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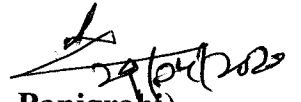
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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:-Monthly Summary of Principal Activities for March, 2020.**

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the Monthly Summary of Principal Activities undertaken by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs during the month of **March, 2020** for kind information.

**Enclosure: As above**

  
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To,  
All Members of the Council of Ministers.

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2. In view of outbreak of COVID-19, this Ministry has passed on, the following directions to the State Governments/UT Administrations for its Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) and Eklavya Model Day Boarding Schools(EMDBS) :-
  - i. Summer Holidays to be advanced as a special case and schools to remain shut from 21.03.2020 till 25.05.2020 (65 days) or till further orders whichever is earlier.
  - ii. Till such time, entry of outsiders into the campus to be completely banned.
  - iii. Students appearing in Board Examinations and attending special classes may be retained with due care in the campus. Such students appearing in Board examinations may be sent home soon after completion of respective papers.
  - iv. Special drive may be taken to sanitize the school campus including the academic block, hostels and other common areas.
  - v. Subsequently, in view of the full lockdown announced on 24.03.2020, States were directed to completely curtail all activities in the schools.
  - vi. Apart from the above, the advisory was issued to ensure the following:
    - (a) Order from local authorities on the issue may be strictly followed,
    - (b) Teachers can avail the holidays after completion of declaration of results. Results may be communicated to the students by post and SMS
    - (c) Admission of students in class VI and Lateral entry in classes IX and XI shall also be completed in all respects during this period before the school re-opens.
3. Advisory was issued to State Governments to ensure compliance in all establishments handling matters relating to tribal people with directives of the Ministry of Home Affairs on preventive measures to counter Covid-19.
4. In view of the unprecedented crisis posed by the COVID – 19 outbreak, it has been decided that on case to case basis the State Government can utilize the facilities available in the EMRSs which are functioning in the permanent buildings and do not have any students at present, for the purpose of setting up of temporary

  
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medical/quarantine facility. In Karnataka two EMRS Schools have been utilised for quarantine purpose.

5. As per the information received, "National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC)" disbursed loan of Rs. 285.13 crores as on 31st, March, 2020 for the year 2019-20, which is more than the annual target. The total Annual target for the year, 2019-20 was Rs.228.00 Crores.
6. As per information received from State Governments till 30.11.2019; 42,41,135 claims (40,92,183 individual and 1,48,952 community claims) have been filed and 19,77,097 titles (19,00,923 individual and 76,174 community claims) have been distributed. A total of 37,30,882 (87.97%) claims have been disposed of under the ST and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.
7. Ministry of Tribal Affairs, on 16.03.2020, held the meeting of Expert Committee under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Hrusikesh Panda, Former Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs to give recommendations on improvements of recognition and vesting process of Community Rights under the Forest Right Act, 2006.
8. The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2020, in relation to the State of Karnataka was passed in the Parliament by both the Houses during the month.
9. One video conference was held with different State Governments on 18.03.2020 for discussion on EMRS issues.
10. Incumbency details of all posts in the Ministry and its organizations falling under ACC purview have been updated on AVMS.
11. During the month of March, 2020, 84 E-files have been created by this Ministry in e-office.
12. Despite movement restrictions due to outbreak of Covid-19 in the latter half of the month, due to advance planning, the Ministry could utilise 99.83% of its budget during financial year 2019-20.

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