



GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, TRAINING, PENSION AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES DEPARTMENT
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ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR OF ASSAM

NOTIFICATION

Dated Dispur, the 8th June, 2022

No. AR. 41/2022/2: In the interest of public service, the Governor of Assam is pleased to notify the following new Departments:

1. **Department of Women and Child Development;**
2. **Department of Social Justice and Empowerment;** and
3. **Department of Tribal Affairs (Plain);**

from the erstwhile

1. Social Welfare Department, and
2. Welfare of Plain Tribes and Backward Classes Department.

Consequent upon the aforesaid changes, the following Directorates are also re-distributed as stated below:

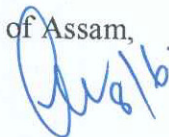
1. The Directorate of Social Welfare (Women and Child Development Sector) will be renamed as **Directorate of Women and Child Development** and will be under the administrative control of the Department of Women and Child Development.
 2. The Directorate of Social Welfare (Social Justice and Empowerment Sector) will be renamed as **Directorate of Social Justice and Empowerment** and will be under the administrative control of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.
 3. The **Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes** will be under the administrative control of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.
 4. The Directorate of Welfare of Plain Tribes & Backward Classes will be renamed as **Directorate of Tribal Affairs (Plain)**. The matters related to the Backward Classes will be merged with the Directorate of Social Justice and Empowerment and the renamed **Directorate of Tribal Affairs (Plain)** will be under the administrative control of Department of Tribal Affairs (Plain).
 5. The **Directorate of Assam Institute of Research for Tribal and Scheduled Castes** will be under the administrative control of the Department of Tribal Affairs (Plain).
- **The functions of the Department of Women and Child Development will be as follows:**
 - (1) Women and Child welfare and co-ordination of activities of other Departments and Organizations in connection with this subject.
 - (2) Care of pre-school children including pre-primary education and their nutrition.
 - (3) Implementation of the provisions of following Acts and Rules.
 - (a) The Indecent Representation of Women (Prevention) Act, 1986;
 - (b) The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961;

- (c) The Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant Food (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1992;
 - (d) The Children Act, 1960;
 - (e) The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000;
 - (f) The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.
- (4) Welfare of pregnant and lactating women.
 - (5) Welfare and care of Women in distress (OSC, Swadhar Greh, Ujjwala).
 - (6) Women's Empowerment and Gender Equity (SRCW/ MSK).
 - (7) Juvenile delinquency and vagrancy.
 - (8) Probation of Juvenile offenders.
 - (9) Issues relating to adoption, State Adoption Resource Agency.
 - (10) Child Help Line (Childline).
 - (11) Institutional and non-institutional services for the care and protection of children in need including orphans and orphanages.
 - (12) Matters relating to (a) The Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, (b) The Assam State Commission for Women, (c) State Child Protection Society and (d) Assam State Social Welfare Board.
- **The functions of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment will be as follows:**
 - (1) Administration, formulation and implementation of policies and programmes for welfare and development of the Scheduled Castes (SC) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) in the State.
 - (2) Implementation of the programs /Schemes of the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP), components of Annual Plan, Central and State Government's funded programmes for the welfare of SC and OBC communities in the State.
 - (3) Matters relating to Assam State Development Corporation for Schedule Caste Limited.
 - (4) Matters relating to Assam State Development Corporation for Other Backward Classes Limited.
 - (5) Matters relating to The Assam State Backward Classes Commission.
 - (6) Welfare of Senior Citizens.
 - (7) Welfare of Differently Abled Persons.
 - (8) Welfare of Transgender.
 - (9) To act as the Nodal Department for matters pertaining to Disability.
 - (10) Establishment and maintenance of Old Age Homes.
 - (11) Establishment and maintenance of Halfway Homes/ Homes for persons suffering from mental illness.
 - (12) Special schemes aimed at rehabilitation and social, educational and economic empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.
 - (13) Awareness generation and prevention of alcohol, drugs and substance abuse.
 - (14) Awareness generation, research, evaluation and training of various schemes.
 - (15) Implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016)
 - (16) Matters relating to inclusion and exclusion of any community in the Scheduled Caste, and Other Backward Classes List of Assam.

- **The functions of the Department of Tribal Affairs (Plain) will be as follows:**
 - (1) Administration, formulation and implementation of policies and programmes for welfare and development of the Scheduled Tribes (ST) in the State.
 - (2) Implementation of the programs /Schemes of the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP), components of Annual Plan, Central and State Government's funded programmes for the welfare of ST communities in the State excluding the autonomous Hill districts of Karbi Anglong, Dima Hasao and Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR).
 - (3) Matters relating to Assam Institute of Research for Tribals and Schedule Castes Society.
 - (4) Matters relating to Assam Plains Tribes Development Corporation Limited
 - (5) Matters relating to implementation of the following Acts.
 - (ii) Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.
 - (iii) The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 to prevent the Commission of offences of atrocities against the members of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.
 - (iv) The Assam SC and ST (Reservation of Vacancies in Services and Posts) Act, 1978 and subsequent Amendment and rules framed there under.
 - (v) The Tiwa Autonomous Council Act, 1995.
 - (vi) The Rabha Hasaong Autonomous Council Act, 1995.
 - (vii) The Mising Autonomous Council Act, 1995.
 - (viii) The Deuri Autonomous Council Act, 2005.
 - (ix) The Sonowal Autonomous Council Act, 2005.
 - (x) The Thengal Kachari Autonomous Council Act, 2005.
 - (xi) The Kamatapur Autonomous Council Act, 2020.
 - (xii) The Bodo Kachari Welfare Autonomous Council Act, 2020.
 - (xiii) The Moran Autonomous Council Act, 2020.
 - (xiv) The Motok Autonomous Council Act, 2020.
 - (6) Matters relating to inclusion and exclusion of any community in the Scheduled Tribes List of Assam.

Consequent upon the aforementioned modifications, the Officers and staff of the Social Welfare Department and Welfare of Plain Tribes and Backward Classes Department will be distributed between the Department of Women and Child Development, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Department of Tribal Affairs (Plain). This notification will come into force with immediate effect.

By order and on behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of Assam,



(Archana Varma, IAS)

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Administrative Reforms Training Pension and
Public Grievances (ARTPPG) Department

Dated Dispur, the 8th June, 2022

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11. The Superintendent of Assam Govt. Press, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21, for favour of publication in the next issue of the Assam Gazette and he is also requested to kindly send 200 copies of the same to this Department.

By order etc.

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08/6/2022

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
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