Sub.: Summary (No.-12) to the Cabinet on the significant activities of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting for the month of December 2019.

The significant activities / events relating to this Ministry for the month of December 2019 are outlined below:-

1.0 The Hon’ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind presented the 50th Dadabhai Naoroji Phalke Award 2018 to Shri Amitabh Bachchan, in the gracious presence of Hon’ble Minister for Information & Broadcasting (I&B) Shri Prakash Javadekar, at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 29th December, 2019. The Hon’ble Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu conferred the 66th National Film Awards for the year 2018 in various categories on 23rd December, 2019 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Hon’ble Minister of I&B graced the occasion, along with Chairpersons of various Juries for the Awards. Some of the prominent winners included Gujarati film ‘Hellaro’ in ‘Best Feature Film’ category, ‘Badhaai Ho’ as ‘Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment’ and Hindi movie ‘Padman’ as ‘Best Film on Social Issues’. Aditya Dhar won ‘Best Director Award’ for ‘Uri: The Surgical Strike’, Ayushman Khurana and Vicky Kaushal jointly won ‘Best Actor’ award for ‘Andhadhun’ and ‘Uri: The Surgical Strike’, while Keerthy Suresh won ‘Best Actress’ trophy for ‘Mahanati’. Uttarakhand was awarded the ‘Most Film Friendly State’ award.

1.1 The Ministry and its Media Units undertook several initiatives to spread awareness on Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). DD News comprehensively produced & telecast special programmes like ‘Naagrikta Sanshodhan Kanoon Ka Sach’, disseminated Fact Check through bulletins and Social Media, covered the statements of Hon’ble PM and statements/dialogues by various Government functionaries to dispel misconceptions among the people. News Services Division, All India Radio (NSD, AIR) exclusively broadcast the CAA Explainers, reactions of refugees supporting CAA, myth busters, fact-files and Ground Reports to counter the misinformation and raise awareness. All India comprehensive Print Media Campaigns were released on provisions of CAA by Bureau of Outreach and Communication (BOC). Extensive Social Media coverage was provided, including tweets using hashtags such as #MythBusters, #FactCheck, #FakeNews, #CitizenshipAmendmentAct2019, and #CAB2019. Press Information Bureau (PIB) facilitated publication of Articles by Union Ministers in English, Hindi, Urdu & various regional languages across the country.

1.2 In order to raise awareness on National Population Register (NPR), DD News telecast various discussion based special programmes such as ‘Aamne Saamne - NPR’. NSD, AIR broadcast Factsheets and Explainers on the Updation of NPR and understanding Census of India 2021. PIB is running an awareness campaign on Social Media.
The Ministry and its Media Units are undertaking several activities for implementation of *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat* (EBSB). Several programmes were telecast by various Kendras of DD amongst the paired states across the country on various themes including festivals, culture, arts, crafts, songs, dances, folks, tradition, travel, cuisine, temples, etc. by utilizing varied formats such as features, talks, documentaries, interviews, short films, translated sentence per day etc. DD News has regularly telecast a weekly 30 minutes programme during the month. PIB and its regional offices are running a campaign weaved around various aspects of State Pairs for publicity of EBSB through Electronic, Print & Social Media platforms. Outreach programmes on the theme of EBSB were conducted by BOC.

To commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, DD News is regularly telecasting ‘Mahatma ke Mantra’ daily on its channel and one-hour discussion programme on ‘Mahatma Zinda Hai’ was also telecast. NSD, AIR and its Regional News Units (RNUs) widely covered the holding of second meeting of Organising Committee, institution of ‘Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize’ by Portugal, Multi Media Exhibition organized in Nagaland, ‘Gandhi Peace Through Musical’ concert organized at AIR’s Auditorium in New Delhi and broadcast of Mahatma Gandhi - Martin Luther King Jr. - Message on Intellectual Harmony. BOC organized an exhibition on the theme “Bapu Ke Sapno Ka Bharat Aaj Ho Raha Sakar”.

Wide coverage was provided by DD News and NSD, AIR to the issues of the Winter Session of the Parliament, including the National Capital Territory of Delhi (Recognition of Property Rights of Residents in Unauthorized Colonies) Bill 2019, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Second Amendment) Bill 2019, Arms Amendment Bill 2019, Personal Data Protection Bill 2019 and Constitution (126th Amendment) Bill, extending reservation for SCs and STs in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies. DD News telecast special discussion based programmes on ‘Constitution Day - Bharat Ka Samaridhan’, ‘Data Protection’, ‘Regularization of unauthorized colonies’ and ‘Sansad @ 2019’. BOC organized an exhibition on “History of Constitution of India”.

DD News telecast extensively the results of Jharkhand Assembly Elections and swearing in ceremony of the newly formed State Government in the State. Extensive coverage was provided by NSD, AIR to Jharkhand Assembly Elections through exclusive Ground Reports from all five phases of polls, live and deferred live inputs on voting and counting days, phone-ins between news studios and ground reporters covering the polls and Karnataka by-polls and their results for 15 assembly seats.


On the occasion of the completion of six months of the present Government during its second tenure, DD News telecast 10 episodes of special programme
called "Modi 2.0 Chaai Maah ka Safar" focusing on various issues like MSME Sector, Achievements in Security Sector, Environment and Forestation. DD News is regularly telecasting Ground Reports on various flagship schemes of the Government and 82 stories were telecast during the month. BOC designed and printed a Booklet titled "A Splendid Start - Big Promises Delivered, Bigger Expectations Triggered #8MonthsOfIndiaFirst". PIB facilitated publication of Articles by Union Ministers in English, Hindi and various regional languages across the country through its regional/branch offices.

1.9 On the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3rd December, 2019, Children's Film Society, India (CFSI) screened 3 special shows for children suffering with cancer, differently-abled children (Divyang), visually impaired and mentally deficient children at various centers/ NGOs and conducted 17 shows through special schools/ NGOs/ Trusts/ Organizations across the country, benefitting over 1200 children audiences. DD News also telecast a special programme 'Divyangjan Adhikaar and Chunotia'.

2.0 On the 75th Anniversary of the Aajkal (Hindi), a magazine being published since 1945, a special issue has been brought out by Publications Division (DPD). The theme of the January – February (combined) special issue is 'Post Independence Hindi Literature' and it depicts the literary reality of the last 75 years.

3.0 News Services Division, All India Radio (NSD, AIR) launched a new daily Talk Show "Manthan - Faislon Ke" on 9th December, 2019 on Cabinet Decisions and Major Initiatives of the Government. The show is being broadcast on Rajdhani Channel and Special Interviews and Discussions on several key topics have been broadcast. NSD, AIR has also started uploading new News based programmes on its Youtube Channel such as 'Let's Connect', 'From the States', 'International News', 'The Week-Ende' and 'The Year-Ende Part-I&II'.

4.0 A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for online ticketing of National Museum of Indian Cinema (NMIC) has been signed between Films Division and BookMyShow (BMS) on 4th December, 2019 for availability of NMIC tickets on BMS platform. The MoU is a part of outreach initiatives aimed at increasing footfalls to the NMIC and benefiting film lovers in India and abroad.

4.1 Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) unveiled its special Diamond Jubilee logo and announced a Golden Chance Scheme for awarding diploma to all its alumni who could not receive it earlier. As part of the initiative of Skilling India in Film & Television (SKIFT), FTTI conducted it's first-ever "Basic Course in Visual Storytelling (through photographs & texts and Audio – Video)" in Jaipur, in association with Jawahar Kala Kendra (Govt. Of Rajasthan).

4.2 The newly launched Film Facilitation Office (FFO) Promotional film has been put up on the home page of the website of the Ministry along with the FFO logo hyperlinked to the FFO site. The production department, National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) Delhi, has produced several films, documentaries, TVCs etc. on behalf of client Ministries/ Departments including a documentary film to celebrate 150 Years of Mahatma Gandhi, 2 TVCs on FASTag launch, 1 Telefilm, 1 documentary and 2 TVCs/ promos for the Indian Navy and an animation film on Airports Economic Regulatory Authority.
A one-day National Seminar on Gender and Media was held on 7th December, 2019 at Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI), Kolkata. A two-day International workshop cum Seminar on ‘Smartphone Applications for Audio Visual in the Digital Age’ has been conducted by SRFTI on 5th – 6th December, 2019.

5.0 Government of India Wall Calendar 2020 and Engagement Diary 2020 were printed and distributed by BOC during the month.

I&B Initiatives on Minimum Government Maximum Governance –

- The Ministry has prepared the draft bill titled “Registration of Press and Periodicals (RPP) Bill, 2019” to replace the existing Press and Registration of Books (PRB) Act, 1867 and sought the comments/suggestions of the stakeholders on 25-11-2019.

- Channel Licensing – Ministry of I&B issued permission to 2 Non-news and Current Affairs Private Satellite TV channels and cancelled the permission of 1 News and current affairs permitted Private Satellite TV channel. Hence, the total number of Private Satellite TV channels for Uplinking and Downlinking in India as on 31.12.2019 is 918.

- Community Radio Stations (CRS) - To raise awareness about Community Radio Policy and Scheme, Community Radio Awareness workshop was held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat from 9th - 11th December, 2019. Around 36 organizations consisting Educational Institutions, NGOs and KVKs from the states of Gujarat and Maharashtra attended the workshop.

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