## Week-Ending News updates in Social Justice & Empowerment From 26<sup>th</sup> -1<sup>st</sup> April 2023

#### PRESS RELEASES IN THE WEEK

## 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

#### CONSTRUCTION OF OLD AGE HOMES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

- To add new projects under'Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens' (IPSrC), the
  Department invites applications for new projects in gap districts, as per the survey details
  received from respective State Govts/UT Admins. On the basis of recommendations of the
  respective State Govts/UT Admins, and requisite documents received, new projects are
  added under the Scheme.
- Presently, total 08 Senior Citizen Homes are running under the Scheme of IPSrC in Gujarat State.

Source: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1911770

#### **STAFF EMPLOYED IN THE PMU**

- The induction training for 2022 batch of PMUs was conducted from 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022. The topics covered includes welfare scheme for SC/OBC, scholarship schemes, welfare of Safai karmacharis, Shreshtha Schemes, Schemes of National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR), Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY) i.e. welfare of Senior Citizens, field visits.
- They visited the Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts/Outreach and Drop In Centres/Community based Peer Led Intervention/CCH(Continuous care Home) during the induction training at New Delhi and Ghaziabad, respectively.

Source: <a href="https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1911771">https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1911771</a>

## 23<sup>th</sup> March 2023

#### ❖ MAGNITUDE OF DRUG ABUSE IN THE COUNTRY

- MSJ &E is implementing National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR).
- Under the NAPDDR, Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) was launched on 15.08.2020 in 272 vulnerable districts identified based on the findings of the first Comprehensive National Survey and inputs from the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)

## Source:https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1911769

## 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## ❖ Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment felicitates Abilympics winners of Team India

- Felicitation ceremony organised by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
- Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar today felicitated Abilympics
  medal winners of the Indian Contingent. The felicitation ceremony was organised by the
  Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. It is for the first time the
  Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has taken a decision to felicitate the abilympic
  winners. The event aimed to create public awareness and nurture the productive talent of
  persons with disability by providing them opportunities to acquire and enhance their
  vocational skills to achieve economic independence.
- The 7 medals, included one Gold, two Silver, three Bronze and one Excellence award won by the 13-member Indian contingent in various skill-based competitions.
- The Gold medal was won by Chetan Pashilkar from Mumbai, Maharashtra who is Hearing Impaired. and represented India in Skill Category—Painting 'Waste Reuse'. He used the theme "Sustainable development using technology" for his painting.

Source: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1911539

## 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

#### **❖ IMPLEMENTATION OF RVY**

- The details of number of beneficiaries under the scheme during the last three years, Statewise, are given at **Annexure**.
- The Scheme is being implemented in camp mode through 'Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO)', (a Public Sector Undertaking under this Ministry) as the sole implementing Agency. ALIMCO, in collaboration with State/District Administration, after adequate awareness, identifies the beneficiaries in each district by a team of doctors/technicians/other professionals to assess their needs and to prescribe the requisite Assisted Living Devices in the Assessment Camps. The devices are then distributed to the identified beneficiaries in the distribution camp.

Source: <a href="https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1911504">https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1911504</a>

## 22<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**❖ IMPLEMENTATION OF SMILE AND SHRESHTA SCHEME** 

- The Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Area (SHRESHTA) and Support for Marginalised Individual for Livelihood and Enterprise (SMILE) are being implemented by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- The Scheme broadly covers 3 types of projects namely (i) Residential Schools (ii) Non Residential Schools and (iii) Hostels, both for Primary and Secondary Students. The scheme has been revised w.e.f 2022-23 as Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA) and a new component under Mode-I has been added to the Scheme, under which every year a specified number of meritorious SC students in the country are selected for quality residential education in top-class residential High Schools through a nation-wide entrance test conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA).
- (ii) Support for Marginalised Individual for Livelihood and Enterprise (SMILE): The Support for Marginalized Individual for Livelihood and Enterprise (SMILE) does not specifically cover persons belonging to Scheduled Castes.

Source https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1911502

28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

#### CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES OF SCHOLARSHIP FOR SCs

- The Department is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Scholarship for SC students in the country, including in Jharkhand. The details of the Schemes are as under:-
- Component-I of the 'Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs and Others' under which eligible SC students studying in classes IX and X are covered;
- Post Matric Scholarships to the Students belonging to SC for studies in India (PMS-SC) under which eligible SC students studying at the level of class XI onwards are covered.

Source https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1911500

28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## **❖** DE-ADDICTION CENTRES

 In de-addiction centre supported by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in NAPDDR scheme the patients are provided with free de-addiction treatment care i.e. detoxification, counseling, medication, board & lodging, yoga session, recreation facilities, spiritual & mindfulness session etc.

Source: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1911501

28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## **❖** RECRUITMENT FOR SC/ST

- As per the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), a Coordination Committee for Affirmative Action in the Private Sector was set up by the Prime Minister's Office in 2006.
- Secretary (DoPT), Secretary (SJ&E), Secretary (Tribal Affairs) and Secretary (DPIIT) are the members of the Committee.
- DPIIT is providing the secretarial assistance to the committee. So far 9 meetings of Coordination Committee have been held.
- In the 1st Coordination Committee meeting, it was stated that the best course for achieving progress on the issue of affirmative action is through voluntary action by the industry itself.

Source: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1911496

## 21th March 2023

- IMPLEMENTATION OF PM-AGY: CRITERIA REVISED FOR SELECTION OF VILLAGES UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI ANUSUCHIT JAATI ABHYUDAY YOJANA(PM-AJAY) FOR CATERING TO MORE SCHEDULED CASTE (SC)POPULATION
  - Selection criteria for villages revised in 2022-23 from 'more than 50%' SC population to 'more than 40%'
  - Rs.18944.54 lakh released for 2018 villages selected under Phase-II of 'Adarsh Gram' since 2018-19

The Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY), which is now being implemented as the 'Adarsh Gram' component of the Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana(PM-AJAY), has been designed with an area based approach, wherein villages having high percentage of Scheduled Castes(SCs) population are taken up for holistic development. In order to cater to more SC population, the selection criteria for villages has been recently revised in 2022-23 from 'more than 50%' SC population to 'more than 40%'.

Source: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1909120

## 21<sup>th</sup> March 2023

- ❖ IMPLEMENTATION OF NOS SCHEME:EXPENDITURE INCURRED UNDER THE NATIONAL OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP (NOS) SCHEME INCREASED APPRECIABLY SINCE 2018-19.MORE THAN 200 CRORE FUNDS DISBURSED UNDER THE NOS SCHEMES SINCE 2018-19 TIL L DATE
  - The MSJ & E implements two National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) schemes.
  - One is implemented by the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment for students from Scheduled Castes, Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, Landless

- Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans. The other is implemented by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DoEPwD) for students with disabilities.
- Both the Departments review their schemes from time to time and make changes for the betterment of the scheme.

Source: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1909118

## 21<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## **PREVENTION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

- Focus on vulnerable and at risk children/adolescents through Community based Peer led Intervention (CPLI) Centres by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Rs. 4.95 Crore funds released for 25 projects in Tamil Nadu during 2021-22 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Massive community outreach being done through more than 8000 youth volunteers under Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)
- 9.55 crore people reached out so far under NMBA including 3.12 crore youth and 2.08 crore women

Source: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1909115

## 21<sup>th</sup> March 2023

#### **❖** MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM

- Rs. 200 crores allocated for National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR) for FY 2022-23
- 2.39 crores released to various NGOs/VOs of Andhra Pradesh till now to run IRCA/ODIC/CPLI projects under NAPDDR scheme
- 71 Outreach and Drop In Centres (ODICs) being currently funded by the M SJ& E for treatment and rehabilitation for substance users
- Sustained and coordinated action taken by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment through National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR) for addressing the problem of Drug Abuse among children and women
- More than 9.54 crore people reached out so far under NMBA including 3.12 crore youth and 2.08 crore women

Source: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1909114

## 21<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## **❖** PRE MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR OBCS, EBCS AND DNTS

Budget for Pre Matric Scholarship for OBCS, EBCs AND DNTs increased to Rs. 394.61 crore in 2022-23 as compared to Rs. 250 crore in 2021-22

The budget provision for financial year 2021-22 under the Scheme of Pre Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) and De-Notified Tribes (DNTs) was Rs. 250.00 crore. Whereas in financial year 2022-23, the budget provision is Rs. 394.61 crore.

Source: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1909112

## 21<sup>th</sup> March 2023

#### **❖** WELFARE SCHEMES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

- Free of cost facilities provided to senior citizens under'Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens' (IPSrC), a component of 'Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana' (AVYAY) by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
- 566 Senior Citizens Home maintained across the country for special care of old age people

Source: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1909113

#### 21th March 2023

## **❖** FREE COACHING FOR SCs/OBCs STUDENTS

- More than 74 crore spent in the last five years under the Central Sector Scheme of Free Coaching Scheme (FCS) for SC and OBC students
- 8761 students benefited under the Free Coaching Scheme (FCS) for SC and OBC students during the last 5 years

Source: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1909110

## 21th March 2023

## **❖ INCOME LIMIT FOR POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP**

Persons whose family has gross annual income below Rs. 8.00 lakh per annum are identified as EWSs for the benefit of reservation. Family here, includes the person who seeks benefit of reservation, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years as also his/her spouse and children below the age of 18 years. Also income includes income from all sources i.e. salary, agriculture, business, profession, etc.

Source: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=190910

## 21th March 2023

#### **\*** FUNDS FOR DRUG ABUSE VICTIMS

More than 9.54 crore people reached out so far under Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) in 372 most vulnerable districts

340 Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCAs), 48 Community based Peer led Intervention (CPLI) Centres and 71 Outreach and Drop In Centres (ODICs) supported by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment under NAPDDR scheme

Source: https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1909109

## **News Paper Highlights**

## 23<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Workshop on web accessibility deliberates on developing disabled-friendly digital platforms

The workshop aimed to create awareness and impart knowledge of fundamentals of digital accessibility including social media accessibility.

Source:https://government.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/governance/workshop-on-web-accessibility-deliberates-on-developing-disabled-friendly-digital-platforms/nt\_news\_2023-

## 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Rajasthan govt raises incentive for inter-caste marriage to Rs 10 lakh

Under this scheme, 75% of the amount is borne by the state government and 25% by the central government. The decision has come into force from Thursday under which Rs 10 lakh will be given to the couples

Source:http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/98956533.cms?utm\_source=contentofinterest&utm\_medium=text&utm\_campaign=cppst

## 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**❖** Release fast compensation in sewer death cases: Panel

A parliamentary panel has asked the government to expedite release of compensation to the next of kin of 74 persons who died due to hazardous cleaning of sewers and septic tanks but are yet to be paid in keeping with the Supreme Court guidelines.

Source: https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/release-fast-compensation-in-sewer-death-cases-panel/articleshow/98955283.cms

## 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Family systems therapy mandatory for de-addiction treatment: Fr Joe Pereira

At Kripa Foundation, the largest NGO affiliated to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, over the last 40 years, a variety of preventive and healing self-help models have been introduced for the afflicted and affected.

Source: https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/pune/family-systems-therapy-mandatory-for-de-addiction-treatment-fr-joe-pereira-8517237/

No specially-abled student availed free coaching scholarship scheme from 2019-2022: Parliamentary committee report

The committee said it was displeased to note that only seven students were selected for 2019-20, six for 2020-21 and five for 2021-22, out of the 20 scholarships fixed under the National Overseas Scholarships for the year 2019-20, 2020- 21 and 2021-22.

Source: https://indianexpress.com/article/education/no-specially-abled-student-availed-free-coaching-scholarship-scheme-from-2019-2022-7835533/

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# डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर अध्यासनाची स्थापना

## दर वर्षी ७५ लाख रुपयांची तरतृद

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केंद्रीय सामाजिक न्याय आणि सक्षमीकरण मंत्रालयाच्या डॉ. आंबेडकर फाउंडेशन आणि सिम्बायोसिस आंतरराष्ट्रीय अभिमत विद्यापीठाच्या वतीने देशातील २५व्या डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर अध्यासनाची स्थापना डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर संग्रहालय आणि स्मारकात करण्यात आली. या अध्यासनासाठी दर वर्षी ७५ लाख रुपयांची तरतूद करण्यात आली असून, त्याद्वारे डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकरांच्या शिक्षणाविषयीचे विचार आणि दूरगामी धोरणांवर अभ्यासोबतच शिक्षणावर भर देण्यात येईल.

या अध्यासनासाठीचा सामंजस्य करार समारंभ सिम्बायोसिस संस्थेच्या डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर संग्रहालय आणि स्मारकात शुक्रवारी पार पडला. डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर आयोगाचे (यूजीसी) माजी अध्यक्ष डॉ. आहे. या सामंजस्य कराराच्या

66 डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर यांनी शिक्षण क्षेत्रासाठी केलेले काम अमर्याद आहे. त्यांच्यामुळे असंख्य मुलांना शिक्षणाच्या प्रवाहात येता आले. या अध्यासनाच्या माध्यमातून डॉ. आंबेडकर यांच्या शिक्षणाविषयीच्या ध्येयघोरणांवर चहुबाजूंनी अभ्यास आणि संशोधन होणार आहे. या अध्यासनासाठी डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर संग्रहालयाची निवड केली ही

चांगली बाब आहे. - डॉ. सुखदेव थोरात. माजी अध्यक्ष, यूजीसी



## विद्यार्थ्यांना होणार फायदा

'या अध्यासनाच्या माध्यमातूने डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकरांच्या शिक्षणाविषयीचे लेखन, विचार आणि दूरगामी धोरणांविषयी संशोधन लवकर सुरू व्हावे. अध्यासनाच्या माध्यमातून शिक्षण आणि संशोधनावर भर देण्यात येईल. या अध्यासनासाठी प्राध्यापक, संशोधक आणि अधिकाऱ्यांच्या नियुक्या पारदर्शक पद्धतीने होणे गरजेचे आहे. या अध्यासनासून शिक्षणाचा विकास होणार असून, त्याचा फायदा समाजातील दुर्बल आणि वंचित घटकांमधील विद्यार्थ्यांना होईल,' असे विकास त्रिवेदी यांनी सांगितले.

यांना ३१ मार्च १९९० रोजी मरणोत्तर भारतरत्न पुरस्कार प्रदान करण्यात आला होता. या निमित्ताने कुलगुरू फाउंडेशनचे संचालक विकास त्रिवेदी

सुखदेव थोरात, विद्यापीठाचे कुलपती माध्यमातून विद्यार्थ्यांना डॉ. बाबासाहेब डॉ. शां. ब. मुजुमदार, प्र-कुलपती डॉ. विद्या येखडेकर, संग्रहालयाच्या डॉ. रजनी गुप्ते आणि डॉ. आंबेडकर मानद संचालक संजीवनी मुजुमदार आदी उपस्थित होते. डॉ. आंबेडकर यांनी कराराच्या प्रतींचे आदान-प्रदान फाउंडेशनसोबतचा हा करार विद्यार्थी केले. या वेळी विद्यापीठ अनुदान आणि प्राध्यापकांसाठी चांगली संधी

आंबेडकरांच्या शिक्षणविषयक उपाययोजनांवर अभ्यास आणि संशोधन करता येणार आहे. दोन संस्थांची भागीदारी समाजासाठी फलदायी ठरणार असल्याचे डॉ. मुजुमदार यांनी सांगितले. कुलसचिव एम. एस. शेजूळ यांनी सूत्रसंचालन केले.

## डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर अध्यासन सिंबायोसिस विद्यापीठात स्थापन

पुणे, दि. ३१ - सामाजिक न्याय आणि सक्षमीकरण मंत्रालयाच्या डॉ. आंबेडकर फाउंडेशन आणि सिंबायोसिस आंतरराष्ट्रीय अभिमत विद्यापीठातर्फे देशातील २५ व्या डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर अध्यासनाची स्थापना डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर संग्रहालय आणि स्मारकात करण्यात आली. या अध्यासनासाठी दरवर्षी ७५ लाख रुपयांची तरतूद करण्यात आली आहे. याद्वारे विद्यार्थ्यांना डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकरांच्या शिक्षणविषयक उपाययोजनांवर अभ्यास आणि संशोधन करता येणार आहे.

या अध्यासनासाठीचा सामंजस्य करार शुक्रवारी पार पडला. डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर यांना ३१ मार्च १९९० रोजी मरणोत्तर भारतरत्न पुरस्काराने सन्मानित करण्यात आले होते. त्यानिमित्त हा करार करण्यात आला. यावेळी कुलगुरू डॉ. रजनी गुप्ते आणि डॉ. आंबेडकर फाउंडेशनचे संचालक विकास त्रिवेदी यांनी कराराच्या प्रतींचे आदानप्रदान केले. यावेळी 'यूजीसी'चे माजी अध्यक्ष डॉ. सुखदेव थोरात, विद्यापीठाचे कुलपती डॉ. शां. ब. मुजुमदार, प्र-कुलपती डॉ. विद्या येरवडेकर, संग्रहालयाच्या मानद संचालक संजीवनी मुजुमदार आदी उपस्थित होते.

## आंबेडकर फाउंडेशन-सिंबायोसिसमध्ये करार

पुणे : डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर फाउंडेशन, सामाजिक न्याय आणि सक्षमीकरण मंत्रालयातर्फे सिंबायोसिस आंतरराष्ट्रीय अभिमत विद्यापीठाच्या डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर अध्यासनाला मंजुरी देण्यात आली आहे. याअंतर्गत डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकरांच्या सर्वसमावेशकतेवर प्रभाव टाकणारे विचार आणि योजनेच्या इतर उद्दिष्टांवर अभ्यास करण्यात येईल. या अध्यासनासाठी शुक्रवारी (दि.३१) सामंजस्य करार करण्यात येणार आहे. फाउंडेशनचे संचालक विकास त्रिवेदी, सिंबायोसिसचे संस्थापक डॉ. शां. ब . मुजुमदार, सिंबायोसिस संस्थेच्या मानद संचालिका संजीवनी मुजुमदार, प्रधान संचालिका डॉ. विद्या येरवडेकर, कुलगुरू डॉ. रजनी गुप्ते, सिंबायोसिसच्या वैद्यकीय व आरोग्य विज्ञान विद्याशाखेचे प्रोव्होस्ट डॉ. राजीव येरवडेकर, यूजीसीचे माजी अध्यक्ष डॉ. सुखदेव थोरात आदी सामंजस्य करारासाठी उपस्थित राहणार आहेत.

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## डॉ. आंबेडकर अध्यासनासाठी सामंजस्य करार

पुणे : डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर फाउंडेशन आणि सिंबायोसिस आंतरराष्ट्रीय विद्यापीठ यांच्यात 'डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर अध्यासनासाठी' सामंजस्य करार करण्यात आला आहे. डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर फाउंडेशन (डीएएफ), सामाजिक न्याय आणि सक्षमीकरण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकारतर्फे 'सिंबायोसिस अभिमत विद्यापीठच्या डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर अध्यासनाला मंजुरी देण्यात आली आहे. अध्यासनात डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकरांचे सर्वसमावेशकतेवर प्रभाव टाकणारे विचार आणि योजनेच्या डतर उहिष्टांवर अभ्यास करण्यात येईल. सेनापती बापट रस्त्यावर सिंबायोसिस विद्यापीठाच्या परिसरात आज शुक्रवारी सामंजस्य करार समारंभाचे आयोजन करण्यात आले आहे. यावेळी डीएएफचे संचालक विकास त्रिवेदी उपस्थित राहणार आहेत.

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