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■ **Pro Rata Pension Facility Extended to JCOs Permanently Absorbed in PSU's**

The Defence Ministry has extended the benefit of pro-rata pension to Junior Commissioned Officers who joined the Public Sector Undertakings on permanent absorption after ten years of qualifying service in the armed forces. Earlier this benefit was limited to the Commissioned Officers only. The provisions will be applicable to those Junior Commissioned Officers who are absorbed and appointed in Central Public Sector Enterprises, Central Public Sector Undertaking on or after 6th March 1985 or Central Autonomous bodies on or after 31st March 1987.

■ **Atal Innovation Mission Launches Women Centric Challenges under ANIC**