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Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of July, 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 July, 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 Bhavan 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 2,927 km of National Highways up to July in 2021-22 as compared to 2,657 km up to July in 2020-21. The award figure is 2,434 km during this period as compared to 2,702 km in the previous year.
2. **Toll Collection through FASTag:** With easing of lockdown in most States and increase in the movement of traffic on the Highways, the toll collection through FASTag is reaching the level recorded before the 2nd wave of Covid pandemic. The toll collection across the country through FASTag touched Rs. 103.54 crore with 63.09 lakh transactions on 01st July 2021. Electronic toll collection through FASTag is operational at 780 active toll plazas across the country.
3. **Fighting pollution and innovation towards e-vehicles:** Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways, addressed India Global Forum 2021 on 'Climate Action; Electric mobility Now' on 1st July, 2021. He emphasized on government priority to fight pollution and develop Indian technology and innovation towards e-vehicles. He stated that we are trying our best to convert all our construction material to greener options.
4. **Safety audits to reduce road accidents:** Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways has stated that safety audits have been mandated at all stages of road development to reduce accidents. Inaugurating Virtual Symposium on Vehicle Crash Safety on 5th July 2021, he reminded that India and other developing countries are witnessing a very high rate of road accidents and around 1.5 lakh people are killed every year in India. He emphasized on protection and safety of motorcycle traffic, as 60% deaths are of two wheeler riders. He stressed on the importance of

training of drivers and establishment of advanced Training Institutes and Centres.

5. **Inauguration and lays foundation stone of National Highway Projects in Manipur:** Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways inaugurated and laid foundation stone for 16 National Highway Projects on 12th July, 2021 in Manipur with an investment of Rs 4,148 crores covering total length of 298 kms. The projects will provide all weather connectivity to Manipur with the rest of the country and the neighbouring countries. This will boost agricultural, industrial and socio economic progress of the region. This will also facilitate health care and emergency service to the remotest of the areas and generate employment and self-employment opportunities.
6. **IAHE signs pact with University of New South Wales for setting up centre of excellence:** The Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE), under the Ministry, has signed an Agreement with University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia for setting up a Centre for Advanced Transportation Technology and Systems (CATTs) at IAHE, Noida. The Agreement was signed in a virtual ceremony on 15th July, 2021. The Agreement is for capacity building, technology transfer and creation of enabling environment for establishment of CATTs in IAHE. The UNSW will also deliver a course, certified by it, on smart transport systems and modelling. It will also promote industries and startups from Australia and India in the transportation sector, including opportunities for innovation, research and development of advanced transport systems.
7. **Regulation for Vintage Motor Vehicles:** There are no rules for regulating the registration process of vehicles of heritage value. The Ministry has published an amendment to CMVR 1989, vide GSR 492 (E) dated 15th July 2021, relating to formalize the registration process of Vintage Motor Vehicles. The objective is to preserve and promote the heritage of old