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**COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY  
RELATED STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
DEVELOPMENT (A) DEPARTMENTS,  
2022-23**

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## INTRODUCTION

1. I, the Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (A) Departments having been authorized by the Committee to present the **Twenty Fourth Report** on their behalf on the demands for **Grant No. 38** relating to **W.P.T. & B.C. Department** for the financial year 2022-23.
2. The Committee took evidence of the government representatives on **23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2022**.
3. The Committee wishes to place its thanks to the representatives of concerned Department who appeared before the committee and placed their considered views and notes. The Committee also like to thanks the Department for furnishing the replies on the points raised by the Committee.
4. The Reports was considered and adopted by the Committee at their sitting held on **26<sup>th</sup> March, 2022**.
5. The Committee also expresses its thanks to the Officers and staff of the Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat, who devoted their time and energy in processing and compilation of the report within a very short span of time for their Secretarial assistance & co-operation.

Dispur :  
The 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

GOBINDA CHANDRA BASUMATARI  
Chairman,  
Departmentally Related Standing  
Committee  
on Development (A) Departments,  
Assam Legislative Assembly.



**CHAPTER-I**

**REPORT**

**Grant No.39**

**Social Welfare**

The total sum of **Rs.203944.29** lakhs are required for approval of the House during the Financial Year **2022-23**.

The total allocation of fund under the **Grant No.39** for administration of **Social Welfare** Department during the financial year **2022-2023** is **Rs. 203944.29** lakhs and presented before the house for approval. The total amount so allocated in prepared to spend in the Revenue & Capital expenditure.

The detailed Budget allocation under the **Grant No.39** of **Social Welfare** Department as Under :-

**(Rupees in Lakhs)**

<b>Revenue Accounts</b>		
<b>Head of Accounts</b>	<b>Major Head</b>	<b>Budget Estimates 2022-23</b>
2235	Social Security & Welfare	<b>141697.68</b>
2236	Nutrition	<b>57321.82</b>
<b>Capital Account</b>		
4235	C.O. on Social Security & Welfare	<b>4924.79</b>
<b>Grand Total Rs. 203944.29</b>		

The Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (A) Departments of Assam Legislative Assembly examining the **Grant No.39** and took the evidence from the Departmental representatives present in the meeting and observes the Budget as follows :-



## **Social Welfare Department**

### **Grant No.39**

The role and responsibilities of the Social Welfare Department are destined to witness a phenomenal expansion due to the heightened social awareness of the problems faced by the Children, Women as well as for the persons with disabilities, senior citizens and transgender community, recognition of their genuine needs at both national and international levels and commitment of both the Central and State Governments to ensure inclusive growth. The Social Welfare Department is one of the major Departments in the State which plays key roles in implementing various schemes for the welfare of the women and children as well as for the persons with disabilities, senior citizens and transgender community in the State. As of now, the Department comprises of the schemes under the Ministries of Women & Child Development and Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India.

The Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Assam has been implementing various schemes for the welfare of the Persons with Disabilities so as to bring them equally to the mainstream of the society to live with honour and dignity. In pursuance of the Persons with Disability Act, 1995 (now RPwD Act, 2016) and through various welfare measures, necessary efforts have been made to give them an empowerment in the fields, such as, Health, Education, Employment, Self-employment, Sports and other all activities. The schemes are as follows:-

#### **Schemes for Persons with Disabilities :**

According to Census, 2011, there are 4.80 lakh of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in Assam. The Central Government notified the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act, 2016) on 28.12.2016 replacing the erstwhile PwD Act, 1995. Subsequently the Act has been brought into force w.e.f.19.04.2017. The RPwD Act, 2016 now covers 21 types of disabilities in place of 7 types of disabilities under PwD Act, 1995.

In pursuance of the Act, various welfare measures and necessary efforts have been made to empower them so that they could cope with in various fields with their unique abilities. A person with disability having 40% and above is eligible to get benefit of the scheme implemented by the Social Welfare department, Assam.

In the same way, schemes for elderly persons, drug-abuse and illicit trafficking, transgender etc. are also being undertaken.

#### **Issuance of Disability Certificates to Persons with Disabilities :-**

- Assessment camps have been organised by Social Welfare Department in different blocks of the districts to identify the persons eligible for obtaining Disability Certificates in association with Joint Directorate of Health Services of the district.
- The Joint Director, Health Services is the competent authority to issue the Disability Certificate to PwD.
- As per record available 1,79,751 Nos. of beneficiaries have obtained Disability Certificates till now.
- The issuance of Disability Certificates to eligible PwDs is a continuous process.

**Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID) Project :**

- The Unique Disability ID (UDID) Project is a national web-based portal developed and linked with Centre, States and Districts and other Stakeholders for the purpose of issuance of a Unique ID card to every person with disability as well as disability certificate through an online mechanism across the country. The status of e-UDID card generation in respect of Assam as on 30-06-2021 is :-
- Nos. of UDID cards generated as on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb,2022 = 95,638 Nos.
- Nos. of Districts started generating UDID cards: - 33 Nos.
- The position of the State of Assam on UDID cards generation: - 16<sup>th</sup> based on number of UDID card generated.

**"Deen Dayal Divyangjan Pension" :-**

- It is a new scheme which was launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam on 10<sup>th</sup> of January, 2019. The objective of the scheme is to provide monthly pension of Rs.1,000/- to each of the persons with disabilities for taking care of their health.
- Till now 1,60,612 Nos. of beneficiaries with disabilities are getting monthly pension @ Rs.1,000/- per month.

Period	Fund allocation	Fund utilised	Physical achievement	Balance of fund
2018-19	Rs. 200,00,00,000.00	Rs. 167,67,48,000.00	1,39,729 Nos.	Rs.32,32,52,000.00
2019-20	Rs. 248,60,00,000.00	Rs. 216,30,96,000.00 (including Rs.29,54,16,000.00, paid to the pending liabilities of 2018-19).	1,80,258 Nos. (including 24,618 nos. of pending beneficiaries from 2018-19).	Rs.32,29,04,000.00
2020-21	Rs.209,24,00,000.00	Rs. 1,61,05,44,000.00 (including Rs. 16,50,36,000.00, paid to the pending liabilities of 2019-20).	1,74,365 No. (including 13,753 nos. of pending beneficiaries from 2019-20).	Rs.48,18,56,000.00

**Rehabilitation Grants to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) :**

- Rehabilitation grants were provided @ Rs.10,000 to each of the persons with disabilities for their self-employment and rehabilitation up to the year of 2017-18. But from the year of 2018-19, the grant amount has been enhanced to Rs. 20,000/-.
- 310 Nos. of unemployed youths with disabilities were benefitted with the scheme during 2020-21.
- An amount of Rs. 213.75 Lakhs has been earmarked in the budget for 2020-21 to cover the target of 1040 Nos. of beneficiaries under the scheme.

Period	Fund allocation	Fund utilised	Physical achievement	Balance of fund
2018-19	Rs.300,00,000.00	Rs. 171,40,000.00	857 Nos. beneficiaries.	Rs.128,60,000.00
2019-20	Rs.300,00,000.00	0.00	722 Nos.	Rs. 300,00,000.00 (FOC not received)

2020-21	Rs.213,75,000.00	Rs. 103,20,000.00 (Including Rs. 72,20,000.00 pending liabilities of 2019-20).	1032 Nos. (Including 722 Nos. pending beneficiaries from 2019-20).	Rs. 103,20,000.00
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**Scholarships to Students with Disabilities :-**

- Scholarships are provided to the students with disabilities @Rs.200/- pm (i.e., 2400/- yearly) to each who are studying in schools and colleges.
- 1419 Nos. students with disabilities were benefitted with the scholarship scheme during 2020-2021.

Scholarships for students of schools & colleges @ 2400/-yearly				
Period	Fund allocation	Fund utilised	Physical achievement	Balance of fund
2018-19	Rs. 37,00,000.00	Rs. 28,05,600.00	1169 Nos. of students.	Rs. 8,94,400.00
2019-20	Rs. 37,00,000.00	Rs. 25,92,000.00	1080 Nos. of students	Rs. 11,08,000.00
2020-21	Rs. 34,41,000.00	Rs. 34,05,600.00	1419 Nos. of students	Rs. 35,400.00

**Scholarships to Students with Disabilities pursuing medical & technical courses :-**

- In addition to above, scholarships are also provided to the students with disabilities Rs.3,000/- p.m. to each (i.e., 36,000/-yearly) who are pursuing medical & technical education courses.
- 45 Nos. of students with disabilities were benefitted with scheme during 2020-21.

Scholarships for Medical & Technical courses @ 36,000/-yearly				
Period	Fund allocation	Fund utilised	Physical achievement	Balance of fund
2018-19	Rs.100,00,000.00	Rs.11,16,000.00	31 Nos. of students	Rs. 88,84,000.000
2019-20	Rs.100,00,000.00	Rs.15,48,000.00	43 Nos. of students.	Rs. 84,52,000.00
2020-21	Rs. 23,75,000.00	Rs. 16,20,000.00	45 Nos. of students.	Rs. 7,55,000.00

**Govt. special schools for students with disabilities:-** The following Govt. schools are functioning for the students with disabilities, such as, deaf and dumb, hearing and visually impaired.

Sl.No.	Name of special school
1	Govt.BDS Deaf & Dumb School, Ghy.
2	Jorhat Blind Institution, Jorhat
3	School for Hearing Impaired, Jorhat
4	Blind School, Basistha, Guwahati,

**Financial assistance to voluntary organizations working for differently-abled persons:-** Grants-in-aid are being provided to the organisations which are actively working for the PwDs as well as running schools/institutions for the students with disabilities.

Sl. No.	Names of special schools
1	Sreemanta Sankar Mission Blind School, Barhampur, Nagaon,
2	Assam Andha Sishu Vidyalaya, Bihpuria, Lakhimpur
3	Jana Mangal Adarsha Andha Vidyalaya, Moranhat.,
4	Mental Welfare Society, Guwahati (Mon Vikash)
5	Special School for Hearing Impaired, Chinatolia, North Lakhimpur

Period	Fund allocation	Fund utilised	Physical achievement	Balance of fund
2018-19	Rs.55,00,000.00	Rs. 50,00,000.00		Rs. 5,00,000.00
2019-20	Rs. 87,50,000.00	Rs. 30,00,080.00		Rs. 57,49,920.00
2020-21	Rs. 59,24,000.00	0.00		Rs. 59,24,000.00

**National University :-**

- The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Govt. of India, New Delhi desires to set up a National University in Assam to focus on various issues for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).
- For the purpose, a plot of land comprising 50 acres in Kamrup district has been selected during 2018-19 with a view to setting up of the aforesaid University for greater interest of the students/persons with disabilities in Assam.

**College for Students with Hearing Impaired :-**

- The Assam Association of Deaf, Gopinath Nagar, Guwahati, a registered non-government organization has been running a Junior College at Gopinath Nagar, Guwahati to cater to the needs of deaf students. But the college needs its permanent building.
- Considering the matter as very important and necessary, the Govt. of Assam has accorded approval for an amount of Rs.191.81 crore (Rupees one crore ninety one lakh eighty one thousand) only for 2021-22 to undertake construction works of permanent building of the aforesaid College. The foundation stone of the building laid by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam. The proposed building is not only for the students of Junior College but also it will cover the students of North East Degree College for Hearing Impaired of the same premises. Currently, the construction work is in progress.
- The present students in the colleges are as follows :-

a) North East College for Hearing Impaired (Jr. College)	1 <sup>st</sup> yr. 16 students
	2 <sup>nd</sup> yr. 23 students
b) North East Degree College for Hearing Impaired	: 38 students
	<b><u>Total – 77 students</u></b>

**Multimedia based e-learning system :-**

- The Assam State Unit of the NIC proposes to undertake a project to develop a multimedia based e-learning system in Assamese for hearing impaired students.
- The project involves developing an application that converts Assamese text into sign language. The project will help the hearing impaired students in communication, learning and academics.

**Braille Press :-**

- The Govt. Braille press is established at Latakata Road, Basistha, Guwahati. In addition, one more Braille Press has been approved by the Govt. which is to be established at the campus of Jorhat Blind Institution,

Period	Fund allocation	Fund utilised	Physical achievement	Balance of fund
2018-19	Rs. 56,28,093.00	Rs. 52,92,446.00		Rs. 3,35,647.00
2019-20	Rs. 219,76,000.00	Rs. 210,34,814.00		Rs. 9,41,186.00
2020-21	Rs.177,26,000.00	Rs. 158,63,110.00		Rs. 18,62,890.00

**PwD Registration Certificates to NGOs working for PwDs :-**

- The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act, 2016) has been brought into force by replacing the erstwhile Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 under which every person who establishes or maintains an institution for reception, care, protection, education, training, rehabilitation and any other activities for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) shall be required to obtain a Certificate of registration to be issued by the competent authority under section 50 of the Act. Accordingly, the Director, Social Welfare, Assam being the competent authority for the purpose is to issue Certificates of Registration under the Act.

**“Construction of Composite Regional Centre (North East) for Disability Study and Action in Assam” :-**

- The North Eastern Council Secretariat, Shillong has accorded estimated cost of Rs.543.93 lakh against the Project- “Construction of Composite Regional Centre (North East) for Disability Study and Action in Assam” as per proposal submitted by the *Shishu Sarothi*, a Centre for Rehabilitation & Training for Multiple Disability, Birubari, Guwahati. The construction of the building of the Project was started during last part of 2018-19.
- No expenditures incurred against the Project till now.

**Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) :**

In Assam, the Composite Regional Centre for Persons with Disabilities located at Bhangagarh, Guwahati has been functioning since 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2001 with central fund. It is an initiative of the Department of Empowerment of PwDs under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India. The CRC has been providing services on –Speech and Hearing, OPD, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Prosthetic & Orthotics, Psychological, Special Education, Orientation & Mobility, vocational, Aids and Appliances

**Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations working for Half-way Homes for mentally ill persons:-**

- The Social Welfare Department, Assam has been taking initiatives to rehabilitate the homeless mentally ill- persons through following 10 Nos. of designated NGOs.
- Grants-in-aid are provided to the organisations to run the Half-way homes.

Sl. No.	Names of NGOs
1	<i>Kanhara Tarun Sangha</i> , Kanhara, PO.Sarupeta, Dist. Barpeta, Assam
2	<i>Guwahati Youth Society</i> , Barpeta
3	<i>Sarvangi Bikash Trust</i> , Bongaigaon district
4	<i>North East Voluntary Association of Rural Development (NEVARD)</i> , Church Road, Bidyapara, Dhubri
5	<i>HELP- AID</i> , Sivam Hotel Complex, Dispur, Guwahati-06, Kamrup (M) dist.
6	<i>Destination</i> , Bhagadattapur, Kahilipara, Guwahati, Dist. Kamrup(M)
7	<i>Ashadeeep</i> , Boko, Bamunigaon, Kamrup district

8	<i>Gram Vikash Parishad, Nagaon district</i>
9	<i>North East Regional Multi-Purpose School and Handicapped Training Centre, Balipukhuri, Biswanath district</i>
10	<i>Dikrong Valley Environment &amp; Rural Development Society, Gosaibari, Lakhimpur district</i>

**Homes/hostels for the mentally retarded persons/children run by :-**

•The Social Welfare Department, Assam also provides grants-in-aid to following NGOs working for mentally retarded persons in the districts. The existing NGOs are :-

Sl. No.	Names of NGOs
1	Mental Welfare Society, Kamrup(M),
2	Help-Aid, Kamrup (M),
3	Destination, Kamrup (M),
4	NEVARD, Bongaigaon
5	Prerona Pratibandhi Shishu Bikash Kendra, Jorhat.

**Project Reach-Out and Respond ("Sahari") :-**

•With joint initiatives of Assam State Legal Service Authority, Social Welfare Department and Health & Family Welfare Departments, Assam, the Project Reach-Out and Respond ("Sahari") was organised at Guwahati, Dibrugarh and Silchar

comprising districts of Kamrup (M), Kamrup, Darrang, Nagaon, Morigaon, Goalpara, Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Sivsagar, Silchar, Hailakandi & Cachar (12 districts) during 2017-18 & 2018-19.

•Aids & Appliances and prosthetic limbs were distributed free of cost to 4,080 Nos. of beneficiaries by **Bhagawan Mahaveer Vikalng Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS)** and **Artificial Limb Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO)**.

**Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA):-**

•Govt. selected 15 Nos. of Govt. offices for construction of the buildings with central fund with a view to creating barrier-free environment facilities for the Persons with Disabilities under SIPDA, 1995 (Scheme for Implementation of Persons with Disabilities, 1995).

- Accordingly, a total fund amounting to **Rs. 7,47,00,744** only was sanctioned during the years of 2012-13 to 2014-15 from which 14 Nos. of buildings (out of 15) have been made barrier-free environment. The buildings are :-
  - 1) WPT & BC department,
  - 2) Judicial Court Building, Tinsukia,
  - 3) Munsif Court Building, Higher Judicial Court Building,
  - 4) Judicial Court Building at Tinsukia & Margherita (04 Building),
  - 5) Guwahati High Court Building, Guwahati,
  - 6) District & Session Judge Court Building , Silchar,
  - 7) District Session Judge Court Building, Kokrajhar,
  - 8) SDJM court Bajali, Barpeta,
  - 9) Gossaigaon SDJM Building, Kokrajhar,
  - 10) RCC Lower Judicial Court Building, Dhakuakhana, Lakhimpur District,
  - 11) RCC Lower Judicial Court Building, Dhemaji,
  - 12) Sub Division Judicial Magistrate Court Building, Bijni, Bongaigaon District,
  - 13) Campus of District and Session Judge Court, Nalbari District &

14) State Commissioner for PWDs, Assam.

Period	Fund allocation	Fund utilised	Physical achievement	Balance of fund
2018-19	Rs. 400,00,000.00	0.00	0.00	Rs. 400,00,000.00
2019-20	0.00	0.00	0.00	Rs. 400,00,000.00
2020-21	Rs. 270,00,000.00	Rs. 235,26,416.00	87.13%	Rs. 462,57,134.00

**Schemes for welfare of Senior Citizens, Assam.**

It is observed that the senior citizens in many cases are facing lots of problems such as, lack of physical, social, emotional and financial support during their old age period. Incidences of in-humanitarian acts towards the senior citizens are increasingly taking place day by day. Some of them are abused or neglected by their families, children or relatives making them completely homeless and helpless. Some of them are being deprived of getting proper care, medical services and protection also.

On observing these issues, different Govt. departments of the State as well as GOI have adopted various schemes for the welfare of the senior citizens. The Social Welfare Department, Assam has also been taking various effective measures for the well-being of the senior citizens by introducing some schemes and services and mechanism which may cater to the need of medical support and rehabilitation of the senior citizens in distress.

Period	Fund allocation	Fund utilised	Physical achievement	Balance of fund
2018-19	Rs. 200,00,000.00	36,75,000.00		1,63,25,000.00
2019-20	Rs. 200,00,000.00	23,54,491.00		1,76,45,509.00
2020-21	Rs. 171,00,000.00	14,69,750.00		1,56,30,250.00

**Schemes for Drug Abuse prevention :**

Drug-addiction is one of the burning problems in the State of Assam which affects not only the common people but also the students of different classes studying in schools and colleges. So, in view of the above and to minimize the incidences, some measures were taken by the Social Welfare Department, Assam in 1<sup>st</sup> phase in cooperation and coordination with voluntary organizations and stakeholders.

**Proposed Activities to be undertaken during 2020-21 :-**

• Apart from this, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India has formulated the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR- 2018-2023) on specific intervention programme on Drug Demand Reduction and instructed the State to prepare State Plan.

• In compliance with GOI directions, a State plan for NAPDDR with an amount of Rs. 2.25 crore only has been submitted to GOI for drug demand reduction in the State which aims at reduction of adverse consequences of drug abuse through a strategy involving educational institutions/ organizations/community participation, de-addiction and rehabilitation of affected individuals and their families and to integrate them back into the society besides training and capacity-building through collaborative efforts of resource persons. Moreover, the plan is also afoot for awareness generation through social, print, digital and online media and engagement of celebrities besides strengthening the toll free helpline for drug prevention.

## Schemes for Transgenders :

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has firmly established the right to equality and equal protections for Transgender persons by prohibiting discrimination on the ground of gender identity and thereby suggested the States to take various measures to ameliorate the condition of the Transgender persons. The Hon'ble Court also directed the States to take various steps for the welfare of the Transgender community. To comply with it, there is an urgent need of a State Policy for Transgenders (TGs) in Assam so that schemes may be undertaken for the welfare of the TGs.

Hence, the Social Welfare Department, Assam has prepared the draft State Policy for TGs which will come into being at an early date. Accordingly, the Department proposes to undertake welfare schemes for the Transgender Community of Assam for which Govt. of Assam earmarked adequate budget provision for the year of 2019-20. Hence, it is proposed to prepare an action plan against the fund provided which may include preparation of data-base on transgender community, provision of shelter home, monthly pension scheme, skill development training and self-employment scheme etc. so as to bring about a transformative change in their lifestyle and livelihood activities with rehabilitation.

## Child Welfare

**Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme** – Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme is world's largest community based programme. The scheme is targeted at children up to the age of 6 years, pregnant and lactating mothers. The scheme is aimed to improve the health, nutrition and education of the target community.

Objectives of the Scheme are:

- to improve the nutritional and health status of children in the age-group 0-6 years;
- to lay the foundation for proper psychological, physical and social development of the child;
- to reduce the incidence of mortality, morbidity, malnutrition and school dropout;
- to achieve effective co-ordination of policy and implementation amongst the various departments to promote child development; and
- to enhance the capability of the mother to look after the normal health and nutritional needs of the child through proper nutrition and health education.

## **Services under ICDS**

The ICDS Scheme offers a package of six services, viz.

- Supplementary Nutrition
- Pre-school non-formal education
- Nutrition & health education
- Immunization
- Health check-up and
- Referral services

The existing package of services have been re-organized into four core components with all the existing services grouped therein under proposed Mission Mode-

### **1) Early Childhood Care Education and Development (ECCED)**

- Early Childhood Care and Education/Non Formal Pre-school Education
- Supplementary Nutrition Programme



**2) Care & Nutrition Counseling**

- Infant & Young Child Feeding (IYCF) promotion & Counseling
- Maternal Care & Counseling
- Care, Nutrition, Health & Hygiene Education
- Community based care & Management of underweight Children

**3) Health Services**

- Immunization & Micro-Nutrient Supplementation
- Health Checkup
- Referral Services

**4) Community mobilization, Awareness, Advocacy & IEC**

- IEC, Campaigns & Drives etc

ICDS Training: Training is a continuous process updating latest development envisaged from time to time on different components. Training of different level of ICDS functionaries have been mooted through a number of Training Centres/Institutes. Involvements of NGOs have also been stressed upon as per schematic pattern.

National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) is the apex body for imparting various training including ICDS functionaries of the levels. Besides there are 28 Anganwadi Worker Training Centre (AWTC) and 2 Middle Level Training Centre (MLTC) to train Anganwadi Worker/ Anganwadi Helper, Supervisor and Instructors of AWTCs. National Health Mission and Sarba Shiksha Abhiyan impart convergence training on different related topics/components for achievement of common goal. Moreover, MIS Cell (UNICEF supported) of the Directorate train, review and monitor various level of training imparted. Accreditation of AWTCs and MLTCs are also carried out by MIS Cell every two years to keep intact the training standards.

Construction : Anganwadi centres being the focal point to provide services, infrastructure development concerning the centre have been taken up and construction cost of Anganwadi Centres was gradually enhanced i.e @ Rs.1.25 lakhs and Rs.1.75 lakhs started since long. A total of 42073 Anganwadi Centres have been constructed including 1044 nos. under MSDP and 400 nos under MGNREGA. Subsequently rate of construction has been enhanced during 2014-15 to Rs.4.50 lakhs per AWC.

**No. of Anganwadi Centre**

year	No. of AWCs (in function)	No. of AWCs constructed upto	Remarks, if any
2018-19	61664	39138	(@Rs.4.50 lakhs per AWC)
2019-20	61664	39889	(@Rs.4.50 lakhs per AWC)
2020-21	61715	42073	(@Rs.4.50 lakhs per AWC)

During 2015-16 Govt. of India envisaged construction of Anganwadi centres in convergence with P & RD under MGNREGA throughout the country. The sharing pattern between P&RD and Social Welfare Deptt. is proposed at Rs.5.00 lakhs under MGNREGA and Rs.2.00 lakhs to be contributed from Social Welfare Deptt.

Initial action in this regard had already started and four installment @ Rs.9.00 crores per installment as central share for the year 2015-16 and 2016-17 have already been released by the Govt. of India. All total 1100 units AWC building construction in progress under the scheme MGNREGA of P& RD.

**Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP)**

The scheme is being implemented with people's participation through Anganwadi Centre Management Committee (AWCMC). Fund for SNP has been released to all AWCs through District Level Committee for SNP to the Bank Accounts of the AWCMC.

Govt. has constituted the Matri Sahayok Gut (MSG) for all AWCs with a view to encourage the registered mother to take part in implementation of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) including Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) at AWCs level. Beneficiaries under children age group 3 years to 6 years are being provided Hot Cook Meal (HCM), children those who attend Pre-School Education at AWC. Under the scheme rice and pulse base micronutrient fortified energy food as Take Home Ration (THR) is also provided to the beneficiaries of the age group under 6 month to 3 years and Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers through the approved manufactures having necessary qualification.

**Calories and Protein Intake:**

1.	Children (6 month to 72 months)	500 Calories	12-15 gms protein
2.	Severely Malnourished Children (6 month to 72 months)	800 Calories	20-25 gms protein
3.	Pregnant & Lactating Mothers	600 Calories	18-20 gms protein

**Revise SNP Cost norms 2018:**

Sl No	Category	Old Rate	Revise Rate
1.	Children (6 month to 72 months)	Rs. 6.00	Rs. 8.00
2.	Severely Malnourished Children (6 month to 72 months)	Rs. 9.00	Rs. 12.00
3.	Pregnant & Lactating Mothers	Rs. 7.00	Rs. 9.50

**Beneficiary:**

Sl No	Category	Period		
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	Children (6 month to 72 months)	3019379	2978576	3071201
2	Severely Malnourished Children (6 month to 72 months)	11298	11795	17806
3	Pregnant & Lactating Mothers	594296	594050	602416
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3624973</b>	<b>3584421</b>	<b>3691423</b>

**Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)**

ICPS is being implemented in Assam since 2009 after signing a MOU between Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) Govt. of India and Govt. of Assam on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2009.

State Child Protection Society (SCPS), Assam is established through a notification issued by Govt. of Assam in July 2010 under the ICPS of MWCD Govt. of India. The State Child Protection Society (SCPS), Assam

is entrusted with the responsibility to implement ICPS in Assam and it functions under the aegis of Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Assam.

District Child Protection Units (UCPU) is established under SCPS in 27 erstwhile districts of Assam. DCPU's headed by the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO). Actions for the establishment of DCPU's in the newly created districts are under process and are at present looked after by the parent district units.

Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) and Child Welfare Committee (CWC) are in place. There are 27 CWCs and 27 JJBs in Assam. Till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018 there were 1365 nos. of cases pending before the JJBs of Assam where as 885 nos. of cases pending before the CWCs of the State.

SCPS has recognized 29 nos. of children homes under Juvenile Justice Act and have been provided grant-in-aid to these NGOs for care and protection children in Assam. Moreover there are four Govt. run Children's Homes (two for boys and two for girls) and five observations homes (three for boys and two for girls) in the district of Cachar, Kamrup (M), Kamrup, Jorhat and Nagaon. There were a total no. of 1339 children residing in the children's homes as on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017. In the year 2017 Shanti Seva Ashram, Tinsukia was derecognized and Kashav Bahety Surjodaya, Tinsukia was recognized by SCPS, Assam.

Three nos. of open shelter are functioning in Nagaon and Kamrup (M), run by NGOs. Till now two types of non-institutional services are being active in Assam, i.e. Adoption and after care. Sponsorship programme in another Non-institutional service to provide financial assistance to families to enable children to retain in the families and continue their education. For this Sponsorship and Foster Care Approval Committee (SFCAC) is notified on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017.

**State Bal-Bhawan** – The basic aim of establishment of Bal-Bhawans is to provide training in extracurricular activities to the children 6-16 years in their leisure time after school. There are two Bal-Bhawans one at Guwahati and another at Dibrugarh. The activities learn by the children are Musical instruments (Sitar, Guitar, Tabla, Keyboard etc.) Besides these knitting and embroidery singing and dancing alongwith basic computer education are provided.

### Women Welfare

There are centrally sponsored schemes and as well as state schemes implemented for the welfare of Women and Adolescent Girls. The schemes are as follows:-

In addition to the above scheme for the welfare of women there are Homes maintained by the Department for the safety and security, care and protection of women in distress, as well as women in difficult circumstances. The following are the Homes run by the Department:

**State Home for Rescued Women and Female Convicts, Jalukbari:** - The Home was established during 1957-58 in order to provide shelter, training for ultimate rehabilitation of women and girls rescued from moral danger. There is a training cum Production Centre attached to the State Home, Jalukbari, where the inmates are trained in Crafts like Cutting and Tailoring, Knitting and embroidery, doll and toil making, fancy bag making and weaving. Inmates are rehabilitated by reunion with their family, all through employment in the Deptt. and also by way of marriage.

**Home for Destitute Women and Helpless Widow, Jalukbari** - In the State Home complex at Jalukbari there is another Home for Destitute Women and Helpless Widow. The Destitute Women and Helpless Widows of the age group 18-45 years are given shelter in this Home. The inmates are offered training facilities in gainful trades in the Training-cum-Production Centre attached to the State Home for Women. The Home was set up in 1964-65.

**State Home for Women, Nagaon** - The Destitute Women and Helpless Widows of the age group 18-45 years are maintained and trained in useful craft for their ultimate rehabilitation in the society. Minor Children of age group 0-6 years of the inmates are also taken care of. The Home was established in the year, 1958-59. There is a training cum production centre attached to the Home where training is being imparted to the inmates in the crafts viz cutting and tailoring doll and toy making and weaving. There is one L.P. School inside the Home.

**Home for Destitute Women and Helpless Widows, Bamunigaon** - The Home was originally started at Jorhat in 1976 and subsequently shifted to Boko, Bamunigaon on August, 1986. The purpose of the Home is to maintain the aged destitute and Helpless Person. Destitute women and helpless person of the age group of 45 years and above for female 50 years and above for male are admitted in the Home where they are provided with basics facilities of life.

**Home for Destitute Women and Helpless Widows, Dighaltari, Dhubri** - The purpose of the Home is to maintain the destitute women and helpless widows. Destitute women are given food, shelter and training to craft viz cutting, tailoring and embroidery in the Home.

**Vocational Training cum Rehabilitation Centre (VTRC)** - The State also has 4 (four) Vocational Training cum Rehabilitation Centre and Training Cum Production Centre for women where training in different trade like weaving, tailoring, knitting & embroidery, typing, computer training are provided. These VTRCs are functioning at Beltola, Morigaon, Barama, Kachukota. After the training is completed the trainees are provided with rehabilitation grant for self-employment. In the women empowerment sector, to make women job eligible, skill development training needs to be promoted. With this aim and objectives the Vocational Training cum Rehabilitation Centre (VTRC) concept was adopted. The aforementioned VTRCs and TCPC are meant only for the women in between 18-45 years age group, who are trained for self-employment leading to economic empowerment. In addition to the schemes implemented by the Government of Assam in Social Welfare Department, there are also schemes which the State Government implements through the reputed and experienced NGOs with the financial support from Govt. of India. These are as follows:-

**Ujjawala** - To address the problem of victims of trafficking mainly women and children 19 Nos. Of Ujjawala Homes run by different NGOs are in providing shelter, training and rehabilitation and reintegration of victims of trafficking apart from taking active part in rescue of trafficked women and children by.

**SWADHAR Greh**: The Scheme envisions a supportive institutional framework for women victims of difficult circumstances so that they could lead their life with dignity and conviction. It envisages that shelter, food, clothing, and health as well as economic and social security are assured for such women. It also envisions that the special needs of these women are properly taken care of and under no circumstances they should be left unattended or abandoned which could lead to their exploitation and desolation. For shelter care and eventual social reintegration/ rehabilitation of women in distress and difficult circumstance, 16 nos. of Swadhar Homes are functioning across the State.

**Scheme for Adolescent Girls** was implemented in 8 (Eight) Districts of Assam covering 78 ICDS Project but another 14 (Fourteen) Districts included from the year 2017-18. The main aim of the scheme is to empower adolescent girls by providing life skill development and vocational training as well as to improve nutritional status. It has two components (1) Nutrition and (2) Non-Nutrition. Under Non-Nutrition Sector 100% financial support of the Govt. of India and under Nutrition Component it is shared between State & Central as 90:10 basis.

**Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY):** Pradhan Mantri Matritva Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), implemented in the year 01-01-2017 previously known as Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY), is a maternity benefit program run by the Government of India. It is implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. It is a conditional cash transfer scheme for Pregnant Women and Lactating Mother (PW&LM) for first live birth only. It provides partial wage compensation to women for wage-loss during childbirth and childcare and to provide conditions for safe delivery and good nutrition and feeding practices.

**Benefits under PMMVY:** PW&LM shall receive a cash benefit of Rs. 5000/- in three instalments at the following stages as specified in the table given below:

Conditionalities and Instalments		
Instalment	Conditions	Amount
First Instalment	Early Registration of pregnancy	Rs. 1,000/-
Second instalment	Received at least one ANC (can be claimed after 6 months of pregnancy)	Rs. 2,000/-
Third Instalment	i. Child Birth is registered ii. Child has received first cycle of BCG, OPV,DPT and Hepatitis-B or its equivalent/substitute	Rs. 2,000/-

The eligible beneficiaries would receive the remaining cash incentives as per approved norms towards maternity benefit under Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) after institutional delivery so that on an average, a woman will get Rs. 6000/-.

**Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme :** Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) is a social campaign of the Government of India that aims to generate awareness and improve the efficiency of welfare services intended for girls. The scheme was launched with an initial funding of Rs.100 crore. Since coordinated, convergent efforts are needed to ensure survival, protection and empowerment of the girl child, the Government has announced Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative. The BBBP was launched on 24th January, 2015 in Guwahati, Kamrup(Metro) of Assam on pilot basis. The objectives of this initiative are - prevention of gender biased sex selective elimination, ensuring survival and protection of the girl child and ensuring education and participation of the girl child.

**One Stop Centre:** Under the scheme, support to women affected by violence in public and private places, in the family and at work place by providing shelter, police desk, legal medical and counselling services to victim of violence under one roof throughout 24 hours Helpline. The One Stop Centre already launched in 5 districts of Assam, namely Kamrup, Nagaon, Jorhat, Cachar and Kokrajhar during the month of January, 2017.

One Stop Centres have already been established in all 33 districts in the state under the implementing agency - Aman Kashroo Satya Trust.

From 2018-19 onwards Gol released fund directly to the respective Deputy Commissioners PFMS account .

**Women Helpline :** The scheme of universalization of Women Helpline is intended to provide 24 hours immediate and emergency response to those women affected by violence through referral (linking with appropriate authority such as police, one stop centre, hospital). Moreover, information about women related government schemes and programmes across the country is also provided through a single uniform number. Women helpline number "181" already inaugurated on 29<sup>th</sup> April,2018.

From 2018-19 onwards Gol released fund directly to the respective Deputy Commissioners PFMS account.

**Working Women Hostel:** The scheme aims at providing available, safe and conveniently located accommodation for working women with day care facility for their children, wherever possible, in urban, semi urban, or event rural areas where employment opportunity for women exist, who are single, widowed, divorced, separated or married whose family does not reside in the same area, given preference to dis-advantage section of the society with provision for reservation of physically challenged beneficiaries. In this regards proposed to established 43 Nos. of Working Women Hostel at all the 33 districts of Assam and based upon the necessity, namely Kamrup(M), kamrup(R), Nagoan, Jorhat, Dibrugrah and Tinsukia districts proposed to have more than one working women hostel.

**Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK):** The Central Govt. has introduced the MahilaSakti Kendra (MSK) scheme in the country from 2017 onwards. The scheme will empower rural women through community participation to create an environment so that they can realize their full potential. The main objective of the scheme is to increase the care, protection and development of women across the country. Improving the child sex ratio, survival of new born girl child, girl education and empower them throw several initiative.

In Assam, seven aspirational districts namely Dhubri, Goalpara, Barpeta, Darrang, Udalguri, Baksa, and Hailakandi are covered by MSK scheme upto block level initiatives where 56 blocks are covered and 200 student volunteers per blocks are engaged for six month in a year to reach out women. Additionally 20 non aspirational districts are also covered under MSK scheme upto district level initiatives including three Betibachao BetiPadhao districts namely, Kamrup metro, Cachar and Dhemaji. From 2018-19 the execution of this scheme is started in 7 Aspirational and kamrup metro. From 2019-20 remaining 19 districts have covered under the scheme. State Resource Centre for Women, Assam is the Project Management Unit at state level for MSK and BBBP scheme for technical and Resurce support.

**Mahila Shakti Kendra at a Glance**

State Unit	District Unit	Block Unit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State Resource Centre for Women(SRCW), Assam</li><li>• Functional from March 2019</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District Level Centre for Women(DLCW)in 33 districts</li><li>• Engagement of Women welfare officer and two district coordinators</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Block level MSK in 56 blocks of seven Aspirational Districts</li><li>• Engagement of two hundred student volunteers in each of 56 blocks for six months</li><li>• Honorarium for student volunteers is @50/- per hour for maximum of 200 hours.</li></ul>

The total amount of Rs. 310989.18 Lakhs has been earmarked in the budget during the year 2020-21 under the Social Welfare Department, Assam.

**PERFORMANCE BUDGET/ ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2020-21.**

Social Welfare Department in Govt. of Assam committed to contribute towards overall development of Women, children, person with disability, Senior Citizens and infirm people of the society, as these groups needs special care & intervention for their growth and development. Over the years, Social Welfare Department have undertaken several Programmes/schemes to strengthen the standard of life of these groups of people covering all section of Society & State as a whole.

**> Child Welfare**

Social Welfare Department has implemented different schemes for Children namely Integrated Child Development Service, Integrated Child Protection Scheme including JJ Act, Protection of Child Right, State Bal-Bhawan (Guwahati & Dibrugarh) ,National Creche Scheme etc.

**Major Achievement:**

- ❖ Operationalization of all AWCs i.e. 61715Nos. of AWCs.

**. POSHAN**

India and Assam has been battling issues of malnutrition for decades, but the problem is still rampant. More than half of the young female population in Assam suffers from anaemia. Child Stunting in Assam has declined from 46.5% in 2006 to 36.4% in 2016 – a fall of about 22% but with 1.4 million children under five stunted, Assam contributes to 3% of the stunted children in the country. The POSHANAbhiyan(National Nutrition Mission) is not the only one of its kind that the Indian government has launched to address this issue.

The goal is to reduce-

- Stunting by 2%,
- Under-nutrition by 2%,
- Anaemia by 3%, and
- Low birth weight by 2% per year.

For stunting the 2% mark is a minimum, as the aim is to reduce the rates of stunting from 38.4% to 25% by the year 2022. An amount of Rs.11342.03 Crore has been released by the Government of India for implementing the POSHAN Abhiyaan till date. The Department is already purchase Smart Phone (CAS) and Devices for the Weighing of Childrenand Mothers. In the Second Phase another 19 districts have been included in the POSHAN Abhiyaan in Assam during 2018-19. Two (2) Committees - State Level Inter Departmental Task Force on Nutrition and State Level Advisory Committee have also been constituted to roll over the POSHAN Abhiyaan and monitor the same.

**•Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP):-**

- After Completion of Head Count of beneficiaries in 230 no of ICDS Project the present status stands as below:-

Total No of ICDS Project-230 nos.

Children 6months -6 years-3071201 nos.

Severely Malnourished Children 6month- 6 years-17806 nos.

Pregnant & Lactating Women – 602416 nos.

➤ **Women Welfare:**

Social Welfare Department, Assam, is implementing various schemes for empowerment of women namely Pradhan Matri Matru Vandana Yojana, Bet Bachao Beti Padhao, Scheme for Adolescent Girls presently in 22 Nos. of District, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence, Vocational Training cum Rehabilitation Centre (VTRC), "One Stop Centre", Women Helpline, Working Women Hostel, Ujjawala, Swadhar Greh, State Commission for Women, State Resource Centre for women, Mahila Shakti Kendra etc.

**Schemes for Persons with Disabilities :-**

The Central Government notified the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act, 2016) on 28.12.2016 replacing the erstwhile PwD Act, 1995. Subsequently the Act has been brought into force w.e.f. 19.04.2017. The RPwD Act, 2016 now covers 21 types of disabilities in place of 7 types of disabilities under PwD Act, 1995.

In pursuance of the Act, the Social Welfare Department, Assam has been taking various welfare schemes for Persons with Disabilities with a view to empower them so that they could cope with in various fields with their unique abilities. A person with disability having 40% and above is eligible to get benefit of the scheme implemented by the department. Some of the schemes are :-

**(A) "Deen Dayal Divyangjan Pension" :-**

- It is a new scheme which was launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam on 10<sup>th</sup> of January, 2019. The objective of the scheme is to provide monthly pension of Rs.1,000/- to each of the persons with disabilities for taking care of their health.
- Till now, 1,60,612 Nos. of beneficiaries with disabilities are getting monthly pension @ Rs.1,000/- per month.

**(B) Rehabilitation Grants to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) :**

- Rehabilitation grants were provided @ Rs.10,000/- to each of the persons with disabilities for their self-employment and rehabilitation up to the year of 2017-18. But from the year of 2018-19, the grant amount has been enhanced to Rs. 20,000/-.
- 379 Nos. of unemployed youths with disabilities were benefitted with the scheme during 2019-20.
- An amount of Rs. 330.00 Lakhs has been earmarked in the budget for 2020-21 to cover the target of 1650 Nos. of beneficiaries under the scheme.

**(C) Scholarships to Students with Disabilities :-**

- Scholarships are provided to the students with disabilities @Rs.200/- pm (i.e., 2400/- yearly) to each who are studying in schools and colleges.
- 916 Nos. students with disabilities were benefitted with the scholarship scheme during 2019-20.
- The target for 2020-21 is 1695 Nos. of students with disabilities.

**(D) Scholarships to Students with Disabilities pursuing medical & technical courses :-**

- In addition to above, scholarships are also provided to the students with disabilities Rs.3,000/- p.m. to each (i.e., 36,000/-yearly) who are pursuing medical & technical education courses.
- 34 Nos. of students with disabilities were benefitted with scheme during 2019-20.
- An amount of Rs. 1.10 crore has been earmarked in the budget for 2020-21 to cover the target of 305 Nos. of beneficiaries under the scheme.



### Schemes for Transgenders :

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has firmly established the right to equality and equal protections for Transgender persons by prohibiting discrimination on the ground of gender identity and thereby suggested the States to take various measures to ameliorate the condition of the Transgender persons. The Hon'ble Court also directed the States to take various steps for the welfare of the Transgender community. To comply with it, there is an urgent need of a State Policy for Transgenders (TGs) in Assam so that schemes may be undertaken for the welfare of the TGs.

Hence, the Social Welfare Department, Assam has prepared the draft State Policy for TGs which will come into being at an early date. Accordingly, the Department proposes to undertake welfare schemes for the Transgender Community of Assam for which Govt. of Assam earmarked adequate budget provision for the year of 2019-20. Hence, it is proposed to prepare an action plan against the fund provided which may include preparation of data-base on transgender community, provision of shelter home, monthly pension scheme, skill development training and self-employment scheme etc. so as to bring about a transformative change in their lifestyle and livelihood activities with rehabilitation.

It has been decided to bifurcate the Directorate of Social Welfare in to two separate Directorates namely - I) Directorate of Women and Child development and II) Directorate Social Justice and Empowerment in order to have effective Implementation of various Schemes in line with Govt. of India.

The process of E-Tendering for procurement of different articles and services has been initiated already to maintain transparency and good governance of Social Welfare Department.

### •Child Welfare (ICPS):-

●**Children In Conflict with Law:** Under the Juvenile Justice Act children are divided into two categories such as Children In Need of Care and Protection and Children in Conflict with Law (CICL hereafter). The Children who is alleged or found to have committed an offence and have not completed 18 years of age on the date of commission of such offence is known as CICL. These categories of children are dealt by Juvenile Justice Board under JJ Act and during their trial period they are referred to Observation Homes or Special Home or Place of Safety. Special Home is under process of construction at the same premise of Observation Home Lichubari Jorhat under the support of SOPD Budget for the year 2017-18.

●**Child Marriage:** The child marriage is a social problem relating to poverty, education, exploration of population. Due to child marriage the child lost their rights of education, protection, participation and development etc. So to protect the rights of the children and to abolish child marriage from our society awareness sensitization, strengthening of social accountability and acceptance of child protection policies and laws by communities is must. The State Child Protection Society, Assam has taken different strategies to make the public aware and sensitize with the support of SOPD Budget for the year 2017-18.

●**Child Care Institutions:** Under Juvenile Justice Act 2015, all Child Care Institutions (CCI hereafter) are registered under section 41 and ensured minimum standard of care. To strengthen the CCIs under JJ Act 2015, Govt of Assam, State Child Protection Society has taken initiatives to update the standard of Care up to the mark as prescribed by JJ Act. Care givers training programmes, sensitization programme, development of infrastructure, with computerization of monitoring and reporting, nutritious food, education, vocational training, counselling, case management, medical and health care etc are provided as prescribed under Juvenile Justice Rule 2016.

●**Child Trafficking:** The Major source districts within the state are Baksa, Cachar, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Karimganj, Sonitpur and Udalguri. Majority of children are girl child within the age group of 11 to 16 years. The SCPS has taken initiatives to work on the matter with joint hand to the department of Home and Political, Anti Human Trafficking Unit, Childline Service, Block Level Child Protection Committee, Village Level Child Protection Committee, VDP etc.

**BRIEF NOTE IN RESPECT OF GRANT NO.39**

This Social Welfare Department has the mandate to ensure proper care of the uncared, protection of the most vulnerable sections of the society and creation of an environment which is conducive to the all round development of the Children, Women as well as for the persons with disabilities, senior citizens and transgender community in the State. As of now, the Department comprises of the schemes under the Ministries of Women & Child Development and Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India.

- (i) Welfare for persons with disabilities, Senior Citizens, Transgender Community and on drug abuse and prevention. :
  - (ii) Child Care and protection
  - (iii) Empowerment of Women & Girls Child
  - (iv) Statutory bodies
  - (v) Acts and Rules related to certain schemes.
- (I) Welfare for persons with disabilities, Senior Citizens, Transgender Community and on drug abuse and prevention. :
1. Implementation of RPwD Act, 2016
  2. Issuance of Disability Certificates to Persons with Disabilities and the Rights.
  3. Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID) Project
  4. PwD Registration Certificates to NGOs working for PwDs.
  5. Rehabilitation Grants to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)
  6. "Deen Dayal Divyangjan Pension"
  7. Scholarships to Students with Disabilities.
  8. Project Reach-Out and Respond ("Sahar")
  9. Financial assistance to voluntary organizations working for differently-abled persons
  10. Higher Education to the Students with Mental Retardation
  11. Govt. Schools for students with disabilities
  12. Composite Regional Centres (CRCs).
  13. Accessible India Campaign
  14. Regional Rehabilitation Centres (RRCs)
  15. Welfare schemes for Elderly
    - Senior Citizen Welfare Council, Assam
    - Old Age Homes.
  16. Welfare of Transgender Community
  17. Drug Abuse and prevention and implementation of *Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addiction (IRCA)*.
- (ii) **Child Care and Protection:** Under Child Care & Protection two major schemes namely **Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme and Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)** are included. ICDS deals with children 0-6 years, Pregnant & Lactating Mothers and adolescent girls 11-18 years. The scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme shared at the ratio of 90:10 at present where 90% of the fund provided GoI started with a pilot project at Dhakuakhana in the year 1975 enhanced and gradually increased upto 230 Projects till date with

62153 Anganwadi Centre (AWC) out of which 61715 AWCs are operational under universalisation of ICDS spreading over nooks and corners, plains and hills of the state. The ICDS Scheme has now become a flagship programme.

**(iii) Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)** scheme aims at bringing together different child protection programmes predating ICPS, under a single umbrella of child protection, opening opportunities for establishing a robust child protection system at national, state, district, sub-district and community levels.

The Scheme was started in Assam in the year 2011. Now under the ICPS Scheme the following basic structures of child protection has been established-

- 1) District Child Protection Units at all District with full manpower
- 2) Child Welfare Committees & juvenile Justice Boards in all 27 Districts
- 3) 31 Children Home (including special Need Home), 14 Special Adoption Agencies, 3 Open Shelters, 1 Place of Safety, 5 Observation Home, Child Line Services at 7 Districts, A functional Track Child Portal Services etc.
- 4) In the above mentioned Institutions total 1549 children are availing services.

**(iv) Empowerment of Women & Girls Child**

Empowerment of women and girl child at the present context require constant attention of the planners. Almost fifty percent of the total population constitute by this segment. The following central sector and state specific schemes have been taken up for empowerment of women and girl child in our state :

- Scheme for Adolescent Girl
- Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)
- Homes for destitute women
- Assam State Commission for Women
- Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
- One Stop Centre.
- Women Help Line
- Mohila Shakti Kendra.
- State Resource Centre for Women.
- Ujjawala.
- Home for Destitute Women.
- VTRC.

**(v) Statutory Bodies :**

The under mentioned statutory bodies at the apex have been formed for implementation of schemes under their aegis. These are :

- (i) State Child Protection Society under ICPS
- (ii) Assam State Commission for Women
- (iii) Assam State Social Welfare Board
- (iv) Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights
- (v) Commission for Persons with Disabilities
- (vi) Senior Citizen Welfare Council

**(vi) Acts and Rules related to certain schemes :**

Some of the schemes are implemented on the basis of the enactment of the Act and Rules. These are :

- 1) Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act,

- 2) Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of children) Act.
- 3) Protection of Children From Sexual Offences Act 2012
- 4) Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005
- 5) Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act 2005
- 6) Immoral Traffic Prevention Act
- 7) Child Marriage Prohibition Act
- 8) Persons with Disability Act
- 9) Mental Health Act.
- 10) Maintenance of welfare of Parents and Senior Citizen Act
- 11) Dowry Prohibition Act

**(Viii) New initiatives of the department:**

- Govt. has initiated to construct 1000 nos of AWCs @ 25 lacs per AWC in the current financial year.

- Govt. has initiated to construct 2 nos of Working Women Hostels at Goalpara & Jorhat.

The Department has kept no stone unturned for implementation of the schemes since long in spite of heavy odds with limited resource and manpower. Given adequate facility and financial allocation as per requirement the Department will always thrive to achieve our targeted goal in time effectively and efficiently.

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## OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS GRANT NO.39

Sl No.	Recommendations	Action taken report
1	<p>The Committee observes with grave concern that its earlier recommendation regarding decentralization of floating tender for construction and repairing of AWCs has not been complied with.</p> <p>The committee recommends that floating of tender for construction and repairing of AWCs and procurements of stationeries/Uniforms /Utensils etc. Shall henceforth be done at ICDS Project level under the supervision and of a committee headed by the local MLAs.</p>	<p>For Construction of Model Anganwadi Centers 3(Three) nos of Committees, i.e. District level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) , Constituency Level Construction Committee (CLCC) and Anganwadi Level Construction Committee (ALCC) have been constituted Vide Notification (i) No.SWD/25/2009/pt/143, dtd.9<sup>th</sup> August,2021, (ii) No.SWD.25/2009/pt/146, dtd.2<sup>nd</sup> Sep,2021 and (iii) No. SWD.25/2009/pt/155, dtd. 10<sup>th</sup> Feb,2022 for construction and Supervision of the Model Anganwadi centers (Copy enclosed at Annexure "A", "B&amp; B-1).</p> <p>Likewise, a Guideline for repairing of Anganwadi Center through District/ Project Level Monitoring and supervision Committee (DLMSC) had been approved by the Govt. vide letter No.SWD.22/2011/102, dtd.11/12/2017. (Copy enclosed at Annexure "D").</p> <p>Already District Wise fund has been transferred for construction of Anganwadi centers. Copy of above notifications/Guidelines already been circulated among the Deputy Commissioner and District Social Welfare Officers for ready reference.</p> <p>For the purpose of maintaining uniformity and quality of items like stationeries/ Uniforms/Utensils etc. at the ICDS Projects procurements is done through Directorate of Social Welfare, Assam.</p>
2	<p>The Committee observes that building for most of the AWCs are yet to be constructed and many of the AWCs are lacking proper drinking water facility and electrification.</p> <p>The Committee therefore recommends that construction of buildings for AWCs with proper drinking water facility, sanitization and electrification of AWCs shall be taken up with top most priority, if necessary, with convergence of funds from other sources such as MGNREGA, 14<sup>th</sup> Finance, 15<sup>th</sup> Finance, 5<sup>th</sup> State Finance, United Fund, MP/MLA LAD etc.</p> <p>The Committee further recommends that the number of AWCs allotted for construction/repairing in a year each ICDS Project should be proportionate to the number of AWCs yet to be constructed/ renovated in that ICDS Project.</p>	<p>Communication had been made to all the Deputy Commissioner, all the Principal Secretary, Autonomous Council, and all the District Social Welfare Officer regarding convergence of fund from MGNREGA, 14<sup>th</sup> Finance, 15<sup>th</sup> Finance, 5<sup>th</sup> State Finance, United Fund, MP/MLA LAD etc. for construction of Anganwadi centers with proper drinking water facility, sanitization and electrification, Vide letter. No.DSW(ICDS)G/135/2019/pt/13, dt.24/08/2021(Copy enclosed at Annexure "E"). Moreover steps has been taken by Govt. to provide electricity connection and drinking water facilities in all Anganwadi Centre in the State through APDCL and JJM (Jai Jivan Mission) respectively.</p> <p>Communication has been made to all DSWO to furnish project wise list of AWC to be constructed / renovated No.DSW (ICDS) G /135/2019/pt/14, dt.24/08/2021 (Copy enclosed at Annexure "F").</p>
3	<p>The Committee observe that many of the AWCs remain under lock and key and neither any SNP item is provided nor any teaching and learning happens.</p> <p>The Committee therefore recommends that</p>	<p>Pre-school education could not be provided to the children of AWCs due to closure of AWCs for COVID-19 pandemic situation. However, activities of AWCs like pre-school education will be resumed after the pandemic situation.</p> <p>The Take Home Ration (THR) (Dry Ration) provided to the</p>

	<p>the project level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee shall review at least once in three months and the Committee shall also make occasional field visits.</p>	<p>beneficiaries of 3 to 6 years of age group in lieu of Hot Cook Meal due to the pandemic situation and THR also provided to Pregnant /Lactating Mother and children of the age group 6 months to 3 years, door to door through AWWs. Other activities like growth monitoring / home visit / immunization etc. are continuing by AWWs in their respective areas.</p> <p>Regarding regular holding of meeting of the Block Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee, instruction has already been communicated to all CDPOs vide this Directorate letter (i) No.DSW(ICDS)G/75/2013/62,dtd.21/08/2021.(ii)No. DSW(ICDS) G/75 /2013/65, dtd. 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. (Copy enclosed at Annexure "G"&amp; "G-1").Process of holding Block Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee has been initiated in ICDS Projects which is a continuous process.</p>
<p align="center">4</p>	<p>The Committee further recommends that if any Anganwadi Worker/ Helper is found negligent in her duty during the course of such review/ filed visit and if the vigilance and monitoring committee is of the opinion that such Anganwadi Worker/ Helper need to be discharged from her service, then the vigilance and monitoring committee shall take such decision and shall record in the minutes of the meeting and shall discharged such Anganwadi Worker/ Helper forthwith with intimation to DSWO and the Director of Social Welfare Department, and Director of Social Welfare shall invariably accord ex-post facto approval of such discharge.</p>	<p>With a view to ensuing of effective monitoring of the implementation of ICDS services, the Govt. has constituted the Block Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee (copy enclosed at Annexure- "O").On receipt of complaint against the Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers the competent authority will take necessary disciplinary action.</p>
<p align="center">5</p>	<p>The Committee recommends that there should be a model estimate for construction of the model Anganwadi Centers across the State. The model estimate should have provision for electricity, water supply and sanitation.</p>	<p>An estimate for construction of model Anganwadi Centers @ Rs.25,00,000/ has already been approved by the Govt. and has been forwarded to all Deputy Commissioner, AssamVide letter No.DSW(ICDS)G/con/63/2021/pt/28 , dtd. 17<sup>th</sup> August,21. (Copy enclosed at Annexure "P"). The model estimate has provision for electricity, water supply and sanitation.</p>
<p align="center">6</p>	<p>The Committee recommended that there should be regular meeting of the District Level construction committee for construction of Anganwadi centres.</p>	<p>Presently, Anganwadi Centers are being constructed through Constitution Level Construction Committee (CLCC) and Anganwadi Level Construction Committee (ALCC). The District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) has been entrusted for supervision and monitoring of construction and this committee is regularly monitoring the construction work.</p>
<p align="center">7</p>	<p>The Committee observed that no construction works of Anganwadi Centres has been undertaken in Mandia ICDS Project in recent times. Department should take initiative to undertake construction works in Mandia ICDS Project as per requirement.</p>	<p>DSWOs have been asked to furnish the project wise list of AWCs to be constructed / renovated in each of the ICDS project vide letter (i) No.DSW (ICDS)G/135/2019/pt/14.Dated, Guwahati the 24<sup>th</sup> August,21 (ii) No.DSW(ICDS)G/135/2019/pt/20, dtd. 8<sup>th</sup> Feb,2022 to take necessary action on the matter. (Copy enclosed at Annexure "F"&amp; F-1).</p>

	<p>At present Govt. has taken steps to construct 2 nos of Model AWC at Mandla ICDS Project. Necessary fund also transferred at the Bank Account of Deputy Commissioner. Barpeta.</p>
<p>8. The Committee recommends the de-addiction centres should be established in districts of Assam, if need arises.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. There are 19 IRCAs (Integrated Rehabilitation Center for Addicts) covering 17 districts in Assam under the scheme for prevention of alcoholism and substance (Drugs) abuse supported by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India.</li><li>2. Inspection for IRCAs has been conducted by the officials of the Directorate of Social Welfare, Assam.</li><li>3. A webinar on "Harmful effects of Tobacco used among children and Young Adults in Assam" with all 19 IRCAs was conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021. (Letter enclosed at Annexure-Q)</li><li>4. The administrative charge of the State Anti-Drugs Prohibition Council, Assam has been taken over by the Social Welfare Department from Excise and Registration Department, Govt. of Assam recently in the month of, August, 2021 as per Govt. order No.DSW(G)MISC/2021-22/pt/86, dtd. 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.</li><li>5. A meeting has been conducted with the CEO of the State Anti-Drugs prohibition council, Assam and they are requested to conduct activities on Preventive Education, Awareness, identification of Addicts, Counseling, Detoxification and Recovery in the 16 uncovered districts where IRCAs aren't established yet. The council has taken up various programmes and activities in this regard.</li></ol> <p>The Council already has taken initiative to activate 6 nos de-addiction center at Barpeta, Tezpur, Guwahati, Golaghat, Tinsukia and Dibrugarh. Advertisement for engagement of staffs in these centers is published and enclosed herewith. (Annexure-R)</p>
<p>9. The committee recommends that there should be immediate survey of all differently abled (Divyanga) for availing benefits under differently abled sector within 2 months. The Committee further recommends that C.D.P.O's should be directed to provide differently abled certificates to all such persons through both offline and online mode through proper liaison with Health Department of the State.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Survey has been started by Social Welfare Department with the help of District Social Welfare Officer and CDPOs in all districts of Assam and majority focusing on the 4 BTR districts which were identified as focused districts from PMO. Field visits and training were conducted in the BTR districts namely, Baksa, Chirang, Kokrajhar and Udalguri to accelerate the survey procedure and UDID generation. (Status of UDID Project for BTR districts is enclosed at Annexure - H)</li><li>2. An NGO has been given the responsibility of conducting a sample survey in all districts of Assam.</li><li>3. UDID trainings were imparted online and offline to expedite the survey procedure, which resulted in generation of 26,316 UDID cards since last DRSC. These trainings helped to progress Assam from Red Zone to Yellow Zone in UDID card generation. (Status of UDID Project is enclosed at Annexure-H-1)</li></ol> <p>A virtual training was provided on generation of UDID Cards by resource person from Govt. of India to the staffs of the Joint Director of Health Services of all districts of Assam on 22nd December, 2021</p>



10	The Committee recommends that there should be regular meeting of Block Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee.	Regarding regular holding of meeting of the Block Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee, instruction has already been communicated vide letter (I) No.DSW(ICDS)G/75/2013/62, dtd.21/08/2021, (II) No. DSW(ICDS) G/75 /2013/65, dtd. 8 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022. (Copy enclosed at Annexure "G"& "G-1").In this regards Video Conference also convened with the ADC(Social Welfare), DSWOs & CDPOs in all the District.
11	The Committee recommends that District Social Welfare Officers should be posted at all the newly created Districts.	The post of District Social Welfare Officer (one), UDA -cum-Accountant (one), LDA (two) and Grade-IV (two) have been created in respect of Hojai, West Karbi Anglong, Charaldeo, Majuli, South Salmara and Biswanath districts. The posts of DSWO have been filled up in the said districts. The matter of filling up other posts is under process and will be included in appointment of one lakh job. Sanction has been communicated to the Accountant General of Assam vide Letter No. No.SWD.152/2018/87, dtd.1 <sup>st</sup> December,2021. (Copy enclosed at Annexure "I"). The matter of creation of above posts in respect of Bajali district is in process and now under review of Finance Department.
12	The Committee recommends that there should be verification of the list of beneficiaries under Divyangjan Pension Scheme under Hailakandi District. Besides, the Committee further recommends that all the differently abled persons should receive Divyangjan Pension universally and none should be deprived.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Database available with the Directorate is 6875 nos.</li> <li>2. After recommendation of the DRSC, verification has been initiated through Deputy Commissioner, Hailakandi. (Copy enclosed at Annexure "K").</li> <li>3. After receiving of detailed verification report of Beneficiaries, presently pension has been released to 3391 nos. of beneficiaries in the month of January, 2022 omitting the untraceable, dead and ineligible beneficiaries.</li> <li>4. The tracing of the untraceable beneficiaries in district level is under process.</li> </ol>
13	The committee recommends that ICDS project wise Medical Camps should be held in every 6 months for distributing certificate all differently abled (Divyanga) persons.	The medical camps have been an ongoing process, but due to insufficient fund, a slow-down was noticed. Therefore, the Directorate decided to provide fund for the screening of PwDs in medical camps. For this purpose budget provision has been proposed in the Budget of 2022-23.

14	The Committee recommends to submit Action Taken Report regarding steps taken by the Department against the then DCPO of the district Barpeta for misappropriation of funds amounting to Rs.3.50 Crores during the year 2016.	Smti. Daisy Hazarika, the then Probation Officer cum DCPO, Barpeta has already been placed under suspension vide Govt. order No.SWD.259/2009/18, Dated.12 <sup>th</sup> January, 2018 for alleged misappropriation of Govt. fund. The District Social Welfare Officer, Barpeta submitted FIR against Smti. Daisy Hazarika, Probation Officer cum DCPO, Barpeta, on dtd. 16-03-2018. Accordingly, a case was registered vide PS case No.527/2018 U/S 409 IPC. Govt. has also requested the Additional Director of Police, CID, Ulubari, Guwahati-5 vide Govt. letter No.SWD.259/2009/32, Dated. 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2018 along with case history in respect of Smti. Daisy Hazarika, Probation Officer cum DCPO, Barpeta to enquire the matter and to take appropriate action without further delay. As report submitted by the Superintendent of Police, Barpeta Smti. Daisy Hazarika, Probation Officer cum DCPO, Barpeta and Rafik Borah for their involvement in misappropriation of Govt. fund, the investigating Officer arrested and forwarded them to the Judicial Custody. Departmental proceeding has been drawn against Smti. Daisy Hazarika but enquiry is under process by the State Enquiry Officer.
15	The committee recommends to set up a Deaf and Dumb School at Udaiguri District.	A communication has been made to the Principal Secretary BTC, Udaiguri Assam, on the matter (LetterNo. DSJE(G)16/2022/2, Dated 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2022) (Copy enclosed at Annexure "L").
16	The Committee recommends to provide ICDS project under Gauripur constituency after the re-organization of ICDS projects in BTR area.	Re-organization proposal for Anganwadi Centre under BTR submitted to the Govt. Vide letter DSW(ICDS) G/67/2018/339, dtd.11-1-2022. (Copy enclosed at annexure-'M'). Re-organization proposal for Anganwadi Centre under BTR is under active consideration in the Government.
17	The Committee recommends to establish District Social Welfare Office in all the newly created districts and also recommends to recruit officers in those offices.	As per Para 11
18	The Committee recommends the department to conduct a survey, population wise, throughout the State and should establish new Anganwadi centers where needed.	In this regards it may mentioned here that a proposal for sanction of additional 6881 nos of AWCs and 3594 nos of Mini AWCs was forwarded vide Govt. letter No. SWD.94/2014/20, dtd. 08/08/2014 to the Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001. (Copy enclosed at annexure-"N"). But till now no replies have been received from the Ministry regarding approval of new AWCs.

The total amount of **Rs. 226176.98 lakhs** budgetary allocation provided under Grant No.39 for the Financial Year 2021-22 for Social Welfare Department approved by the August House.

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**OBSERVATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The Committee strongly recommends that the materials provided for the specially able people should be distributed equally among all the constituencies.
2. The Committee recommends for equal allotment of Model Anganwadi Centres and distribution of wheel chairs etc. in all the constituencies of the state
3. The Committee observes that most of the DSW and ICDS Project Offices are there in rented houses. Therefore, the Committee recommends that permanent office building should be constructed for DSW and Project Offices.
4. The Committee has observed that the especially able people could not get the benefit of "The Divyangjan Pension Achoni" since last nine months. The Committee therefore strongly recommends to organise camp in every district to identify the specially able person and to provide pension to them. Besides the Committee recommends to held a camp in South Salamara Mankachar district immediately.
5. The Committee recommends to establish a skill training centre for differently able person at Molandubi, Kokrajhar District for welfare of those peoples of the distrct.

**The Committee recommends that the Budget allocation provided under Grant No. 39 for Financial Year 2022-2023 for the Social Welfare Department be approved by the August House.**

