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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly Summary for the month of November, 2023 in respect of Ministry of Women and Child Development.

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the unclassified portion of the monthly summary (both in English and Hindi) pertaining to the Ministry of Women and Child Development for the month of November, 2023 for information and necessary action.

Vivek Dhasmana
(Vivek Dhasmana) 13/12/23

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Encl.: As above

To

All the Members of the Council of Ministers

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1. Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog.
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8. All Secretaries to the Government of India.
9. PS to Hon'ble Minister, WCD/PS to MoS, WCD.
10. STD (NIC), MWCD with a request to upload this on the Ministry's website.

The following important activities were undertaken by the Ministry during the month of November 2023:

1. Launch of Anganwadi Protocol for Divyang Children

The Anganwadi Protocol for Divyang Children was launched by the Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Women & Child Development (MoWCD) at a National Outreach Programme on 28th November, 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan. Under this protocol, all children at Anganwadi Centres will be assessed for delays in their developmental milestones and screened for early signs and symptoms, their families will receive support and referrals.

The event was attended by senior officers from Ministry of Women & Child Development (MoWCD), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) and Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), State WCD, Anganwadi functionaries from across the country and experts from key organizations.

2. Launch of "Guide on Gender Inclusive Communication"

The Hon'ble Minister, WCD launched a "Guide on Gender-Inclusive Communication" on 28th of November, 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The Guide is a collaborative effort of the Ministry, the National Gender and Child Centre (NGCC), LBSNAA, Mussoorie, International Organizations viz. BMGF and UN Women. The Guide highlights the importance of the gender spectrum, and also provides a lexicon on gender neutral language.

3. Scheme for Care and Support to Victims under Section 4 & 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012

The Ministry has issued "Scheme for Care and Support to Victims under Section 4 & 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012" on 30th November, 2023 for rehabilitation of girl child victims under POCSO Act, 2012 (as amended in 2019) under Mission Vatsalya.

4. Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra - Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0

Ministry of Women and Child Development is actively involved in the ongoing **Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra** throughout the country. MoWCD is participating under the "**Meri Kahani Meri Zubani (MKMZ)**" initiative under which the beneficiaries speak of their experiences and the impact that Poshan Abhiyaan and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) schemes of WCD have had on their lives.

As per the VBSY dashboard, **under MKMZ, more than 8000 beneficiaries of POSHAN Abhiyaan and PMMVY have narrated their experiences.** Additionally, **“On-spot registrations”** of eligible beneficiaries is also being undertaken during the Yatra for saturation of scheme under MoWCD, **more than 23 thousand on-spot registrations have been reported** under various schemes of WCD. For sustained community involvement, it is imperative that the nutrition issues should be highlighted with a positive orientation, emphasizing on identification and celebration of a **“Healthy Child.”** To encourage this aspect **Swasth Balak Spardha (SBS) is also being undertaken** during these Yatras where healthy children are felicitated. **more than 25 thousand Healthy Children have been felicitated** so far.

5. Observation of Vigilance Awareness Week 2023

The Ministry organized various activities in observation of Vigilance Awareness Week 2023 from 31.10.2023 to 06.11.2023 on the theme **“Bhrashtachar Ka Virodh Kare, Rashtra ke Prati Samarpit Rahe”**, “Say No to Corruption, Commit to Nation”.

6. Administration of Pledge on Constitution Day

To commemorate the 73rd Constitution Day, 'Samvidhan Diwas', the Preamble Pledge was administered by the officers/officials in the Ministry.