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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly Summary for the month of March, 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 March, 2021.

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

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

1. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) amendment bill 2021

The **Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Bill 2021**, was passed by **Lok Sabha** on dated **23rd March, 2021**.

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

2.1 The Sixth India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Women's Forum meeting was held virtually on 16th March, 2021. Led by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, the event witnessed participation of Ministers and officials responsible for Women Affairs of IBSA Countries. At the end of the conference, a joint declaration was also issued highlighting the shared IBSA goals and commitments for achieving gender equality in all spheres of life.

2.2 A meeting was held between Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kyrgyz Republic to India and the Hon'ble Minister, Women & Child Development on 24th March, 2021 to discuss bilateral issues between the two countries and possible areas of collaboration in the field of women and child development.

2.3 Webinar on Mission Shakti was held on 09.03.2021 at Udyog Bhawan.

2.4 Meeting was held on 10.03.2021 through web mode to Introduce Mission Vatsalya, with other stakeholders

2.5 Seminar on 'Discussion on matters pertaining to Women & Children with District Officers from 100 Districts with highest rate of crimes against women and children' was held on 15.03.2021 in Vigyan Bhawan.

2.6 Seminar on 'Facilitating Safety and Empowerment of Women through One Stop Centre - Horizontal and Vertical Convergence' was held on 19.03.2021 at Vigyan Bhawan.

2.7 Seminar on 'Safety and Empowerment of Women through National Commission for Women (NCW) & State Commission for Women's (SCWs)' was held on 23.03.2021 at Vigyan Bhawan.

2.8 Seminar on 'Safety, Well being and Development of Children through National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCSs)' was held on 24.03.2021 at Vigyan Bhawan.

3. Meetings/ Conferences/ Workshops under the Chairmanship of Secretary, WCD:

3.1 A meeting with the Ambassador at the Royal Danish Embassy at New Delhi was held on 25.03.2021 to follow up on the Green Strategic Partnership and to discuss areas of mutual cooperation.

3.2 A meeting of the Broad Based Committee for Gender Analysis and Budgeting was held on 02.03.2021 via video conferencing to request for inputs to finalise the report of the Committee.

3.3 A Meeting (through Video Conference) regarding POSHAN TRACKER with Pr. Secretaries of States held on 05.03.2021.

3.4 Two days National Conference (through Video Conference) on Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning on the theme "Institutionalizing M&E practices for sustainable impact" with Secretary, WCD on 18th and 19th March, 2021.

4. Nirbhaya Fund:

A meeting of Empowered Committee (EC) of Officers was held on 26.03.2021 in which besides reviewing the status of implementation of earlier approved projects/ schemes, the EC had approved 'in-principle' 16 initiatives to be undertaken for safety & security of women on various aspects such as training of duty bearers, drivers, mental health, lighting of dark spots, providing timely victim compensation, Police Assistance Booth, Relief and shelter support to minor girls etc. In addition, the EC has also appraised 3 projects/ schemes of Govt. of Bihar, Govt. of Punjab and Govt. of Uttar Pradesh on women safety.

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

5.1 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.

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

6. POSHAN ABHIYAAN

The recently organised Poshan Pakhwada was the third in the series since the inception of POSHAN Abhiyaan, and was organised from 16th-31st March, 2021.

In order to reaching out to masses and touching the remotest of locations to sensitise target

beneficiaries and stakeholders during these 16 days of celebrations, Poshan Pakhwada 2021 was dedicated around the following themes.

- Addressing nutritional challenges through Food Forestry
- Poshan Panchayat
- AYUSH for Well being
- Food and Nutrition Forestry and Plantations: India@75
- Back to Basics – Yoga for Health
- Poshan Vatika
- Poshan ke Paanch Sutra
- Traditional Recipes for Health – My Kitchen My Dispensary
- AYUSH Application for Nutritional Support: India@75

7. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)

During the month of March, 2021, more than 6.15 lakh beneficiaries were enrolled under the PMMVY. More than 17.38 lakh applications were entered on Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana - Common Application Software (PMMVY-CAS). More than Rs. 133.48 Crore of maternity benefits was disbursed.

As on 01.04.2021, more than 2.21 crore beneficiaries were enrolled; more than 1.93 crore beneficiaries were paid maternity benefits; more than 5.85 crore applications were entered on PMMVY-CAS; more than 5.13 crore application were paid and more than Rs. 8374.00 Crore of maternity benefits were disbursed under the scheme.

8. 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 situation during the lockdown period.

9. Celebration of International Women's Day - 2021 on the Theme- 'Men for Women'

The National Commission for Women celebrated International Women's Day on 10th March, 2021 (Wednesday) on theme 'Men for Women', with the aim to achieve equality by encouraging all genders to partake as agents of change and take action against negative stereotypes and behaviours.

The event was graced by the presence of Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Minister, MWCD & M/o Textiles as Chief Guest, Sh. Hans Raj Hans, MP North West Delhi as Guest of Honour.

10. Minimum Government, Maximum Governance:

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

10.2 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.

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

11. Status of Public Grievances:

No. of Public Grievances disposed-off during the month	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month (31.03.2021)
491	144
