

Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare

Important events for the month of October 2019 are as follows:-

- i) During October 2019, a countrywide awareness campaign on Digital Life Certificate (DLC) was conducted and Iris enabled devices as well as Biometric fingerprint devices were distributed to Central Government Pensioners' Association (registered with DOPPW) and training were also given to these Associations for submission of DLC from Home for Pensioners/ Family Pensioners aged 80 years and above.
- ii) A meeting with the representatives of Department of Post was held on 17.10.2019, under the chairmanship of JS (Pension) at IFC, Lok Nayak Bhawan, in which it was intimated that Department of Post has already made Jeevan Pramaan centers operational in over 811 post offices.
- iii) A meeting with the representative of various Banks was held on 17.10.2019 and 18.10.2019 under the chairmanship of JS (Pension) at Lok Nayak Bhawan, for review, monitoring and preparedness for collecting Digital Life Certificates by different banks. The chronic Pensions' grievances with banks were also discussed in these meetings and the way forward decided.
- iv) A Training Session on BHAVISHYA for Border Security Force Personnel was conducted on 11.10.2019 at Bhilai, benefitting 75 personnel. Two Training Sessions on BHAVISHYA were conducted at Regional Pay and Accounts Office, Survey of India, Department of Science and Technology, Jaipur on 14th – 15th October, 2019 in which more than 50 officials were given hands-on training. Another meeting on BHAVISHYA was conducted on 24.10.2019 with Department of Posts. To organize skill training and soft skills training for the Martyrs of CAPFs and explore alternate work opportunities for them, a meeting with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) was convened under the chairmanship of JS (Pension) on 15.10.2019 at IFC, Lok Nayak Bhawan.
- v) Draft Service Rules for Central Government employees covered under NPS were framed and circulated on 05.06.2018 to the concerned Departments for their comments. Comments have been received from Department of Expenditure, DoPT, CGA & PFRDA. However, comments from Department of Financial Services are awaited. A meeting with PFRDA was held on 16.09.2019 to discuss draft service rules. Another reminder to DFS in this regard was sent on 25/10/19.
- vi) A separate set of Rules on Gratuity, payable to NPS subscribers, have also been drafted by this Department and have been sent to the Department of Expenditure, CGA and DoPT for comments on 01.07.2019. Comments from Dept of Exp. have been received. However Comments from remaining departments are awaited.