

Women & Child Development & Social Welfare



The Department of Women & Child Dev. and Social Welfare has taken up all round development of State in right earnest and been consistently pursuing its goal to extend the benefits to the weaker & vulnerable sections of our society.

It was assessed that most of the Schemes were being implemented in a routine manner, keeping very little pace with the demand of the day. It was accordingly decided to achieve specific targets to improve the performance of the Department in all sectors of its welfare such as (a) Disability Welfare (b) Women Welfare & Empowerment (c) Social Welfare (d) Child Welfare.

During the last one year impressive achievements of this Department are:-

- Institution of 'Tagore Annual Award' for best performing Team of Anganwadi Worker and Helper in the State.
- Operationalising 160 ICDS Projects approved by Govt. of India in 2008.
- First time constitution of Monitoring Committees for ICDS from G.P. Level to State Level.
- Initiating steps for filling up of all vacancies relating to ICDS in the 23 LWE blocks of Jungle Mahal as a part of measure for all round development of the said Areas.
- Intensive efforts to fill up vacant posts of other ICDS Projects in the State and Anganwadi Centres.
- Increasing additional honorarium of AWWs from Rs. 3850 to Rs. 4350/- and for AWHs from Rs. 2350 to Rs. 2850/-.
- Creation of 335 posts of different categories for 28 Govt. Homes and engagement thereof.
- Reconstitution of Child Welfare Committees and Juvenile Justice Boards.
- Extending Missing Children's Tracking Portal with NIC - the only one of its kind in India.
- Initiating steps to set up the State Child Rights Protection Commission.
- Launching of campaign by All India Radio (AIR) against the social evils like Dowry, Child Marriage, Trafficking etc. and on the rights and entitlements of Women and Children started from 1st April, 2012. Hon'ble President of India felicitated 20 adolescent girls in January'12 for effectively resisting Child Marriage (Malda, Murshidabad, Bankura & Purulia).
- Notification of Revised Rules for simplified certification of disability.
- Increase amount of Scholarship for physically challenged students from Rs 100 to Rs 300 per month, by which nearly 5000 beneficiaries will be benefited.
- Holding Special Camps for identification & Certification of more disabled persons. 143 such camps were hold and 28600 certificates were issued.
- Implementation of Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for empowerment of adolescent girls (SABLA) in 6 districts.
- Implementation of a New Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Indira Gandhi Matritya Sahayog Yojana (IGMSY) in two Districts of Jalpaiguri and Bankura, for improvement of nutritional and health status of the pregnant and lactating mothers and their new born babies.
- Setting up 28 Night Shelters with the co-operation of voluntary organizations to provide the homeless persons of Kolkata, Howrah and Asansol with shelters at night under the new Scheme of "Shelter for Urban Homeless". For this purpose Rs.28 lakh has been sanctioned.

- Conducting survey of commercial sex workers seeking rehabilitation and providing them assistance for vocational Training according to Hon'ble Supreme Court's directions.
- Anganwadi Workers and Helpers provided with the benefits under 'Anganwadi Karyakari Bima Yojana' of LIC and their honoraria increased.
- Increased maintenance cost of Home inmates from Rs.1100/- to Rs.1250/-.
- Steps taken to introduce Mediclaim Policy for the better treatment of the inmates of all the JJ Homes through National Insurance Corporation.
- Introduction of Vocational Training in modern trades in for inmates selected Homes in a PPP mode.
- Sanction of enhanced amounts of funds under "Swawalamban" for vocational training to women in need.

Financial achievement (Rs. In lakh)

Sub Sector	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Handicapped Welfare	418.45	372.15	480.26
Child Welfare	17658.75	34457.67	37150.94
Women Welfare	688.36	696.46	756.01
Other Service	920.86	874.77	903.17
Nutrition	31720.90	34780.20	38208.09
Total	51407.32	71181.25	77498.47

Looking Forward:

- 1) To construct pacca buildings for 1087 Anganwadi Centres. Rs.76 crore has been sanctioned for this purpose.
- 2) To expand the scope and coverage of "Widow pension" by adding medical insurance and to cover all indigent single women and rename it as "Social Security Scheme" for single women (widow, divorces, unmarried, deserted, abandoned women) to keep in step with the times and its needs.
- 3) To provide all workers and Helpers of AWCs with uniform and Identity Cards.
- 4) Construction of working women Hostels and Girls students' Hostels in District Head quarters in a phased manner including minority communities over the XIIth Plan period.
- 5) Providing up-graded vocational training courses and facilitating extension of financial support in contemporary trades and services in partnership with NSDC, UNICEF, Public Sector Organisation and Corporate Sector.
- 6) Awareness campaigns on rights & entitlements of women & children including launching of a one year, State wide intense, multi media awareness campaign on "Narir-Adhikar".
- 7) Setting up of "Mahila Gyan Kendras" or "E-learning centres" for women in the districts, in the PPP mode, with the support of reputed corporates who have evinced interest to the Hon'ble Chief Minister in supporting the state in building its IT-skills.
- 8) To take initiatives with all concerned for ensuring 50% reservation of the seats for women under 3 tier panchayat.
- 9) To change the menu of Anganwadi Centres under supplementary nutrition programme of ICDS to remove the monotony of only Kichhuri every day.
- 10) To provide the Workers and Helpers of Anganwadi Centres with two pieces of Saries as uniform.