GOOD GOVERNANCE
ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT


ICDS SCHEME

As on date, 60,918 Anganwadi Centres are functioning in our State. The Scheme is intended (i) to improve the nutritional and health status of children of 0 to 6 years of age, pregnant women and lactating mothers, (ii) to lay the foundation for the proper psychological, physical and social development of the child, (iii) to reduce the incidence of mortality, morbidity, mal-nutrition and school drop-outs, (iv) to ensure effective coordination of policy and implementation among various departments to promote child development, (v) to enhance the capability of the mother to look after the normal health and nutritional needs of the child through proper health and nutrition education.

The Scheme provides a package of six services to children below six years and pregnant women & nursing mothers. These are Supplementary Nutrition, Immunization, Health Check up, Referral Services, Non-formal Pre-school Education and Nutrition & Health Education.

This year we have opened 19,221 new Addl. Anganwadi Centres. Besides, Collectors of the Districts have been instructed to identify inaccessible pockets and send proposal for opening of new Centres on “Need Based” Scheme.

CONSTRUCTION OF ANGANWADI CENTRE BUILDINGS

Out of total 60,918 sanctioned Anganwadi Centres 16,649 have their own buildings. We are arranging funds from different sources like BRGF, RLTAP, State Plan, 13th Finance Commission etc. Collectors of the Districts have been requested to identify land for construction of a model Anganwadi Centre in each G.P. at the cost of Rs.6-7 lakh. Construction of rest of the buildings will be taken up in phases. A sum of Rs.400 crore has been earmarked for this Department out of 13th Finance Commission Fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY NUTRITION PROGRAMME

With a view to improving health & nutritional status of the children in the age group of 6 months to 6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers, Supplementary Nutrition Programme has been taken up under ICDS Scheme. Under this Scheme, the Centre provides 50% and the State bears rest
50%. The total beneficiaries under this Scheme are 49 lakhs. (All P & L mothers and children from 0-6 years are covered).

**MID-DAY MEAL PROGRAMME**

Under this Scheme, a cooked noon meal is provided to the children of Primary and Upper Primary Schools (From Class-I to VIII). The Scheme is intended to increase the enrolment, reduce the number of School drop-outs and improve the Nutritional status of the children. At present, the beneficiaries under this Scheme are 40 lakhs in Primary Schools and 17 lakhs in Upper Primary Schools. Women Self-Help Groups are engaged in the MDM Programme. In addition, Akshaya Patra Foundation and Nandi Foundation are also involved in providing MDM in some Blocks of Puri, Nayagarh and Ganjam Districts. It is pertinent to mention that out of 66,773 Schools of the State under MDM Scheme, management of MDM in 39,571 Schools has been handed over to Women Self-Help Groups. For construction of 48,145 nos. of Kitchen-cum-Stores, necessary funds have been provided to the Districts.

**EMERGENCY FEEDING PROGRAMME**

Under Emergency Feeding Programme, old, infirm and indigent persons are provided food each day throughout the year. At present, the beneficiaries under this Scheme is 2 lakhs in K.B.K. Districts.

**SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAMME**

Government of India is providing pension to the old, disabled and widows in a restricted manner only to the B.P.L. Card Holders. GOI is providing pension to the older persons of 65 years of age, widows above 40 years and the multiple disabled persons. But, our State Government is providing pension to the older persons of 60 years & above and there is no age bar for widows under Madhu Babu Pension Yojana. The target of beneficiaries under National and State Schemes are as follows:
1. Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension 11,93,176
2. Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension 3,06,923
3. Indira Gandhi National Disabled Pension 1,25,634
4. Pension under Madhu Babu Pension Yojana
   (a) Old Age Pension.
   (b) Widow Pension. 14,08,400
   (c) Disabled Pension.

We have requested the Government of India to release Rs.30 crores under National Family Benefit Schemes. In the last Conference of State Ministers held on 29th October 2010 at New Delhi, the following issues have been raised :-

(i) Government of India to consider sanction of pension to the widows irrespective of age limit.
(ii) To consider 60 years instead of 65 years while sanctioning pension under IGNOAP.
(iii) To sanction Disabled Pension to all persons having 40% and above disability instead of multiple disability.
(iv) To enhance financial assistance under NFBS from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.20,000/-.

WOMEN WELFARE PROGRAMME

To empower the women, Mission Shakti was launched in 2001 with a target to organize 2 lakh Self-Help Groups. But, as on date, we have been able to form 4,15,203 SHGs involving 49,82,436 Members in our State. With a view to construct a Society of self-reliant, conscious socio-economic issues, spirit of cooperation and train the SHGs to carry out their activities as per their choice. They are also involved in various activities of the State such as MDM, PDS, management of tanks etc. MVSN is coordinating various activities. To protect the women from domestic violence, Programme Officers of the Districts have been declared as Protection Officers. Mahila & Sishu Desk is functioning in each Police Station in collaboration with the Home Department to prevent women atrocities. Short Stay Home and Family Counseling Centres are also functioning in the State to rescue & protect the interest of women. Orissa State Social Welfare Board and Orissa State Commission for Women are looking for the welfare of the women. We are providing bi-cycles to the SC / ST girl students at the level of High School & +2 stages.
PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN

The Orissa State Council for Child Welfare is functioning as a Nodal Agency in the State which plays an important role in the matter of adoption of children. Various Programmes are being taken by OSCCW to promote the inherent talent and efficiency of children like Bravery Award, Painting Competition etc. There are six Balashrams and nine Anganwadi Training Centres in the State which are functioning under Orissa State Council. There are also 97 Orphanages which are managed by the Voluntary Organizations and Grant-in-Aids are provided to them. The quantum of financial assistance to the inmates of the Orphanages has been raised from Rs.500/- to Rs.750/-. The Juvenile Justice Board and Child Welfare Council have been formed in different Districts to protect the interest of children. Under Integrated Child Protection Scheme, a Child Right Commission has been constituted in our State.

WELFARE OF THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

In our State, there are 10.21 lakh differently abled persons according to 2001 Census. We are providing pension to 2,07,368 such beneficiaries under MBPY. 51 Special Schools are receiving Grant-in-Aid from the Government and more than 80 non-aided Schools which are functioning in different parts of the State are imparting education to the physically challenged. Maintenance Grants for the children of Special Schools has been enhanced from Rs.500/- to Rs.750/- per month. Under Banishree Scheme, State Government is providing scholarship to the physically challenged students. At present, 8918 beneficiaries are covered under Banishree Scheme. Samarthya Sibir is organized to distribute aids and appliances to the beneficiaries free of cost whose income is less than Rs.6,000/- per month. Under Self-Employment Scheme, 966 Mobile Kiosks have been sanctioned to the disabled. The State Government has reserved 3% of the posts for the Persons with Disabilities in different groups of services in Government establishment. A total of 603 posts have been identified consisting of 12 posts in Group-A, 54 posts in Group-B, 422 posts in Group-C and 115 posts in Group-D.

The State Government has decided to make the Capital City of Bhubaneswar as differently abled friendly at first instance.

In 1st and 2nd phase, almost 34 public buildings / places have been made barrier free, including State Secretariat, Rabindra Mandap, Capital Hospital, State Library etc.

An independent State Commission for Persons with Disabilities has been created and started functioning.