

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS WITH REGARD TO DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2016

1. On the occasion of Good Governance Day i.e. on 25th December, 2016 Hon'ble MoS (PP) launched six major initiatives of the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT). These initiatives are namely Recruitment Rules Formation, Amendment Monitoring System (RRFAMS), Immovable Property Return through Property Related Information System (PRISM), announcement of E-Service Book, Mandatory online filing of APAR by all AIS and Central Group 'A' Service Officers, EO App on iPhone Operating System (iOS) and launching of redesigned website of DoPT.
2. A Hindi workshop was organized by this Department on 21st December, 2016 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble MoS(PP) at CSOI, New Delhi. The aim of the workshop was to enhance awareness and knowledge of participants towards effective implementation of official language policy in DoP&T. Hon'ble MoS (PP) and newly nominated members of the reconstituted Hindi Advisory Committee addressed all the participants at the workshop.
3. Swachhta Pakhwada was observed by DoP&T and its attached/subordinate offices during 1st December to 15th December 2016. On 01/12/2016, Hon'ble MoS (PP) inaugurated the Pakhwada by undertaking a special cleanliness drive in collaboration with the Institute of Secretariat Training and Management (ISTM) in and around Ber Sarai market. Poster(s)/Slogan Competition on the theme of 'Swachha Bharat' were also held, in which officials and officers of this Department actively participated.
4. NITI Aayog made two presentations on 01/12/2016 and 15/12/2016 respectively to acquaint officers/officials of this Department to use/adopt digital payment modes such as cards, payments over Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD) or mobile phone networks, Aadhaar-enabled payment systems, Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and through use of Point of Sale or card swiping machines. The training module also talks about e-wallets.
5. DoP&T vide D.O. letter No. 33/2017-EO (MM.II) dated 22nd December, 2016 has invited nomination of officers from Group A Services for appointment on deputation to the posts under Central Staffing Scheme (CSS) for the year 2017 from Cadre Controlling Authorities of Group 'A' Service, M/o Home Affairs and M/o Environment, Forest & Climate Change. Nominations of IAS officers for appointment on deputation to the posts under Central Staffing Scheme (CSS) for the year 2017 have also been invited from All State Governments and M/o Home Affairs (in respect of IAS officers of AGMUT Cadre Vide D.O. letter No. 32/2017-EO (MM.II) dated 22nd December, 2016).
6. Central Establishment Board (CEB) for the year 2017 has been constituted vide this Department's O.M. No. 11/3/2016-FA(UN) dated 16th December, 2016.

7. DoP&T's vide O.M. No. 407/16/2016-AVD-IV (LP) dated 1st December, 2016 has conveyed that with the passing of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas (Amendment) Act, 2016, the Public Servants (Furnishing of Information and Annual Return of Assets and Liabilities and the Limits for Exemption of Assets in Filing Returns) Rules, 2014 and all the amendments made thereto have become redundant. The Department is in the process of finalising a fresh set of rules. The said rules will be notified in due course to prescribe the form, manner and timelines for filing of declaration of assets and liabilities by the public servants under the revised provision of the said Act. All public servants will henceforth be required to file the declarations as may be prescribed by the fresh set of rules.
8. To foster Digital India programme, Central Civil Services Cultural & Sports Board (CCSCSB) which works under the aegis and control of DoP&T has decided to accept all types of fee/charges through digital mode only with effect from 1st January, 2016. Instructions in this regard has been issued to all concerned vide notice No. 170/1/2016-17/CCSCSB dated 21st December, 2016.
9. Blood Donation Camp was organised by DOP&T in association with the Indian Red Cross Society, New Delhi at UPSC, New Delhi on 21.12.2016 and 46 employees donated blood in this camp.
10. This Department has conveyed approval of Competent Authority to SSC for signing of MoU by MHA and SSC for recruitment of Constables (GD) in CAPFs and Rifleman (GD) in Assam Rifles by conducting Examination by SSC on Computer Based Mode to be held in 2017, vide letter No. 39020/01/2014-Estt.(B) dated 27.12.2016.
11. Instructions were issued in the matter of timely and advance action in filling up of the Direct Recruitment (DR) vacancies, vide this Department's Letter no. 39020/18/2016-Estt(B) dated 19.12.2016.
12. This Department has conveyed approval of the Hon'ble President regarding appointment of Prof. David R. Syiemlieh, Member, UPSC in terms of Article 316(1A) of the Constitution to perform the duties of the post of Chairman, UPSC w.e.f. the forenoon of January 4, 2017 vide Notification No. 39019/4/2016-Estt.(B) dated 31.12.2016.
13. Cadre Review of the IAS cadre of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh was carried out vide notification dated 27.12.2016 and 30.12.2016, respectively.
14. Central Secretariat Chess team secured second position in All India Civil Services Chess Tournament which was held at Silvasa from 26th to 31st December, 2016.
15. 111 candidates have been nominated for Mandatory Foundation Training Programme (FTP) of Assistant Section Officer scheduled to be held at Institute of Secretariat Training and Management (ISTM) that commenced from 19.12.2016.

16. Appointment's Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved appointment of 01 CMD/MD and 02 Functional Directors in various Schedule A & B Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs). Further, Nine (09) appointments of Chairpersons/Members in various Tribunals/ Statutory Bodies/ Authorities/ commissions, Two (02) appointments of Chief Executives in Autonomous Bodies, Two (02) proposals of Appointment of PS to Minister and One (01) proposals of Appointment of OSD to Ministers has been approved by the ACC.
17. Clarification regarding effect of warning, censure etc. on promotion of the Government Servant was issued vide O.M. No. 11012/12/2016-Estt.A-III dated 06.12.2016.
18. Various Ministries/ Departments were again requested to scrupulously follow DOP&T's instructions on the question of filing appeals against court orders against Government of India instructions on service matters.
19. Guidelines regarding prevention of sexual harassment of women at the workplace were issued to ensure that in the case of allegations of sexual harassment the inquiries are conducted expeditiously and the aggrieved women are not subjected to victimization.