

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

#### Activities of the Department

- (i) The President of India has approved the proposal for appointment of Dr. Lokesh Kumar Prajapati as Vice Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) with effect from the date he assumes charge of his office.
- (ii) The Government of India has approved the proposal for appointment of Shri Bhikuramji Idate as Chairman, (ii) Ms. Mittal Patel and (iii) Shri Otaram Dewasi as Members of the Development and Welfare Board for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities with effect from the date of assumption of their charge to their respective posts. Their appointment have also been notified in the Gazette of India vide Gazette Notification dated 11.03.2019
- (iii) Out of total Budget of Rs 9579.44 crore for the Schemes of this Department for the year 2018-19, expenditure of Rs 9579.77 crore (100%) was incurred. Further, as against a total Budget of Rs 383.81 crore for Non Schemes components, expenditure of Rs 383.93 crore (100%) was incurred.
- (iv) Under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) Scheme, five camps were held at (i) Jodhpur, Rajasthan on 01.03.2019 (ii) Gurdaspur, Punjab on 03.03.2019 (iii) Delhi on 03.03.2019 (iv) Amravati, Maharashtra on 04.03.2019 and (v) Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh on 09.03.2019 to distribute physical aids and assistive living devices to eligible senior citizens belonging to BPL Category. Total beneficiaries at these camps were 5096.

#### Activities of Corporations

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

- (i) The Corporation signed Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) on 30.03.2019 with Stree Nidhi Credit Co-operative Federation Limited, Hyderabad, Telangana and Shree Mahila Sewa Sehkari Bank Limited, Ahmedabad, Gujarat for implementation of NSFDC's Credit Based Schemes in the State of Gujarat.
- (ii) The Corporation organized an Awareness Programme-cum Health Camp at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Bhawan near Gandhi Chowk of Aspirational District of Narmada, Gujarat on 08.03.2019 to publicise Credit and Non-Credit Based Schemes amongst the prospective beneficiaries. Around 300 persons attended the programme. Apart from NSFDC Officers, the Officers of NSFDC's channel partners of Gujarat also addressed the gathering about the Schemes of NSFDC. A Medical Camp was also organized at the same venue in association with M/s. Mahavir International, Delhi on the same day in Narmada District. The gathering availed the facility of free medical checkup like Eye, BP, Sugar, ECG, Skill and General Health Checkup from a team of experienced doctors. Free medicines and spectacles were also distributed to those who required.
- (iii) On the occasion of International Women's Day, a Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine and incinerator along with 1000 Sanitary Pads were installed in the premises of Kanya Vinay Mandir Girls

School, Narmada District, Gujarat as a part of CSR activity and Swachhta Abhiyan. The machine is likely to be of great help for 1,200 girls students studying in the school.

**(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) The Corporation Sanctioned a project for Promotion of Sports Education and Skills in Schools located in Rural Areas of Taoru Block of Mewat District, Haryana. About 1,000 school students are expected to be benefitted from this project. The main objective is to improve involvement of students in sports & physical activities and improve their self-image and social affective skills.

(b) The Corporation had organized two free Health-cum-Eye Check-up Camps and Dental Check-up in slum locality of Delhi and a girls school in Uttar Pradesh. In these camps, about 716 people including students (mostly poor) availed the facilities, about 175 people were provided free spectacles and dental check-up/filling was availed by 185 school children belonging to the economically weaker sections of the society.

(c) A Project was sanctioned for setting up of Common Facility Center in rural area within district Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh. The project envisages setting up of a Shed, improved Kiln etc. as well as Skill Development of potter's community. This project is expected to benefit potters cluster.

(d) A CSR Project for 'Upgradation of Science Lab to a school at Jattari, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh' for benefitting about 300 girl students. The innovative fully equipped lab is expected to impart opportunities for students to uplift their technical & practical skill set in the area of Physics.

(ii) The Corporation has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Life Science Sector Skill Council for imparting Skill Development Training to the members of Backward Classes in various States and to facilitate loan disbursement to the eligible beneficiaries.

(iii) The Corporation has organized through its Channel Partners 25 Awareness Camps in the States of Kerala, Himachal, Gujarat and Tripura. 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 43 sanitation workers of Indian Railways in Rajasthan, 1256 sanitation workers of various Municipal Corporations in various locations and 950 waste pickers in various locations.

(ii) An amount of Rs. 3.35 crore released towards One Time Cash Assistance (OTCA) for 837 Manual Scavengers in Gujarat, Karnataka and Kerala.

(iii) The Corporation organized a Health-cum-Awareness Camp in Farrukhabad, Uttar Pradesh on 03.03.2019.

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