

## **SOCIAL WELFARE**

The Department of Social Welfare has entered into a very significant domain of ministering to the Welfare of Vulnerable section of the society, the infirm and handicapped the aged and destitute, victim of social evils like drug abuse and alcoholism, welfare of children and women, immoral traffic and child prostitution, abandon of women by rude husband, destitute widow and their children etc. This Department alone has been assigned the responsibility to decipher them by successfully implementing various welfare schemes/programmes.

### **CHILD WELFARE:**

1. Day Care Services is rendered to the children whose parents go out for work. The department is maintaining 5 (five) Day Care Centre in which 250 children are provided such facilities: -
2. Home for orphan Girls is also maintained by this Department where in 25 Orphan Girls are provided care protection, education and vocational training.

### **WOMEN WELFARE: -**

- 1) The Department maintains 11 Training -cum-Production Centre and 2 Typewriting Institution. Various Income Generation Activities are provided to around 225 unemployed girls.
- 2) Widow Pension is also provided by this Deptt. to 464 needy widows @ Rs.350/- per beneficiary.
- 3) One (1) Working Women Hostel with 32 bedded capacity is maintained by the Department and proposed to establish 3 more Working Women Hostels during 10th Plan. The Department is also campaigning against dowry, child marriage, prostitution and immoral traffic.

### **WELFARE OF AGED AND INFIRM**

The Department is maintaining one (1) Old Age Home with 50 beds capacity and also providing Old Age pension @ Rs.100/- to 1051 old persons.

### **SOCIAL DEFENCE:**

One Children Home (for neglected Juveniles) and one Special home for

Delinquent Juveniles are being maintained by the department under Juvenile justice(Care protection of children) Act. 37 Neglected juvenile and 6 Delinquent Juveniles were admitted to these homes.

### **PROHIBITION**

Under this Programme awareness camps are conducted in order to eradicate evil consequences of taking drugs and consumption of alcohol 20 camps were organized in the last year.

### **ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION**

The Department is providing financial support to Ramakrishna Mission, Seva-Niketan, Pranab Kannya Sangh and Social Welfare Advisory Board for running Children's Home and Crèches.

### **INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Decision of the Hon'ble Apex Court in a Writ petition regarding ICDS Scheme is required to be conscientiously implemented by all concerned. So far as the Andaman and Nicobar Administration is concerned there are 5 ICDS Project in operation and having 429 Anganwadi Centres which are managed by the 429 Anganwadi Workers and 429 Anganwadi helpers.

A total number of 29359 Children, 5350 mothers, 1287 adolescent girls, 95 malnourished children have been benefited during the last year

- a) 29359 children in the age group of 0 - 6 years children getting 3000 calories and 8 – 10 gms. of protein
- b) 5350 pregnant and nursing mothers are getting 500 calories and 20 - 25g of protein.
- c) 1287 Adolescent girls are getting 6.00 g. of protein.
- d) 195 malnourished children are getting 600 calories and 16-20g. of protein

Every Anganwadi Centres is functioning as a disbursement center. The guidelines regarding implementation of nutrition under ICDS and PMGY, as received from Govt. of India has been circulated to all ICDS Project of this U.T. with the direction to comply the instruction strictly and the same has been implemented under PMGY. 28,656 beneficiaries have been covered 2002-03.