

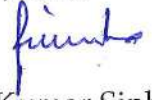
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Ministry of Women and Child Development

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Monthly Summary for the month of December, 2021 in respect of
Ministry of Women and Child Development.**

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the unclassified portion of the monthly summary (both in English & Hindi) pertaining to the Ministry of Women and Child Development for the month of December, 2021.



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Monthly Summary Report for the month of December, 2021 in respect of Ministry of Women & Child Development

The significant activities undertaken by Ministry of Women and Child Development for the month ending December, 2021 are as follow

1. The Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021: Within a short period of 15 days, the Ministry drafted “the Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021”; got it approved by the Cabinet; and the same was introduced in Lok Sabha by Hon'ble Minister. The bill proposes to increase the age of marriage for women from 18 years to 21 years to make it equal with that of men. The Bill has been referred to the Standing Committee.

2. National Conference on Women Winning against Tuberculosis (16.12.2021): Tuberculosis remains a public health challenge worldwide; furthermore, studies suggest that women are less likely to seek care for TB symptoms than their male counterparts. Societal constraints restrict women affected by TB from freely accessing prompt and continued care. This affects their role as caretakers and prevents prioritization of their nutrition, health, and well-being.

Recognizing this concern, Ministry of Women and Child Development along with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare organized a National Conference on Tuberculosis on December 16, 2021, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Hon'ble Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu was the Chief Guest at the National Conference. Union Ministers for WCD and Health and Family Welfare, Smt Smriti Irani and Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, and Ministers of State for WCD and HFW Shri Munjapara Mahendrabhai and Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar also participated in the event. The event was attended by over a thousand delegates, including MPs, Ministry and State representatives, TB Champions, Development Partners, Academics, Experts and Media. As a first, over 150 Anganwadi workers also joined the audience.

A key highlight of the Conference was experience sharing by two women TB survivors, who spoke about their challenges as TB patients, and also how the government system supported them through their treatment period.

3. Special Campaign to dispose of pending references: The Ministry and its all Autonomous Bodies/ Attached Offices are conducting Swachhta Abhiyaan every week on Wednesday from 05.00 p.m. to 08.00 p.m. As a special initiative to ensure timely resolution of grievances forwarded to the States/UTs, this Ministry has started joint Video Conferences in the afternoon of every Wednesday with different zones of the country. During the month of December, 2021, 2 such video conferences have been held on 22.12.2021 and 29.12.2021.

4. Hon'ble Minister, WCD participated in the Alumni event for trainees hosted by Embassy of Israel on 09.12.2021 as a Keynote Speaker and delivered a talk on Women's Empowerment.

5. On 22.12.2021, the Ministry participated virtually in the G20 EMPOWER and W20- 'G20 Women's Empowerment Kick-off Meeting' organized by the G20 Indonesian Presidency.

6. Participation in other Meetings/ Conferences/ Workshops:

6.1 Attended the Third Meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee on the Global Innovation Index held under the Chairmanship of CEO, NITI Aayog on 07.12.2021.

6.2 Attended the meeting held on 10.12.2021 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, D/Food & PD to review progress on the development of ecosystem for fortification of rice and its distribution.

6.3 Attended the meeting held on 13.12.2021 under the Chairmanship of Shri Bhaskar Khulbe Adviser to PM reg. convergence issues relating to development schemes.

6.4 Attended the meeting chaired by Cabinet Secretary on 17.12.2021 to review preparedness for the proposed Conference with States.

6.5 Attended the Finance Minister's Pre-Budget Meetings 2022-23 held on 18.12.2021

6.6 Attended the meeting of CoS chaired by Cabinet Secretary on 20.12.2021 reg. W.P(C) No.1103 of 2019 – Discussion on establishing Community Kitchen across the country- Formulation of requisite scheme.

6.7 Attended the meeting held on 23.12.2021 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, D/Food and PD on revised guidelines for procurement and distribution of coarse grains/milletts and procurement and distribution of fortified rice.

6.8 Attended the meeting of SGoS Welfare on preparation of Vision India @ 2047 on 30.12.2021.
