

Important activities/ achievements of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment during July, 2016:-

The 3rd meeting of the Central Advisory Committee (CAC) for overall guidance and monitoring of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme called " Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana " at the Central level for integrated development of Scheduled Caste majority villages was convened on **13.07.2016** at Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment. Out of 1000 selected villages, 338 villages have been declared as 'Adarsh Gram' in Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and Tamilnadu under pilot phase.

2. The awareness generation programme for creating awareness about the harmful effects of substance abuse to the children in the schools started from **20.07.2016** in all the 22 District Head Quarters in Punjab. The task has been assigned to Society for the Promotion of India Classical Music and Culture amongst Youth by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

3. A Bill titled Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights), 2016 was approved by the Cabinet in the meeting held on **20.07.2016**. The same has been introduced in the Lok Sabha during the current session of Parliament.

4. The following activities were undertaken during the Swachhta Pakhwara (**16-7-2016 to 31-7-2016**):-

(i) Activities by National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation

- Free Health and Hygiene camps & distribution of medicines in Chitra Vihaar slum.
- Distribution of dustbins for improving garbage disposal system.
- Sensitizing children and youth of slum on issues of cleanliness and hygiene.

(ii) Activities by National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation

- Cleanliness drive and provision of sanitation and drinking water interventions to Denotified Nomadic Tribe (DNT) cluster in Sector -56, Gurgaon.
- Inaugurated Skill Training program for DNT girls in apparel stitching & embroidery.
- Cleanliness Drive & talks/competitions in 3 schools around office premises coupled with Nukkad Naatak, talks, slogan competitions etc. to popularise concept of Swachhta.
- Cleanliness and vendor sensitization drives in public parks around office premises.

**(iii) Activities by National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation**

- Organized Five Jagrukta Shivirs in Five Districts of Uttar Pradesh i.e. Bijnor & Moradabad (16.07.2016), Sambhal & Rampur (22.07.2016), J.P. Nagar (23.07.2016) in association with Uttar Pradesh Scheduled Caste Finance & Development Corporation (UPSCFDC), Social Welfare Department, Urban Development Department, Panchayati Raj Department, Regional Rural Banks, Nationalized Banks (Indian Overseas, Vijaya and Syndicate Banks), Training Institution, Non Governmental Organizations etc. which were focused on concrete actions on cleanliness & hygiene amongst Safai Karamcharis and popularizing Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers.
- In addition to 5 Jagrukta Shivirs, a "Mega Jagrukta Shivar" was also organized on 31.07.2016 at Moradabad. Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment was the Chief Guest.
- Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment inaugurated Training Centre of "Central Institute of Plastic Engineering & Technology " at IIFTM University Moradabad for providing training to Manual Scavengers and their dependants.

**(iv) Activities by Dr. Ambedkar Chair on Social Justice.**

- One day workshop was organized at Indian Institute of Public Administration on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 on Innovative Practices under Swachh Bharat Mission across the country.

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