

Transgender

Transgender Welfare

The State Government for the empowerment of the transgender community has taken the following steps for their social inclusion and greater participation in public life.

1. State Government has recognised the transgender as the third gender Recruitment commissions have been advised by the General Administration Department to include Transgender (TG) as a category of gender in the application forms.
2. All the Municipal Corporations of the State have been intimated to provide basic civic amenities such as sanitation, community toilet, drinking water, electricity etc. in the transgender residential colonies under their jurisdiction.
3. Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Department has notified transgender persons for auto inclusion under National Food Security Act beneficiaries in their individual capacity; vide Notification No. 19969 dated 28/09/2015.
4. The XIMB, Bhubaneswar has been assigned to take up a survey on the status of Transgender in Odisha, Professor Niraj Kumar, XIMB, Bhubaneswar to do this work with district administration. The survey and identification is in progress.
5. Steps are being taken by this Department for providing Transgender Persons both in rural and urban areas for providing appropriate assistance under various programme viz assessing land, housing, education, vocational training, health services and etc. All RDCs and Collectors were requested to provide the above to the Transgender Persons in their level.
6. Steps are being taken by this Department for providing livelihood support to all Transgender in different local bodies for Housing and Urban Development Department under National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) for which they have been requested to give suitable instruction to all the district authorities to providing such livelihood support.
7. Steps are being taken to provide Aadhaar Card to Transgender Persons by the Municipality Corporations.
8. A Draft notification No.6128 dtd.29.08.2016 has been issued by this Department for change of name and gender for the Transgender Persons.

The State Government has expressed its intention for implementing the umbrella scheme (state) for the welfare of the Transgender community. State Government from its own resource has allocated a sum of ₹2.50 crores for programmes and activities for Transgender Persons in the B.E. 2017-18. Accordingly, the draft policy Odisha Transgender 2017 has been formulated and

hosted in the Department website for inviting suggestions and views from the NGOs working for Transgender Persons, other Departments and general public.

Draft Policy has been advertised in two Odia dailies and one English Newspaper. All Departments have been requested to offer their suggestion/ views on the draft Transgender Policy.