

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

### **Activities of the Department**

(i) 4<sup>th</sup> National Awards for Outstanding Services in the field of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse conferred by the Hon'ble President of India on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Nine awards (three in individual category and six in institutional categories) were conferred in seven categories of Awards.

(ii) A meeting of Governing Body and General Body of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation was held on 27.06.2018 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

(iii) The tenure of the Commission constituted under Article 340 of the Constitution on 02.10.2017 to examine the issue of Sub-categorization within Other Backward Classes for the Central List has been extended for the third and final time till 31.07.2018. The Government has mandated that the Commission shall present its report by 31.07.2018.

(iv) Under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) scheme, seven camps were held at (i) Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh on 02.06.2018, (ii) Haridwar, Uttarakhand on 04.06.2018, (iii) Mahabubnagar, Telangana on 05.06.2018, (iv) East Siang/Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh on 07.06.2018, (v) Buxar, Bihar on 15.06.2018, (vi) Mansa, Punjab on 19.06.2018 and (vii) Dharwar, Karnataka on 21.06.2018 to distribute physical aids and assistive living devices to eligible senior citizens belonging to BPL Category. Total beneficiaries at these camps were 3133.

(v) The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes(Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995 have been further amended by the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Rules, 2018 and notified in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, vide notification dated 27.06.2018. The amendments broadly relate to provision of relief to victims of unnatural offences(IPC 377, sr. no.44, col.(2) of Annexure -I to Schedule of PoA Rules), grievous hurt by throwing acid(IPC 326B, sr. no.24, col.(2) of Annexure. I to Schedule of PoA Rules), omission of limit of 25 members of State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee (SLVMC){Rule 16(1) of PoA Rules}, provision of relief in case of death, injury, rape, gang rape, unnatural offences, grievous hurt by throwing acid etc., damage to property, in addition to any other right to claim compensation in respect thereof under any other law.

### **Activities of Corporations**

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

(i) The Corporation signed Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) with CII Institute of Logistic (CII IL) for implementation of NSFDC's sponsored Skill Development Training Programme in the domain of logistic sector through Logistics Skill Council (LSC).

(ii) The Corporation organized an Awareness Programme-cum-Health Camp at Ferozpur on 05.06.2018 for Economic Development of Scheduled Castes persons under one of the identified Aspirational District. NBCFDC also participated alongwith its Channel Partners namely BACKFINCO, Punjab Gramin Bank, Beauty & Wellness, CIPET and NIESBUD etc. The camp was visited by large no. of prospective beneficiaries, who were encouraged to avail loan/training facilities under the various schemes of the Corporation.

(iii) The Corporation observed “International Yoga Day” on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2018. An instructor from Moraji Desai National Institute of Yoga, Ministry of Aayush, New Delhi was invited on the occasion to demonstrate Asanaas to all NSFDC employees.

(iv) The Corporation organized an Awareness-cum-Medical Camp at Najibabad, Bijnor on 30.06.2018. The meeting was presided over by Shri Kunwar Bharatendra Singh, Hon’ble Member of Parliament, Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh and attended by various dignitaries.

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

(i) Under the CSR initiatives, the Corporation sanctioned installation Sanitary Napkin Vending & Incinerator for adolescent girls in the 14 Government Schools/Hostels of three districts of Madhya Pradesh viz. Ratlam, Rewa and Ujjain to benefit about 2372 girl students. The objective of the project is to improve menstrual hygiene and ensure cleaner environment in Girl's Colleges/Hostels.

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

(i) The Corporation organized four Health-cum-Awareness Camps in Shrinagar and Pauri, Uttarakhand (08.06.2018 and 09.06.2018), Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh (15.06.2018) and Patna, Bihar (22.06.2018) to motivate them to avail financial assistance and also to enroll for Skill Development Training Programme.

(ii) The Corporation executed Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) with Indian Iron and Steel Sector Skill Council (IISSSC), Electronic Corporation of India (ECIL), ATDC and CIPET for providing Skill Development Training to the target group.

(iii) The Corporation successfully organized Recognition of Prior Learning programme for 382 sanitation workers of various Municipal Corporations in the States of Delhi, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and West Bengal.

(iv) The Survey of Manual Scavengers initiated by the Corporation in 18 States has been completed. Survey in the States of Assam, Kerala, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Haryana and Telangana has been completed and over 13000 manual scavengers have been identified so far.

(v) The Corporation released One Time Cash Assistance (OTCA) aggregating Rs. 15.20 lakh to 38 identified Manual Scavengers in the States of Assam, Punjab, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

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