

**MOST IMMEDIATE  
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**No.CW-II-22/7/2021-O/ O US (CW-II) (e-93866)**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Women & Child Development  
(Child Welfare-II Section)

Room No. 640, A-wing  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

To,  
The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries, WCD/SJE  
(All States/ UTs except Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Tripura, Sikkim,  
Lakshadweep, and Ladakh)

**Subject: Preparations with respect to event on PM CARES for Children Scheme-  
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Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter **No.CW-II-11/3/2021-CW-II** dated 21.04.2022 on the above mentioned subject and to inform that programme regarding PM CARES for Children Scheme is scheduled to be held on **30<sup>th</sup> May, 2022** whereby Hon'ble Prime Minister will release the whole gamut of benefits and services to the children under PM CARES for Children Scheme. This will ensure that the welfare and best interests of these COVID affected children are protected till they attain the age of 23 years.

2. The following information is shared for necessary actions:

- i. Minute-to-Minute for the scheduled programme is placed at **Annexure-I**.
- ii. A Brief of the Scheme is placed at **Annexure-II**.
- iii. Backdrop to be used at all district level functions is being shared separately.
- iv. All Children above 18 years should attend the programme physically at District Magistrate offices/or any other suitable venue and will be available live in video conference mode. Virtual mode links for joining the programme will be shared separately.
- v. Children below 18 years should attend the programme through webcast/live telecast mode from a separate room in the same venue as these children shall not be shown live during the event, as JJ Act 2015 envisages every such child's right to protection of his privacy and confidentiality. The link of the webcast will be shared separately.
- vi. List of dignitaries to be present on the day of programme at respective districts will be shared separately.
- vii. Letter from Hon'ble Prime Minister and Sneh Patra (Certificate of PM CARES for Children Scheme) can be downloaded online from the portal by the District Magistrates, these are to be printed on A4 size photo paper and given to all eligible children in their concerned districts.



- viii. Necessary arrangement for travel, stay, refreshment, etc of children and their guardians/ near relatives is to be made by the District Magistrates concerned.
3. As already informed vide letter dated 21.04.2022, folders/kits for children, dignitaries and Media containing following documents should be ready on the day of programme:
- Folder for the Child-** This should have the brief on PM CARES for Children Scheme; PM CARES for Children Scheme Passbook; PM-JAY Health Card; letter from the Hon'ble Prime Minister to the child and Sneha Patra (PM CARES Certificates) of the child.
  - Folder for the Dignitary** - For the dignitaries attending the programme from Districts, the folder should contain the brief on PM CARES for Children Scheme; and list of children under PM CARES for Children Scheme State/UT/District wise.
  - Media Kit-** It should contain the brief on PM CARES for Children Scheme.
4. The dignitaries who will be present in a particular district would present the folders made for individual child by the District Authorities to the concerned child during the programme, when indicated by Hon'ble PM. This would be done for children above 18 years during the programme.
- For the children below 18 years, who would be watching the PMs program from a separate room, the folder would be handed over to the respective child by the dignitaries after the PMs event is over.
5. In view of above, it is requested to direct the concerned District Magistrates/ Deputy Commissioners of the Districts to take advanced action for holding a successful programme on PM CARES for Children Scheme.

Yours faithfully,



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Director to Government of India

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**Copy for information and necessary action to :**

District Magistrates (All States/ UTs except Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Tripura, Sikkim, Lakshadweep, and Ladakh)

**Copy for information to:**

1. PPS to Secretary, Women and Child Development, A-Wing, 6th Floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
2. Sr. Tech Director, NIC, MWCD, Room No-625, 6th floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for information and necessary action.

**Minute to Minute Programme of Hon'ble PM – District  
30<sup>th</sup> May, 2022**

Time	Description	Invitees
09:45 am	Children login the conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hon'ble Ministers &amp; officials of concerned Ministries</li> <li>Hon'ble MPs/MLAs</li> <li>State Ministers / Secretaries of concerned departments</li> <li>NCPCR/ SCPCR</li> <li>DMs</li> <li>JJB/ CWCs</li> <li>DCPUs</li> <li>CCIs</li> <li>UNICEF</li> <li>Children above 18 years with relatives</li> <li>Children under 18 years will be invited for the event and will watch the webcast / live telecast (they should not be made visible during online session as per JJ Act)</li> </ul>
10:30 am	Hon'ble PM joins the conference	
10:31 am	Opening remarks by Minister, WCD	
10:36 am	Showcasing the movie on the Scheme	
10:41 am	<b>Distribution of scheme documents:</b> Under the directions/ guidance of the Hon'ble PM, the dignitaries present in the districts will hand over the key scheme documents to children, assuring them that they are not alone and that the whole of government comprising of different Ministries/Departments would always support them in their dreams and life goals. The dignitaries present in the District would hand over a folder containing following documents to the children: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter from Hon'ble PM</li> <li>Sneh Patra (Certificate of PM CARES)</li> <li>PM CARES for Children Passbooks</li> <li>Health Card of AB-Pradhan Mantri-Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)</li> </ol>	
10:45 am	Real time transfer of Scholarship to School going children (Class 1 to 12)	
10:46 am	Address by Hon'ble PM	
11:01 am	Event Closes.	
11:05 am	The dignitaries to present the folder for children below 18 years who are watching the telecast/Webcast from a different room in same building.	Dignitaries present in the District, DM, officials of CWCs, JJBs, DCPUs, CCIs, Children with relatives/guardians.



**Ministry of Women and Child Development****The PM CARES for Children Scheme**

The PM CARES for Children Scheme was launched by The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2021. It aims to support children who have lost both the Parents or legal Guardian or Adoptive Parents or Surviving Parent to COVID-19 pandemic during the period starting from 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 and ending on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. The objective of the Scheme is to ensure comprehensive care and protection of Children in a sustained manner, and enable their well being through health insurance, empower them through education and equip them for self-sufficient existence with financial support on reaching 23 years of age.

The children were identified by the DMs with the assistance of police, DCPU and civil society organisations. Identified children were produced before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). CWC after verifying the cause of death of the parents uploaded on the PM CARES for children portal with the details of children for DM's consideration along with its recommendations. DM with the assistance of Child Protection Staff, police or any other agency as deemed fit, made an independent assessment about every child recommended or not recommended by CWC. Decision taken by DM regarding the eligibility of a child under the scheme is final. A total of 9042 applications were received from 31 States and UTs covering 557 districts by the respective DMs. Out of these 4345 children have been approved under the scheme. There are no eligible children in 5 States/UTs viz. Sikkim, Tripura, Andaman & Nicobar, Ladakh and Lakshadweep.

**2. PM CARES for Children Portal:**

'PM CARES for Children' is an integrated portal for child registration, validation, fund transfer, benefits available to children under various components of the scheme and grievance redressal. The portal has been developed by Ministry of Women and Child Development which can be accessed at [PMCARESforchildren.in](http://PMCARESforchildren.in).

**3. The key features of the scheme are as follows :****A. Financial Support:**

- i. A pro-rata amount has been credited in the account of each identified child such that the corpus for each child becomes Rs.10 lakhs at the time of attaining 18 years of age. For the children above 18 years of age, Rs.10 lakhs has been deposited in Monthly Income Scheme of post office.
- ii. Children will receive monthly stipend once they attain 18 years of age, by investing the corpus of Rs.10 lakhs into Monthly Income Scheme of post office. The stipend will be credited to the Post Office Savings Bank Accounts of the children. Children above 18 years will receive stipend till they attain 23 years of age.
- iii. Children would receive an amount of Rs.10 lakh on attaining 23 years of age.
- iv. Ex-gratia of Rs.50,000 per deceased parent from State Disaster Response Fund has been provided to children as per directions of MHA

## **B. Support for Boarding and Lodging:**

- i. District Magistrates with the assistance of CWC have taken steps to rehabilitate the child within her/his extended family, relatives, kith or kin. 4229 children are staying with their relatives.
- ii. In cases where the relatives/extended family is not available/not willing /not found fit by CWC, or the child is not willing to live with them, the child has been placed in age appropriate and gender appropriate Child Care Institution (CCI). There are 116 children living CCIs.
- iii. All siblings have been kept together.
- iv. Financial support as prescribed for non-institutional care under the central or State scheme has been provided to the children, as per the eligibility under the relevant scheme.
- v. Under Child Protection Services (CPS) scheme (now Mission Vatsalya), of Ministry of Women & Child Development, children staying with relatives were receiving Rs.2000/- per month which has been revised to Rs.4000/- per month w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.
- vi. For children staying in Child Care Institutions (CCIs), the maintenance grant is given to CCIs by the Government for the same.

## **C. Assistance for School Education**

- i) Admission in the nearest KV or Private school as a day scholar- fees as per the RTE norms would be given from the PM CARES.
- ii) 6 supernumerary seats in all KVs have been reserved for these children.
- iii) PM-CARES will also pay for expenditure on uniform, text books and notebooks.
- iv) Admission in any Central Government residential school e.g., Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), Sainik School, Navodaya Vidyalaya etc. are being facilitated.
- v) **Scholarship** of Rs. 20,000/- per annum is being provided to school going children of class 1-12 under the scheme of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

## **D. Assistance for Higher Education:**

- i) Eligible children are receiving Swanath Scholarship of Rs. 50,000/- per child per annum for technical education.
- ii) Children are receiving KARMA Scholarship for skill training.
- iii) 2 supernumerary seats in Polytechnic institutions have been created for these children. Similarly Higher Education Institutions have been directed by UGC to create supernumerary seats to accommodate these children.
- iv) Children are being assisted in obtaining education loan for professional courses/ Higher Education in India.
- v) Interest on the educational loan will be paid by the PM CARES.

## **E. Health Insurance:**

- i) All children have been enrolled under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) with a health insurance cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per annum per child.



- ii) The premium amount for these children till the age of 23 years will be paid by PM CARES.
- iii) Health cards (PM-JAY Card) for children have been delivered to all the district magistrate for distribution.

**4. Child Dash Board:**

- i. Children are being given a login id for viewing a personal dashboard on the PM CARES for Children portal, which indicate their entitlements and services being provided to them.
- ii. Contains contact details of district level officers and nodal officers from concerned Ministries/Departments .
- iii. Provides grievance redressal mechanism for administrative and technical help

**5. Grievance Redressal Mechanism:**

- i. DMs have appointed an officer of ADM level, for dealing with grievances, if any
- ii. Grievance redressal mechanism has been built in the PM CARES for Children portal. The portal will allow for raising and addressing grievance. The PM Cares of Children portal is envisaged to allow end-to-end tracking of resolution provided for each grievance.
- iii. The PM Cares of Children portal will also provide alerts for pending grievances/ actions and will escalate pending grievances automatically in the order - district to State level and then State to Central level. Due action shall be taken within a fortnight and intimated to the complainant through the portal.
- iv. Grievances, if pending for more than 15 days shall be escalated to the State/UT level automatically. In such cases, the State Nodal Officer may consult the concerned DM and ensure suitable action.
- v. Grievances, if not attended for 30 days shall be escalated to the Ministry of Women and Child Development automatically. Ministry may consult concerned State Nodal Officer, DM or nodal Ministries and take appropriate action.

**6. Nodal Agencies:**

Ministry of Women and Child Development is the nodal Ministry for execution of the scheme at the central level. The Ministries is executing the scheme in collaboration with Department of Posts (Ministry of Communication), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJ&E), Ministry of Education (MoE) including Department of School Education and Learning (DoSEL), Department of Higher Education (DoHE), Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) and National Health Authority (NHA). Department of the State/UT government dealing with the Juvenile Justice set up in the States are the nodal agency at State level. The District Magistrates are the nodal authority at District level for execution of the scheme.

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