

Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare

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

- (i) Taking forward the strategic initiative of '**DLC from Home**', the Department roped in Registered Pensioners' Associations in 24 different cities (Hyderabad, Ranchi, Bhubneshwar, Jaipur, Thrissur, Kolkata, Cuttack, Chennai, Guwahati, Madurai, Balasore, Jalandhar, Ahmedabad, Prayagraj, Pune, Dehradun, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Vadodara, Trivandrum, Mysore, Chandigarh, Noida, Delhi) to visit the old pensioners and to obtain Digital Life Certificate (DLC). All these Associations were provided with device which can capture the DLC using biometrics as well as IRIS. Till 30.11.2019, these Associations have been able to collect DLCs from approximately 4100 old Pensioners.
- (ii) An awareness campaign for Life Certificate on print media in 146 Newspapers, 71 AIR Radio Channels (including Vividh Bharti/Rainbow) and 55 Private FM Channels and social media was carried out throughout November all over the country. As a result of this exercise, the number of DLCs in comparison to the previous year's corresponding period rose by 19% in the month of November.
- (iii) A meeting was conducted by Secretary (DoPT), on 26.11.2019 with Secretary (Posts) to explore the feasibility of collecting DLCs from the home of old pensioners through the agency of Postmen. Substantial progress in this initiative was made as a result. Department of Posts has in-principle agreed to the proposal. The finer points w.r.t. implementing the initiative will be worked out by the two Departments.
- (iv) A workshop on Bhavishya was held for Border Security Force (BSF) Personnel in BSF Training Academy Tekanpur, Gwalior, MP on 8.11.2019 benefitting 150 personnel. Another workshop on Bhavishya for CBI Personnel was conducted on 29.11.2019 at CBI Academy, Ghaziabad, which benefited 50 Personnel.
- (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.
- (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 Deptt of Exp. have been received. However Comments from remaining departments are awaited.