

Seminar on 'Issues on Education Loans for Minority Students'

A Seminar to generate awareness on Education Loans for Minority Students was organized by NMDFC on 20th October, 2022. Academicians, Bankers, Officials from the Channelizing Partners of NMDFC and officers from NMDFC participated in the seminar. The issues such as Security requirements from Banks, High Rates of Interests, Lack of cooperation from educational institutes, No provision for orphans. Cumbersome & opaque loan process and Loan disbursement Issues, Lack of Credit History with parents, Lack of Awareness / Appropriate guidance about benefits and Low rate of loan repayment were discussed.

2. Dr. Rakesh Sarwal, CMD, NMDFC in his keynote address highlighted the importance of making higher education accessible to Minorities and address issues of awareness, accessibility and credit Guarantee. He informed that NMDFC has already taken up the issue of co-borrowers for the orphans with the Government.
3. The suggestions received during the seminar included: -
 - (I) For NMDFC, to remove 20% ceiling in educational loans for SCAs, Include Insurance Premium and allow higher lending for education loans.
 - (ii) For Banks, to simplify loan process, inclusion of short-term cost-intensive highly employment-oriented courses such as Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics, Web development etc., and provide for insurance of Education loan.
 - (iii) For Higher Education Institutions, to include & popularise Vidhya Laxmi Portal www.vidyalakshmi.co.in and JanSamarth Portal www.jansamarth.in on their websites. Greater involvement in publicity, facilitation and recovery of loan. In case of orphans explore possibility of faculty acting as co-borrowers.
 - (iv) General recommendations for creating awareness about the Education loan facilities amongst the students and the stakeholders through Social Media platforms, banners, posters, pamphlets, prospectus, awareness booths at Universities and Educational institutions, Establish Mechanism for coordination between students, Educational institutions and Financial institutions/Banks to facilitate easy availability of Education Loans.
4. The seminar ended with the decisions to create a network involving various stakeholders such as Higher Education Institutions, Banks, NMDFC and State Channelising Partners of NMDFC. Further, it was also decided to revise NMDFC's Educational Loans scheme to make it more accessible.



Discussion at the Seminar on 'Issues on Education Loans for Minority Students'

MoU signed between NMDFC and ICICI Foundation for Convergence of Skilling and Credit to Minority Candidates

The purpose of this MOU is for convergence of training facility offered by 26 ICICI Skills Training Academies and two Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RUDETI) with provision of credit to trained candidates by NMDFC for self-employment. Dr. Rakesh Sarwal, IAS, CMD, NMDFC and Sh. Anuj Agarwal, COO, ICICI Foundation signed this MoU on 31st October 2022. The MoU will operate for three years. The ICICI Foundation will also provide details of the already trained beneficiaries & candidates undergoing skills training to NMDFC for offering credit support. Further, the ICICI training academies would provide free skills & Financial Literacy Programme (FLP) training to minority candidates recommended by NMDFC.



Key Achievements, New Initiatives & Future Plans of the Corporation discussed in 120th Meeting of Board of Directors of NMDFC.

1.

The C&AG has forwarded 'NIL' Comments certificate on the Financial Statements of the Corporation for the year ended March, 31, 2022.

2.

NMDFC is planning to increase coverage under its Micro-Credit Scheme by involving more SCAs, who can use the State Rural Livelihood Mission (SRLM) infrastructure in their respective States to identify mature SHGs & consider them for credit. It is planned to involve the SCAs in the States of Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Sikkim & Uttarakhand for implementation of Micro-credit scheme of NMDFC by using the infrastructure of SRLM.

3.

NMDFC has subscribed to BSNL Bulk SMS service to communicate with its beneficiaries and stakeholders. The service has commenced in the month of October, 2022 and initially, SMS seeking handicraft details from Artisans for cataloguing has been issued.

4.

A credit rating of A, Stable was accorded to NMDFC by CARE. NMDFC is one of the few PSUs in the Social Sector that has received this rating. Welcoming the rating, CMD Dr. Rakesh Sarwal commented that this Credit Rating by CARE will unlock commercial borrowing for NMDFC in a competitive, credible and sustainable manner to benefit the small credit needs of the minority community for market based enterprises.

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Sh. Samyul Islam | Burail, Chandigarh

Term Loan for Tailor Shop

Sh. Samyul Islam S/o Sh. Afzal Islam aged 40 from Burail, Chandigarh belongs to Economically Weaker Section of Society, who was unemployed and wanted to setup a tailoring shop but he didn't have any financial resources to start the business. The loans available from banks in nearby area were at high interest rates, so he couldn't gather confidence of his capability to repay the amount. With the help of his friend he contacted Chandigarh Scheduled Castes Backward Classes & Minorities Finance and Development Corporation (CSCBC&MFDC), a State channelizing Partner of NMDFC for Loan.

He applied for loan under NMDFC scheme for Self-employment through CSCBC&MFDC & was sanctioned a loan of Rs. 1,00,000/-. The credit provided under the NMDFC term Loan scheme helped him to establish his Tailoring Shop. His unit is able to generate good income and he is depositing instalments regularly with the Corporation. He is highly thankful to CSCBC&MFDC, NMDFC & Ministry of Minority Affairs for this support.



Samyul is working at his tailoring shop



SHG Members working on the value-added items

EMMANUAL SHG | District Kollam, Kerala

Micro Finance

The Emmanuel SHG affiliated to the Vaddy Fishermen development welfare cooperative society (FDWCS) is working in Kollam district of Kerala for the last 10 years. The group is having 9 members and is led by Smt. Elsa. K, President and Smt. Anitha, as its Secretary. The group is having very good thrift and internal lending. The group is involved in activities such as Tailoring, Baking and other value added fisheries items like dry netholi, dry prawn etc.. The group recently availed a loan amounting to Rs.2,70,000/- under the Micro Finance Scheme of NMDFC. The loan was used by the group for improving their income generation activities and each member of the group is able to earn Rs.5000/- to Rs.6000/- monthly. The performance of the group is very good and it is acting as a role model for the rest of the SHGs in the district.

Sh. Mukhtyaar | Gurugram, Haryana

Term Loan For Kirana Store

Sh. Mukhtyaar s/o Sh. Abdul Jajjbar hailing from Pataudi, Gurugram belongs to minority community. He is the only bread winner in his family and his financial condition was not good due to which he used to have a lot of difficulties in running the household expenses. His neighbour told him about loans for self-employment available from Haryana Backward Classes and Economically Weaker Sections Welfare Corporation (HBCKN), a State Channelizing Partner of NMDFC. The officials of HBCKN gave him complete information about the Term Loan Scheme of NMDFC. He applied for a loan to start a Kirana Store and got sanctioned Rs.1,50,000/- on 14.10.2021. With this financial support, he started the grocery shop.

Now his shop is running very well. The monthly income of his family is now Rs.11,000/- and he is also paying his loan instalments on time. He is thankful to HBCKN, NMDFC and Ministry of Minority Affairs for the support.



Mukhtyaar at his Kirana Store

Ms. Shafeena | District Wayanad, Kerala

Term Loan for Diagnostic Lab

Ms. Shafeena C K, belonging to Chembilodu, Wayanad District, Kerala, had completed her Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology from National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) Skill Training center in May 2011. After completion of her diploma course, she did part-time work at various Diagnostic Laboratories in Wayanad District. Having more than 8 years of experience in this field, she wished to start a Diagnostic Laboratory in her home town at Anchamile, Mananthavady Municipality. Her neighbor suggested her about NMDFC Term Loan Scheme for self employment available through Kerala State Backward Classes Development Corporation (KSBCDC).

She applied for a Self Employment Loan at KSBCDC Sub District Office, Mananthavady for Rs.5,00,000/-. Corporation considered her application and sanctioned an amount of Rs.4,00,000 under NMDFC Term Loan Scheme in July 2022. Through this credit support, Ms. Shafeena has established the Laboratory and has started earning an average of Rs.40000/- per month. She is able to repay the loan installments regularly and is highly grateful to KSBCDC, NMDFC and Ministry of Minority Affairs.



Shafeena's Diagnostic Lab

More than 49 thousand beneficiaries assisted with disbursement of ₹ 274 Crores during current F.Y. 2022-23

NMDFC has disbursed total of ₹ 73.60 Cr. during September, 2022 with cumulative disbursement of ₹ 274.62 Cr. up to the month of September for the Financial Year 2022-23 under the Term Loan and Micro Finance schemes as Illustrated in the table below.

S. Nos.	Items	Fund disbursed during September, 2022 (₹ in Cr.)	Beneficiaries Covered during September, 2022	Cumulative Funds Disbursed upto the Month of September for the year 2022-23 (₹ in Cr.)	Cumulative Beneficiaries Covered upto the Month of September for the year 2022-23
a.	Term Loan	73.60	4906	180.67	12007
b.	Micro Finance	0.00	0	94.50	37800
	Total	73.60	4906	274.62	49807