

## Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare

Important events for the month of November 2021 are as follows:-

1. The Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare has been making continuous efforts to Ease the Living of Pensioners in giving Annual Life Certificates and specially so during the pandemic minimize the physical presence of Pensioners at Bank branches. Over the period of last one year the Department had been coordinating with Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (NIC and UIDAI) and conducting pilots on Life Certificate through use of Face Technology. On 29.11.2021, the Department made a technological leap in the field of Life Certification of Pensioners and the **Face Technology App** was launched by the Hon'ble Minister of State (PP). This App through video, uses the Aadhaar data-base of UIDAI in verifying a Pensioner and instantly generates a digital life certificate. Through this App any Pensioner can give a Digital Life Certificate from the comfort of home using any Android mobile without attaching any biometric device. The above technology is a milestone in leveraging technology for the purpose of Life Certificate.
2. DOPPW vide its O.M No. 42/7/2021-P&PW(D), dated 23.11.2021 issued orders enhancing the **Dearness Relief admissible to the CPF beneficiaries** in receipt of basic ex-gratia payment in the 5th CPC series with effect from 01.07.2021 from 356 % to 368% and 348 % to 360 % for different categories.
3. On the recommendations of the Sectoral Group of Secretaries (SGoS-9), a comprehensive Review & Rationalization of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 was undertaken in the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare and the draft of the revised Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules was prepared and circulated on 24.07.2020 for seeking comments/views of all concerned i.e. Department of Expenditure (DOE), Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), Controller General of Accounts (CGA) and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). (i.e DOE, DoPT, CGA and MoHUA). After concluding inter-Ministerial consultations, the vetted draft CSS (Pension) Rules, 1972 has been received from Legislative Department on 03.11.2021. The concurrence of C&AG and vetted Hindi version from Official Languages Wing of Legislative Department has now been received and the file is being submitted for approval before it is notified in the Official Gazette.
4. A proposal for extending the benefit of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 to the family of missing Central Government employees covered under NPS was forwarded to Department of Expenditure for concurrence on 04.08.2021 after receipt of comments from DFS, CGA and DoPT. The proposal has been received back from Department of Expenditure vide their note dated 06.10.2021 seeking some clarification on the proposal. Proposal has been resubmitted to Department of Expenditure of on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
5. For ensuring timely and qualitative disposal of grievances registered in CPENGRAMS, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DOPPW) conducted Inter Ministerial Review Meeting on 30.11.2021 with Ministry of Civil Aviation, C&AG, Department of

Health and Family Welfare, Department of Water Resource, Department of Coal, Department of Revenue and Ministry of Statistics Programme and Implementation.

6. (a) Five (5) training sessions through Video conferencing were organized on Bhavishya for the officials of Ministries/Department.

(b) The process for implementation of Bhavishya in UT of Lakshadweep and Intelligence Bureau has been initiated.

(c) Status on Grievance resolution, Bhavishya, Anubhav and Sankalp is as indicated in the Annexure. Detailed information in the prescribed format is also being sent by e-mail.