SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AT A GLANCE

Social Welfare Department plays an important role in addressing the problems of the weaker and vulnerable sections of the Society; like old aged persons; women in distress, children in distress, physically challenged persons, Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes, Minorities and other socially & economically weaker sections.

The department is also at the fore-front, to empower women and for the overall development and protection of the children through ICDS and ICPS.

Social Welfare Department administers Central and State sponsored welfare schemes in the areas of Women and Child Development, Social Justice and Empowerment, Social Security, Minority Development, Rehabilitation of Militancy Victims and Educational upliftment of SC, PSP (Pahari Speaking People) /Minorities and other backward classes (OBC) students.

It provides direct benefit to the target groups, through various schemes like, scholarship & hostel facilities, reimbursement of examination fee, old aged pension, widow pension etc besides providing loan facilities for setting up of income generating units.

A. Pension Scheme for Old aged, Handicapped and widows

1. Integrated Social Security Scheme (ISSS)

   This is a State Sponsored Scheme fully funded out of State’s own resources by @ Rs 1000/= P.M to Men and Women at the age of 60 and 55 Yrs respectively and Physically Challenged person with more than 40% disability.

2. National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP).

   It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, with assistance given to the needy weaker sections of the society.
Contribution having following components;

i. Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS)

ii. National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS)

iii. Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS)

iv. Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS).

Pension @ Rs1000/=PM to widows in the age group (40-79Yrs), Disabled person (18-79yrs) Elderly person above 60yrs. Besides it in case of death of Primary bread earner, one time assistance of Rs20,000/= only to the Family under NFBS is provided.

No of Pensioners under NSAP = 1,50’896

No of Pensioners under ISSS = 4,22,500

Total: 5,73,398

B ) Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS)

Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS) launched in 1975, is a unique early childhood development programme addressing health, nutrition and the development needs of young children, pregnant and nursing mothers. It is designed to promote holistic development of children under 06 years, through strengthening capacity of care givers and communities and improve access of basic services at the community level. It provides the convergent interface/platform between communities and system such as primary health care, education, water and sanitation among others. The flagship scheme of Ministry of Women and Child Development, GOI under which Anganwari Centres are established in villages/hamlets in rural and as well as urban areas for the target groups. The Scheme aims to provide nutrition to the children in the age group of 6 months to 6 years, pregnant/ lactating mothers and
are also provided. There are 141 ICDS Project and 29599 Anganwari Centres functioning in the State having more than 10.00 lac beneficiaries. Further GOI has sanctioned 3361 more Anganwari centres which are being established very soon. Anganwari centres also provide non-formal pre-school education and get periodic health checkups of the beneficiaries.

**Following Services are Provided under the Scheme:**

- Supplementary Nutrition
- Immunization
- Health Check-ups/referral Services.
- Pre-School/non-formal educations
- Nutrition and Health Education etc.

C) **Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG)**

Realizing the multi-dimensional needs of out of school pre-adolescent girls (11-14yrs) and with an aim to motivate these girls to join School system the scheme for adolescent girls has been devised and implemented. The key objective of the scheme is to facilitate, educate and empower the Adolescent girls so as to enable them to become self reliant and aware citizens. Following services are given to the adolescent girls;

1. Nutrition
2. Iron & Folic acid (IFA) Supplementation
3. Health Checkup & referral service
4. Nutrition and health education
5. Mainstreaming out of School girls to join School
6. Life skill education, home management
7. Counseling /Guidance on accessing public services
D) Pradan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana

It is a Maternity benefit scheme announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for pregnant and nursing women. Under the scheme an amount of Rs. 5000/= in three installments is provided to the pregnant women. The 1st installment is received by the beneficiary on her registration at AWC, the 2nd installment after one anti-natal checkup or post 180 days of pregnancy and the 3rd installment after the child birth at Govt. or Govt. recognized hospital.

During the year 2017-18, 2841 beneficiaries have been covered with financial implication of Rs. 111.62 lakh and during the current financial year 6539 target achieved out of fixed target of 60000 with expenditure of Rs. 293.58 lakh

E) Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)

ICPS Integrated Child Protection Scheme is rolled out in the State for effectively and efficiently protecting the children with the objection of improving the wellbeing of Children in difficult circumstances, as well as to reduce the vulnerability to the situation and action that lead to abuse, neglect, exploitation, abandonment and separation of children.

F) Scholarship scheme for promoting literacy among SC/BC/Pahari Speaking People/Minorities.

The department is implementing various State/Central Schemes for educational upliftment of students belonging to various categories and identified sections of the society. The State is providing Pre-Matric Scholarship to SCs, Minorities OBCs and Pahari Speaking People in the State. Physically Handicapped persons are also covered under the scholarship Scheme. The Department also implements Central schemes of Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes for the above categories.

G) Hostel facilities for SCs/OBC/PSPs

Government is running hostels for students belonging to the SCs and Pahari Speaking People. The hostels are located at various places in the State to ensure better education facilities for students.
hostels have been constructed with the assistance from GOI on sharing basis. Inmates are provided free boarding and lodging and coaching facilities.

There are 14 (7 boys & 7 girls) hostels for SC students, out of which 11 hostels are complete and stand handed over to the Education Department and the other three are under construction.

There are 9 boys hostels managed by the State Advisory Board for the Development of Pahari Speaking People.

H) Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCA to SCSP)

SCA to SCP is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme where-under funds are provided by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GOI as an additional Central Assistance for filling up of critical gaps in SC areas and establishment of income generating units of SC population. The Scheme is under implementation in 9 districts of Jammu Division excluding district Poonch.

I) Bal Ashrams & Nari Niketans.

With the aim to provide free boarding, lodging, education, health care facilities, etc. to male and female orphans and destitute children, Social Welfare Department has established Bal Ashrams and Nari Niketans, in most of the Districts of J&K. There are 24 Bal Ashrams and 12 Nari Niketans, having a total intake capacity of 1504.

J) State Rehabilitation Council for Militancy Victims:

The Rehabilitation Council was created and got registered under the Societies Act VI of 1998 (1941 A.D) under the name and style of “Council for Rehabilitation of Widows, Orphans, Handicapped and Old persons (Victims of Militancy) in J&K”. The objective of the Council is to provide assistance for the physical, psychological and economical rehabilitation of the victims of militancy in Jammu and Kashmir with special focus on widows, orphans, handicapped and
the aged persons whose bread-winner is killed or incapacitated as a result of militancy.

**Schemes of the Rehabilitation Council**

- Pension to Widows, Old Persons, handicapped @ Rs. 750/- per month;
- One time marriage assistance to young widows and grown-up daughters @ Rs. 20,000/- per case;
- Scholarship to orphans of killed militants @ Rs. 750/- per month

**Scholarship for professional studies:**

- Reimbursement of tuition fee @ Rs. 5000/- per annum;
- Assistance to hostellers @ Rs. 7000/- per annum;
- Psychological Rehabilitation Financial Assistance;
- Financial Assistance to Exceptional Cases.

**PROVIDING OF MOTORIZED TRICYCLES FOR HANDICAPPED / DISABLED PERSONS:**

As a step towards empowerment of physically challenged persons, the J&K State Rehabilitation Council, Social Welfare Department provide motorized tricycles to orthopedically disabled citizens, preferably students, girl students, artisans and small vendors in order to enhance their hassle free mobility. The beneficiaries are identified by the Committees under the Chairmanship of the District Development Commissioners in the respective districts, in terms of set guidelines. These motorized tricycles are being procured through Director, State Motor Garages for distribution, free of cost, among the eligible disabled persons in the State. State Rehabilitation Council, so far has provided 259 Motorized Tricycles (TVS Wego) to physically challenged persons in the State. This facility will be extended to more 208 physically challenged persons
in the State, for which supply orders have already been placed with the Director, SMG.

K) **Project "Watan Ko Jano" Youth Exchange Programe.**

The J&K State Rehabilitation Council, Social Welfare Department under Youth Exchange Program of Department of J&K Affairs Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India has organized Jammu & Kashmir Youth Exchange Program Project **"Wattan Ko Jano"**. The Project has been conceived with an understanding that youth are highly receptive and impressionable. So this is the time when affection, care and self-learning, can create positive impact on their thinking and personality. Under this project, 1250 children in the age group of 15 to 24 years have visited National Capital during last 4 Yrs.

L) **State Marriage Assistance Scheme**

State Marriage Assistance Scheme entails one time financial assistance of Rs 40000 (i.e Rs 25000 + cost of 5gram gold) to the identified poor girls across the State; the girls were identified through a survey conducted by the Deputy Commissioners.

State Marriage Assistance **SCHEME FOR POOR GIRLS** is a social assistance scheme meant for those unmarried identified girls of the State living below the poverty line, who may not find themselves in a position to solemnize the marriage due to financial constraints.

N) **"Ladli Beti" Scheme**

The Social Assistance Scheme "Ladli Beti" is meant for new born girl child born on or after 01-04-2015, in the selected Districts of Budgam, Pulwama, Anatnag, Jammu, Kuthua and Samba having adverse child sex ratio. The scheme adopts a life cycle approach addressing the concerns of girls-right from the birth to adulthood, and providing financial security that enables to create a strong positive disposition towards the girl child.

**Benefits under the scheme:**
1. A contribution of Rs. 1000/- per month towards the birth of every girl child with effect from 01-04-2015 for the next 14 years;

2. The scheme entails to provide a sum of Rs. 6.50 lacs on maturity, i.e. on attaining age of 21 years.

O) “AASRA”

The Scheme titled “AASRA” is a comprehensive scheme for Financial Inclusion covering following groups deprived of basic financial services scheme:

1. All bread winners of families whose total annual income is less then Rs. 75000/-

2. All widows and destitute residing in the State.

The scheme aims at to provide social and financial security to eligible beneficiaries and entails to provide a zero balance Saving Bank account to every eligible beneficiary to avail the insurance cover benefits under which, State Government would pay or reimburse premium for a period of five years for the following two schemes:

1. Prime Minister Suraksh Bima Yojna.

2. Prime Minister Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojna.

P) Women Helpline

The Scheme has been approved by GOI during the current financial year 2015-16 and is intended to support Women by way of the following:

i. To provide 24X7 free of charge immediate response to Women in distress.

ii. To provide legal, social and psychological support using integrated services.
iii. To provide counselling, care and guidance to women facing violence.

iv. To bridge gap between various Government and Non-Government agencies and activate entire machinery for better and focused outcomes, in area of women welfare.

v. To create an atmosphere wherein women and girls harness support through immediate rescue, help and assistance in cases of violence against women.

vi. To provide a platform for net working amongst organizations and to provide linkages with support systems that will facilitate the rehabilitation of women in need of care and protection.

vii. During the year 2015-16, against the action Plan of Rs.173.50 lacs, GOI has released an amount of Rs 51.80 lacs for establishment of the centre.

Q) One Stop Centre

The Scheme has been approved by GOI for Srinagar District to be established at SKIMS, Bemina year 2015-16; intended to support such Women who are affected by violence, in private and public places, within the family, community and at the work place. Any affected women who so ever, will approach to the centre or will be referred to, would be provided specialized services.

The scheme is funded 100% by GOI and is implemented and administratively controlled by State Government. Against Action Plan of Rs. 68.34 lacs, GOI has released an amount of Rs. 45.88 lacs for establishment of the centre during 2015-16.

R) Poshan Abhiyan Scheme (NNM) (National Nutrition Mission)

Primarily National Nutrition Mission and now renamed as Poshan Abhiyan has been launched in phased manner commencing from 2017-18. Poshan Abhiyan was formally launched by Hon’ble

Prime Minister of India on 8th March, 2018 at Jhunjhunu Rajasthan. The mission aims to reduce malnutrition from the country in a Phased manner. The goals of the Poshan Abhiyan are to Achieve improvement in nutritional status of children from 0-6 yrs, pregnant & lactating mothers on time bound manner during the next 3 yrs with fixed targets. In J&K it is initially started in three blocks viz Gool of Ramban, Aranas & Mahore of Reasi districts. An amount of Rs. 215.76 lakh were released during 2017-18 out of which 9.80lakh stands spent during the year.

The department of Social Welfare also provides soft loans at nominal interest rates to the families living below poverty line, women belonging to minorities, backward classes, scheduled caste etc for establishment of income generating units through State Women Development Corporation and State SC/ST/BC Development Corporation.

State Advisory Boards for the welfare and development of the SCs, OBCs and Pahari Speaking People have been established which render advice to the Government in the formulation of both short term and long term policies/plans for an overall development and upliftment of these castes and classes.

The department of Social Welfare administer the following Acts/Laws and rules thereof:-