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Sub.: Summary (No.-9) to the Cabinet on the significant activities of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting for the month of September 2016.

The significant activities / events relating to this Ministry for the month of September 2016 are outlined below: -

- Shri M Venkaiah Naidu, Minister for Information and Broadcasting inaugurated a two day Regional Editors Conference at Chennai on 1st September, 2016. The conference, organized by the Press Information Bureau, is aimed at sharing with the senior journalists of the southern States and Union Territories, the perspectives of and performance under new initiatives of the Government of India in sectors pertaining to Urban Development, Information Technology, Coastal security, Commerce and Industry and Shipping and Highways Development. About 100 media persons attended the conference.
- As a part of run up events to the BRICS Summit held in Goa in October 2016, the 1st BRICS Film Festival was organized by Directorate of Film Festivals at the Sirifort Auditorium Complex, New Delhi, from September 2nd to September 6th, 2016. The festival was inaugurated jointly by Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting, Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore and Minister of State for External Affairs, General V .K. Singh and concluded with the Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu conferring the Best Movie award to the Kannada Movie "Thithi" from India. Other awardees included Special Jury to movie "Between Valleys" from Brazil, Best Director award for the Movie, "Xuan Chang" to Mr. Huo Jianqi from China, Best Actor (Male) for movie "Kalushi (The story of Solomon Mahlangu)" to Mr. Thabo Rametsi from South Africa and Best Actor (Female) for movie "Battle for Sevastopol" to Ms. Yulia Peresild from Russia. The five member Jury consisted of Mr. T S Nagabharana (India) – Chairperson, Mr. Francis Vogner do Reis (Brazil), Mr. Kirill Razlogov (Russia), Mr. Hou Keming (China) and Ms. Xoliswa Sithole (South Africa). The festival showcased an amalgamation of culture, films, song & dance and food of the 5 member countries, Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Minister for Information & Broadcasting conferred diplomas to IIMC students at 49th convocation ceremony of Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi held on 15th September, 2016. 341 students from all the six Centres of IIMC were conferred PG Diplomas at the Convocation.
- A special issue of Kurukshetra compiled by Publications Division focusing on Rural Sanitation has been released by Minister for Information &

Broadcasting, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu at INDOSAN conference held in Vigyan Bhawan on 30th September, 2016. The issue has been embellished by articles from Hon'ble Minister and Secretary of Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, apart from the articles highlighting the ground level initiatives and success stories from the field.

- A Film Appreciation Course was jointly organized by National Film Archive of India (NFAI) and Federation of Film Societies of India (FFSI) from 18th – 24th September, 2016 at the NFAI. The medium of instruction was Marathi. The Course was inaugurated by prominent filmmaker Shri Ashutosh Gowariker and concluded by noted actor Shri. Vikram Gokhale. 100 participants from all over Maharashtra attended the Course.



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