Sub.: Summary (No.-11) to the Cabinet on the significant activities of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting for the month of November 2019.

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

1.0 The Hon’ble President of India’s visit to Sultanpur Lodhi on 12th November and Hon’ble Prime Minister’s visit to Sultanpur Lodhi, Kartarpur Corridor and Dera Baba Nanak in Punjab on 9th November, 2019 to mark the 550th Birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji were covered live on all platforms of the Ministry, including Social Media. The Hon’ble Minister of Information & Broadcasting Shri Prakash Javadekar inaugurated a Sound & Light Show at Amritsar held from 8th – 12th November, 2019 along with Digital Exhibition at Sultanpur Lodhi organized by Bureau of Outreach and Communication (BOC). The Minister also inaugurated Kartarpur Theme song prepared by National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) at Amritsar on 8th November and launched a digital version of ‘Gurbani’ of archival value as preserved in Prasar Bharati Archives at New Delhi on 15th November, 2019. DD News did extensive live coverage of ‘Prakash Parv’ organized at Sultanpur Lodhi (Punjab) and Kartarpur Corridor on 12th Nov., 2019 and telecast a documentary on Kartarpur Corridor and a discussion based programme. ‘Bani Utsav’ – a Shabad-Kirtan Concert by eminent Raagis, was organized by the External Services Division of All India Radio (AIR).

1.1 On the occasion of National Press Day, the Hon’ble Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu awarded the winners of ‘National Awards for Excellence in Journalism 2019’ for their outstanding and exemplary work in journalism at an event organized by Press Council of India, New Delhi on 16th November, 2019. The Vice President of India also released the Norms of Journalistic Conduct Edition - 2019, the Directory of Press Council of India and a souvenir at the award function. The Hon’ble Minister of Information & Broadcasting, Shri Prakash Javadekar attended the function and addressed the key issues that the media fraternity faced. On the occasion, Press councils of five countries viz. Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka participated and had a round table conference on the topic “Reporting – Interpretation: A Journey”.

1.2 The Directorate of Film Festivals, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting organized the 50th Edition of the International Film Festival of India held from 20th to 28th November, 2019 in Panaji, Goa which was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Minister for Information & Broadcasting Shri Prakash Javadekar. The opening ceremony was graced by Sh. Amitabh Bachchan & Sh. Rajnikanth, Film Actors. The closing ceremony of IFFI 2019 was based on the theme ‘Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat’. The Golden Jubilee Edition of IFFI witnessed around 190 acclaimed films from 76 countries, with Russia as the country of focus, and more than 12,000 delegates and film lovers participated. Shri Rajinikanth was conferred the first ever
'Icon Of Golden Jubilee Award' and French actress Ms. Isabelle Huppert was conferred with the 'Lifetime Achievement Award'. At award segment, awards were conferred in nine different categories. The ICFT-UNESCO Fellini medal was awarded to IFFI on completion of its glorious 50 years.

For the first time in IFFI's history, a commemorative First Day Cover was released and various new sections like Master Frames, Golden Peacock Retrospective, Restored Indian Classics, Soul of Asia, Silent Films with live music, etc were curated. As part of the Curtain Raiser of IFFI 2019, the 50th IFFI Audio-Visual Anthem representing the origin of entertainment coming from India was released in New Delhi on 13th November, 2019. On the occasion, BOC and National Film Archives of India (NFAI) organized a special interactive multimedia digital exhibition 'IFFI@50' in Goa.

1.3 The Ministry and its Media Units celebrated 'Constitution Day' on 26th November, 2019 by undertaking pledge and various initiatives. The commemoration of Samvidhan Divas attended by the Hon'ble President of India, Hon'ble Vice President and Hon'ble Prime Minister of India was telecast/ broadcast live from Central Hall of Parliament House, New Delhi on all platforms of the Ministry on 26th November, 2019. DD News prepared a documentary and a special programme on Constitution Day and telecast four special episodes of Preamble reading with children and commoners. Publications Division (DPD) organized a quiz on 'Constitution of India' on Twitter (@dpd_india) from 6th - 26th November 2019. Films Division screened five free and open to all films/ documentaries at J.B. Hall, Films Division, Mumbai on 26th November. Regional Outreach Bureaus (ROBs) of BOC organized several Special Outreach Programmes across the country. A special microsite was prepared by PIB and linked to its main website. Wide & instant dissemination was provided to the event by posting tweets, pictures and videos on various social media platforms.

1.4 The Hon'ble Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Shri Prakash Javadekar inaugurated All India Radio's new Broadcast Auditorium at New Delhi on 15th November, 2019. The Hon'ble Minister of Food Processing Industries, Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal and Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Babul Supriyo accompanied Shri Javadekar in unveiling a Plaque of the New Auditorium, which is equipped with all the facilities like Multipurpose hall, Editing studios, Multimedia facility etc.

1.5 DD News prominently telecast 6 episodes of discussion based special programme on Jammu and Kashmir i.e. "Kashmir Ka Sachh". Exclusive updates and extensive coverage was provided to the developments after creation of Union Territories of Jammu –Kashmir and Ladakh by News Services Division of All India Radio (NSD, AIR). The announcements made by the Hon'ble Home Minister were publicized widely and Ground Reports were broadcast from J&K, Leh and Kargil.

2.0 The Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and Information & Broadcasting (I&B), Shri Prakash Javadekar flagged off e-vehicles, procured by the Ministry of I&B, at an event in New Delhi on 1st November, 2019. On the occasion, it was announced that the current 5 Lakh Petrol and Diesel Cars used by government and its agencies across the country will be replaced by Electric Vehicles in a phased manner. This will give a fillip to the National E-Mobility Programme launched by the Government of India.
Four-day long 5th India International Science Festival held in Kolkata was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister through video conferencing on 5th November, 2019. PIB conducted a Media Tour for 36 Media Persons from across the country from 4th – 9th Nov., 2019. Press releases related to the inauguration were issued and wide and instant publicity was provided on social media platforms of PIB.

Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI), in collaboration with Vigyan Prasar, Dept. of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India, has organized International Science Film Festival of India (ISFFI) from 6th – 8th November, 2019 at SRFTI campus. 97 nationally and internationally acclaimed and award winning films on science, health and environment were screened under the theme 'Research, Innovation and Science Empowering Nation' and Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Minister of DST gave away the awards. SRFTI also organized a two day film festival of Swiss and Italian films 'Cinema From the Italian-Speaking World' with support from the Swiss and Italian Embassies from 19th – 20th November, 2019.

DD News made comprehensive arrangements for the visits of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi to Thailand from 2nd – 4th November and Brazil from 13th – 14th November, 2019 to attend the ASEAN Summit and XI BRICS Summit respectively. DD News also covered the State visit of President of Sri Lanka, State visit of Prince of Wales, State visit of Foreign Affairs and Defence Minister of Japan and Foreign Affairs Minister of Bhutan & Republic of Finland to India.

I&B Initiatives on Minimum Government Maximum Governance –

- Channel Licensing – Ministry of I&B issued permission to 10 (2 Non-news and 8 News) Private Satellite TV channels and surrendered the permission of 3 (1 Non-news and 2 News) permitted Private Satellite TV channel. Hence, the total number of Private Satellite TV channels for Uplinking and Downlinking in India as on 30.11.2019 is 917.

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