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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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



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

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

1.1 A meeting was held between Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare; Rural Development & Panchayati Raj and Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Women & Child Development (WCD) on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 at Krishi Bhawan to explore the possibility of convergence in the schemes of Ministry of WCD and Ministry of Agriculture/ Rural Development/ Panchayati Raj, particularly for supporting Poshan Vaatika/ Nutri-gardens at Anganwadi Centres.

1.2 A meeting was held between Hon'ble Minister of Education and Hon'ble Minister, WCD on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 to discuss the New Education Policy and its implementation in the Anganwadi Centres.

1.3 An Inter-Ministerial Meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, WCD on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 (through Video Conferencing) to discuss the activities which various Ministries could undertake during the upcoming POSHAN Maah from 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

1.4 A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, WCD with Foreign Secretary on 21.08.2020 to discuss the agenda of G20 and preparatory steps for it.

1.5 A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, WCD on 24.08.2020 with CMD, National Seeds Corporation and Senior Officials from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to discuss the way forward for development of nutri-gardens at Anganwadi Centers under Poshan Abhiyan.

1.6 A Video Conference was held under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, WCD on 28.08.2020 with Secretary Education to discuss academic, pedagogical aspects of developing toys as a tool for early education and overall child development.

## **2. Briefing of the Committee on External Affairs:**

The Ministry of Women & Child Development alongwith the Ministries of External Affairs; Education; Labour; Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution; and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship briefed the Committee on External Affairs reg. "COVID-19 pandemic: Global Response, India's contribution and the way forward" on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

## **3. Celebration of World Breastfeeding Week:**

Food and Nutrition Board under the Ministry, through its Community Food and Nutrition Extension Units (CFNEUs) in 30 States/ UTs, celebrated the World Breastfeeding Week from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August on the theme "*Support Breastfeeding for a Healthier Planet*". During the weeklong celebrations, various activities were conducted like Webinars, Nutrition Education Programmes at AWCs, sharing live video shows on various nutritious recipes like home based complimentary food and instant mixes with a focus on the theme. The field units also organized Mini Exhibitions, talk shows on Doordarshan with a focus on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) Practices for protection, promotion and support of Breastfeeding. These programmes were organized in collaboration with various State Government Departments of Health, Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), and NGOs, Mahila Mandals, Social Media etc. Apart from this, various Social Media platforms viz. Twitter, Facebook, Instagram opted for dissemination of messages on IYCF and importance of Nutritious food for Pregnant and Lactating mothers.

An interactive webinar session based on "Maternal and Child Health" was organised on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2020. Lectures on Maternal and Child Health, importance of Growth monitoring, feeding during emergencies etc. were delivered by eminent speakers, Audio-visual clips on Diet for Pregnant and Lactating women, demonstration of recipes on Complementary food and nutritious recipes for pregnant women and lactating Mothers were also played during webinar. State Officials, DPOs, CDPOs, ICDS Supervisors, Govt. Institutions/NGOs, regional offices and 43 CFNEUs across 30 states /UTs were participants in this conference.

A web conference was organized under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MWCD on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020 to discuss the issue of IYCF Practices in the country with participation from MoH&FW, NITI Aayog, Subject Experts and States. Strategies/Interventions to promote IYCF were discussed. Further, to draw a time bound strategy to ensure an improved communication with mothers and would be

mothers to enable promotion of the early initiation of breastfeeding (EIBF) in the country along with institutional deliveries was discussed.

**4. Video Conference with States/ UTs reg. Sectoral Issues of MWCD:**

Video Conference was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MWCD on 21.08.2020 with States/ UTs in 2 batches to discuss various Sectoral Issues of the Ministry of Women & Child Development.

**5. Preparatory meeting with States/UTs for celebration of Poshan Maah, 2020:**

A Preparatory meeting with States/UTs for celebration of Poshan Maah, 2020 and the activities to be organized during the Maah was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MWCD on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2020 through Video Conferencing. The meeting was attended by representatives of Departments of Women & Child Development/ Social Welfare, Health & Family Welfare and Panchayati Raj of all the States/ UTs.

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

6.1 Meeting (through Video Conferencing) of the National Consultative Committee on de-addiction on 18.08.2020 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment.

6.2 Meeting (through Video Conferencing) under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary on 13.08.2020 reg. Communication Strategy and India Projection Abroad.

6.3 Meeting (through Video Conferencing) of Sectoral Group of Secretaries (SGoS) on 06.08.2020 for discussions on progress in implementation of recommendations made in 5-Year Vision Document.

6.4 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting (through Video Conferencing) of the Task Force under the chairpersonship of Ms. Jaya Jaitly on 13.08.2020 to examine matters pertaining to age of Motherhood, imperatives of lowering Maternal Mortality Rate, etc.

6.5 First Meeting (through Video Conferencing) of the Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Principal Scientific Advisor to the Govt. of India (PSA to GoI) on 05.08.2020 to provide guidance on the POSHAN ATLAS being developed by MWCD.

6.6 Meeting (through Video Conferencing) of the Monitoring Group for data management application for POSHAN Abhiyan on 18.08.2020 under the Chairmanship of PSA to Government of India.

6.7 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting (through Video Conferencing) of the Prime Minister's Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STaIC) under the Chairmanship of Principal Scientific Advisor to Government of India on 28.08.2020 to discuss "MANAS" Mental Health Studies related to Covid-19.

6.8 Meeting (through Video Conferencing) under the Chairmanship of Shri Bhaskar Khulbe, Advisor to Hon'ble Prime Minister on 14.08.2020 to review the progress on PRAYAS Dashboard developed by NIC.

6.9 Meeting (through Video Conferencing) on 14.08.2020 reg. Convergence with Ministry of AYUSH, Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

6.10 Meeting (through Video Conferencing) on 26.08.2020 with MeitY to review various IT related matters of the Ministry of Women & Child Development.

6.11 Meeting (through Video Conferencing) on 14.08.2020 reg. National Public Digital Platform Eco-System for Women and Child.

6.12 Web Seminar on 15.08.2020 reg. "Empowering Women through Legal Awareness".

6.13 Meeting (through Video Conferencing) on 07.08.2020 to discuss the details of National Beekeeping and Honey Mission.

6.14 Online Orientation Programme by National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) on 30.08.2020 for awareness about Child Psychology for officers of NIPCCD, CARA & MWCD.

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

7.1 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.

7.2 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.

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

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

Pursuant to the directions of DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, Local Government Directory (LGD) compliant district-level granularity of data of PMMVY Scheme of MWCD is being shared with the DBT Mission (Cabinet Secretariat) and PRAYAS Dashboard (developed by PMO).

During the month of August, 2020, more than 4.45 lakh beneficiaries were enrolled under PMMVY. 12.87 lakh applications were entered on Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana-Common Application Software (PMMVY-CAS) portal. More than Rs. 154.5 crore of maternity benefits have been disbursed.

As on 31.08.2020, more than 1.81 crore beneficiaries have been enrolled; more than 1.61 crore beneficiaries were paid maternity benefits; more than 4.68 crore applications were entered on PMMVY-CAS; more than 4.22 crore applications were paid and more than Rs. 6862 crore of maternity benefits were disbursed under the scheme.

**9. Mahila Shakti Kendra:**

During the month of August, 2020, District Level Centre for Women (DLCW) became operational in 21 more districts (Assam - 1, Haryana - 20). At present, DLCWs are functional in 294 districts in 22 States/UTs to support implementation of women centric schemes & programs at the district level. During the month, 850 Student Volunteers, who play an instrumental role in awareness generation regarding various important Government schemes/programmes as well as social issues, were identified in the State of Gujarat for block level activities in Aspirational Districts.

**10. Food and Nutrition Board:**

During this month of August, 2020, CFNEUs of FNB conducted Inspections of 78 Anganwadi Centres for monitoring the Supplementary Nutrition Programme of the ICDS; 234 Nutrition Education Programmes in the urban slums, rural and tribal areas; 07 training programmes on Home Scale Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables, out of which 04 programmes were exclusively for SC/ST beneficiaries and 06

Orientation Training Courses in Nutrition for grassroots level functionaries from ICDS and Health, adolescent girls, pregnant, newly married communities and PRIs through Webinar.

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

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

11.2 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.

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

**12. Status of Public Grievances:**

No. of Public Grievances disposed-off during the month	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month (31.08.2020)
1560	141

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