Sub.: Summary (No.-7) to the Cabinet on the significant activities of Ministry of
Information & Broadcasting for the month of July 2019.

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

1.0 Hon’ble Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Environment, Forests
& Climate Change, Shri Prakash Javadekar presented the report card of
First Fifty Days of the Government, in an interaction with Media persons on
22\textsuperscript{nd} July, 2019. The Minister stated that the government has strived to fulfil
the goal of ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas’. The Minister
enumerated several key decisions and highlighted the primary focus areas of
the government. It was conveyed that the roadmap towards making India a 5
trillion-dollar economy has been laid down in these 50 days. A special booklet
was also designed and printed by Bureau of Outreach and Communication
(BOC) on 50 days of Modi Government titled “Fifty days of Modi Government:
Decisive & Directional”.

1.1 The First Steering Committee Meeting for the Golden Jubilee edition of 50\textsuperscript{th}
International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2019, held on 14\textsuperscript{th} July at Goa,
was chaired by the Hon’ble Minister of Information and Broadcasting (HMIB)
Shri Prakash Javadekar. Hon’ble Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Sawant
attended the meeting along with the senior officers of Directorate of Film
Festivals, Entertainment Society of Goa, I&B Ministry and Goa Government
and representatives of the film community. A special IFFI Golden Jubilee
Poster was also released on the occasion.

It was announced that Caravan/ road shows will be conducted across
seven cities in India to reach out to film fraternity for developing a buzz for the
Festival. Business Exhibitions will also be organized to display relevant
technologies for films and Exhibition marking the 150\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary of
Mahatma Gandhi. In order to fast track the preparations, the second Steering
Committee meeting has also been held under the Chairmanship of Additional
Secretary, M/o I&B on 30\textsuperscript{th} July, 2019 at Films Division, Mumbai.

1.2 The ‘Union Budget 2019-20’ presented by the Hon’ble Finance Minister Smt.
Nirmala Sitharaman on 5\textsuperscript{th} July, 2019 was comprehensively covered and
publicized. The budget speech by the Finance Minister was broadcast/ telecast/ streamed live on all major platforms of M/o I&B, including Social
Media handles. DD News did exclusive telecast of Hon’ble Prime Minister’s
first reaction on Budget and Hon’ble Finance Minister’s exclusive interaction
after the budget presentation. DD News showed exclusive programmes on
various sectors of Budget and respective allocations/ provisions with a fleet of
guests & experts. News Services Division, All India Radio (NSD, AIR)
broadcast special Budget Bulletins and post-budget discussions with eminent
experts. Press Information Bureau (PIB) uploaded Infographics and Press
The August issues of Yojana and Kurukshetra journals published by Publications Division are special issues on the theme of 'Union Budget'.

1.3 The 20th Anniversary Celebrations of Kargil Vijay Diwas on 26th July, 2019 were covered live by DD News, including the Kargil Victory Run, the Tri Services Band Concert and Wreath laying ceremony at War Memorial, India Gate. The Wreath Laying Ceremony by the Hon'ble President of India from Kargil War Memorial, Drass on 26.07.2019 and the Kargil Vijay Diwas Celebration 2019 function with Hon'ble Prime Minister as the Chief Guest from Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi on 27.07.2019 were broadcast/telecast live on all major platforms of the Ministry. An advisory was issued to all Private Satellite TV Channels to telecast and cover related events. DD News telecast special programmes including 'Salute to brave heart', documentary on Kargil Vijay, special programmes on Martyrs and 'Y-Factor' with NCC Cadets. Features on 'Kargil War Heroes' were broadcast from all channels of AIR. The functions organized all over the country were also covered in spot news coverage by NSD, AIR.

1.4 The first operational flight of the India's Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle GSLV MkIII-M1 which successfully launched into an earth orbit the Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh on 22nd July, 2019 was provided extensive coverage and publicity. DD News conceptualized and produced special programmes, including a two hour live telecast and 3 recorded programmes of 30 minutes on Chandrayaan-II. Discussion programmes were also broadcast by NSD, AIR in its current affairs programmes. The VIPs congratulating Team ISRO on the successful launch were also adequately covered.

1.5 DD News started a new bulletin from 1st July, 2019 titled 'Jal Shakti Samachar' in place of Swachhta Samachar twice a day, on the occasion of the launch of 'Jal Shakti Abhiyaan' across the country. Hon'ble Prime Minister has called for making the Jal Shakti movement as a mass movement. The Regional Outreach Bureaus (ROBs) of BOC have also carried out Outreach Programmes to create awareness on Water Conservation among masses.

1.6 The State-of-Art Video Walls, installed under the three-year Action Plan of the Ministry of I&B, were inaugurated on 25th July, 2019 in 8 DD Studios and Earth Station at DD Kendra, Delhi by the HMIB Shri Prakash Javadekar. DD News live covered the inauguration in DD Studios across the country. On the occasion, the Minister highlighted the significance of the Video Walls in enhancing viewer experience.

1.7 HMIB Shri Prakash Javadekar launched several e-projects of Publications Division (DPD) including its redesigned dynamic website, mobile app “Digital DPD”, e-version of ‘Rozgaar Samachar’ and e-book “Satyagrah Geeta” presenting the life and activities of Gandhi, during his visit to Book Gallery at Soochna Bhawan, Delhi on 31st July, 2019. On the occasion, the Minister conveyed that the reading culture of the people should be revitalised.
1.8 It has been decided by the Ministry that an Affidavit be submitted within one month of issue of notice by both existing Multiple System Operators (MSOs) as well as fresh applicants that they are carrying all 24 DD Channels, besides Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha TV channels, on their TV network. This has been done to avert the contravention of existing rules regarding carrying of DD channels by all Cable TV Networks.

2.0 DD News sent a special correspondent to Hague for live reporting of International Court of Justice (ICJ) judgment on Kulbhushan Jadhav case and did exclusive coverage of the verdict in favour of India. DD News did comprehensive coverage of Parliament proceedings during July, 2019, covering various important Bills passed and the Question Hours of both Houses. DD News had also organized special shows on Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, which was discussed in length in DD News Prime Time bulletins.

3.0 The Feature Film Nagarkiran (Bengali), nominated by Directorate of Film Festivals (DFF) at the SAARC Film Festival held from 2nd to 7th July, 2019 in Colombo, Sri Lanka, was honoured with Best Feature Film, Best Director, Best Actor and Best Original Score. Among other films nominated, Na Bole Wo Haram (Marathi) was honoured with Best Short Film and Walking With the Wind (Ladakhi) was honoured with the Special Jury (Direction and Story).

I&B Initiatives on Minimum Government Maximum Governance –

- **Community Radio Stations (CRS)** – 4 meetings of Screening Committee have been convened wherein a total of 108 applications were considered. A meeting of Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) has been convened to consider over 120 applications for permission to establish CRS. A total of Rs. 22.5 lakhs have been sanctioned for release as grant-in-aid under Community Radio Support Scheme.

- **Channel Licensing** – Ministry of I&B has neither issued permission to any Private Satellite TV channel nor cancelled the permission of any permitted Private Satellite TV channel. Hence, the total number of Private Satellite TV channels for Uplinking and Downlinking in India as on 31.07.2019 is 911 (527 Non-News & Current Affairs and 384 News & Current Affairs).

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