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Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(Coordination Section)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of January, 2021.

A copy of the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary (Both English & Hindi) for the Cabinet pertaining to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for the month of January, 2021 is enclosed herewith for information.


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To,

1. All members of the Council of the Ministers
2. Deputy Chairman, NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi
3. All Members of NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi. (10 spare copies)
4. Cabinet Secretary , Rashtrapati Bhavanm New Delhi
5. All Secretaries to Government of India
6. Information Officer, PIB , Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

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1. **Award and construction of National Highways:** The Ministry has constructed 9,129 km of National Highways upto January 2021 as compared to 7,925 km in January, 2020. The award figure is 7,696 km during this period as compared to 3,509 km in the previous year.
2. **National Road Safety Month, 2021:** National Road Safety Month was inaugurated in New Delhi on 18.01.2021, by Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Minister for Defence and Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSME to create awareness about road safety and reduce road accidents in India. During the last few years, a road safety week was being organised, but considering the importance of the issue, a month-long programme has been made drawn this year. A film on Road safety was launched on the occasion, besides flagging off of a National Championship Safe Speed Challenge from Amritsar to Kanyakumari, and conferring away of awards for Road Safety.
3. **Meetings of National Road Safety Council and Transport Development Council:** The Ministry also convened 19th meeting of National Road Safety Council (NRSC) and 40th meeting of Transport Development Council (TDC) on 19.01.2021 under the Chairmanship of Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSME. Transport Ministers from several states along with their Transport Secretaries and Transport Commissioners, participated in the meeting. Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSME stressed upon the need for making the public transport people friendly, safe, affordable, accessible, cost effective and pollution free.

4. **MoRTH Webinar on Bridge and Structural Engineering:** The Indian National Group of International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering (ING- IABSE) is engaged in dissemination of knowledge in bridge planning, design, construction & maintenance. A series of webinars is being organised by this group on road safety.
5. **MoRTH and DRDO to collaborate for geo-hazard management:** Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Ministry of Defence signed a framework Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 20.01.2021 in New Delhi to strengthen collaboration in the field of technical exchange and co-operation on sustainable geo-hazard management. It has been agreed that MoRTH and DRDO will co-operate in the areas of mutual benefit including, conceptual planning of integrated avalanche / landslide protection schemes for all weather connectivity in snow bound areas of the country.
6. **MoU signed for continuation of MoRTH Professorial Chair at IIT Roorkee:** Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 22.01.2021 for continuation of MoRTH Professorial Chair focusing on research and development, teaching and training in the area of Development of Highway Infrastructure. This collaboration of MoRTH with IIT-Roorkee will strengthen R&D activities in Road Sector and the Chair Professor is expected to provide leadership in conducting and coordinating research, development and teaching in the area of Development of Highway Infrastructure.
7. **International Driving Permit :** The Ministry has issued a notification on 07.01.2021 to facilitate the issuance of International Driving Permit (IDP) for Indian citizens whose IDP has expired while they are abroad. With this amendment, Indian citizens can apply for renewal through the Indian