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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Monthly Summary for the month of September, 2020 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 September, 2020.



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## **Monthly Summary Report for the month of September, 2020 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 September, 2020 are as follows:

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

1.1 A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, WCD on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2020 with Principal Economic Adviser to Govt. of India to discuss the scope of institutional reforms of Institutions within MWCD.

1.2 A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, WCD on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at Udyog Bhawan with PSA to Government of India, CEO, CSC SPV and Senior Officials from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to discuss POSHAN Tracker and POSHAN Atlas projects.

1.3 A Webinar on Best Practices and Success Stories from POSHAN Abhiyaan was organised on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, WCD. It was attended by Representatives from States/UTs, Ministries and Departments of Government of India. It was also webcast on NIC platform and Youtube channel of Ministry.

1.4 A Webinar on Nutrient Requirement for Children and Mothers during first 1000 days was organised on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, WCD. It was attended by representatives from States/UTs, Ministries and Departments of Government of India. It was also webcast on NIC platform and Youtube channel of the Ministry.

### **2. Amendment of Juvenile Justice Act.**

Cabinet Note on amendment of Juvenile Justice Act has been finalized and submitted to Cabinet Secretariat.

### **3. Group of Ministers' Meeting:**

A meeting of Group of Ministers (GoM) was held on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 (through Video Conference) under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Home Minister to examine Trafficking in persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill along with recommendations of Ghosh Panel Report.

#### **4 Celebration of Rashtriya POSHAN Maah:**

Rashtriya POSHAN Maah 2020 was celebrated across the country during the month of September 2020. During the month, drives for (i) identification and referral of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) children; (ii) developing kitchen/nutri-garden in AWC/ Panchayat /Community areas were organized. *Digital 'Poshan Panchayat'* was also organized to encourage local engagement in identification, management & resolution of nutrition related issues locally in convergence with Ministry of Panchayati Raj. All the activities were undertaken keeping in mind the existing protocols for COVID-19.

POSHAN Maah witnessed wide participation and enthusiasm from Partner Ministries, States/UTs and field functionaries. D.O. letters were issued from Hon'ble Minister, WCD to Union Ministers, Members of Parliaments, Chief Ministers, Lieutenant Governors, Members of Legislative Assemblies and Zila Panchayat Adhyakshas for active participation. Three Joint D.O. letters from Secretaries of (i) MWCD, MoPR & MoRD; (ii) MWCD & DoSEL and (iii) MWCD, MoH&FW, MoAYUSH & MoPR were also issued to Chief Secretaries of States/UTs regarding activities to be undertaken during the Poshan Maah. Frontline workers, Community Groups, PRIs, Staff at Block and District level, State Departments and Ministries exemplified diligent work towards triggering a Jan Andolan for POSHAN Abhiyaan.

#### **5. Convergent Activities during Poshan Maah 2020:**

5.1 Based on the request of MWCD, MyGov set up an exclusive campaign page for Poshan Maah 2020 containing links with info graphics of activities being taken up by all Ministries, State Governments and other stakeholders. MyGov also hosted the POSHAN Abhiyaan MEME Contest (count till 30.09.2020: 5850) and POSHAN Abhiyaan Quiz (count till 30.09.2020: 2,13,503), Share Your Recipe (count till 30.09.2020: 1357), while, Share Good Nutrition Practices & Awareness on Healthy Diet has 2400 (count till 30.09.2020) submissions.

5.2 CHILDLINE 1098 participated for the first time in Rashtriya Poshan Maah. Advisories were circulated to all CHILDLINE contact centers, regional resource centers and CHILDLINE units with regard to Poshan Maah. Scripts were created at CHILDLINE contact centers to address calls for information. Activities were conducted across the country covering four areas: Identifying SAM Children, Setting up of Kitchen Gardens, Engaging with community health workers and Anganwadi and awareness programs on the importance of Nutrition.

5.3 Press Information Bureau Head Quarter and Regional Branch offices coordinated publicity activities for Poshan Maah by conducting Press conferences, organized webinars, coordinated coverage by electronic and print media. Main Twitter handles @PIB\_India and @PIBHindi with more than 2.1 million followers issued series of tweets during the month.

**6. Signing of Memorandum of Understanding with Ministry of AYUSH:**

The Ministry of Women & Child Development signed a 'Memorandum of Understanding' with Ministry of AYUSH on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 on Integration of AYUSH systems with ongoing nutrition Interventions under the ICDS program. The MoU is expected to contribute towards elimination of malnutrition through the principles & practices of Ayurveda, Yoga and other AYUSH systems and provide context specific solutions for holistic wellbeing of Women and Children under this programme.

**7. Meeting of Empowered Committee of Officers under Nirbhaya Fund:**

The meeting of Empowered Committee for Nirbhaya Fund was held on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. The committee approved a proposal of MHA for 'Strengthening of DNA analysis, cyber forensic and related facilities in the State Forensic Science Laboratories in the States/ UTs of Jharkhand, Kerala, Karnataka and Andaman & Nicobar Islands' at a total cost of Rs. 31.47 Crores with timelines upto FY 2022-23.

**8. Participation in other Meetings/ Conferences/ Workshops:**

8.1 Web Meeting for closing ceremony of POSHAN Maah on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister of State for WCD with participation from all States/UTs and partner Ministries and Departments. This was also webcast on NIC platform and YouTube channel of Ministry.

8.2 Meeting of the Task Force (through Video Conference) under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Jaya Jaitly held on 17.09.2020 to examine matters pertaining to age of motherhood, imperative of lowering Maternal Mortality Rate, improvement of nutritional levels and related issues.

8.3 Video Conference under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary on 30.09.2020 regarding 'Public Health Response to COVID-19: Campaign for COVID appropriate Behaviour'.

8.4 A Joint Video Conference by MWCD, M/o Panchyati Raj and Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation reg. POSHAN MAAH on 09.09.2020.

8.5 Video Conference under the Chairmanship of CEO, NITI Aayog to discuss the progress integrating Grants-in-Aid portals of Central Ministries/Departments with NITI Darpan Portal on 16.09.2020.

8.6 Meeting of the Expert Committee for Aspirational District Programme under PM's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration, 2020 (through Video Conference) under the chairmanship of CEO, NITI Aayog on 23.09.2020.

- 8.7 Video Conference under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Border Management), MHA on 17.09.2020 regarding proposed interaction of Hon'ble Prime Minister with public representatives of Border Areas.
- 8.8 Video Conference under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DPIIT on 16.09.2020 regarding 'Team up for Toys: Re-imagining the Indian Toy Story'.
- 8.9 Supplementary Project Approval Board (PAB) meeting (through Video Conference) to discuss new proposals from States/ UTs of Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh under Child Protection Services Scheme for FY 2020-21 on 11.09.2020.
- 8.10 Webinar on Nutrient for Bone Health for Pregnant Women and Adolescent Girls along with Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.
- 8.11 Webinar on School-based Prevention and Management of Enteric Infections in Children on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020.
- 8.12 Meeting (through Video Conference) on 23.09.2020 to discuss the draft Supplementary Rules, 2020 with all States/UTs.
- 8.13 Fifth meeting of the National Steering & Monitoring Committee (through Video Conference) of PMMVY on 29.09.2020.
- 8.14 Meeting on 04.09.2020 with Country Director and other Senior Officials from World Bank.
- 8.15 Webinar on 09.09.2020 on the theme of Empowering Women Entrepreneurs in India.
- 8.16 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting (through Video Conference) of Empowered Committee for Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) on 11.09.2020.
- 8.17 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Empowered Committee of National Digital Health Mission (through Video Conference) on 14.09.2020.
- 8.18 Video Conference on delivering for Nutrition in India Insights from Implementation Research - 18.09.20
- 8.19 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Steering Committee of CARA (through Video Conference) on 25.09.2020

8.20 Meeting on 26.09.2020 (through Video Conference) with Principal Scientific Adviser to Govt. of India to discuss POSHAN Tracker project.

8.21 Webinar on 'Impact of Aspirational Districts Programme' on 28.09.2020.

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

9.1 Daily 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 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.

9.2 A brief daily report on implementation status of the schemes of the Ministry during the national lockdown period is sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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

**10. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY):**

Pursuant to directions of DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, LGD compliant district-level granularity of data of PMMVY Scheme of MWCD is being shared with DBT Mission (Cabinet Secretariat) and PRAYAS Dashboard (developed by PMO). PMMVY scheme is also being on-boarded on UMANG application in phases as informed in review meetings. The development for Phase II on-boarding was completed by UMANG team and testing has been done by Technical team of MWCD. UMANG team will write to MWCD for deployment after Audit review. The APIs for phase III have been shared with the UMANG team and development for same is to commence by UMANG team.

During the month of September, 2020, more than 5.29 lakh beneficiaries were enrolled under PMMVY. 15.86 lakh applications were entered on Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana-Common Application Software (PMMVY-CAS) portal. More than Rs. 309 crore of maternity benefits have been disbursed.

As on 30.09.2020, more than 1.86 crore beneficiaries were enrolled; more than 1.68 crore beneficiaries were paid maternity benefits; more than 4.84 crore applications were entered on PMMVY-CAS; more than 4.41 crore applications were paid and more than Rs. 7183 crore of maternity benefits were disbursed under the scheme.

**11. Mahila Shakti Kendra:**

During the month of September, 2020, District Level Centre for Women (DLCW) became operational in 3 more districts (Assam - 2, Uttar Pradesh - 1). At present,

DLCWs are functional in 297 districts in 22 States/UTs to support implementation of women centric schemes & programs at the district level. During the month, Online training was conducted for States of Uttar Pradesh on 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>September, 2020 and for Maharashtra on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 for State and District Level Functionaries to expedite the implementation of MSK Scheme.

**12. Minimum Government, Maximum Governance:**

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

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

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

**13. Status of Public Grievances:**

No. of Public Grievances disposed-off during the month	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month (30.09.2020)
1346	154

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