

Government of India
Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances

Monthly summary for the month of February, 2022

Important achievements /activities during the month of February, 2022 are as under:

(i) **PM Awards 2021**

(a) 713 Districts out of total 738 Districts of India registered for Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2021. A total of 3412 nominations were made and till date 2253 completed applications received on the PM Awards portal.

(b) The Screening Committee meetings for all the six Schemes for evaluating the applications forms for the PM's Awards 2021 have been held.

(c) An Expert Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary (DARPG) for considering the recommendations of the Screening Committee and further evaluating the applications received, based on Spot Study of the shortlisted projects.

(d) DoPT has nominated 128 officers of the level of Director / Deputy Secretary for conducting Spot Study of the applications shortlisted by the Screening Committee.

(ii) **International Exchange & Cooperation**

(a) A meeting was held between Secretary DARPG & DPPW and Ambassador of France to India on 08.02.2022 to discuss the renewal of the partnership agreement on Public Admin & Administrative Reforms between India and France.

(b) A meeting was held between Secretary DARPG & DPPW and High Commissioner of Gambia to India was held on 23.02.2022 on the 2022-23 implementation roadmap of India-Gambia MOU on Refurbishing Personnel Administration and Governance Reforms covering pension reforms, capacity building programs at NCGG, adoption of e-Office and e-Recruitment.

(c) DAR&PG and Australian Public Service Commission, Australia jointly organized the first webinar on 'Workforce Initiatives' on 24.2.2022 under the aegis of the MoU signed by DARPG with APSC, Australia on 4th June, 2020. The webinar was co-chaired by Shri N.B.S. Rajput, Joint Secretary, DARPG and Ms. Phoebe Greentree, Executive Director, APSC. The webinar facilitated exchange and understanding of each other's perspective on Workforce upskilling for core data and digital capabilities and also digital career pathways.

(d) The Deputy High Commissioner, Australia called on Secretary DARPG on 25.02.2022. The status of implementation and future roadmap of the India-Australia MoU in the field of Public Administration and Governance Reforms was discussed.

(iii) **National eGovernance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA), 2021**

(a) A review meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, AR & PG through VC on 04.02.2022 with Central Ministries / Departments and States/UTs to review the Preliminary analysis of NeSDA, 2021.

A meeting was also held by Secretary, AR & PG with Chief Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir through VC on 07.02.2022 to discuss the J&K e-Services Delivery Assessment, 2021.

(b) A meeting between Secretary, DARPG and Chairman, Administrative Reforms Commission Karnataka was held on 08.02.2022 to identify common areas for deepening administrative reforms and improving service delivery by bringing citizens and Government closer, a DARPG Regional Conference in Bengaluru in May 2022 was agreed upon.

(c) The 2nd round of senior official level meeting between Secretary DARPG and Chief Secretary, Arunachal Pradesh for formulation of DGGI of Arunachal Pradesh was held on 09.02.2022.

(iv) **Centralised Public Grievance Redress & Monitoring System (CPGRAMS)**

(a) An Inter-active Session was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DARPG through VC was held on 02.02.2022 to review the progress of Implementation of CPGRAMS reforms-version 7.0 with 40 Ministries / Departments.

(b) A meeting through VC under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DARPG was held on 02.02.2022 with the DG's of the State ATIs to review the Sevottam Scheme and capacity building of State Grievance Officers.

(v) **Special Campaign on disposal of pendency**

(a) A meeting with all Ministries / Departments to review progress the progress of disposal of pendency and its updation on SCDPM Portal was chaired by Secretary DARPG on 02.02.2022. The pendency levels in several Ministries/Departments like Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and Department of posts indicated significant reduction.

(b) An e-book on Swachhta Campaign highlighting the best practices was uploaded on the website of the DARPG (www.darpg.gov.in).

(c) The schedule of visit of QCI team to the various Ministries/ Departments to undertake 3rd Party Evaluation of initiative for increasing efficiency in decision making in the Central Secretariat was finalized in consultation with all Ministries/Departments. The QCI team will be visiting various Ministries/Departments from 2nd March to 31st March, 2022 as per the stated schedule of visit.

(vi) **Vision India@2047 for DARPG**

The 2nd meeting of the working group for formulating DARPG's Vision India@2047 on Governance was held under chairmanship of Secretary DARPG on 09.02.2022.

Other activities

DARPG published the 'Minimum Government – Maximum Governance' MGMT July - December, 2021 (issue) comprises of write-ups on select shortlisted initiatives of National e-Governance Awards 2021.