

## Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare

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

- (i) Taking forward the initiative of this Department, for promotion of Digital Life Certificate from home, for ease of living of Pensioners, an understanding was reached with the Department of Posts to utilize the services of the Postman for providing doorstep service of Digital Life Certificates. In this connection a meeting was held at Joint Secretary level followed by a meeting with the Technical teams of D/o Posts and D/o P&PW on December 6, 2019 to address the technical issues in implementation of the above scheme.
- (ii) A Training Workshop on pension rules and working on BHAVISHYA module was conducted by this Department on December 19-20, 2019 for officers of different Ministries dealing with Pension matters.
- (iii) The Department brought out a publication entitled 'A Handbook for Retiring Central Government Employees' which is a user- friendly compilation of all Rules of Pension and Family Pension with a special emphasis on rules for All India Service Officers all at one place. Another publication "Compendium on Pension Related Orders, 2018-19" was also brought out by the Department encompassing all the OMs issued during the period 2018-19. Both the publication along with Strategic initiatives, 2019-24, with action plan, goals and time-lines were released on Good Governance Day, December 25, 2019 by the Hon'ble MoS(PP) at an event held in North Block.
- (iv) In order to alleviate the suffering of the families of the martyrs of CAPF (Central Armed Police Forces), due to late release of Family Pension by the concerned force, this Department has added a real-time dashboard showing the date of death of the official and the date of start of Family Pension. This information is culled out of the "BHAVISHYA" database and separately reflected so that the concerned CAPF can be monitored closely for speedy release of Family Pension.
- (v) Two workshops on "Bhavishya" were held for Border Security Force (BSF) personnel one at field unit Bikaner on 06.12.2019, and another at field unit Jaisalmer on 27.12.2019 benefitting 100 and 150 officials respectively.
- (vi) 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 follow meeting with PFRDA was held on 16.09.2019 in this connection. Reminder has again been sent to DFS on 04.12.2019.

- (vii) A separate set of Rules on Gratuity, payable to NPS subscribers have also been drafted by this Department and sent to the Department of Expenditure, CGA and DoPT for comments on 01.07.2019. Comments from Department of Expenditure have been received. However Comments from remaining departments are awaited.

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