

The important activities of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment during January, 2017, were as follows:-

1. Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) was further extended to another 75 Scheduled Castes majority villages in addition to 100 Scheduled Castes majority villages under the scheme in Chhattisgarh. Accordingly, an amount of Rs. 20.75 crore was released to the Government of Chhattisgarh during the month of January, 2017.

2. Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment had a meeting on 13/01/2017 with the delegation from Mauritius headed by Mr. Prithvirajsing Roopun, Hon'ble Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment and Minister of Arts and Culture of Mauritius to deliberate on the issues of mutual interest.

3. A meeting of the Project Monitoring Committee to review the progress of construction of Dr. Ambedkar International Centre at 15 Janpath, New Delhi, was held on 12/01/2017. Thereafter, the Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment reviewed the progress of construction and other related works and visited the construction site of Dr. Ambedkar International Centre at 15 Janpath, New Delhi on 25/01/2017.

4. Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment presided over the Silver Jubilee Function at PHD Chamber of Commerce, New Delhi, celebrated by National Backward Class Finance Development Corporation (NBCFDC) on 13/01/2017, on completing 25<sup>th</sup> Year of its establishment. Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment also Awarded the Best Performing State Channelizing Agencies (2015-16), PSBs/RRBs (2016-17), Sector Skill Councils and Training Institutes (2016-17) and job offer letters to the successful trainees. A short film on NBCFDC functioning "**Hamari Kahani**" and Success Stories Booklet were also released by the Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice & Empowerment on this occasion.

5. A Silver Jubilee Expo was organized by NBCFDC during its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations at Association of Corporations & Apex Societies of Handlooms. The Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice & Empowerment and Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment visited the stalls at Handloom Haat during the Exhibition. Job fair and Awareness Camp in collaboration with Sector Skill Councils and Training Institutes on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 at NCUI Complex, New Delhi was also organized by NBCFDC. NBCFDC participated in the exhibition "Lokotsav-2017", Panaji, Goa from 06/01/2017 to 15/01/2017 organized by Directorate of Art & Culture, Goa wherein five beneficiaries from three States participated on behalf of NBCFDC.

6. Two Memorandums of Agreement were executed by National Safai Karamcharis Finance Development Corporation with Regional Banks (i) Saurashtra Gramin Bank, Rajkot (Gujarat) on 24/01/2017, and (ii) Baroda Gujarat Bank, Bharuch (Gujarat) on 27/01/2017 for implementation of schemes during the financial year 2016-17.

7. National Scheduled Castes Finance Development Corporation has signed three Memorandums of Agreement/Memorandums of Understanding with (i) Security Sector Skill Development Council, Gurugram, Haryana, (ii) Santosh Education & Health Care Private Limited, Chennai, and (iii) Dena Bank and Wockhardt Foundation, Mumbai.

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