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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Monthly Summary for the month of April, 2021 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 in English pertaining to the Ministry of Women and Child Development for the month of April, 2021.

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## Monthly Summary Report for the month of April, 2021 in respect of Ministry of Women & Child Development

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The significant events relating to the work of Ministry of Women and Child Development for the month ending April, 2021 are as follows:

### **1. Meetings / Conferences / Workshops under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, WCD:**

Mr Barry O'Farrell, High Commissioner of Australia in India met Hon'ble Minister, Women & Child Development on 1st April 2021 to discuss bilateral issues between the two countries and possible areas of collaboration in the field of women and child development.

### **2. Measures to ensure safety and well-being of Women & Children in view of spread of COVID-19:**

2.1 A web meeting was held under the chairpersonship of Secretary, WCD, on 30th April, 2021 in the context the status and needs of women and children during the current scenario of COVID pandemic:

- (i). with ACS/ Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries, WCD/ SJ&E, All States and UTs
- (ii) with the volunteer groups of Missions Vatsalya and Shakti

The following matters in relation to the status and needs of women and children during COVID were covered during these meetings:

- a). Sensitization and orientation of DCPUs, CWCs, Protection Officers, OSCs, helplines etc.
- b). Preparatory and response arrangements in the various kinds of homes, shelters, hostels etc. run by or with support of the government for women and children.
- c). Sensitization and preparedness of institutional arrangements such as Jan Aushadhi Kendras (which provide subsidized sanitary napkins and medical supplies for women) etc.
- d). Responding to special situations where children may be needing care and protection of the state due to COVID related deaths of both parents and guardian(s) etc.

2.2 Further, an advisory was issued to the State Govt./UT administrations regarding operation of One Stop Centre, Women Helpline and Statutory officers under various

laws to help violence affected and women in distress due to prevailing circumstances caused by surge of Covid-19 pandemic . In addition, another advisory was also issued to State Govt./UT administrations to initiate measures to ease hardship faced by pregnant women in this Covid-19 period.

2.3 Daily/Weekly review of COVID-19 situation is being undertaken in MWCD institutions like One Stop Centres (OSCs), Swadhar Homes, Ujjawala Homes, Working Women Hostels (WWHs), Child Care Institutions (CCIs), Specialized Adoption Agencies (SAAs) etc. Reports are collected on a Daily/Weekly basis from all the States/UTs to ascertain whether adequate arrangements are in place for welfare and protection of Women and Children residing in these institutions.

2.4 Hon'ble Minister, MWCD reviews the situation on a weekly basis.

2.5 The **National Commission for Women (NCW)** has launched a message-only WhatsApp helpline number - 9354954224 -- which is functional round-the-clock for providing medical assistance to expectant mothers from across the country. This is in addition to the email ID which is already operational. A dedicated team at the Commission is looking after speedy redressal of grievances received from pregnant women regarding procuring of emergency medical help. The Commission can also be reached out on the email ID [helpatncw@gmail.com](mailto:helpatncw@gmail.com). A total of 170 complaints/grievances were attended from date 29th April,2021 till date 12 am(midnight) of 3rd May, 2021; emergency help of various kinds have been provided including help in securing hospital beds, ICU beds, oxygen cylinders, emergency medicines and food. Requests for help from across the country are being attended to.

In this regard, NCW has also written to the Chief Secretaries of all state governments requesting them to appoint a nodal officer to provide relief to expectant mothers in need of medical attention, under intimation to the Commission.

**3. The draft Cabinet Note along with draft Trafficking in Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation Bill, 2021** was circulated to stakeholder Ministries/ Departments vide O.M. dated 06.04.2021 for suggestions/ comments. The response from concerned Ministries/ Departments is awaited.

#### **4. Nirbhaya Fund:**

A meeting of Empowered Committee (EC) of Officers was held on 28.04.2021 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (WCD) in which besides reviewing the status of implementation of earlier approved projects/ schemes, the EC has appraised 2 proposals

- (i) Proposal of M/o External Affairs for opening One Stop Centres (OSCs) in Indian Missions abroad and (ii) Proposal of MWCD for the scheme for critical care and support for accessing justice to rape / gang-rape survivors and minor girls who get pregnant.

## **5. POSHAN ABHIYAAN**

In order to enable effective implementation of nutrition related schemes and track the nutritional status of beneficiaries, so far 12.48 lakhs applications have been downloaded by the field functionaries and 4.78 crore beneficiaries been registered into the ICT enabled platform namely POSHAN Tracker.

## **6. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)**

During the month of April, 2021, more than 3.01 lakh beneficiaries were enrolled under the PMMVY. More than 8.53 lakh applications were entered on Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana - Common Application Software (PMMVY-CAS). More than Rs. 151.61 Crore of maternity benefits was disbursed.

As on 01.05.2021, more than 2.24 crore beneficiaries were enrolled; more than 1.97 crore beneficiaries were paid maternity benefits; more than 5.94 crore applications were entered on PMMVY-CAS; more than 5.24 crore application were paid and more than Rs. 8567.26 Crore of maternity benefits were disbursed under the scheme.

## **7. One Stop Centres and Women Helpline:**

700 One Stop Centres (OSCs) have been reported to be operational in 35 States/Uts including the Covid lockdown period, to provide medical support, psycho-social counselling, police facilitation, legal counselling / help, temporary shelter to women affected by violence, including domestic violence. Further, Women Help Lines are functional in 33 States and Uts for providing emergency and non-emergency telephonic support to women facing violence or difficult situations during the lockdown period.

## **8. Minimum Government, Maximum Governance:**

8.1 Video Conferences are being held on regular basis for inter-action and dialogues with States/Uts to ensure effective implementation of various schemes.

8.2 Full-fledged e-Office implementation by Ministry has resulted in savings to Government exchequer. Also, substantial number of Inter - Ministerial communications are made through e-mail.

8.3 All Policies/ Programmes/ Schemes/ Acts/ Sanction orders etc. are uploaded on public domain for easy access by stakeholders.

**9. Status of Public Grievances:**

No. of Public Grievances disposed-off during the month	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month (30.04.2021)
423	106

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