From the Centre

Progress review of North-eastern states

On December 1, 2018 Shri Hardeep S. Puri, Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs reviewed the progress of five centrally sponsored schemes in Agartala for the eight north-eastern states. As part of the review, states were advised to onboard all remaining ULBs on PAISA portal for smooth disbursement of interest subvention. Also, Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, HUA presented 10 skill trained candidates with job offer letters. More than 100 delegates comprising of officers from Ministry, states and ULBs participated in the workshop.

Video Conference on Shehari Samridhi Utsav

A video-conference was held on December 14, 2018 under the chairmanship of Shri Sanjay Kumar, JS (NULM) with 18 States/UTs to review the progress of activities under the Shehari Samridhi Utsav. The states were advised to complete the survey for strengthening urban safety not in all the ULBs in order to identify the beneficiaries who are not covered under relevant government schemes. States were also directed to identify colleges and map them to the nearest shelter homes.

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SHG women facilitate procurement of paddy from farmers - Case of Telangana

Armoor CLF from Nizamabad district has been helping the government procure paddy from farmers through the MEPMA procurement centres. Through this initiative the farmers get minimum support price (MSP) for their paddy in a hassle free manner.

A purchasing committee comprising of five women is formed within the CLF to streamline the entire process. Members are responsible for identification of farmers, quality check of paddy, weighing of produce, transportation of purchased paddy and overall monitoring.

The CLF gets 2.5 per cent commission on each quintal of paddy purchased. The CLF has earned a total of Rs. 11.45 lakh as commission since 2011. The fund is utilized for internal lending purpose among the group.

From the States

Tripura: A newly constructed shelter for urban homeless was inaugurated in presence of Shri Hardeep S. Puri, Hon’ble Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs and Shri Biplab Kumar Deb, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tripura, on December 1, 2018 in Agartala. The shelter is equipped with 50 beds, cots, drinking water, toilets and other facilities.

Andhra Pradesh: 20 SHG women participated in the MEPMA Bazar organized at Chirala to sell their products such as imitation jewellery, garments, cleaning liquids, jute bags, fancy items, ready-to-eat snacks etc. MEPMA provides free stalls to SHG women to promote entrepreneurship and income generating activities.

Madhya Pradesh: A special drive was initiated in Jaora, Mandideep and Sendhwa to prevent winter deaths of urban homeless. A total 62 homeless persons were rescued and provided accommodation in temporary shelter homes.

Himachal Pradesh: A shelter for urban homeless was inaugurated in Hamirpur by Anurag Thakur, Hon’ble Member of Parliament on December 1, 2018 that can accommodate 50 persons and has basic housing facilities.

Karnataka: A training programme was organized in Koppal for 100 street vendors. The participants were sensitized on hygiene preparation of food, overall cleanliness, traffic rules, social security schemes, soft skills & communication and other livelihood related aspects.

Tamil Nadu: On December 5, 2018, the Chennai Municipal Corporation’s health wing initiated fortnightly drives to rehabilitate homeless people. Rescue vans have been deployed to facilitate faster movement of homeless people to shelters. 58 people from the streets of Broadway, Vyasarpadi, Guindy, Anna Nagar & Koyambud were moved to shelters run by the corporation.

Gujarat organizes a Loan Mela under SEP

4 banks participated in the loan mela organized by the state in Junagadh from December 10-12, 2018 during which 360 loan applications were received under SEP. Loans of 2 SHGs & 15 beneficiaries were approved and disbursed during the function. Around 180 beneficiaries who were identified under the urban safety net survey as part of the Shehari Samridhi Utsav were enrolled under various government schemes to promote financial inclusion for urban poor.