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Sub.: Summary (No.-11) to the Cabinet on the significant activities of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting for the month of November 2017.

The significant activities / events relating to this Ministry for the month of November 2017 are outlined below: -

- Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, conferred the 'National Awards for Excellence in Journalism' at a function organized by the Press Council of India on the occasion of National Press Day on 16th November, 2017, which also marked the Valedictory of Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Press Council of India. At the function, eminent Journalists Shri Sam Rajappa and Shri Sarat Mishra were jointly awarded 'Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award' for their outstanding contributions towards journalism.
- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting organized the 48th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2017 at Goa from 20th – 28th November, 2017. IFFI 2017 showcased 195 films from over 82 countries and had various special sections. The coveted 'Indian Film Personality of the Year 2017' award was presented to acclaimed actor Amitabh Bachchan and the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' to celebrated Canadian director Atom Egoyan. IFFI 2017 had a special country focus on Canada and several Bollywood dignitaries graced the festival. Minister of Information & Broadcasting, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani and Chief Minister of Goa, Shri Manohar Parikkar were Chief Guests at the opening ceremony where Indian film star Shri. Shahrukh Khan welcomed all film makers and delegates. In the presence of Hon'ble Minister, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, the closing ceremony was anchored by Karan Johar, Sonali Bendre and Zaira Wasim and eminent Indian film personalities including Salman Khan, Akshay Kumar and Katrina Kaif graced the closing ceremony. Press Information Bureau (PIB) set up a Media Facilitation Centre for IFFI 2017 at Goa and accredited 441 Media Persons for coverage. An Exhibition of 60 Posters at Kala Academy, Panjim at IFFI from 20th to 28th November, 2017 on the theme 'Stree: A Tribute to Indian Womanhood' was put up by National Film Archives of India (NFAI). Various Media Units of the Ministry provided wide publicity, coverage, reach and visibility to IFFI 2017 on all Media platforms.
- At IFFI 2017, the International Competition section was adjudged by the jury headed by renowned filmmaker Muzaffar Ali and members Maxine Williamson (Australia), Actor-Director Tzahi Grad (Israel), Russian Cinematographer Vladislav Oplyants and Director & Production Designer Roger Christian (UK). French movie "120 Beats per minute" bagged the Best Movie Award, which came with the Golden Peacock trophy. The Silver Peacock award was won by Parvathy Thiruvothu Kottuvata (Malayalam) for Best Actress, Nahuel Pérez Biscayart (Argentina) for Best Actor and Mahesh Narayanan (Malayalam) for Special Jury award. The ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal was awarded to Marathi Movie 'Kshitij- A Horizon'.

- Secretary (I&B) Shri N. K. Sinha addressed "The Cable and Satellite Broadcasting Association of Asia (CASBAA)" 2017 at Macau on 7th November, 2017, wherein it was conveyed that technology is critical for Communication and Content. During the address, various others important issues were mentioned which included the vital role of Public Broadcaster and the changing media landscape.
- The Ministry through its Media Units provided extensive coverage and visibility to a number of events/ occasions including the observance of Anti-Black Money Day on 8th November, 20th International Children Film Festival of India (ICFFI) at Hyderabad from 8th – 14th November, events relating to 'Quami Ekta Week' from 19th – 25th November and observance of 'Constitution Day' on 26th November, 2017 on all Media Platforms.
- During the month, PIB provided wide publicity to various activities such as inauguration of World Food India 2017, wherein 50 MoUs worth \$11.25 Bn signed by the M/o Food Processing Industries & MoUs worth \$2.5 Bn signed by States, and launching of Nivesh Bandhu Investors' Portal by Hon'ble Prime Minister, successful flight trial of 'NIRBHAY' sub-sonic cruise missile, Brahmos Flight test from IAF's Su-30MKI fighter aircraft, the announcement of India's first-ever 'Air Dispensary' based in a helicopter, Organic World Congress 2017, World Fisheries Day, National Milk Day Celebrations, the announcement of India becoming second largest fish producing country in the world and regarding the proposal sent to United Nations for declaring the year 2018 as the International Year of Millets.
- Satyajit Ray Film & Television Institute (SRFTI) conducted 7 days International workshop cum Training Programme on Library Automation (IWTPLA) from 13th – 19th November, 2017 for emphasizing on digital and audio visual media, out of which revenue of around Rs. 2.47 lakh has been generated.
- Directorate of Film Festivals (DFF) in collaboration with the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) organized the ceremony of Short Film Competition on "Divyanjan Sashaktikaran" wherein 10 films won awards in categories of Documentaries, Short Films and TV Spots. The Korean Film Festival was organized by NFAI in collaboration with Korean Consulate, Mumbai on the 9th – 10th November, 2017 in Pune, involving screening of 5 films. A Weekend Screen Acting Course for working professionals was launched by Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) which will be conducted over 10 weekends from 4th November 2017– 14th January 2018.
- On the occasion of National Book Week, Publications Division (DPD) organized in situ book exhibitions from 6th – 17th November, 2017 in its 10 sales outlets across different parts of the country. DPD also participated in Sharjah International Book Fair, 2017 at Sharjah from 1st – 19th November, 2017.



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