

PRESS RELEASE

**On the occasion of the
Inauguration of Mahalekha Niyantarak Bhawan
By Shri Arun Jaitley, Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs**
(The new official building of the O/o Controller General of Accounts,
Department of Expenditure, M/o Finance)

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Shri Arun Jaitley, Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs inaugurated the 'Mahalekha Niyantarak Bhawan', the new official premises of the O/o Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Department of Expenditure. Minister of State for Finance, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal presided over the function, attended by Secretaries and other senior functionaries of the Government of India.

At the inaugural function, the Finance Minister launched a new Digital India initiative taken up by the O/o the Controller General of Accounts, namely, a Web Responsive Pensioner's Service. This service developed by the Central Pension Accounting Office (CPAO) provides a one-stop solution for pensioners to access information relating to status of pension cases, and pension payments processed by Central Ministries/Departments and Banks. This service will also help in speedy redressal of pensioner's grievances.

A Memorandum of Understanding was also signed between the O/o Controller General of Accounts and the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), India aimed at strengthening the Internal Audit function in line Ministries and Departments of the Government of India.

Speaking on the occasion the Finance Minister lauded the role of CGA in handling the growing volume of revenue and expenditure through lead IT initiatives like the PFMS (Public Financial management System) and NTRP (Non Tax Receipt Portal). He also talked about the importance of data analytics in assessing the quality of government expenditure and revenue. Further he lauded the role of PFMS in ensuring that the funds reach the intended beneficiaries and are essentially used for the purpose they were intended for. He also commended the new initiative taken to serve the pensioners better through the newly launched Web Responsive Pensioner's Service.

Union Minister of State for Finance Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal addressing the gathering lauded all the three pioneering IT initiatives of office of the CGA and talked about the need of addressing stress related issues of officers/staff through Stress Management training.

The new building is designed and constructed by the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) and conforms to new norms of a Green building and for energy conservation. A grid integrated solar panel system is also planned to be installed for harnessing solar energy.
