

CHAPTER 15

SOCIAL WELFARE

The basic mandate of the Social welfare Department is to provide institutional arrangement and community based services for protection and care of weaker sections of the society. The Department aims to create a healthy environment free from exploitation through a multi prolonged strategy for eradication of social evils/problems, developing infrastructure, delivery of services to the economically and socially backward group in rural and urban sectors. It also works towards improving the life style of the weaker section of the society by providing reasonable financial assistance under various schemes and skill training to make them self dependent.

Acts like Juvenile Justice Act, Welfare and Maintenance of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, Protection of Children against Sexual Offences Act, Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act, etc. are also enforced by the department.

I. WELFARE OF SENIOR CITIZEN:-

The department has constituted the U.T & District Council for rendering Advice/recommendation for the welfare of Senior Citizens. An Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens is being implemented wherein sensitization of general public regarding various provisions on welfare and maintenance of senior citizen Act, Care and protection to Senior citizen, providing old age monthly pension to Senior citizens, maintaining old age home, appointment of Protection Officers and family counselors, Recreation Centers/Day Care centers/Short stay Homes, through NGOs are the main programmes.

II. WELFARE OF DISABLED:-

The scheme for persons with disability is basically designed to provide succor to persons with 40 % or more disability and who do not earn enough to sustain themselves. The department provides assistance of Rs.2000 /- per month to divyangjan. During the 12th Five Year Plan, it is proposed to introduce new scheme viz. providing of Improved Two Wheeler at subsidized rate to eligible persons. The department maintains a Home for Disabled children at Ferrargunj. The Vocational cum Rehabilitation Centre at Brookshabad, Port Blair was operationalized by engagement of professional staffs such as speech therapist, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, special educator etc. With this technical cell, many Divyang children have been provided with special education, care and rehabilitation from this centre.

III. EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN:-

The Social Welfare department provides safe and budget accommodation to working women who come away from their homes for the sake of employment in the three Hostels located at Dollygunj & Pongy chaung and Car Nicobar. During the 12th Five Year Plan, it is proposed to construct a Hostel at Rangat for the same purpose. Besides, these programmes, financial assistance to widows and destitute women who have no other source of income and whose monthly income does not exceed Rs.4000/- per month are provided pension @ Rs.2000/- per month as a social security measure. Besides, a Swadhar Home for Destitute Women, Services of Protection Officer, domestic violence and child marriage etc

IV. WELFARE OF JUVENILES:-

The Scheme envisages maintenance of Home for Delinquent Juvenile (Boys, Girls) and Childrens Homes established under juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015. The department maintains One Special/ observation Home for delinquent juveniles at Port Blair one Children Home for boys at Ferrargunj and a Home for abandoned/neglected and helpless orphan girls at Balika Niketan, Attam Pahad. Child Welfare Constituted Committees have been constituted to ensure care and protection of children as envisaged under the Act.

V. INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (ICDS):-

Integrated Child Development Services Scheme is being implemented in A & N Islands through 5 ICDS Projects and 689 Anganwadi Centres and 31 Mini Anganwadi Centres functioning throughout the Islands. All habitations have been covered under this scheme, which provides health, nutrition and educational services to children below the age of 6 years, pregnant women, lactating mothers and adolescent girls. Beneficiaries who include children of the age group 6 months to 6 years and pregnant and lactating mothers are provided supplementary nutrition. All these beneficiaries are eligible for supplementary nutrition @ Rs. 8.50 per day.

VI. Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG) – SABLA:-

This scheme is implemented in the four ICDS Projects located in South Andaman and North & Middle Andaman Districts wherein nutrition is being provided to out of school girls from 11 to 14 years and school going girls from 14 to 18 years of all girls. Various types of trainings provided to Adolescent girls through the four ICDS projects under this scheme. All the out of school girls and girls in the age group of 14-18 years are provided with supplementary nutrition @ Rs. 8.50/- per day.

VII. "Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY):- Maternity Benefit Programme:-

IGMSY scheme is implemented in the ICDS Projects in the district of South Andaman with the objectives of improving the health and nutrition status of pregnant and lactating woman by conditional cash transfer as maternity benefit to pregnant and lactating women as part compensation for wage loss during pregnancy and lactation period to women fulfilling specific conditions linked to maternal and child care behavior and responses. Cash incentive of Rs. 6000/- in three installments is being provided to Pregnant and Lactating woman whose age is 19years and above, for their first two live births.

VIII. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP):- Nicobar District has been selected for implementation of Multi sectoral action under BBBP in January, 2016. The BBBP scheme with the goal of empowering the girl child aims at (i) preventing gender based sex selective elimination (ii) ensuring survival and protection of the girl child and (iii) ensuring education and participation of the girl child.

IX. Integrated Child Protection Scheme:- Under this scheme the Ministry of Women and Child Development envisage to carve out a broad and comprehensive frame work for child protection and set the foundation for creating a strong protective environment for children. Every child of India has the right to be cared for by a loving and nurturing family to live with dignity and to be protected from separation from his/her family, violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation.

X. WELFARE OF MINORITIES:-

Scholarship Scheme for Minorities: The Department is implementing Pre matric, Post-Matric and metric-cum-means scholarship Schemes through National Scholarship Portal for the students belonging to Minority communities. Scholarship is directly credited to the students account by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

Pre-Matric Scholarship:

a) Rs. 4,200 /- (Maximum) for tuition, admission etc. b) Rs.1000 /- as maintenance allowance.

Post -Matric Scholarship:

a) Actual subject to a maximum Rs.10,000/- P.A for admission/course fee etc. b) Rs.5100/- p.a (Maximum) as maintenance allowance.

Merit cum Means Scholarship:

a) Rs. 20,000 /- p.a. or actual whichever is less full course fee will be reimbursed for eligible institutions.

b) Rs. 10,000/- p.a. on maintenance allowance (Maximum)

XI. MULTI SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:- The Ministry of Minority Affairs, GOI has sanctioned three Projects for the Minority concentrated District of Nicobar under the scheme. They are i) Construction of 35 Anganwadi Centres, ii) Distribution of modern teaching aids in 25 schools and iii) construction of an ITI at Car Nicobar. So far, construction of 33 Anganwadi Centres and distribution of Modern Teaching Aids in 12 Schools has been completed and the construction of LT.I is under progress.

XII. One Stop Centre:- One stop centre for women in distress, victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse and domestic violence, provides shelter & support for making police complaints, legal & Medical support and rehabilitation of the victims.

XIII. Arunodaya "a Wellness Centre for holistic Development":- The department has setup a unique innovative centre called 'Wellness centre' which provides facilities like helpline, counselors, Police Facilitation Officer, Para Medical Staff, Officers from Social Welfare Department, partner voluntary organizations/volunteers for women facing physical, sexual, emotional and psychological abuse due to sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, trafficking etc. Through the centre, assistance has been provided to women in distress or victims of physical abuse and sexual violence.



Brief Trend Analysis

While observing the year wise achievement from 2012-13 to 2016-17, has shown an increasing trend. The number of beneficiaries in different schemes has been increasing every year. The beneficiaries under Old Age Pension scheme during the year 2012-13 were 9558 and by the end of 2016-17 the number increased up to 13247 showing an increase of 3889. & the beneficiaries under disability pension scheme also shows an increasing trend.

However some declining trend can be noticed in the beneficiaries in respect of widows and destitute, which may be due to the major efforts under taken by the department during the year 2016-17 for linking of bank account with Aadhaar number for obtaining assistance under pension schemes. In this process the department could weed out 2261 ineligible beneficiaries. As such beneficiaries under this schme have declined.

Financial Progress from 2012-13 to 2016-17

The Annual Expenditure of 2012-13 was 2869.73 Lakh and in 2013-14 the expenditure was 5551.31 Lakh showing an increase of 2681.59 lakh i.e. 93.44%. The increase is due to the hike in the pension amount from Rs.1000/- to Rs.2000/- per month during the year 2013-14. During the year 2014-15, the expenditure shows an increase of 4.59% and in the year 2015-16 it is 22.42% and in 2016-17 it showed a downfall of 1.39%.

PHYSICAL ACHIEVEMENT MADE FROM 2012-13 TO 2016-17

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme/projects/Items covered	Unit	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Sub-Sector I Social Security and Welfare							
i)	Construction/ repair to AWCs in all three districts and including toilets block in AWCs, maintenance of Abhyuday complex	Nos.	-	Construction of 13 AWCs completed and A/A & E/S accorded for 30 AWCs	A/A & E/S accorded for 07 AWCs	Construction of 07 AWCs completed and A/A & E/S accorded for 02 AWCs	Construction of 06 AWCs completed and A/A & E/S accorded for 17 AWCs
ii)	Sanction of Grant-in-Aid to 02 NGOs working in the field of Child Development	Nos.	02 NGO	02 NGO	02 NGO	02 NGO	02 NGO
iii)	Providing pension to all eligible old-age persons @Rs.2000/- pm under UT scheme	Nos.	8435 Beneficiaries	9574 Beneficiaries	10932 Beneficiaries	13241 Beneficiaries	12327 Beneficiaries
iv)	Providing accommodation to Old-age persons in departmental old-age home	Nos.	13 Inmates	12 Inmates	17 Inmates	17 Inmates	13 Inmates
v)	Financial assistance to all eligible Disabled persons having 40% and above disability	Nos.	2301 Persons with disabilities	2385 Persons with disabilities	2963 Persons with disabilities	3205 Persons with disabilities	3356 Persons with disabilities
vi)	Distribution of Aids and Appliances	Nos.	37 Aids and Appliances distributed	273 Aids and Appliances distributed	120 Aids and Appliances distributed	99 Aids and Appliances distributed	210 Aids and Appliances distributed
vii)	Providing pensions to eligible widows	Nos.	5041 Widows	4736 Widows	5350 Widows	5774 Widows	5556 Widows
viii)	Financial assistance to all eligible destitute women	Nos.	438 Destitute women	664 Destitute women	961 Destitute women	1333 Destitute women	658 Destitute women
ix)	Providing SNP to all eligible Adolescent Girls	Nos.	9568 Adolescent Girls	10998 Adolescent Girls	11259 Adolescent Girls	10999 Adolescent Girls	8253 Adolescent Girls
x)	Maintenance of Observation/ Special	Nos.	04 inmates	03 inmates	02 inmates	02 inmates	02 inmates

	Home						
xi)	Maintenance of destitute children (NJ) in Children Home, Abbhyuday Complex	Nos.	11 inmates	14 inmates	18 inmates	24 inmates	16 inmates
xii)	Maintenace of Orphan Girls in departmental Orphan Home (Balika Niketan) for girls	Nos.	15 Orphan Girls	15 Orphan Girls	16 Orphan Girls	21 Orphan Girls	22 Orphan Girls
xiii)	Honorarium to Anganwadi Workers, Mini Anganwadi Workers and Helpers	Nos.	699 AWW & 680 AWH	710 AWW & 689 AWH	710 AWW & 689 AWH	717 AWW & 689 AWH	717 AWW & 689 AWH
xiv)	Providing nutritious food to children from 6 months to 6 years, Pregnant ladies & Lactating mothers under ICDS programme	Nos.	17744 beneficiaries	17326 beneficiaries	15827 beneficiaries	15909 beneficiaries	14106 beneficiaries
xv)	Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension @Rs.200/- per month	Nos.	923 beneficiaries	785 beneficiaries	807 beneficiaries	788 beneficiaries	607 beneficiaries
xvi)	Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahayog Yojana (IGMSY)	Nos.	1051 beneficiaries	6619 beneficiaries	2286 beneficiaries	1219 beneficiaries	3055 beneficiaries

Financial Progress Expenditure i.e. 2012-13 TO 2016-17

Plan Expenditure

Sl. No.	Year	Outlay	Expdt.
1.	2012-13	2870.66	2869.73
2.	2013-14	5467.36	5551.32
3.	2014-15	5821.00	5806.12
4.	2015-16	7134.03	7107.91
5.	2016-17	7042.70	7009.36

Central Scheme

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
		Outlay	Exp	Outlay	Exp	Outlay	Exp	Outlay	Exp	Outlay	Exp
1	Pre-matric Scholarship	5.43	5.43	5.29	5.29	12.41	12.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Post-matric Scholarship	0.91	0.91	1.29	1.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Merit cum Means	2.25	2.25	2.75	2.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme	23.68	21.82	36.00	20.42	38.00	20.21	27.00	26.38	14.35	14.18
5	Multi sectoral Development Programme	541.28	25.30	515.98	68.29	290.00	22.22	388.93	88.00	0.00	0.00
6	ICDS – Anganwadi centre	440.46	443.51	201.67	748.10	740.63	735.54	1142.59	882.00	944.83	809.90
7	ICDS – Nutrition	130.34	129.71	101.37	166.51	147.23	146.65	267.67	233.54	262.68	259.80
8	IGMSY	12.44	12.44	122.32	116.36	44.35	44.30	72.67	70.71	119.43	0.60
9	RGSEAG – SABLA	82.76	82.62	24.37	69.66	21.55	22.25	44.14	42.49	51.35	50.65
10	One Stop Centre	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.19	23.02	0.00	0.00
11	Integrated Child Protection Scheme	-	-	-	-	125.00	0.00	36.03	36.03	134.62	36.76
12	Beti Bachao Beti Padhao	-	-	-	-	-	-	46.76	18.81	16.26	5.38

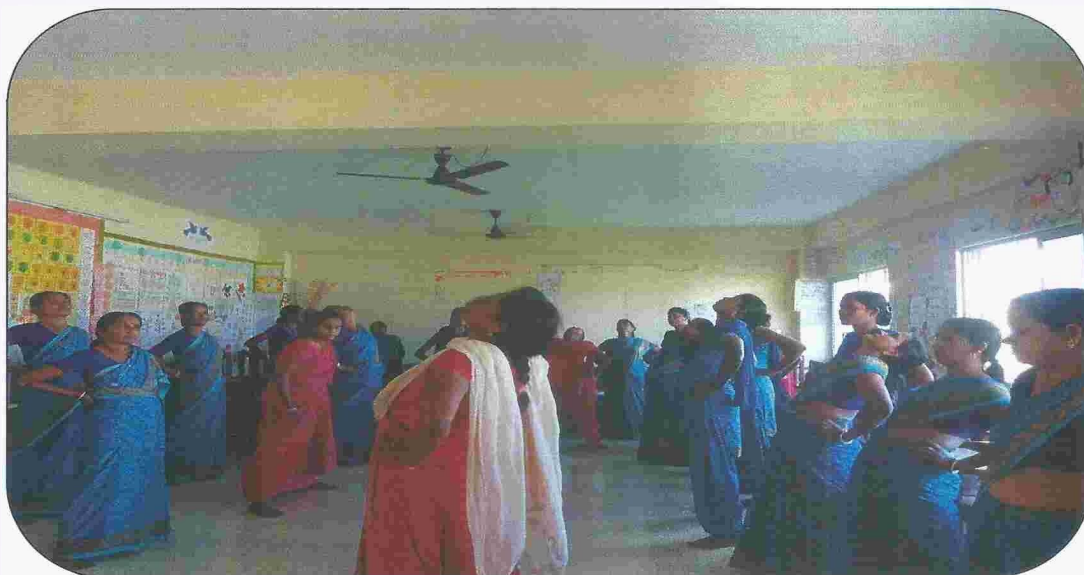


On 21st April, 2017, an awareness programme on the ill effects of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse in Kendriya Vidyalaya No. I



An awareness programme on ill effects of Alcoholism, Tobacco and Drug Abuse was organized at Pahalgaoon Panchayat Hall under ICDS Project Rangit

Photos of Activities undertaken by the Department



Awareness generation on elimination of violence against Women at Arunodaya



Awareness programme on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

TRIBAL WELFARE

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands have originally been the abode of aboriginal tribes. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956, promulgated by the President of India provides for protection of the interests of aboriginal tribes and declaration of the geographical area as reserved areas, which are predominantly and exclusively inhabited by these tribes. In these islands, there are six Scheduled Tribes i.e., the Andamanese, Onges, Jarawas, Sentinelese, Nicobarese and Shompen notified by the President of India under Article 342 (1) of the Indian Constitution (Andaman & Nicobar Islands Scheduled Tribes Order No. 58, dated 31.03.1959. Except Nicobarese the rest of the 05 tribes are Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). Apart from above, Central act namely “Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities)Amendment Act, 2015 and subsequently the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities)Amendment Rules, 2016 is also strictly enforced by the A&N Administration.

Total population of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands is 3,80,581 (2011 census) of which, the tribal population is **28,629**. The details ST population is as under: -

Name of tribe	Number
Andamanese	67 (actual)
Onges	119(actual)
Jarawas	480 (actual)
Sentinelese	50 estimated
Nicobarese	27676 (as per 2011)
Shompens	237 (Actual)
Total	28,629

The Welfare and Development of the Nicobarese are undertaken by various departments of Administration under Tribal Sub-Plan while that of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) are looked after by Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samity (AAJVS), which is headed by Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands. It has a General Body and an Executive Council, which meet periodically, lay down the policies and programmes for the welfare and development activities of the PTGs. AAJVS has setup small units at Tirur, Kadamtala, Middle Andaman for the welfare of Jarawas, Strait Island for Andamanese, Dugong Creek, Little Andaman for Onges, Shompen Hut Complex, Great Nicobar to look after the welfare of the Shompens.

Plan Programmes:

Main activities of the Tribal Welfare Department include formulation of the Tribal Sub Plan, co-ordination with the line Departments in implementation and monitoring of the schemes under Tribal Sub Plan. An amount of Rs. 153.80 Cr has been incurred under Tribal Sub Plan (2016-2017), against the total UT Plan (2016-2017) of Rs. 2176.30, constituting 7.06%.

The Department is implementing the following five Plan schemes under sector Welfare of SCs, STs & OBCs and a provision of Rs. 1245.17 lakh had been provided in the Annual Plan on 2016-17 against which an amount of Rs. 1244.52 lakh has been incurred upto March'2017, which constitutes 99.94%. A provision of Rs. 1277.00 lakh has been earmarked in the Annual Plan on 2017-18.

Financial Achievement:

Rs. in lakhs

S. No.	Name of the scheme	Annual Plan 2016-2017	Total Expdr. Upto March'2017
1.	Strengthening of the Directorate of Tribal Welfare	96.95	96.32
2.	Grant of addl. scholarship to tribal students for higher education	22.50	22.50
3.	Grant-in-aid to AAJVS & Tribal Councils.	974.00	974.00
4.	Survey and identification of OBCs in A & N Islands.	108.25	108.21
5.	Research & Documentation Scheduled Tribes	43.47	43.39
	Total	1245.17	1244.52

Physical Achievement:

1. 40 persons from Onge tribe and 17 individuals from Andamanese tribe have been covered under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yozna (Premium Rs. 330/- per annum). The amount towards the insurance premium has been paid by AAJVS.
2. Finalized the Protocol for "Disease Surveillance" to provide health care delivery in situ and to address the epidemiological emergencies.
3. Regional Medical Research Centre of ICMR, jointly with Tribal Welfare, AAJVS of A & N Administration undertook a research study to assess the health, nutritional and immunological status by taking biological samples from 304 out of 480 Jarawas and 57 Jarawa children aged 1-14 years.
4. Launched a comprehensive study on health, nutritional status and mapping of diseases burden among PVTGs in association with RMRC, Department of Health and AYUSH. First phase of study among the Shompen Tribe is completed in March 2017.
5. Some relaxations have been made for allowing movement of Hearse, recovery of breakdown vehicles and patients requiring urgent medical treatment at GB part Hospital, Port Blair without convoy with police escorts in the ATR passing through Jarawa Reserve area.

6. PVTGs rely predominantly on the forest and their produces for their sustenance. In order to augment their food resource base, the Administration has been assisting them with the saplings to plant in the Jarawa reserve and settlements of Andamanese and Onges.
7. Study of medicinal plants in tribal areas has been taken up in collaboration with AYUSH the Central Government unit located in Port Blair.
8. A major applied research in preservation of endangered tribal languages of A&N islands in (CIIL) and Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) in association the apex organizations like Central Institute of Indian Languages the advice from the Ministry of Human Resource Development has been initiated.
9. To tide over the water scarcity during severe summer, the series of construction of check dams as a part of Watershed management has been taken in the Jarawa Tribal Reserve to augment the supply of potable water during the lean the season.
10. Mapping and encouragement of sports talent among aborigines of A&N islands by the Tribal Welfare and the Sports Youth Affairs as collaborating Departments to replicate PM's Award Projects. 19 Nos. of Nicobarese children have been finally selected for intensive coaching in the discipline of swimming at Port Blair. They are provided with free boarding and lodging by the Administration. These tribal children are pursuing their school education simultaneously in best Government Servant in Port Blair.
11. Rs. 22.50 Lakh has been released to 225 students belonging to ST community as additional scholarship @ Rs. 1000/- per month for pursuing higher studies under the ongoing plan scheme of Additional Scholarship to ST students.
12. Rs. 50.00 Lakh has been released to 500 students belonging to OBC community as additional scholarship @ Rs. 1000/- per month for pursuing higher studies under the ongoing plan scheme of Additional Scholarship to OBC students.
13. GIA of Rs. 749.00 lakh released in favour of AAJVS to meet the expenditure for welfare and development works of PVTGs.
14. GIA to the tune of Rs. 225.00 lakh has been released to seven Tribal Councils of Nicobar District for the creation of community facilities & other development activities in the tribal areas and Honorarium to the Office bearers of the Tribal Council.
15. Two Nicobari, two Andamanese, one Shompen, one Onge and one Jarawa patients were provided financial assistance for undergoing treatment at Mainland Hospitals.
16. 12 Nicobarese participated in the National Tribal Carnival at New Delhi.
17. Onge Couple deputed to witness the Republic Day Celebration'2017 at New Delhi.
18. 13 Shompen children undergoing studies in various classes at New Chingen and Campbell Bay and one of the student namely Kumar Samuel studying in class XII.
19. 01 Andamanese boy Shri Olake has completed Diploma in Civil Engineering.