

Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare

Important events for the month of February, 2023 are as follows:-

1. Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare conducted Chintan Shivir on 17th and 18th February, 2023 in CSOI and Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi respectively. 03 groups, comprising all levels of officers, were made on 3 sub-themes under overall theme of "Improving Pensioners Welfare" for Chintan. On 17th February, Chintan Shivir started with yoga and meditation and then continued for the whole day in presentations of sub-themes and brainstorming on ideas presented. On 18th February, 2023, new ideas from chintan shivir were presented before the Hon'ble Prime Minister.
2. Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare conducted Pre-Retirement Counseling (PRC) Workshop on 27/02/2023 in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi under the auspices of Hon'ble Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (PP) to facilitate a smooth transition for employees from service to retirement. The workshop was attended by more than 400 retiring central government civil employees and pension dealing officials. In this workshop the following activities were also conducted:
 - The Hon'ble Minister of State unveiled the book on "CCS (Extra-ordinary Pension) Rules, 2023" which is the revised version of "Extra-ordinary Pension Rules, 1939". This was a significant achievement of the Department wherein after 1939 when these rules were published, the first such exercise was carried out in which all the Rules were reviewed and rationalized and a publication of the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare released. The new reviewed rules shall bring much relief specially to the CAPFs wherein incidents of death/disability on duty are most common.
 - Integration of Pension Portal of Canara Bank with the Integrated Pensioners' Portal (IPP) of Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare was launched by Hon'ble Minister.
 - 02 new services of SBI would also launched on Integrated Pensioners' Portal. Such an integration has been done to ensure a single window service to Pensioners post their retirement and they won't have to visit their Bank branches to get their Pension details.
 - The Hon'ble Minister of State (PP) launched the Mobile App i.e., "Dirghayu" for the Ease-of-Living of Pensioner.
 - The Hon'ble Minister of State unveiled the book on Compilation of case studies on clarifications / advice/ comments tendered by this Department to referring Ministries / Departments.
3. Compilation of case studies on clarifications / advice/ comments tendered by this Department to referring Ministries / Departments during the month of January, 2023 were circulated vide DO letter dated 06.02.2023.

4. Presentation was made on 16.02.2023 before the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee (DRPSC) on Demand for Grants (2023-24).
5. Secretary, DoPPW visited Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi on 02nd February, 23 and interacted with pensioners, medical officers and Medical Superintendent on the quality of services provided to CGHS pensioners.

CPENGRAMS

6. DoPPW conducted Inter-Ministerial Review Meeting through Bharat VC on 09.02.2023 with 13 Ministries/Departments/ Organization/UTs Administration under Chairmanship of Secretary (Pension & Pensioners' Welfare) to review the delay in disposal of Pension Grievances and pending appeals in CPENGRAMS portal.
7. During the month, 5221 grievances were registered and 4619 disposed of. Closing balance as on 28th February, 2023 is 3762. Detailed position is as under:-

	B/F as on 01/02/2023	Grievances received During the Month	Grievances disposed During the Month	Grievances Disposed within one Month	Total Pending as on 28/02/2023
Total	3160	5221	4619	2170	3762

BHAVISHYA PORTAL

8. Two (2) Workshops on 'Bhavishya' were organized at CBI Academy Ghaziabad and INGAF, New Delhi respectively. Beside this, Six (6) training sessions were organized on Bhavishya for the officials of Ministries/Department.
9. BHAVISHYA is a web based online pension sanction and payment tracking system developed by the Department. The system helps both the retiring employee and the administrative authorities to monitor and track delays. Administrative authorities also benefits from the inbuilt automatic calculations as per provisions of the various pension rules. As on 01.03.2023, Bhavishya is running in the main Secretariat of 97 Ministries/Departments/Apex Bodies and 818 attached offices through 7943 DDOs. A mobile app has also been launched on the Umang platform through which 'Bhavishya' can be accessed by various stake-holders. Pension cases of 38504 retiring/retired employees are in various stages of processing through the system as on 01.03.2023. Further, this application has so far cumulatively processed and issued PPOs in respect of 190274 pensioners. 3321 number of PPOs were issued through Bhavishya System in the month of February, 2023. Bhavishya' has been successfully integrated with PFMS Pension Module for generation of e-PPO.

ANUBHAV

10. Anubhav: Since inception of the scheme in March, 2015, 8948 write ups have been published and 4871 are waiting for publication by the different Ministries/Departments under Anubhav portal up to 28.02.2023.

SANKALP

11. Sankalp: Under the initiative 'Sankalp', the Department has so far conducted 49 Pre-Retirement Counseling (PRC) Workshops, which benefited 6972 employees.
12. **Procurement through GeM:-** The Department of P&PW has placed 36 (Thirty-six) orders for amount involving Rs. 9,52,566/- through GeM for supply of electronic items, Furniture & Stationery etc. during February,2023 (Orders for Products) and 05 (five) orders for amount involving Rs. 24,11,404/- through GeM for services (Hiring of vehicles short and long terms services, AMC of computers and peripheral's and cable services) during February, 2022.
