

**KENDRIYA SAINIK BOARD, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE ACHIEVEMENTS
DURING THE PERIOD FROM 01 JUN 2019 TO 12 MAR 2020**

Major achievements by the KSB Sectt during the period from 01 Jun 2019 till date are enumerated in succeeding paragraphs :-

1. **KENDRIYA SAINIK BOARD SECRETARIAT (KSB SECTT)** KSB Sectt is an attached office under D/o Ex-Servicemen Welfare, M/o Defence. It is the apex body of Government of India, responsible for implementing Central Government policies for rehabilitation and welfare of the war widows/disabled, retired service personnel and their dependents. The welfare schemes are implemented through 32 Rajya Sainik Boards (RSBs) located in State capitals and 403 Zila Sainik Boards (ZSBs) located at District level. The major source of funding for these welfare schemes is Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF)

2. **ARMED FORCES FLAG DAY FUND (AFFDF)** The 'Armed Forces Flag Day Fund' (AFFDF) has been constituted by the Government of India for the welfare and rehabilitation of the Ex-servicemen (ESM) community. KSB Sectt under DESW organizes a nation-wide campaign and celebrated 1st to 7th December as the 'Armed Forces Week'. As a response to this campaign, the general public contributed generously to the AFFD Fund. A sum of **Rs 44.28 Cr.** was collected during 2018-19 and so far **Rs 44.91 crore** has been received during FY 2019-20.

3. **WELFARE SCHEMES FUNDED OUT OF AFFDF** There are 10 schemes under RMEWF which includes education grant, penury grant, daughters marriage, funeral, medical grant, house repair etc funded out of AFFDF Budget.. The timely disbursement to the needy and deserving is of paramount importance. An amount of **Rs. 81,23,59,860/- (Rupees eighty one crores twenty three lakh fifty nine thousand eight hundred and sixty only)** has been disbursed to 28216 beneficiaries under the welfare schemes till date.

4. **PRIME MINISTER SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES (PMSS)** Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme (PMSS) was introduced from the Academic year 2006-07 to encourage higher technical and professional education for the dependent wards/widows of Ex-Servicemen. The scheme is funded out of National Defence Fund administered by Prime Minister's Office. The rate of scholarship was revised in FY 2019-20 to Rs 30,000/- per year for boys and Rs 36,000/- per year for girls. As on date during financial year 2019-20, a total of 12295 beneficiaries have been paid for **Rs 33,64,21,834/-**.

5. STEPS TAKEN BY KSB FOR POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

(a) Filling up of Vacant Posts in RSBs The posts of Director, Sainik Welfare which were vacant were filled up in various States during the period. The details are as follows :-

(i) **RSB Uttar Pradesh** Brig Ravi (Retd) has been appointed as Director on 29 Aug 2019.

(ii) **RSB Madhya Pradesh** Brig Arun Sehgal (Retd) has been appointed as Director on 22 Jan 2020.

(b) Filling up of Vacant Posts in ZSBs Interviews for filling up the vacant posts of Zila Sainik Welfare Officers (ZSWOs) were conducted in the following States during the period from Jun 19 to Mar 2020 and the details are as under :-

SNo	State	Interview date
(i)	Chhattisgarh	04 posts of ZSWOs have been filled up in the month of Sep 2019.
(ii)	MP	06 posts of ZSWOs have been filled up by the State Govt in the month of Oct 2019
(iii)	Uttar Pradesh	40 posts of ZSWOs have been filled up by the State Govt in the month of Feb 2020..

(c) Zonal Meetings. The following Zonal meetings were/will be conducted during the period to address the issues and concerns of the Ex Servicemen (ESM) of the States :-

(i) **4rd South Zone Meeting** of Rajya Sainik Boards (RSBs) was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (ESW) at Madikeri, Karnataka on 22-23 Jan 2020 for the states of Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman & Nikobar Islands.

(ii) **4rd North East Zone Meeting** of Rajya Sainik Boards (RSBs) is scheduled to be held on 17 Apr 2020 at RSB Sikkim under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (ESW). The members of the states are Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura. The meeting will be coordinated by Secy RSB Sikkim.

(d) Rajya Sainik Board (RSB) and State Management Committee (SMC). Officials of KSB have attended the following RSB and SMC meetings conducted by States/UTs during the period from Jun 19 to Mar 2020 :-

State	Date of last RSB meeting conducted	Date of last SMC meeting conducted
Tripura	21 Jun 19	21 Jun 19
UP		24 Jul 19
Puducherry		06 Nov 19
Kerala		07 Nov 19
Gujarat	17 Dec 19	
Chandigarh		27 Dec 19
Delhi	30 Dec 19	
Rajasthan	23 Jan 20	23 Jan 20
Nagaland	31 Jan 20	
UK	10 Feb 20	
Meghalaya	27 Feb 20	06 Mar 20
UP	06 Mar 20	
Chhattisgarh		14 Mar 20

(e) KSBs Initiative to Make RSB/ZSBs Functional

(i) KSB rep visited Manipur and met with Commissioner Home Deptt on 17 Jul 2019 for discussion about filling up of sanctioned posts in RSB/Imphal and ZSB Churchandpur.

(ii) On 14 Oct 2019 KSB rep visited to Arunachal Pradesh and met with Chief SecyGovt of Arunachal Pradesh to establish new RSB at Arunachal Pradesh and for appointment of Director RSB Arunachal Pradesh.

(iii) Formation of Ladakh (UT). A letter has been initiated by KSB to Addl Secy (Home), Ladakh on 25 Feb 2019 for upgrading of ZSB, Leh to RSB.

(vi) The following State/UTs have been informed and requested to appoint new Directors/ZSWOs:-

(aa) RSB Maharashtra. Col Suhas Jatkar (Retd) was appointed as Director, DSW in Apr 2009. The officer has been under suspension since Jul 2018 and fresh recruitment has not been advertised by the State Govt, leaving the post vacant as on date. KSB Sectt vide letter No 15/Policy/Maharastra /KSB dated 09 Aug 2019 has requested the Chief Secretary to initiate the process for selection of a Brigadier or equivalent as Director at the earliest. Response from State Govt is awaited.

(ab) **RSB Gujarat.** The Director's post has been vacant since Feb 2017. On 09 Jul 2018, a panel of officers for appointment of Director, RSB Gujarat was forwarded and interview was conducted by the State Govt on 23 Oct 2018. Subsequently, **no action was initiated by the State Govt to appoint the selected officer** by the State Govt till Aug 2019. In view of the time lapse, KSB Sectt has forwarded a fresh panel of ESM officers to State Govt, Gujarat for conduct of fresh interview on 23 Aug 2019. **Response is awaited from State Govt.**

(ac) **RSB Kerala.** The Director's post has been vacant since Jun 2017. In order to fill up the vacant post with suitable ESM (Officer), a DO letter from KSB Sectt was written to Chief Secy on 07 Aug 2018, however, **there was no response from the State Govt till Jan 2019.** Thereafter, an approved panel of ESM officers was forwarded to the State Govt for conduct of interview in accordance of MoD guidelines on 21 Jan 2019. **Response is awaited from State Govt.**

(ad) **RSB Himachal Pradesh.** The post of Director of Sainik Welfare Department, Himachal Pradesh has been vacant from 10 Nov 2019. An approved panel of ESM Officers has been sent to State Govt for conduct of interview and selection in accordance with MoD guidelines on 24 Dec 2019. **Response is awaited from State Govt HP.**

(ae) **RSB Nagaland.** Presently, Wg Cdr Rajeev Dong (Retd) is performing the duties of Off Director, Rajay Sainik Board Nagaland. On 12 Feb 2020, Govt of Nagaland advertised the vacancy for the post of Director RSB. KSB Sectt has sought a panel of ESM officers from placement agencies on 18 Feb 2020. Processing of panel is under progress.

(af) **RSB Goa.** In the Deptt of Sainik Welfare (Secretary RSB), Goa, Major Venugopal Nair (Retd) has been appointed as Director since Dec 2003 **(appointed by State Govt and not as per MoD guidelines).**

(ag) **Mizoram.** Surg Lt Cdr Lalnuntluangi has been appointed as Director since Feb 2011 **(appointed by State Govt and not as per MoD guidelines).**

6. **KSB EFFORTS TOWARDS GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL.** To effectively monitor the progress/response to various grievances projected by ESM, families, NOK and their dependents, a consolidated status monthly report in their respective state has been asked by KSB from all 33 RSBs and termed as "Pragati Report" which is forwarded to MoD every month.

7. **KSBs Efforts for Digitalization/Automation.** For wide spread awareness about the welfare schemes for ESM and for the benefit of ESM Community following steps were taken :-

- (a) Inauguration of Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) to augment the capability of KSB helpline on 06 Sep 2019..
- (b) Setting up of crowd funding platform through Crowdera foundation to generate more funds for AFFD..
- (c) Online publicity during the Armed Forces Flag Day Campaign through various social media channels to generate more funds for AFFD which are utilized for the welfare schemes for the ESM Community..

8. **KSBs EFFORTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVT INITIATIVES**

(a) **International Yoga Day** 5th International Yoga Day was observed on 21st June 2019 at Sainik Rest House, Naraina. On this occasion a large number of officers and Ex-servicemen and their families participated in the Yoga Session. Lecturers and demonstrations were organized by trained Yoga teachers in which benefits of Yoga and curing of various lifestyle diseases through Yoga were delivered to the participants.

(b) **Jal Shakti Abhiyan** In line to the government efforts to protect ground water resources and to ensure their sustainability. KSB Sectt on behalf of DESW organized Jal Shakti Abhiyan a countrywide campaign. Under this campaign Each ZSBs identified one water stressed village in district and redressed the water security situation in five specific intervention areas before and during Monsoon with help of Ex-Servicemen community A total 393 village were addressed in process, to be made model village on the parameter of Jal Shakti Abhiyan.

(c) **Swachhata Pakhwada-2019** The Department of Ex-Servicemen welfare, MoD on 06 Sep 2019 organized a one day workshop at the Central Rest House, Naraina to create awareness, reviewed the progress and laid down the future roadmap in support of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. The Workshop was chaired by the Smt Sanjeevani Kutty and teams from DGR, ECHS and KSB participated. Awards were presented to the participating offices with ECHS getting the first place followed by KSB and DGR.

(d) **Swatchhata Hi Sewa Campaign** "Swachhata Hi Sewa" Campaign 2019 for 15 days was organized from 15 Sep to 02 Oct 19 by Kendriya Sainik Board with assistance of RSBs/ZSBs. Kendriya Sainik Board (KSB) Sectt and Rajya Sainik Board (RSB) provided administrative backup to Zila Sainik Boards (ZSB) to sensitize Ex-Servicemen (ESM) community and to organize and monitor the events in a chosen village with help of local administration with an aim to adopt one village per ZSB, all over the country and make them model village on the parameter of "Swachhata Hi Sewa" Campaign. A total 393 village were addressed in process, to be made model village on the parameter of "Swachhata Hi Sewa"

(e) **Ban on Single Use Plastic Waste Collector** In an effort to reduce plastic foot prints, all Staff members of Kendriya Sainik Board took a pledge on 25 Sep 2019 at 1100 hrs regarding ban on single use plastic in office campus and in our daily lives.

(f) **Plogging (Picking of litter while jogging)** As an effort to create greater awareness in society against plastic waste, Kendriya Sainik Board, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare celebrated the Armed Forces Flag Day, i.e 07 December 2019 as a special day for Plogging (picking of litter while jogging), nationwide. It was campaign in which Each ZSBs identified one village in district for plogging awareness drive and spread awareness and cleaned plastic waste with help of Ex-Servicemen community. On this occasion Kendriya Sainik Board Sectt had organized plogging at West Block in R.K Puram. 42 personnel participated in this campaign.

9. INITIATIVE TAKEN BY KSB FOR WELFARE OF ESM COMMUNITY :

(a) **Reservation of Seats in Medical/Dental Colleges.** Every year ministry of health and family welfare allots 17 MBBS and 03 BDS seats under Government of India Nominee to KSB for the wards of Armed Forces Personals Serving/ESM. This year due to the sustained efforts of KSB, 18 additional MBBS seats were allotted. 35 MBBS and 03 BDS seats were allotted for the academic year 2018-19.

(b) **CSR Conclave-2019.** On the Occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day, Kendriya Sainik Board on behalf of DESW took a unique initiative and organized CSR conclave on 02 dec 2019 to create awareness about the challenges of the Ex Servicemen(ESM) and how the corporate India can play an important part in their resettlement and rehabilitation., The conclave was chaired by Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri. The RM apprised the audience in great detail about the challenges faced by

the ESM and their dependents and appealed to Corporate World to come forward and support the cause of their welfare. On this occasion all major contributors were felicitated by the RM for their gracious support to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund. Few Participants also made on the spot contributions.

(c) **Conduct of Training** The training of RSB Staff have been conducted at Kendriya Sainik Board for duration of the 1 week from 20 Jan 2020 to 24 Jan 2020. The aim was to impart training to RSB staff about on-line procedure for various welfare schemes, to increase awareness among the Ex-Servicemen and to make functioning of RSB/ZSB smooth. A total 09 RSB staff of North Eastern states have undergone training.