

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

Activities of the Department

(i) The Commission constituted under Article 340 of the Constitution to examine the issue of Sub-categorization within Other Backward Classes for the Central List headed by Justice (Retd.) G. Rohini, former Chief Justice, Delhi High Court has been extended fifth time till 30.11.2018. Hon'ble Prime Minister approved the extension of tenure of the Commission under Rule 12 of the Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961. Now, the Commission would submit the report by 30.11.2018.

(ii) Meetings with the Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of Social Welfare Department of States/UTs in the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment were held on 4th and 5th July, 2018.

(iii) One post each of Vice Chairman and Member in the National Commission for Safai Karamchari, New Delhi created as per approval of the Cabinet in its meeting held on 04.07.2018.

(iv) Swachta Pakhwara has been observed by this Department from 16th to 31st July, 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.

(v) Under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) scheme, four camps were held at (i) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh on 04.07.2018, (ii) Sagar, Madhya Pradesh on 09.07.2018, (iii) South Chennai, Tamilnadu on 16.07.2018, (iv) Chittor, Andhra Pradesh on 21.07.2018 to distribute physical aids and assistive living devices to eligible senior citizens belonging to BPL Category. Total beneficiaries at these camps were 3410.

Activities of Corporations

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

(i) The Corporation signed Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) with Ambuja Cement Foundation, Dalmia Bharat Foundation and Tech Mahindra Foundation for implementation of NSFDC's sponsored Skill Development Training Programme.

(ii) The Corporation organized a Free Medical Camp in Firozpur, Punjab on 31.07.2018.

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

(i) The Corporation has signed MoUs with 04 NGOs/Voluntary Organizations namely Naman Infotech; Peace Development Society; Furniture Fitting Skill Council and Sri Sai Educational & Welfare Association for mobilizing and hand holding of beggars community in the Districts of Ghaziabad, Rampur, Muradabad, Madhepura and Kolkata. The training will be conducted by the relevant Sector Skill Councils in the sectors indicated by the NGOs for the training.

(ii) Under the CSR initiatives, the Corporation sanctioned Mobile Dispensary Van for improving the access of Health Care Service for vulnerable children, youth and community for covering about 8000 beneficiaries in three blocks of Mewat, namely Nuh, Tauru and Punahana.

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

(i) The Corporation organized six Health-cum-Awareness Camps in Lucknow, Kanpur and Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh (16.07.2018, 20.07.2018 and 22.07.2018), Alwar, Rajasthan (27.07.2018), Hoshiarpur, Punjab (29.07.2018) and New Delhi Municipal Corporation (Delhi) (31.07.2018) to motivate them to avail financial assistance and also to enroll for Skill Development Training Programme.

(ii) The Corporation successfully organized Recognition of Prior Learning programme for 687 sanitation workers of various Municipal Corporations in the States of Maharashtra, Jammu and Kashmir, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

(iii) Under National Survey of Manual Scavengers, 2000 manual scavengers have been identified in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand.

(iv) The Corporation released One Time Cash Assistance (OTCA) aggregating Rs. 12.42 crore to 3105 identified Manual Scavengers in the States of Assam, Kerala, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.
