NBCFDC, which were organized by M/s Mahaveer International, Delhi. These Camps were held in poor localities of three States viz. Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Delhi. In these Camps, facility was availed by about 3000 patients, about 7500 OPD check-Ups were done and about 1000 spectacles were also distributed free of cost.

(b) As part of the Swachhta Pakhwada, which also coincided with the "Gram Swaraj Abhiyan", the Corporation had organized various swachhta related initiatives with the aim of not only cleaning up of localities but also to spread awareness among the general public specially those lower down in the socio economic ladder, which were aimed to maintain swachhta and hygiene. Major events were held at various locations, namely, Seelampur, Delhi (JJ Cluster) and Bandhwari Village, Gurgaon, Haryana and Ujjain and Ratlam Districts of Madhya Pradesh. Gist of activities at various places are as follows:-

(a) **Madhya Pradesh (Ujjain & Ratlam)**: Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine and Incinerator Machine were installed in Ujjain and Ratlam districts of Madhya Pradesh in 12 schools. This facility would improve menstrual hygiene and provide cleaner environment in Girl schools and likely to benefit more than 1000 adolescent girls students.

(b) **Seelampur, Delhi (JJ Cluster)** : Seelampur (JJ Cluster) was sensitized on swachhta through Safai Abhiyan conducted by the officials of NBCFDC along with local volunteers of community. This was followed by NUKKAD NATAK by the volunteers of Delhi University.

(c) **Bandhwari Village, Gurgaon, Haryana** : Safai Abhiyan was conducted with the help of volunteers of the Earth Savior Foundation, Gurgaon, which was followed by NUKKAD NATAK and free health and eye check-up Camp.

(d) **An Essay Writing Competition on the topic "Swachhta Hi Seva"** was organized by MBDAV School, Yusaf Sarai, New Delhi, which was sponsored by NBCFDC. All the thirty participating students were issued Certificates and three top students were honored with Trophy and Merit Certificates.

(viii) National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) organized nine Health-cum-Awareness Camps in Etawah, Uttar Pradesh (15.04.2018), Kurukshetra, Haryana (20.04.2018), Swai Madhopur, Rajasthan (21.04.2018), Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh (21.04.2018), Ajmer, Rajasthan (23.04.2018), Agra, Uttar Pradesh (27.04.2018), Solan, Himachal Pradesh (28.04.2018), Amritsar, Punjab (28.04.2018) and Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh (29.04.2018) to motivate them to avail financial assistance and also to enroll for Skill Development Training Programme.

(ix) NSKFDC released One Time Cash Assistance (OTCA) of Rs. 18.00 Lakh @ 40,000/- each to 45 identified Manual Scavengers in the States of Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh under the Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS).

(x) NSKFDC released Capital Subsidy of Rs. 74.80 Lakh for 86 Manual Scavengers in Uttar Pradesh for setting up self employment ventures.

(xi) NSKFDC successfully organized Recognition of Prior Learning programme for 306 sanitation workers of various Municipal Corporations in the States of Delhi, Maharashtra and Telangana.

(xii) NSKFDC initiated the Survey of Manual Scavengers in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttrakhand.
