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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi Dated: 16th November, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly Summary for the month of October, 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 in English pertaining to the Ministry of Women and Child Development for the month of October, 2021.

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

The significant activities undertaken by Ministry of Women and Child Development for the month ending October, 2021 are as follows:

1. Hon'ble Minister chaired a meeting on 11th October with PSA and Member Capacity Building Commission regarding the strengthening the institutions of the Ministry and stakeholders. A roadmap was chalked out for capacity building of institutions and stakeholders. This was followed by meeting at the level of the Secretary with team from CBC and officers of Ministry.

2. Special Campaign for disposal of pending references: In accordance with the directions of Cabinet Secretariat, a special campaign was undertaken in the Ministry and its attached offices/ autonomous organisations from 02nd October, 2021-31st October, 2021. Some of the major achievements include review of all 14525 physical files and weeding out of 10870 files from them, surrender of 5900 sq ft rented space, leading to saving of Rs 2.18 Cr per annum.

3. Observance of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas: A pledge taking ceremony was organized in the Ministry wherein Secretary, WCD administered the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge to all the officers of the Ministry.

4. Vigilance Awareness Week: The Ministry observed Vigilance Awareness Week from 26.10.2021 to 01.11.2021 wherein the following activities were undertaken:

- The Integrity pledge was taken by all employees of the Ministry in presence of Secretary, MWCD and CVO, MWCD in the Conference hall on 26.10.2021.
- A circular regarding Do's and Don'ts to be practiced in the office (in accordance to the conduct rules) was circulated among all the employees of the Ministry.
- An informative webinar on preventive vigilance, PIDPI and integrity etc was conducted on 27.10.2021 wherein officials of the Ministry and of the attached offices were present.
- Two competitions (essay writing and poster making) were organized in the Ministry.

5. PM CARES for Children Scheme: A meeting was held on 26.10.2021 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, WCD with all States/UTs to discuss the opening of a Joint Account of beneficiaries for the corpus fund and other issues relating to the PM CARES for Children Scheme. States assured approval of all pending cases by 15th November.

6. Participation in other Meetings/ Conferences/ Workshops by the Secretary:

6.1 Meetings of Empowered Programme Committee (EPC) were held on 01.10.2021, 04.10.2021, 08.10.2021 & 11.10.2021 for consideration of Annual Programme Implementation Plans of States/UTs for the year 2021-22 for Aanganwadi Services Scheme.

6.2 Meeting was held on 12.10.2021 with 26 Ministries/ Departments to finalize the Convergence Matrices of the Missions of the Ministry.

6.3 Attended the meeting held on 13.10.2021 under the Chairmanship of CEO, NITI Aayog regarding Audit/ Assessment of preparedness of the rice fortification ecosystem in India and evaluation of processes of rice fortification activities.

6.4 18th Meeting of the Integrated Nodal Agency was held on 25.10.2021 to discuss the issues related to NRI marital and child related disputes

6.5 Attended the meeting of Committee of Secretaries held on 27.10.2021 under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary regarding commemoration of 75 years of India's Independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav).

6.6 A National Consultative meeting on Advancing Gender Budgeting in select States of India was held on 28.10.2021.

7. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY): During the month of October, 2021, more than 4.11 lakh beneficiaries were enrolled and more than 11.00 lakh applications were entered on Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana-Common Application Software (PMMVY-CAS) portal. Also, more than Rs. 83.18 crore of maternity benefits were disbursed.

As on 01.11.2021, more than 2.48 crore beneficiaries were enrolled; more than 2.14 crore beneficiaries were paid maternity benefits; more than 6.44 crore applications were entered on PMMVY-CAS; more than 5.72 crore applications were paid and more than Rs. 9355.08 crore of maternity benefits were disbursed under the scheme.
