

## **Services:**

### **Women & Child Development:**

The Department is diligent towards improving the nutritional and health status of children below the age of six years, pregnant and lactating mothers through various interventions such as Anganwadi Services, Supplementary Nutrition, Health Education, Pre-school Education, Growth Monitoring, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, Creche scheme, Orphan Home, Scheme for Adolescent Girls, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao etc. One home for Juvenile is functional at Nayagaon, Port Blair for providing shelter to children in contact with law.

The Department also provides financial assistance to widow and destitute women. Swadhar Greh caters to destitute women who are in need of protection and are provided with shelter and food facility free of cost. Working Women Hostel provides shelter to women from farfetched Islands working in the main city for livelihood on a nominal rent. A centre for Holistic Wellness cum crisis response is functional under Social Welfare Department with 02 helpline and providing services of other professional like counselors, legal practitioners etc.

### **Scheduled Tribes Welfare:**

All schemes run by this Department renders services to Tribal population of this UT with special attention to their needs and cultural background.

### **Minority Welfare:**

Schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram mainly focus on development of Minority communities of this UT. Students from minority background benefit from various Scholarship schemes run by Social Welfare.

### **Welfare of Divyang:**

The department provides financial assistance to divyangjan with 40% or more disability @ Rs. 2500/- per month.

One Home for Divyang is functioning for the disabled at Ferrargunj, South Andaman with 16 inmates where boarding, lodging and other logistic support is provided.

Department is providing Aids and appliance like wheel chair, hearing aids, elbow crutches, blind stick, walker, TML kits etc free of cost to the disabled persons. Since there is no specialized institute for their treatment the patient are referred to National institute for Empowerment of Multiple Disability (NIEPMD) and National Institute & *National Institute for the Orthopedically Handicapped (NIOH)*.

Department has established a Vocational cum Rehabilitation Training Centre for persons with disabilities in association with NIEPMD, Chennai. The centre is functional since 2016 and benefits viz. Physiotherapist, Occupational therapist, Psychologist, Special Educator have been provided to Divyang children.

### **Senior Citizen:**

The department is providing Old Age Pension to Sr. Citizen @ Rs. 2500/- per month up to the 79 years and Rs. 3500/- to 80 years and above.

One Old Age Home for the destitute Senior Citizen is functioning at Ferrargunj, South Andaman with 29 inmates where their boarding, lodging and other logistic support are provided.

### **Fight against Social Evils:**

A separate Directorate of prohibition was established to propagate the ill-effect of Drug Abuse, Alcoholism and Tobacco under the aegis of Directorate of Social Welfare.

### **Support to NGOs:**

Department is providing Grant-in-Aid to 07 NGOs @ Rs. 2000/- per child/month.