

## 9.12. SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE

In the Budget 2019-20, a total outlay of ₹73653.00 lakh is provided for the sector “Social Security and Welfare” including Nutrition. The Department/Agency wise outlay provided in the Budget 2019-20 is given below.

Department/Agency	(₹ In Lakh) Outlay Provided
<b>Social Security &amp; Welfare</b>	
Directorate of Social Justice Department	6610.00
Directorate of Women and Child Department	19634.00
Kerala Social Security Mission	16680.00
Prisons Department	2255.00
Kerala State Women’s Development Corporation	3000.00
Kerala Women’s Commission	540.00
Kerala State Physically Handicapped Persons Welfare Corporation	1287.00
National Institute of Speech and Hearing	1332.00
State Commissionerate for Persons with Disabilities	200.00
Sainik Welfare Department	90.00
Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights	150.00
<b>Total for Social Security &amp; Welfare</b>	<b>51778.00</b>
<b>Nutrition</b>	
Directorate of Women and Child Department	21750.00
Directorate of Health Services	125.00
<b>Total for Nutrition</b>	<b>21875.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>73653.00</b>

### Social Justice Department

#### 1. Kerala State Physically Handicapped Persons Welfare Corporation

(Outlay: ₹1287.00 lakh)

The Kerala State Handicapped Persons Welfare Corporation was established in 1979 with the objective of implementing welfare schemes for the rehabilitation and improvement of the living conditions of the disabled persons. The following activities are to be implemented

during 2019-20 for which ₹1287.00 lakh grant-in-aid is provided. Of which 40% is expected to be for women beneficiaries. The following are the activities.

**“Subhayathra” scheme**

- Free distribution of aids and appliances, modern equipments & appliances like high-tech limb, electronic wheelchair & laptop with voice enhanced software, powered bed and other modern equipments for specific needs.
- Distribution of motorised vehicles to the disabled, Subsidy for motorized tricycle.
- Disabled friendly enabling Technology Demonstration and Training Centre
- Mass Awareness programme to the disabled.
- MRST workshop

**“Aashwasam” Scheme**

- Self-Employment Scheme (Bank Loan Subsidy), Assistance to Self-Help Groups
- Financial Assistance to the disabled lottery agents (Subsidy), financial assistance for Self-employment to those who have no security to offer for obtaining loan.
- State channelizing agency share of NHFDC loan, subsidy for NHFDC loan for BPL category.

**“Hasthadanam” Scheme**

- Proficiency Award to the disabled students
- Fixed Deposit Scheme for severely disabled children
- State Resource Centre

**“Oppam” Scheme**

- Old Age Home at Parassala

**“Thanal” (New)**

- Hiring of Vehicles
- Show rooms for assistive devices

Project Implementation Cost

**New Components**

- Renovation of office premises, installation of Generator and construction of disabled friendly toilet
- Purchase of computers and other equipments and implementation of E-file Management System including disabled friendly website designing, installation of Biometric Punching Machine
- District Offices in 4 districts.

**2. National Institute for Speech and Hearing (NISH)**

**(Outlay: ₹1332.00 lakh)**

The National Institute of Speech and Hearing was set up in 1997 with the objective of rehabilitating the deaf and hard of hearing persons in the State and providing higher education to hearing impaired. The functions of NISH include various courses for hearing impaired students, evaluation and detection of hearing loss, Early Intervention and Rehabilitation. The objectives of NISH include identification, rehabilitation and higher education of the individuals with communication and other disabilities. NISH has proposed a new scheme for construction of additional academic building in the land behind the present building to expand their activities in disabilities. The estimated cost is ₹8000 lakh spread over 3 years. It was suggested that they approach KIIFB or other sources of funding for this large amount. However, a token amount (₹1lakh) can be taken from the outlay provided above for the initial work involved.

The continuing schemes are:.

- Hearing and speech language disorders programme
- Early intervention programme
- Neuro development sciences programme

- Psychology, medical and allied services
- Academic Programme
- Higher education foundation programme
- Information Technology

An outlay of ₹1332.00 lakh is provided in the Budget 2019-20 for the above activities. Of which 48% is expected to be for girl students.

### **3. State Commissionerate for Disabilities**

**(Outlay: ₹200.00 lakh)**

The Persons with Disabilities Act (PwD Act) which was enacted by the Government of India in 1995 envisaged various developmental and welfare initiatives for the disabled persons. In Kerala, the State Commissionerate was set up in 1999 for the co-ordination of programmes implemented by different departments and monitoring the utilization of funds for the benefit of the disabled in the State. A new Act has now been legislated, Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 which replaces the existing 1995 PwD Act. For implementation of the following programmes, an outlay of ₹200.00 lakh is provided during 2019-20.

- Research and Development for rehabilitation
- Publication of hand books, brochures, booklets
- Awareness programmes for the public through print and electronic media, magazines, annual publications
- To conduct inspections in connection to establish the registration of the institutions for Persons with Disabilities
- Conducting adalaths and sittings for the disabled
- Providing free legal aids and legal advice to persons with disabilities
- State/District level art and cultural activities for disabled persons
- Awareness programmes, seminars, conferences
- Preparation and display of boards and slides
- Awards to literary works of disabled persons and publications

### **4. Social Security Initiatives for Marginalized Groups/Unorganised Groups**

**(Outlay: ₹1300.00 lakh)**

Social Justice Department is the Nodal Agency for implementing the following Social Legislations, international conventions and policies for the outlier groups. For implementation of the following programmes, an outlay of ₹1300.00 lakh is provided during 2019-20.

1. RPWD Act - 2016
2. Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007
3. National Trust Act 1999
4. Old Age policy, 2013
5. Kerala State Disability Policy 2015
6. Policy for Government-civil society partnership
7. The convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Operational Protocol
8. Transgender Policy
9. Kerala Psychosocial Rehabilitation Registration Rules – 2012

**A.** The activities including institutional support and financial assistance to ensure social security to the marginalized groups

### **Major Activities proposed in 2019-20**

1. Implementation of all Social Legislations in the Department and schemes/activities in the above specified Acts, Rules and Policies. .

2. Relief and Rehabilitation activities including Psycho Social Trauma Care of the affected families of various marginalised groups in Kerala Flood 2018 as also providing assistive devices to disabled person and other marginalised groups affected
3. Online NISH Interactive Disability Awareness Seminars.
4. Implementation of Punarjani project.
5. Expenses for VRC (Vocational Rehabilitation Centre) for the disabled, Wayanad.
6. Foster care of disabled children
7. Setting up of ‘Stephen Hawking Centre for excellence’ in NISH/NIPMER.
8. Community based Bio-Psychosocial interventions for home based PwDs.
9. Educational assistance, tuition fees, transportation charges, assistance to purchase of educational tools, recreation facilities, library facility, medical expenses etc to the residents of Institutions including VTCs.
10. Care and protection of the victims of communal violence from inside and outside State including provision of institutional service.
11. Financial assistance to the residents of institutions for rehabilitation /mainstreaming, restoration to their families with a view to promoting de-institutionalization process
12. Implementation of provisions and schemes contained in Govt. policies and international conventions approved by the union government for the care, protection, rehabilitation and empowerment of marginalised groups
13. Designing of suitable courses for Vocational Therapy and rehabilitation professionals through NIPMR/NISH/SID,etc
14. All activities for strengthening of National Trust Act.
15. Setting up of Endosulfan Victims rehabilitation Village
16. Strengthening & Maintenance of ongoing ENTE KOODU destitute homes and starting new homes in other districts .
17. PARIRAKSHA : Programme for Assistance in Need of Emergency to PwDs

#### **Other Activities**

- Follow up activities of Individual Care Plan (ICP) for PwDs and their rehabilitation .
- De – addiction Activities.
- Community assisted living Homes
- Special assistance package to special schools
- Human resource to monitor, co – ordinate, implement the social legislations.
- Financial Assistance to those who are needy which do not come under the purview of any other schemes.
- Organising Kalotsavam for PWDs.
- Implementation of state level activities related to District Disability Rehabilitation Scheme of GOI.
- Rehabilitation of HIV affected Persons.
- Activities related to Mainstreaming Persons with Disabilities into Society in collaboration with NGOs/LSGs/KSSM/NISH/NIPMR/Autonomous Agencies
- Conducting Workshops/Seminars/Skill Development/Awareness Programmes for the welfare of marginalized
- Streetlight Project.
- Repatriation and rehabilitation of inmates back to home with the support of NGOs.
- Employment Facilitation Portal for PwDs with emergency call centres.
- Implementation of ‘Suraksha’ Project – a Community Based Rehabilitation Project project in convergence with Health/LSG/NGO/Police.
- Meeting expenses of setting up, functioning and monitoring of e - store regarding assistive devices including Human Resource.

- Establishing Recovery Facilitation centres where mentally ill people can be effectively trained with professional support for social re - integration.
- Implementation and State wide extension of Community Disability Management and Rehabilitation Programme.
- Training for the staff of institutions under Orphanage Control Board
- IEC activity and administrative expenses for implementing various schemes under the department .
- Rehabilitation of destitute admitted in IX ward in Trivandrum General Hospital.

#### **B. Continuing schemes of the Department for Persons with disabilities**

Implementation of following continuing schemes under the department including IEC and Awareness programmes to ensure the reach of such schemes to the beneficiaries :

- **Vidyakiranam project** – Scholarship for the children of disabled parents.
- **Vidyajyothi project** – providing financial assistance for uniforms and study materials to disabled students.
- **Swasraya scheme** – self-employment scheme for the parents (single mothers) of PH/MR persons.
- **Mathrujyothi**- Financial assistance to Blind /Disabled mothers.
- Financial assistance for Distance education to Disabled.
- Assistance to write equivalency exam to Disabled.
- Marriage assistance to disabled women/ daughter of disabled.
- Safe homes for inter - caste married couples.

#### **5. Assistance to aftercare and follow up services and victim rehabilitation**

**(Outlay: ₹300.00 lakh)**

A large number of ex-prisoners find it difficult to mobilise the capital investment needed to start an enterprise to eke out a living. Consequently they are often forced to turn to other socially unacceptable means of livelihood. It is the policy of the government to release the prisoners prematurely based on their good behavior and reformation. The prisoners who are so released will be under the supervision of probation officers for a certain period. During this period, they have to be gainfully rehabilitated. The Social Justice Department is the nodal department for implementation of the programme. For implementation of the following programmes, an outlay of ₹300.00 lakh is provided during 2019-20

The following are the grant-in-aid schemes run by the department for the rehabilitation of ex-convicts, ex-pupils, probationers and their families.

1. Grant-in-aid to ex-convicts, ex-inmates and probationers
2. Indigent Convict Scheme
3. Educational Assistance to the children of prisoners

#### **Major Proposed activities for 2019-20**

- Rolling out and continue Nervazhi pilot project under probation services
- To provide financial assistance to ex-convicts, probationers, ex-inmates, dependent of indigent convicts and for compensation
- Providing skill development training for victims of violence and Aftercare follow up
- Financial assistance for setting up of self employment units or for facilitating placements / marriage of prisoner's daughters.
- Action Research programmes / studies
- Conducting district / state level workshops, training programmes with various stakeholders of probations with the help of accredited institutions like TISS
- Smart probation
- Victim support bureau for survivors and dependents of criminal offences
- Electronic Monitoring of offenders under supervision
- Developing I E C materials including 2 Short films

## 6. Modernization of Prisons

(Outlay: ₹1555.00 lakh)

For modernizing the prison administration a long-term project has been formulated by the department of Prison. The following are the activities under the scheme.

- Koothuparambu special sub jail construction
- Peerumedu sub jail- new office block and cells construction
- Construction of staff quarters at Malampuzha district jail
- Construction of Administrative block at Kannur district jail
- Construction of new kitchen block at special sub jail, Kasargod, new kitchen at special sub jail, Devikulam and new kitchen block, hall, staff rest room at Aluva sub jail
- Setting up of power fencing at district jail, Ernakulam and Kottayam
- Renovation of condemned block and weaving block at Kannur Central prison and correctional home
- New canteen building for the prisoners at Central prison and correctional home at Kannur
- Office room, guard room at sub jail, Attingal
- Office block at Meenachil sub jail
- Main block maintainance at special sub jail, Moovattupuzha
- Jail museum at Viyyur Central Prison Compound – 2<sup>nd</sup> phase
- Solar energy system installed at jails – shifting of off grid to on grid (Central Prison and Correctional home at Thiruvananthapuram, Viyyur and Kannur, District Jail, Thiruvananthapuram, Shifting of 107 kv off grid plant to on grid at 38 jails )
- Chain link at Cheemeni open jail and correctional home
- 7 jeeps for jails and 9 two wheel vehicles
- Implementation of Ayaps Application- purchase of computer, ups and multi function printer and application AMC
- Construction of Sub jail in Talliparamba

An outlay of ₹1555.00 lakh is provided in the Budget 2019-20 for the above activities.

## 7.Strengthening of Administrative Infrastructure under SJD

(Outlay: ₹830.00 lakh)

The following activities are proposed for 2019-20:

### A. Major Activities proposed

- Modernisation, upgradation and renovation of Social Justice offices and welfare institutions and follow up activities on ongoing works in the dept.
- Establishment of a Disability Research and guidance cell in the directorate/District offices.
- All activities of Vocational Training Centres of the dept.(upgradation, hostel facility, establishment of production units, procurement of machineries etc)
- Action research for conducting social audit of Care Institutions, and developing Social Audit Manual.
- Conducting Research & Studies on the various subject handled by Social Justice and concurrent evaluation of ongoing schemes.
- Bringing online system for capturing all individual beneficiaries of different schemes at single platform.
- Strengthening NGOs accreditation process

### B. Other Administrative Activities

- Hiring of Vehicles
- All activities regarding the e-governance in Directorate, Welfare Institutions and sub offices of SJD.
- All activities relating to E-KSHEMA

- Annual Maintenance and upgradation of Biometric punching system.
- User charges for broad band connections and data charges.
- Purchase and maintenance of computers and peripherals.
- Purchase of re-usable articles and utensils to welfare institutions.
- Avail human resource for the implementation/ functioning of the National Trust, Maintenance tribunal, help desk for Social Justice schemes to the general public - which will create awareness on the schemes of government, help in providing assistance for applications to those needy, help the Collectors and RDOs.
- Conducting file disposal Adalath , cleaning campaign in directorate and sub offices .
- Meet the expenses of Barrier free Kerala in Kannur done by Nirmithi Kendra
- Creating Special Cell for the handling of individual beneficiary schemes including HR, infrastructure, etc.

### **C. In service Training & Capacity building**

The Staff of the Social justice Department require specialized training so as to enable them to discharge their duties and responsibilities more efficiently and effectively. In-service training programmes have to be organized for different categories of staff. Of which 35% is expected to be for women staffs.

- Conducting Training / Seminars/ Workshops- State/ District Level training programme.
- Training programme and exposure visits for higher level officers through best institutes in the country.
- Conducting research & studies
- Designing Training modules and integration of various training programmes of the Department.
- Creating Training Resource Pool.
- Training Need Assessment through creation of Social Justice Manual and Capacity Building.
- Establishing Training Institute for the Department.
- Skill development and Placement Cell for inmates of all homes
- Meeting expense like hall rent, boarding, lodging , honorarium of resource persons, vehicle hire charges, etc regarding training programmes

The Social Justice Department is the nodal department for implementation of the programme.

An outlay of ₹830.00 lakh is provided in the Budget 2019-20 for the above activities.

### **8. Training for Ex-Servicemen/Widows/Dependents**

**(Outlay: ₹90.00 lakh)**

The Department of Sainik Welfare is looking after the welfare and rehabilitation of ex-servicemen and their dependents. The department intends to train the ex-servicemen and widows for competitive examinations for re-employment and self-employment. An amount of ₹90.00 lakh is provided during 2019-20 for the following activities.

- Training for ex-service men / widows /dependents
- Running the three computer centers at Thiruvananthapuram, Kozhikode and Thrissur
- Uniform and Garment manufacturing unit for dependents /widows (New)
- Solar Energy Project (New)
- Rehabilitation training to Ex service men through Centre for Management, Keltron Knowledge Centre, Rutronix, New India Heavy Equipments and National Employment – (New)

## 9. Welfare of Prisoners

**(Outlay: ₹700.00 lakh)**

There are central prisons, open prisons, district jails, special sub jails, sub jails and women prisons and borstal school in the state. The priority of activities to be implemented during 2019-20 is as follows..

- Facilities at Borstal school at Ernakulam (new building, water treatment plant, incinerator, furniture, fitness machinery, vessels, renovation of the existing building, public address system, smart class room, electrical installation works, computer lab)
- Annual maintenance of CCTV surveillance system
- Vocational training for inmates
- Extension of manufactory unit at Central prison and correction home, Thiruvananthapuram
- Purchase of machinery equipment for the weaving unit at Central prison and correctional home, Kannur
- Renovation of Manufactory unit building. at Central prison and correctional home, Viyyur
- Organisation of welfare day, refresher course, State level seminars etc
- Continuing education programme, Yoga class
- Extension of cow, goat farms at jails (Open jail, cheemeni and correctional home, Central prison and correctional home at Viyyur and Thiruvananthapuram)

An outlay of ₹700.00 lakh is provided in the Budget 2019-20 for the above activities. Of which 2% is expected to be for women beneficiaries.

## 10. IEC activities and observance of national days

**(Outlay: ₹120.00 lakh)**

The Social Justice Department is the nodal department in implementing various schemes and social legislations of govt. There is a general lack of awareness among the general public about the various services rendered by the Department. Hence it is important to create awareness to the public through print, audio, digital, Social, visual media, workshop, seminars, prevention campaigns etc. The IEC campaign would generate demand for services and eliminate middle men. The department has been observing the following days and weeks at State level and District level.

1. Social Justice Day
2. Old Age Day
3. Elderly Abuse prevention Day
4. Probation Day
5. World Alzheimer's Day
6. World Disabilities Day
7. Human Rights Day
8. Observance of any other days as per the decisions of the govt., if any.

The following activities are also proposed to be conducted during 2019-20 Under IEC activities :

- Developing IEC Plan and media plan with professional support for dissemination of various schemes and initiatives of the department
- Engaging professional media consultant / publicity agency through competitive process
- Use of visual, print, and audio media for dissemination of programmes and policies
- Organise street play, road show, reality show etc. for dissemination of rights- based enactments and policies.

An outlay of ₹120.00 lakh is provided in the Budget 2019-20 for the above activities.



## 11. Comprehensive Package for the Victims of Endosulphan

(Outlay: ₹1930.00 lakh)

The ongoing scheme aims at relief measures to the endosulphan victims in the state. Financial assistance @ ₹2200/- for bed ridden patients, @ ₹1700/- if the victim is a disability pensioner and @ ₹1200/- for other patients is proposed. It also envisages educational assistance @ ₹2000/- to children studying in class I to VII @ ₹3000/- to VIII to X and @ ₹4000/- to XI and XII. In addition to this it is proposed to give special assistance @ ₹700/- to the caregivers of endosulphan victims who are fully bedridden or mentally retarded. It is planned to upgrade the day care centres/ buds schools in the affected region into new model child rehabilitation centres in line with the first centre started at Periya. The provision made is for meeting the expenditure on monthly assistance, publicity, awareness, research and training, Setting up Model Child Rehabilitation Centres (MCRC) for strengthening rehabilitation of disabled children (below 18) in the endosulfan affected region, including infrastructure, equipments and HR as per the norms for MCRC, treatment, other health care and rehabilitation support for endosulfan victims, HR expenses for the Endosulfan Victims Rehabilitation Cell, Establishing rehabilitation village in Muliya Panchayath. The programme is implemented by Kerala Social Security Mission. An outlay of ₹1930.00 lakh is provided in the Budget 2019-20 for the above activities. Of which 80% is expected to be for women beneficiaries.

## 12. Care providers for Inmates of Institutions under Social Justice Department

(Outlay: ₹280.00 lakh)

There are 31 welfare institutions functioning under Social Justice Department. The present staff pattern of these institutions does not provide nursing staff or care giving staff. Most of the institutions are functioning with adequate staff. But the number of inmates in most of the institutions exceeds their sanctioned strength which makes it very difficult to manage the institution. Following are the activities proposed during 2019-20.

- Honorarium to the care staff and professional staff appointed in welfare institutions under Social Justice Department.
- Honorarium of the caretakers of HIV patients admitted in the hospitals.
- Honorarium of the caretakers to patients admitted to Government medical colleges and other major hospitals, who do not have a reliable relative.
- Honorarium of the caretakers for home care in special cases/ Dementia care centers/ Alzheimers care centers
- Provide bystanders to ART centers, Dementia care center and Alzhimers care center
- Special training programme in child care, geriatric care, disabled care, health care and overall management of the institution to all the care staffs including professional staffs
- Expenses for special training programmes.
- Publicity, awareness creation.

The programme is implemented through Kerala Social Security Mission and the Department of Social Justice. An outlay of ₹280.00lakh is provided in the Budget 2019-20. Of which 76% is expected to be for women beneficiaries.

## 13. Vayomithram

(Outlay: ₹2400.00 lakh)

Kerala's aging population has been increasing rapidly in the recent decades. The State has the largest share of elderly population in the country (13%). The scheme intends to give welfare services to persons above 65 years. It provides free services like medicine, ambulance facilities, palliative home care, help desk facilities, counselling etc. to the elderly. Now the programme is implemented in 6 Corporations and 65 Municipalities. It is decided to extend the programme to the remaining municipalities. On a pilot basis, it is decided to extend the project to 14 block panchayaths. The provision made is for meeting the expenditure on honorarium of the project staffs, cost of medicines and surgicals, vehicle hiring charges under

mobile clinic, office expenses, recreation programmes, special day celebrations, special training programmes, special screening camps for treating cataract, providing old age friendly geriatric care, publicity and awareness programmes etc. Vayomithram is implemented by Kerala Social Security Mission. An outlay of ₹2400.00 lakh is provided in the Budget 2019-20. Of which 65% is expected to be for women beneficiaries.

#### **14. Hunger Free City**

**(Outlay: ₹180.00lakh)**

This scheme is to provide free food, at least once a day to bystanders of patients in major hospitals and who are in need of food. This scheme has been implemented first in Kozhikode Medical College hospital from 2009 onwards and extended to District Homeo hospital, Malappuram, Medical College and SAT hospital, Thiruvananthapuram and District and Taluk hospitals at Kollam and Government General Hospital. It is also proposed to extend the programme at Kannur and Thrissur during next year. An outlay of ₹180.00lakh is provided in the Budget 2019-20 for meeting cost of food (as tendered), publicity, awareness etc. The programme is implemented by Kerala Social Security Mission.

#### **15. Cochlear Implantation in Children (SruthiTharangam)**

**(Outlay: ₹880.00lakh)**

Cochlear implantation surgery has been recognized as the best way for the rehabilitation of hard of hearing if it is identified in early childhood. The objective of the project is to provide cochlear implantation to children selected by state level technical committees for cochlear implantation and to provide financial support for Auditory Verbal Habilitation (AVH) to operated children through empanelled hospitals. The programme is implemented by Kerala Social Security Mission. For meeting the cost of implant including 4 year warranty, cost for Audio Verbal Habilitation, honorarium of speech therapists, conducting training programs for doctors, speech therapists and Audiologists, conducting get together of implanted children and parents and grievance redressal, purchase of essential equipment and development of infrastructure in Govt. Medical Colleges and other major Govt. Hospitals for enabling cochlear implantation, follow up investigations and reviews, TA/DA for technical committee members and publicity, awareness charges, conducting of social audit after the completion of 5 years of the project, Insurance scheme for implants and accessories for implantation done under and outside sruthitharangam scheme. An outlay of ₹880.00lakh is provided in the Budget 2019-20.

#### **16. We Care**

**(Outlay: ₹125.00lakh)**

This programme was designed as a public payment gateway to generate relief fund for social and individual assistance activities undertaken by Kerala Social Security Mission. The gateway is intended to design and implement social security scheme, mobilize funds for individual beneficiary target credit supportive system. It was decided that under no circumstances, the funds mobilized through payment gateway be used to meet administrative expenses or overhead charges for implementing the scheme. This will ensure that every rupee contributed by the donor into the payment gateway is spent on an identifiable beneficiary and the donor has access to all documentary evidence of expenditure which is subjected to statutory, financial and social audit.. Kerala Social Security Mission is the implementing agency of the programme. For meeting the administrative expenses, overhead charges, care and maintenance of website, fund raising campaign, field investigations and evaluation of viability of proposal, publicity campaigns on various schemes, honorarium to project staff an amount of ₹125.00lakh is provided during 2019-20.

#### **17. State Initiative in the Area of Disability (SID) - ANUYATRA**

**(Outlay: ₹3055.00lakh)**

This is a special initiative of the government for disability prevention activities, neonatal screening, early identification of disabilities, early intervention activities, modern disability

management services, special projects for disabilities like autism, disabilities due to blood related disorders and chronic neurological disorders. Preparation of individual care plan for each identified PwDs for convergence and effective delivery of services with the joint auspices of Social Justice, LSGD, Education and Health,. Since 2017-18 all the activities under SID and other related interventions have been given a new approach to be implemented in a campaign mode, a Rights Based Life Cycle Approach in disability management- named “ANUYATRA” (walking together) with the support of LSGIs, accredited NGOs, institutions of excellence in this field and Community Based Rehabilitation initiatives. The project is being executed under Kerala Social Security Mission. The activities proposed during 2019-20 are as follows.

### **1. Vaccination – MMR**

Mumps, Measles and Rubella are the three conditions where a child can become disabled at birth. To combat this situation, MMR vaccinations to be given to all babies through Government hospitals. It is estimated that 600,000 doses of MMR vaccines are required for the year 2019-20. An amount of ₹125.00lakh is provided for the purchase of MMR vaccines and related IEC activities for the year 2019-20.

### **2. District Early Intervention Centre**

With the objective of early screening, detection and intervention of development delay and disabilities in children, Government has decided to establish District Early Intervention Centres in all districts of Kerala. The land for establishing the centre has been allotted from Health and Family Welfare department in all the 14 districts and administrative sanction for the same was obtained. Construction of DEIC buildings of 13 districts were entrusted to PWD and that of Pathanamthitta to LSGD Engineering Wing. For meeting the expenses related to setting up of organized network for early intervention(special anganwadis, Model child rehab centres, satellite intervention centres, mobile intervention units, district level intervention centres and regional early intervention centres), infrastructure development, procurement of equipment to DEICs, human resource, trainings, early intervention units in focused areas(tribal & coastal region), Customized assistive solutions for PwDs as per the recommendation of state level committee, honorarium to staff and co-ordinators, administration, strengthening of existing mobile interventions units and starting new units, an amount of ₹2000.00lakh is provided during 2019-20.

### **3. Universal Hearing/Congenital Anomaly Screening Programme**

For the conduct of hearing screening for the babies at birth, State Initiative on Disabilities had provided Otto Acoustic Emission Screeners to 66 Government Maternity Hospitals. For monitoring and effective follow up of the identified cases, each of these 66 hospitals have been provided with the service of a Junior Public Health Nurse on contract basis. In ‘KATHORAM’ sub project, the hearing screenings of all neonates will be done within one month of birth and proposes interventions at 3, 6, 18 month time. Providing diagnostics and screening equipment for hearing screening, implementation of comprehensive life cycle plan for hearing impaired, strengthening institutions through “Kathoram”, equipments for mobile intervention units , purchase and maintenance of OAEs, honorarium of JPHNs and skilled personnel, software development, training programmes, pre and post implant therapies and habilitation, hearing aids, followup mapping and inclusion in schools are the activities proposed in 2019-20. An amount of ₹200.00lakh is provided during 2019-20 for implementation of the scheme.

### **4. Programmes for the rehabilitation of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders**

Autism Spectrum Disorder is one of the major neuro development disorder and its prevalence is increasing enormously. The project aimed towards early identification and early intervention through appropriate therapies, parental awareness, training programmes and by preparing a professional team to cater the diversified needs of people with ASD. An amount of ₹430.00lakh is provided for establishing the early identification and early intervention centres for autism, providing appropriate therapies, strengthening of autism centres in Govt Medical colleges and major district /State level institutions, support to centres for autism in

all sectors, parental awareness, honorarium to staff, training programs and preparation of a professional team to cater the diversified needs of children with autism spectrum disorders and other expenses for 2019-20.

### **5. Training, Workshops, Research & New Initiatives**

The involvement and support of general community is very much essential for mainstreaming of persons with disabilities. For meeting the expenses related to new projects for specific disability prevention, management and rehabilitation, organize training and workshops, administration and other expenses and innovative strategies in the disability prevention and management, an amount of ₹300.00lakh is provided for the year 2019-20.

### **18. Issuing Disability Certificate – cum- Identity Cards to the Disabled Persons**

**(Outlay: ₹180.00lakh)**

As per the Disability Census 2015, the total number of disabled in Kerala is 793937. The RPWD Act 2016 mandates provision of disability certificates to all. For this the Social Security Mission has conducted disability certification camps at Panchayat /Block levels throughout the State to ensure that the entire disabled population of the state receives disability certificate and Universal Disability Identity Card. The UDID project has been included as a component of Anuyathra campaign. For meeting the expenses related to conduct of camps, conversion of the existing ID cards into UDID cards, new UDID cards to the left out disabled population, training to staff, awareness, Hiring technical support and specialized evaluations, publicity etc. an amount of ₹180.00lakh is provided for 2019-20.

### **19. Psycho Social Programme for Orphaned Mentally Ill Persons**

**(Outlay: ₹480.00lakh)**

This is a continuing programme of the Department which covers immediate rescue and rehabilitation of controlled and cured mentally ill persons who are in the street. Grant will be provided to NGOs for starting care home with priority of at least one institution per district Head Quarters. The targeted beneficiaries are- orphaned mentally ill persons in the street as defined under Rule-2(h) of Kerala registration of psycho-social rehabilitation centres of mentally ill persons' rules, 2012 and controlled mentally ill persons after their discharges from mental health centres including private institutions. The Social Justice Department is the nodal department for implementation of the programme. An amount of ₹480.00lakh is provided for the year 2019-20.

### **20. Comprehensive Projects for marginalized sector in collaboration with NGOs/LSGs/Autonomous bodies –ATHIJEEVANAM**

**(Outlay: ₹500.00lakh)**

The State Planning Board jointly with the Social Justice Department developed a strategy for assisted living for adult intellectually disabled persons with provision for acquiring human resources. The programme will be initiated with the active involvement of reputed / accredited NGOs/LSGs/CBOs working in this field. Apart from this RPWD Act, 2016 come into force w.e.f 19.4.2017 which mandates the States to undertake services and programmes for providing right based services to PWDs, particularly in the area of health, education, social security, recreation, skill development etc. The Act also provides for registration of institutions working for the cause of PwDs. As Government could not undertake all these activities by its own through departments, it is proposed to provide financial assistance to NGOs/LSGs/Autonomous Agencies for implementation of programmes/projects under this schemes to ensure employment and economic security through skill development and vocational rehabilitation, out reach community based rehabilitation programmes in urban/rural set ups, support skilling and training for Human Resource development activities at all levels.

#### **1. Continuing programmes under Athijeevanam by supporting NGOs for their programmes as following:**

a) Functioning of Vocational Training Centres for different categories of PwDs(State will have to support as DDRS grants are stopped by Central Govt.)

- b) Respite care and Day care Centres
- c) Programmes on empowerment of PwDs through ICT based training and work centre for PwDs
- d) Assisted Living Projects for support and rehabilitation of Adult intellectually disabled covered under National Trust Act, 1999
- e) Seminars/Workshops/Awareness programmes for Stake Holders
- f) Bring online portal along the lines of E –Anudan portal of GOI to capture all NGO applications.
- g) Other innovative projects proposed by NGOs after the approval of the Govt.

## **2. Government - NGO Partnership in Managing Welfare Institution under the Department**

The NGO accreditation framework aims at seamless integration and synergistic partnership between Government and Civil Society in facilitating services in care and protection institutions. International conventions and legislations envisage public- private partnership in the activities and in the management of institutions. NGOs will be selected for accreditation by Government based on past history and track record, audited accounts statement, expertise in the area etc. This system will work not only to manage the existing homes under the department but will encourage the NGOs also to start such homes in participation with Govt. Such NGOs will be given support as fixed percentage of Govt share and rest they will also have to contribute. Department expect that at least one home under each category will be made a model home with international standards of services and facilities in the year 2019-20.

An outlay of ₹500.00 lakh is provided in the Budget 2019-20 for the above activities.

### **21. Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme**

**(Outlay: ₹150.00lakh)**

This is a Health Insurance Scheme meant for the disabled which comes under the purview of National Trust Act 1999. Persons with Autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and multiple disabilities will be provided an insurance coverage of 100000/- rupees. The amount is meant for premium of new enrolments and renewal of insurance in respect of already enrolled applicants. The department of Social Justice is the nodal agency selected for implementation and it will be executed through the SNAC and LLCs designated under National Trust Act 1999. An amount of ₹150.00lakh is provided for the year 2019-20.

### **22. Barrier Free Kerala Scheme**

**(Outlay: ₹1280.00lakh)**

It is proposed to create barrier free & disabled friendly environment in all the govt/public institutions in Kerala. Presently, the disabled persons face many problems in accessing government services in our state. As per the disability census 2015, there are more than 2.16% such persons in our state. The objective of the “Barrier Free Kerala” project is to construct ramps, handrails, barrier free lifts, restrooms and toilets, special signages in Braille and other such infrastructure. The project was implemented in Kannur District, Funds given to Malappuram and Wayanad. In 2019-20 it is proposed to include three more districts in the scheme. Other than making districts barrier free, it is proposed to develop a Barrier free secretariat, Barrier free roads and barrier free offices. It also includes requirements of other districts which were left out in Accessible India Campaign and for conducting Accessible audit in the districts and state. The department of Social Justice is the nodal agency selected for implementation. An amount of ₹1280.00lakh is provided in the Budget 2019-20.

### **23. SaayamPrabha**

**(Outlay: ₹650.00lakh)**

Kerala's elderly are expected to make up 18 – 20 percent of its population in 2026. Policies should aim to build awareness of the different contexts in which abuse can arise and the different forms it can take. Various programmes should be implemented for the welfare of

Old age Persons. The department of Social Justice is the nodal agency for implementation of the scheme. An amount of ₹650.00 lakh is provided in the Budget 2019-20 for the implementation of the following activities. Of which 65% is expected to be for women beneficiaries.

**Major activities proposed during 2019 - 20:**

- Sayamprabha Homes/Model Sayamprabha Homes/Multiservice Day care Centres
- Establishing Self supporting Old age Homes / Paid Old age homes & Post retirement Homes in collaboration with NGOs.
- Enhancing level of services in old age homes in collaboration with NGOs/Agencies working in this field.
- Mandahaasam project – assistance for fixing artificial dentures to Senior citizen.
- Scheme for poor elderly parent/ parents who have no children or successors.
- Awareness in Active and healthy Aging
- Implementation of Vayomadhuram project.
- Relief and rehabilitation of elderly affected during Kerala Floods 2018

**Other continuing activities :**

- Conducting social audit of old age homes and Implementing Standards of Care in Old Age Homes.
- Poverty alleviation Programmes and Nutritional support to needy elderly persons through Kudumbasree/Anganwadi.
- Police, ambulance and service alert system for senior citizens
- Creation of a Trust to manage property for welfare of senior citizens.
- Separate rooms for couples in old age homes
- Making public offices, utilities and infrastructure age- friendly.
- ICT enabled independent living for the older people
- Renewal of Old age homes manual .
- Community based programmes for healthy lifestyle including physical activity among older people, Vayosangamam..
- Effective implementation of Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act 2007, Adalaths with the support of DLSA and Tribunals, Payment of honorarium for Conciliation Officers of Maintenance Tribunals.
- Establishing Senior Citizen Support Society by which the senior citizens residing alone in their own homes will be provided all emergency services with technological support.
- Sensitizations of officers of various departments and local bodies concerned with the welfare of senior citizens and the duty of the officers towards the latter
- To establish elder friendly LSG Institutions, Palliative Care Network for the care of fully bed ridden Senior Citizens
- Conducting yoga, medical camps, music therapy, horticulture therapy, Counselling services and purchase of medicine, accessories, mobility support like high-tech powered bed, wheel chair etc. in Old Age Homes
- Establishment of a Commission at state Level.
- Establishment of a Vayojana Cell for the Old age persons at Directorate level. Awareness campaign to students through colleges/Schools for caring old age people and preventing elder abuse

**24. Scheme for Transgender -Mazhavillu**

**(Outlay: ₹500.00lakh)**

Kerala is the first State to establish a Policy for Transgenders, in India. As per the disability census conducted in Kerala during 2015-16 there are 1187 disabled Transgenders in Kerala. More of them are reluctant to reveal their identity. Transgenders are very much

struggling for their day to day life activities. This group needs more attention for mainstreaming into the society. Thus various schemes are proposed to be implemented for the welfare of Transgenders. Department of Social Justice is implementing the scheme.

**Major activities proposed during 2019-20 :**

- ◆ Establishment of Shelter Homes/Safety Homes/Care Homes
- ◆ To give financial assistance for vocational training and self employment to individuals and group of individuals from TG community.
- ◆ Conducting online survey of the transgender population.
- ◆ Arranging various skill development programmes for TGs
- ◆ Welfares schemes , Organizing welfare programmes with NGO and CBOs working for the welfare of transgender population
- ◆ Financial assistance for sex re-assignment surgery up to 2 lakhs (SRS) in any Hospital based on medical advice

**Other Continuing Initiatives :**

- ◆ Issuing of ID cards/ follow up activities
- ◆ Transgender Helpline (24x7) and crisis management centre with the help of NGOs (working in the field of transgenders) /CBOs.
- ◆ Advocacy campaign by engaging professional medial agency .
- ◆ Arranging sensitization programmes for the public in large, parents and family members of TGs,teaching and non- teaching staff and student community of educational institutions, officers of health services, LSGD, Employment Department and Labour Department , police and all other connected departments .
- ◆ TG kalolsavam and support to various community activities by providing financial assistance.
- ◆ Survey for Effectiveness of Govt schemes in TG sector .
- ◆ Pension for destitute transgender above the age of 60 years
- ◆ Development of mobile app for communicating various schemes of govt. to the TG community.
- ◆ Establishing TG Cell/Human resources in SJD Directorate for design, coordination and implementation of various activities for the transgender welfare
- ◆ Provide financial assistance for proper education as incidence of school drop-out is high.
- ◆ HIV Zero surveillance centre for Transgender.
- ◆ Various Research and studies.
- ◆ Marriage assistance to TG community.
- ◆ Providing necessary Human Resources for IEC
- ◆ Conducting various workshops and training programmes for TG Community, CBOs, Justice board members
- ◆ Scholarship for transgender students for studies .
- ◆ Financial support for TG students for writing competitive exams
- ◆ Formulation and implementation of medical insurance scheme.
- ◆ Providing Post SRS surgery assistance to the Transgenders.
- ◆ Providing loan for self employment through Kerala State Women Development Corporation.

An amount of ₹500.00lakh is provided in the Budget 2019-20 for the implementation of the scheme.

**25. National Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**

**(Outlay: ₹500.00 lakh)**

NIPMR is an institute in Kerala dedicated to the assessment and therapy of children and adults with multiple disabilities especially Cerebral Palsy and other associated disorders under Department of Social Justice, Government of Kerala. In the year 2019-20, it is also

proposed to conduct outreach programmes, seminars, medical camps, vocational training for CP children and their care givers and staff training and development. NIPMR is an emerging centre in providing disability related services and sufficient space is available for establishing modern facilities for management of different disabilities which have been proposed.

**Major activities proposed for 2019-20:**

- Spinal cord Injury Rehabilitation Unit.
- Starting Bachelor of Occupational therapy Course.
- Starting diploma in Special education (Cerebral Palsy)
- Starting Diploma in special Education (Autism)
- Strengthening Technical Library
- Setting up of Vocational and pre Vocational unit.
- Construction of academic block.
- Construction of Special Education Block.
- Construction of hostel block.
- Land acquisition (16 cent adjacent to NIPMR)
- Starting Noon meal programme for Special School.
- Fund for ongoing Schemes.

An amount of ₹500.00lakh is provided in the Budget 2019-20 for the implementation of the scheme.

**26. Programme for Prevention, Early Screening, Detection, Prophylaxis and Management of Disabilities due to Blood Related Disorders and Chronic Neurological Disorders**

**(Outlay: ₹300.00 lakh)**

Blood related disorders - Hemophilia, Sickle Cell Anemia and Thalessemia and chronic neurological disorders such as multiple sclerosis, parkinson's disease— are included as disabilities in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016. As per disability Census Report 2015 there are 7168 persons identified in the above categories. The activities include the preparation of a disability management plan to their rehabilitation. Kerala Social Security Mission will give focus to children coming under the above categories in first phase. An amount of ₹300.00 lakh is provided in the budget 2019-20 for the implementation of the scheme

**New Scheme**

**27. Assistive devices and other support services for persons with disabilities among flood victims**

**(Outlay: ₹200.00 lakh)**

After the devastating flood in the state in August 2018, a survey was conducted to identify the loss/need of assistive and ambulatory devices for persons with disabilities in the flood affected regions. It is estimated that almost 50,000 disabled persons were affected. Kerala Social security Mission is implementing the scheme. An amount of ₹200.00lakh is provided in the Budget 2019-20 for the implementation of the scheme.

**Women and Child Department**

**28. KERALA STATE WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**(Outlay: ₹2360.00 lakh)**

The Kerala State Women's Development Corporation was established in 1988 with the objective of providing better opportunities to women for their empowerment and all-round development. Disbursement of self-employment loans, sourced from the National Finance Corporations is one of the primary functions of the corporation since its inception. From 1988 till 2016 the total Govt. Guarantee available to the corporation for disbursement of such loans was only ₹140 crores. In the FY 2016-17, Govt. guarantee to the corporation witnessed a