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PENSIONER'S BHAVAN with Lawn in front



Justice Sri N. Santosh Hegde arriving at Pensioners' Bhavan



Justice Sri N. Santosh Hegde unveiling the Stone Plaque



Justice Sri N. Santosh Hegde along with office bearers near the Stone Plaque



Justice Sri N. Santosh Hegde declaring open Pensioners' Bhavan by cutting the ribbon



Justice Sri N. Santosh Hegde speaking on the occasion



Launching of website - www.kptpa.org - by Sri Justice N. Santosh Hegde

An Event to remember

Declaring open “Pensioners’ Bhavan”, the newly constructed building of Karnataka P&T Pensioners’ Association and Launching of website of our Association www.kptp.org

It was celebration time for the members of Karnataka P&T Pensioners’ Association on Sunday the 24th of June, 2012. Celebration, because, firstly, a dream of 18-long years to possess an accommodation of their own has, at long last, been achieved and secondly, the Annual General Body Meeting was being held, for the first time at the premises owned by the Association. Simultaneously, the website of our Association www.kptp.org was also launched. The enthusiasm of the members should be seen to be believed! For the convenience of members, a shuttle service of a Tempo Traveller had been arranged to perform as many trips as were required to bring the members from “Byatarayanapura” Highway Road (NH7, Bangalore International Airport Road) junction to the venue of the function and to take them back in the afternoon after the meeting. Breakfast and lunch also had been arranged.

2. At 10.45 AM, on arrival of Justice Sri Santosh N. Hegde, Retd. Judge of Supreme Court and former Lokayukta, Karnataka, the Chief Guest for the Open Session, the President, Sri B.Sadashiva Rao, announced a short adjournment of the Morning Session of the subjects Committee Meeting, which had begun at 9.30 AM. He went along with other office bearers to receive the Chief Guest at the entrance of the Auditorium. The entire audience extended a warm welcome to the Chief Guest by standing and greeting him.

3. Justice Sri Hegde was lead to the new building at 11 AM by the office bearers of the Association for declaring it open. Justice Sri Hegde unveiled the stone plaque embedded on the front wall of the Building and thereafter, cut open the ribbon fastened to the entrance-door, thereby declaring it open. He was taken inside the building and shown the furnished Office Room, Guest Rooms etc., Justice Sri Hegde expressed pleasure over the design, arrangement and quality of construction. All other members of the Association then entered.

4. Coming back to the meeting venue, the President requested Justice Sri Hegde to launch the website of the Association. He also requested

Sri Sudarshan V. Lakvalli, Head-Product Development of M/s Mindcom Consulting Services Pvt. Ltd., to render the technical assistance. The website “www.kptp.org/” was thereafter launched by Justice Sri Hegde. Sri Sudarshan explained in brief the technical details to the audience. Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, a member of the Executive Committee, who was mainly instrumental in requesting and coordinating with the software Company, explained the details of the website in a brief speech.

5. The Open Session of the AGBM began at 11.30 AM with Sri N. Bhaskaran, Secretary rendering the Welcome Address. Welcoming the Chief Guest, Justice Sri Santosh N. Hegde, he gave a brief account of Justice Sri Santosh Hegde’s bio data specifically pointing out that he has the distinction of being the second person in India in the judiciary to be appointed directly from the Bar as Supreme Court Judge! He said pensioners, who had donated from their pension-money for constructing the “Pensioners’ Bhavan” did not want its opening to be done by the tainted hands of politicians. He felt happy that the opening of the building was done by Justice Sri Santosh N. Hegde, the illustrious son of Karnataka. He expressed Association’s deep gratitude to the Board of Directors of the Telecom Employees’ Cooperative Housing Society Ltd., and more particularly to Sri G. Babu, its President for the continuous and all round help rendered right from the beginning at every stage of the construction, but for which, it would have been a herculean task to achieve completion of the project within such a short time. Secretary welcomed representatives of Associations affiliated to CCCGPA, Sri Attavar Yoganand, a member aged 92 years had come all the way from Pune He was also introduced to the audience. Sri M.S. Narasimhan, Editor-“Pensioners’ Advocate” of AIFPA, Chennai and all others who had graced the occasion were extended welcome.

6. Thereafter, the President, Sri B. Sadashiva Rao, delivered the Presidential speech. Full text of the speech has been reproduced elsewhere in this journal.

7. Speaking next, the Chief Guest, Justice Sri Santosh N. Hegde, said he was extremely happy to be in the midst of the elderly people on the occasion of opening of "Pensioners' Bhavan". He was also extremely happy because of the fact that the foundation stone for the building was laid by Justice Sri M.N. Venkatachalaiah in 2010, whom he considered as his 'Guru'. He said, that he was hoping that Justice Sri Venkatachalaiah would be present on the occasion, but for some good reason he could not. He congratulated the Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association on its great achievement of owning its own Building-a unique achievement Justice Sri Hegde appreciated provision for Guest Rooms in the building for pensioners coming from outside Karnataka. He said he was glad to note that pensioners of other Departments of Government of India, including four retired High Court Judges are members of the Association. He felt sad that people who get elected in a democratic set up, where the Government is "Of the people, by the people and for the people" forget that they have been elected to serve the people by understanding their responsibilities. Similar is the case with Government servants in responsible positions. The first thing that a Government servant has to do is to offer a chair to the person coming to him with a grievance, but this is not happening in many places. Continuing, Sri Hegde said, when we got our Independence in 1947, the first question raised in the Constituent Assembly was what type of political system we must have. There was dictatorship elsewhere in the World also. But, India chose Democracy, where every elected representative should feel that he is a representative of the people who elected him. The system of governance was given by the Indian people themselves not by Foreign Rulers or Maharajas. When Anna Hazare was negotiating to bring in 'Lokpal Bill', one of the MPs asked "Who are you to tell the Government? Parliament is supreme under the Constitution. If anybody feels that an action is wrong, he is free to approach the High Court or Supreme Court. When Anna Hazare referred to the Prime Minister as a "Public Servant", there was an uproar questioning usage of the term. There is nothing wrong in the usage. The definition of "Public servant" is given in Sec. 21 of IPC. In a

democracy, people have to be vigilant always. There is no difference between political parties A, B or C. The President of the Association, in his speech has referred to the fact that the Government has not implemented decisions of the Courts, which is unfortunate. He once again thanked members of the Executive Committee of the Association for having given him an opportunity of opening the building and launching the website and for having thought of him for the purpose.

8. Dr. Pramila Chandrashekar, Addl. Director, CGHS, Bangalore, who attended the meeting addressed the gathering assuring all help to CGHS beneficiaries and presented a gift in the form of Lord Ganesa's photo to the Association. Dr. V.C.Shanmuganandan, Retd. Addl. Director, CGHS, Bangalore who could not be present at the commencement of the meeting because of prior commitment, attended the meeting along with his family before the closure of the morning session and presented a big wall clock to the Association. Similarly, Sri Shameem Ahmed, representative of CGPA, Mysore, also presented a wall clock to the Association.

9. Mementos and bouquets were given, thereafter to the Chief Guest, Sri C. Murthy, the Civil Contractor, who built the building, Sri G. Babu, and Sri Sudarshan V. Lakvalli. Bouquets were presented to Sri K. Sridharan, President, Residents' Welfare Association and Sri Ramesh, the Electrical Contractor. Thereafter, a group photo was taken of all Office Bearers, Members of the Executive Committee and Members of the Building Sub Committee with the Chief Guest and other dignitaries. The Open Session came to a close at 12.30 PM

10. Members stood up as a token of respect when the Chief Guest departed at 12.30 PM

11. Smt. Sujatha, daughter of Sri M.S. Krishnamurthy, anchored the proceedings of the Open Session.

No.	Donation to the Association	Rs.
325	K.N. Vasudeva Rao	501
136	M.R.N. Iyengar	500
1845	P. Rudraiah	500
1907	K. Gopal Rai	500
1951	S. Harihara Sharma	500
1000	I.R. Prakash	100

**Proceedings of the Subjects Committee of the Annual General Body Meeting
held on Sunday, the 24th June 2012**

The Proceedings were conducted in two Sessions "Morning and Post-lunch" in-between the Open Session

Morning Session

1. The Morning Session of the Subjects Committee of the Annual General Body Meeting started at 9.30AM with an invocation by Sri Nagaraj. S/Sri B. Sadashiva Rao, M. Ramiah, N. Bhaskaran, B.K. Gundu Rao and S.M.Vittal Rao, the President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint secretary and Treasurer respectively, were seated on the dais. 250 members attended. After a brief welcome by Sri N. Bhaskaran, the Secretary, minutes of the previous AGBM held on 26-6-2011, as recorded and published in "Pensioners' Champion, July, 2011 issue" was adopted unanimously. Secretary's Annual Report for the year 2011-'12 - as published in "Pensioners' Champion", May, 2012 issue" was also approved unanimously.

2. The Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2011-12-as published on pages 6 to 8 of "Pensioners' Champion", May, 2012 issue" were then taken up for consideration. Before moving for its adoption, the President read out a few mistakes, which have inadvertently crept in during printing of the journal as follows:

- i) The heading "Previous Year (10-11)" appearing in column-4 of all the 3 statements from Page-6 to 8 to be deleted.
- ii) In the "Receipts and Payments" statement, on the Receipts side, the amount of Fixed Deposits should be corrected as Rs. 13, 81,390 instead of the printed figure.
- iii) In the "Income and Expenditure" statement, on the "Expenditure" side, the Depreciation amount for the previous year (2010-11) should be corrected as Rs. 3262/- instead of Rs. 3263/-. Also on the "Income" side an entry of Rs.125/- appearing against "Bank Charges" should be deleted.
- iv) In the "Balance Sheet", under "Assets", an entry of "Telephone Deposit-Rs. 3000/-" should be made both for the previous

year(2010-11) as well as for the current year. The figure "Rs. 3000/-" appearing against "Fixed Deposits should be corrected as Rs. 16,50,377/-. He thanked Sri K.S. Venugopalan (LM-817) for having taken the trouble of pointing out the mistakes in writing, in advance. The President mentioned that the Association was fortunate to have a Treasurer like Sri S.M.Vittal Rao, who despite the heavy money transactions amounting to lakhs of rupees, was always up to date with any information required and that too without committing a single mistake and suggested that members express their gratitude to him by extending a standing ovation, which was done immediately. Thereafter, the accounts were adopted unanimously.

3. Felicitations of 75+ aged members, which was in progress at the time the Chief Guest arrived for the Open Session, was then commenced. In all, 44 members out of 124 invited were felicitated, the Vice President announcing the names, Secretary garlanding, President presenting the memento and Treasurer giving the fruits-pack to them, and taking individual photos.

Post Lunch Session.

4. The Post-Lunch Session started at 1.30 PM. Sri T.R. Narayana, one of the members, who had composed a poem in Kannada incorporating therein the names of the present Office Bearers of the Association recited his composition and the audience applauded him by clapping hands! Initiating discussion on the next agenda-item, the President briefly explained anomalies arising out of implementation of VI CPC recommendations, CGHS and latest position on legal matters. He invited members to raise questions, if any. S/Sri R. Mohan, A.K.Ohri, Balakrishnan, R. Lakshmanan and Rajagopal raised several questions, which were explained/ answered by the President and Secretary. Discussions were held for nearly an hour on the issues. The Vice President, Sri M. Ramiah thereafter read out 12 resolutions drafted in this connection for adoption. They were unanimously

adopted. Details are published elsewhere in this journal.

5. In his concluding remarks, the President thanked all the members for having extended excellent cooperation for the smooth conduct of the deliberations.

6. Sri B.K. Gundu Rao, Joint Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all concerned – both inside and outside the Association for the direct and indirect help / cooperation extended for making the function a grand success! With the singing of “Jana-Gana-Mana”, the General Body Meeting concluded at 3.45 PM.

Resolutions adopted at the Annual General Body Meeting of Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association held on 24th June, 2012.

Resolved to pursue with the Government of India the following issues:-

1. Restore Statutory Defined Benefit Pension Scheme to employees recruited on or after 1-1-2004 withdrawing the new pension scheme and rescind PFRDA Bill
2. Grant full parity up to 2006 pay structure to all pre-2006 retirees.
3. Provide comprehensive medical facilities and assistance to all pensioners including Postal/ Telecom Pensioners and pensioners of Autonomous Bodies following Central Service Rules and pay structure through revamped CGHS or under CS (MA) Rules 44. If Health Insurance is introduced, it should be optional and not compulsory for future retirees.
4. The Fixed Medical Allowance should be immediately raised to Rs. 1200/- per month.
5. Declare 50% of Dearness Relief as Dearness Pension for the purpose of computing further increases in Dearness Relief and for pensionary benefits for all pensioners retired/retiring on or after 1-1-2011.
6. Extend the Liberalised Pension Rules applicable to post-2006 retirees viz., computation

of pension on the basis of last pay drawn (if it is more beneficial) and full pension after 20/10 years of service.

7. Allow enhanced family pension equal to the pension last drawn by the deceased spouse/ parents for 10 years also in cases of death of pensioner after his/her retirement.

8. Remove anomaly in pension of DoT employees absorbed in BSNL and retired between 1-10-2000 and 31-7-2001.

9. Commence grant of age-related additional pension on attaining 75 years of age @ 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 75% and 100% after each interval of 5 years.

10. Restore payment of Medical Allowance to BSNL pensioners, who have opted for this.

11. Recognize Bharat Central Pensioners' Confederation (BCPC) and its affiliates and provide negotiating forum on the lines of JCM and Compulsory Arbitration for serving employees with attendant facilities.

12. Restore commuted portion of pension after 12 years.

Issue of individual Plastic Cards to pensioner-beneficiaries of CGHS, Bangalore

(O.M. No. Cards/BNG/CGHS Admn./ 2517 dated 8.6.2012 of the Additional Director, CGHS to all CMOs incharge of CGHS Wellness Centres)

CGHS Bangalore has started issuing Individual Plastic Cards to the pensioners with effect from 14.2.2012 for the new cardholders. It has been decided to change the existing cards of pensioners from old CGHS cards to the new individual Plastic Cards to each CGHS beneficiary with effect from 1.8.2012. All the pensioners who are holding old CGHS cards are required to submit duly-filled application form in the prescribed format along with individual passport-size photographs, contact phone number and address proof to the CMO Incharge of the concerned Wellness Centre. A specimen copy of application form is enclosed herewith.

2. All CMO Incharges are requested to bring it to the notice of all the pensioners in their Wellness Centre for changing old CGHS cards to individual Plastic Cards by putting up this in the Notice Board prominently. Sufficient applications may be kept at the Wellness Centre to enable pensioners to submit the same before the due date. CMO Incharges are requested to collect the application form along with the documents from all the pensioners and send it to this office on 31st July 2012 positively along with the pensioner's file.

(Editor's Note: Copy of Application Form is also available in our website: www.kptpa.org)

Speech delivered by Sri B. Sadashiva Rao, President, at the Annual General Body Meeting of Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association held on 24th June, 2012 at "Pensioners' Bhavan", Bangalore.

Esteemed Chief Guest-Justice Sri Santosh N. Hegde, representatives of sister Pensioners' Associations and Unions of serving Central Government employees, respected invitees and my dear pensioner-members of the Association:

2. We really feel proud that we have been able to hold this Annual General Body Meeting in the premises of our own building for the first time. Ever since we started this Association in the year 1994 as "RMS Pensioners' Association" and with the present nomenclature in 1996, it was our dream to possess an accommodation of our own. It has taken 18 long years for us to achieve this and the credit for this should definitely go to all of you, who have responded to our periodical appeals for funds. We have been able to show to the rest of Pensioners' community in the country that it is possible to achieve a difficult task of this magnitude provided, we unite for the job whole-heartedly and with steadfast determination.

3. It is undoubtedly our good fortune that we were able to secure the services of a great personality like Dr. Justice M.N. Venkatachalaiah, the retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India to lay the foundation stone for the building on 19th September, 2010. It is also our good fortune again to be able to secure the presence of another great personality in Justice Sri Santosh N. Hegde, the retired Judge of Supreme Court and former Lokayukta of Karnataka to declare open the building today! We are really grateful to both of them for the care, concern and compassion shown to the pensioners' community by readily agreeing to associate themselves with the task undertaken by us!

4. Pensioners of today are, by far better financially than what they were some three decades ago. At a time when there was no upward revision of pension when once it is fixed at the time of retirement, the famous and land mark " Nakra Judgment" of 17-12-1982 delivered by the five-Judges-Constitution Bench of Supreme Court of India headed by Late Justice Sri Y.V. Chandrachud came as a turning point in the lives of pensioners. A number of welfare measures were initiated by

the Government which not only improved their lot, but also provided platforms for the pensioner Associations to represent their grievances including an amendment in the terms of reference of the IV CPC. Even Pay Commissions began quoting extensively the declarations contained in the Nakra judgment to buttress recommendations in favour of the pensioners. As a token of gratitude to the judiciary, Pensioners' Associations all over India observe 17th December as "Pensioners' Day" every year.

5. While we are grateful to the Government for having accepted and implemented most of the favourable recommendations of Pay Commissions, we feel sad that Government has not been fair to the pensioners while implementing some of the important recommendations. One such issue on which there is great dissatisfaction among the pensioners is an unfair interpretation and implementation of extending the benefit of "Modified Parity" to the pre-2006 retirees. Though the CAT (Full Bench) of Principal Bench, New Delhi has thoroughly discussed the issue and gave an order upholding the contentions of the Pensioner-Applicants, the Government of India has approached Delhi High Court with a Writ Petition. Considering the past, we are sure, even if the High Court upholds the CAT's order; Government will approach the Apex Court with an SLP! The same is the case with regard to reimbursement of medical claims by pensioners living in non-CGHS areas. Here, the Supreme Court has dismissed all the 34 SLPs filed by the Government of India on 3-4-2012 ! Some of the affected pensioners have already disappeared from this World itself! We are however, yet to see whether the Government will implement the judgments in respect of the rest or again go on appeal to a larger bench of the Apex Court. What pains us most is that even in cases of individuals, the Government goes on appeal to the High Court as a routine act, when CAT decides them in favour of the Applicants. This is despite the fact that its implementation will have no major repercussion, without involving any principle and without setting any precedent or

major financial implication! We feel that the "National Litigation Policy" announced by the Government of India in June, 2010 is just an 'eye wash'.

6. Though we do have a few other major grievances calling for redressal by Government, I feel, I should not lengthen my speech in the circumstances obtaining today, I wish, however to reiterate my usual advice to our brother pensioners

- i) Take care of your health. Have medical check-ups at regular intervals. Eat food like medicine, lest you should, later eat Medicines like food! Do not fail to walk for at least 3 to 4 Kms daily in the morning. Try to look smart by dressing neatly.

- ii) Take care of your finances till your last breath. Write a "WILL" in respect of your self-earned property, both movable (if necessary) and immovable.
- iii) Convert your Post Office / Bank Pension account into a Joint Account (Either or Survivor type)
- iv) Do not fail to file a Nomination in Form-A under the "Payment of arrears of Pension (Nomination) Rules, 1983".
- v) Try to have a regular hobby and keep yourself engaged with some activity or the other.

7. Let us now listen to the illustrious son of Karnataka and crusader of ante corruption movement, Justice Sri Santosh N Hegde!

I wish you all a long, healthy and useful retired life 1

Legal Matter

1. K.V.S.Retired Employees in Bangalore are to get CGHS benefit

The Writ Petition No. 39121/2011-(S-CAT) filed by the Government of India (CGHS authorities) challenging the order passed by CAT Bangalore in OA No. 131/2010 in Poornima Kumaraswamy- Vs- 1) DGHS, New Delhi, 2) AD, CGHS Bangalore etc., has been dismissed by the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka on 19-06-2012. The order passed by the CAT (Extract furnished below) therefore stands and have to be implemented by the CGHS authorities.

"5. In view of this, the OA is allowed. No order as to costs. The Respondents-2&3 are directed that necessary health facilities should be extended to the applicant and to issue necessary instructions which in effect will extend the benefit of CGHS to the applicant as prayed for in representation dated 18-2-2005. The Respondents-2&3 will also issue a suitable general clarification confirming availability of CGHS facilities to retired employees of KVS in Bangalore". (Emphasis is ours)

2. Whither the National Litigation Policy of the Government of India?

The CAT Bangalore had passed order on 6-7-2011 in OA No. 303/2008-Y.C.Dixit-Vs-UoI- by its Secretary, Department of Posts and Others granting to the applicant the benefit of notional

pay fixation in the scale of Gr.A-JTS w.e.f. 1-12-1990 calculating all notional benefits till 31-7-2008 and giving actual benefits w.e.f. 1-8-2008. Two months' time for issue of necessary orders by completing all the formalities and another two months' for actually disbursing financial benefits were given. Thus, the order should have been implemented by 6-11-2011. Though Sri Dixit represented to the CPMG requesting for implementing the order of CAT, he was informed that the matter has been referred to the Directorate for instructions. Finally, a petition under the CAT (Contempt of Courts) Rules, 1992 for 'Civil contempt' had to be filed in the CAT on 20-4-2012. In the mean time, the Government has filed a Writ Petition in the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka which has granted a "Stay" against implementation of CAT's order on 15-6-2012! Is this the Government's way of following the "National Litigation Policy" principles?

(B.Sadashiva Rao, President, Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association and Chairman, CCCGPA, Karnataka)

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Month	CPI Base 2001=100	12 Months' Total	Monthly Ave.	% increase over 115.76
Dec 11	197	2298	191.5	65.3
April 12	205	2,357	196.41	69.47

By. K.B. Krishna Rao

Function on Sunday the 24th June 2012



Justice Sri N. Santosh Hegde Lighting the lamp



Sri G. Babu lighting the lamp



Sri B.N. Krishna Murthy the first among 75 + being felicitated



Sri Attavar Yoganand from Pune, senior member (92 Yrs.), being greeted by Justice Sri Hegde



Sri N. Bhaskaran, Secretary, Welcoming



Sri B. Sadashiva Rao, President, Addressing



Sri M. Ramiah, Vice-President, introducing members to be felicitated



Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, E.C. Member, speaking on website



Sri S.M. Vittal Rao, Treasurer, clarifying queries on accounts



Sri B.K. Gundu Rao, Joint Secretary, proposing vote of thank



Bouquet being presented to Justice Sri Hegde by Sri S.M. Vittal Rao, Treasurer



Memento being presented to Justice Sri Hegde by Sri M.Ramiah, Vice President



Sri G. Babu, President, Telecom Housing Society receiving bouquet from Justice Sri Hegde



Sri G. Babu, President, Telecom Housing Society receiving memento from President



Sri Sudarsan V. Lakvalli, Designer of Website receiving memento from President



Sri C. Murthy, Contractor of building receiving memento from Justice Sri Hegde



Sri Ramesh, Electrical Contractor of building receiving bouquet from Justice Sri Hegde



Sri K. Sridharan, President, Telecom Residents Welfare Assn., receiving bouquet from Justice Sri Hegde



**Dr. Pramila Chandrasekharan, AD, CGHS,
addressing**



**Dr. Pramila Chandrasekharan, AD, CGHS,
presenting a gift**



**Dr. V.C. Shanmuganandan, Retd. AD, CGHS,
presenting Wall Clock**



**Sri Shameem Ahmed, representative
of CGPA, Mysore, presenting Wall Clock**

Lunch after meeting





Office Room



Mini Meeting Hall



Furnished Guest Rooms



Kitchen attached to guest rooms



Lawn in front of the building

***A seed sown in a meeting at
Lalbagh, grew into a giant
Banyan Tree and thus, our***

DREAM COMES TRUE

M. Ramiah

Vice-President, K P&T PA

In 1980s, 8 to 10 pensioners from the RMS wing of the erstwhile P&T department, had get-together-meetings on the first day of every year. After a decade, a few more retirees of the present Executive Committee also joined the band-wagon. A couple of years thereafter, (may be in 1992) in a similar get-together at Lalbagh, which had more than 50 participants, where a decision was taken to form RMS Association Pensioners'. This Association, later, was named as Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association and also embraced all Central pensioners' irrespective of their parent departments. This paved the way for bigger events in the later years.

2. To expand our activities, the membership had to be increased. With this in view, most of our EC Members did tremendous job in going from door-to-door and enrolling more pensioners. Also, group meetings held at some areas of pensioners, viz., Sanjayanagar, Sahakaranagar etc., swelled the membership. Our Annual General Body (AGB) meetings were held at Telecom House and later at Bangalore GPO. They were well-attended and boosted our image, as important issues mostly concerning pensionary benefits, which had to be projected before the Sixth Pay Commission, were discussed thread-bear. An important meeting, at our behest, was held encompassing all important Pensioners' Associations of our Country in preparing "A Common Memorandum" on pensioners' demands to be presented to the VI CPC and, this was unequivocally accepted by all participants. This gave us a great fillip and we had the privilege of meeting the Chairman and Members of VI CPC to put forth our demands - a time slot of 30 minutes given but the team heard our demands, for about 45 minutes with rapt attention. All our activities were made known to the members through our monthly journal "Pensioners' Champion", which had subscribers throughout our Country and consequently, there was spurt in the membership and our Association became the most sought-after amongst the pensioners.

3. A special mention is, also, to be made about our activities, which placed us on the high

pedestal of Pensioners' Associations in our Country. To quote a few, formation of a 'Co-ordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations' (CCCGPA) - presently 20 sister associations - to function under one umbrella, whereby burning issues of smaller units could be effectively tackled, was started. Our Association was given an opportunity to meet Parliamentary Sub Committee, constituted to study the functioning of Wellness Centres of CGHS, when it visited Bangalore, wherein we impressed upon the team the need to open 2 or 3 more Wellness Centres of CGHS in our City, besides one at Mysore; to open one more Polyclinic in Bangalore South to relieve untold hardship the beneficiaries are, presently, facing and, also, to engage retired Doctors to meet the shortage of Doctors in many Wellness Centres of CGHS. Also, with our able support, the Department of Pension & PW conducted a workshop on "Awareness-Cum-Training Programme on Web-enabled Pension Grievance Redress and Monitoring System" (CPENGRAMS), Bangalore being chosen as the second venue, after Chandigarh. Our Association was conferred with the status of being identified with the "Pensioners' Portal", one amongst the 28 such Associations in our Country.

4. The clinical precision with which the Office Bearers and other EC Members unitedly function, with expertise in legal cases, pension and allied issues; CGHS matters; meticulous fixation of pension, (whereby, some of the members who were ignorant of their correct pension, were subsequently benefitted with huge arrears;) stringent measures taken in management of our funds and its perfect accounting and last, but not the least, the precision with which the meetings - be it our AGBs, or EC meetings - periodically held with the CGHS or the CCCGPA, which bore the hall-mark, were highly appreciated.

5. About 5 years back from now, it was decided to go in for our own building - with the surplus funds we had generated from periodical publication of our "Compendium", which carried updated information on all matters concerning pension and more importantly, on health issues.

At that juncture, the implementation of VI CPC's recommendations and pensioners getting substantial monetary benefits by way of arrears, was around the corner and our request made to the members to contribute a minimum of 3% of arrears, boosted our Building Fund. A special mention has to be made about some of our members huge-contribution beyond our expectations. Also, children, grand children, friends and relatives of our members, donated substantially and these strengthened our resolve to complete the venture.

6. When, initially, our desire to go in for our own building was mooted, some of our members raised their eyebrows, as they thought that owning a site itself was next to impossibility in the context of spiralling land prices. However, the good samaritans - the Board of Directors of 'Telecom Employees Housing Society Ltd' - not only wholeheartedly supported us by allotting a site at Srirampura, near Jakkur, but gave us also, tremendous support throughout and till the completion of the building. *Hats off to the team!*

7. Thus, the long cherished dream of owning our own Building, for which foundations-stone

was laid by Justice Dr. M.N. Venkatachalaiah on 19-9-2010, became a reality and, what a grand-finale it was! Justice Sri Santosh Hegde, the illustrious son of Karnataka and a great crusader against the corrupt public servants and tainted politicians and who opened the building, was the synosure of all the eyes of the vast gathering that assembled on the occassion on Sunday, the 24th June, 2012 and, rightly, the gathering gave him a standing ovation, on this great occasion.

What a transformation our Association had within a span of 15 years of its inception in achieving our goal and fulfilment of our dream becoming reality!

BSNL NEWS

- i) IDA increase with effect from 1-7-2012: 4.8% (61.5% from 56.7%).
- ii) BSNL Board has accepted demand for Broad Band to be provided to pensioners on par with serving employees
Orders in respect of both are awaited.

Renewal of Annual Subscription (Rs. 100/-) for Pensioners' Champion for the period July 2012 to June 2013.

As per the decision taken in the Executive Committee meeting, subscription of all members, except of those who paid during the period January 2012 to June 2012 and those joined the Association during the same period, (i.e. upto Membership No. 1931) expired in June 2012. Therefore, in order that such members are to get journal without interruption, they are advised to renew subscription by remitting Rs. 100/- by MO / sending crossed **local** cheque/DD drawn in favour of Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association **before 31st July, 2012 positively**. To ensure proper accounting, members should furnish membership No. after their name in MO form and on the reverse of the cheque/DD (as the case may be) their membership No. and name. In spite of repeated instructions through journal, the Secretary continues to get donation/renewal of subscription to his address at Banashankari 2nd Stage, sometimes writing treasurer's name. MO/Cheque/DD should be sent **only to the Treasurer** at his Yelahanka address as furnished below :

Sri S.M.Vittal Rao, Treasurer, K P&T PA,
114/707, 22nd Main Road, Yelahanka Satellite Town, Bangalore- 560 106 (Ph: 28463468).

It is reiterated that Life Membership (LM or ALM) does not imply life subscription. to our monthly journal. Subscription to "Pensioners' Champion" is separate.

A Last and final appeal to the members for Building Fund Donation

Payments towards some bills are to be made. Members who are yet to donate towards the Building Fund are requested to respond without further delay. Members who have already donated and desire to donate further, may do so and help us in clearing all the bills.

Subscription of Rs. 100/- for Pensioners' Champion

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
1	K. Arumugham	576	D. Nagaraja Rao (200)	1013	Hari Rao
21	K.P. Rangan (200)	593	R.P. Dhongadi	1015	H.S. Manjunath (200)
38	N. Malatesha Rao	603	T.Chandrasekharan (200)	1017	P.S. Viswanatha (200)
49	K.G. Rau (200)	604	R. Sathyavathi	1018	H.R. Gopala Iyengar (200)
58	G.V. Jagannatha	615	K.R. Seshadri Iyengar (200)	1021	S. Sathya Murthy
66	V. Gopalan	616	K.V. Bhima Rao	1023	N.G. Pujar
79	Abdul Jabbar (200)	632	G.S. Leelavathi	1025	K. Prasanna Narasimha Rao (200)
84	R. Gopalakrishna	648	Krishnamurthy Krishna Bai (200)	1037	M. Thyagarajan (200)
99	H.S. Krishnamurthy Rao (300)	650	P.N. Srinivasa Rao	1047	S. Rajagopalan (200)
127	K.R. Subbanna (200)	662	S.Sridhara Murthy	1054	H.P. Wate
129	T.V. Srinivasamurthy (200)	676	H.C. Keshava Murthy (200)	1055	B.S. Garudachar (200)
136	M.R. Narayanaswamy Iyengar (200)	684	E.K. Rajakrishnan	1074	H.C. Srinivas Gopalachar
158	G.V. Sundaram (200)	689	A. Krishnappa (200)	1076	Chandrasekhara Kamath (200)
162	M.R. Govindarajan (200)	691	P. Balachandra Menon	1077	T.S. Rama Shetty
163	N. Rajappa (200)	700	S. Ramagopal	1081	A. Ramasubromany Iyer
193	A. Keshava Bhatt (200)	712	R.N. Giribattanavar	1108	M. Jayaseelan (200)
207	S.H. Ragothama Rao	746	S. Srinivasan	1123	N. Balakrishna (200)
229	M.R. Nagaraja (200)	756	B.S. Subba Rao (200)	1133	D. Ramamurthy (200)
231	N.R. Ramanna (200)	759	Meena Chokkalingam (200)	1134	K. Yellappa
239	H.N. Narasima Murthy	761	K.G. Shetty	1143	J.S. Iyer (200)
245	M.B. Hegde (200)	772	D.V. Srinivasa Rao (200)	1145	G. Renganathan (200)
293	B.L. Suryanarayanaiah	782	D.R. Balarama Gupta	1152	K. Sredharan (200)
302	S. Satyanarayana Rao	817	K.S. Venugopalan	1158	M. Balasubramanyan (200)
305	B.R. Rao	825	P. Ramanatha (200)	1160	K.S. Krishnamurthy
310	T.S. Vatsala	834	P. Shivalingappa (200)	1167	T.R. Gundappa (200)
314	N.A. Krishna Murthy (200)	844	H.K. Munimadaiah (200)	1170	T.S. Vasudevan (200)
325	K.N. Vasudeva Rao (200)	845	N.P. Albert Raphol (200)	1174	N. Ramaiah (200)
349	A.M. Karanth	847	S.N. Krishna Murthy (200)	1177	R. Lakshmanan (200)
390	K.V. Vishwanathamurthy	858	G. Krishnamurthy (200)	1202	Shankar Hasyagar (300)
384	A.K. Ragothamachar	870	G.K. Rukmangada	1222	G.T. Sampathkumar Achar
394	H.V. Maya Setty (200)	880	S. Devoji Rao	1225	G.V. Advani (200)
400	I Yeshoda Bai	889	K. Venkatarama Raju (200)	1227	V.S. Bhandari
434	M.V. Sathyaayana Rao	891	T. Sriramulu	1265	K. Shivadoss
469	E.V. Srinivasan (200)	926	B.R.N. Bhagavan	1273	Y.L.N. Chetty (200)
478	G.H. Yakkundi	947	P. Kothandaraman (200)	1274	V. Muthukumar (200)
495	A.B.R. Rao (200)	955	K.R. Jayaraman	1278	Manohar Shenoy (200)
505	G. Devaraj (200)	970	R. Satyanarayana	1287	K. Vijaya Sundaram
524	K.N. Bhagwan (200)	974	M.H. Rehman (200)	1303	K.S. Achyuthan
529	S. Viswanathan (200)	986	S. Jayaram (200)	1304	Kalappa Devira
542	V.S. Burge	987	C.S. Ananthathirthachar (200)	1310	H.N. Somasekhara (200)
543	N.M. Janamatti	988	N.L. Krishna	1312	T.A. Sampath Kumaran (200)
554	S. Sowbhagya (200)	993	K.R. Mohan Rao (200)	1320	G.V. Lakshminarayana
562	N. Varadarajan (200)	994	T. Jayaraman (300)	1322	M.M. Devappa (200)
569	N.R.S. Rangan (200)	1000	I.R. Prakash	1365	Y. Subramanya
574	H.S. Krishnaswamy	1005	K.K. Rao (200)	1371	S.M. Bastikar (200)
		1011	K. Seshadri (200)	1374	K. Govindaraju (200)

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1398	Dr. P.S. Venkataramani (200)	1533	V. Shivasubramanya	1700	A. Prakash
1403	N. Vijayakumari	1542	K.V. Suryanarayanaiah (200)	1714	K. Radhakrishnan
1442	T. Achuthan	1550	A. Poobalan (200)	1728	M. Nagaraja (200)
1443	M.M. Bhat	1562	B.K. Nagabhushana (500)	1800	G.S. Satyaprema (200)
1450	D.S. Venkatesh	1577	M. Nagalingam	1805	K.S. Ramanathan
1473	B.S. Ramaprasad (200)	1588	K.M. Gopinathan	1806	A Sathyanarayana (200)
1500	N. Gopalakrishna	1598	Sadashivaiah	1818	S. Robinson Dorairaj
1510	Ananthapadmanabhaiah	1599	B.S. Srinath	1825	L. Sathyanarayana (200)
1512	R. Channabasavaiah (200)	1621	B. Ananda Shetty (200)	1855	P.H. Shinde
1520	M.A. Chowdappa (200)	1629	G.S. Kumar (200)	1858	H.R. Krishnamurthy
1523	G.L. Ramachandra (200)	1654	S. Ramanjulu (200)	1867	H.K. Pratap
1529	N.V. Rao	1674	B.R.S. Prasanna	1894	N. Subbaiah

Newly-Enrolled Members

	(Smt./Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
1.	Dr. C.R.K. Murthy Rao	Chief Medical Officer, Group Centre, CRPF, Lucknow, Min. of Home	ALM 1976
2.	G.A. Satyanarayana	AIR Announcer, Bg.	ALM 1977
3.	Kumuda Gopal	AIR, Programme Executive, Bg.	LM 1978
4.	Kamala M.S. Balu	S.G. Announcer AIR Bg.	ALM 1979
5.	Vasantha Leela	Asst. CPM, Bangalore GPO	LM 1980
6.	H.A. Bharathi	Asst. Director (Mails) O/o. C.P.M.G. Bg.	LM 1981
7.	M.K. Subbarayappa	TAB, LRDE, Min. of Defence, Bg.	ALM 1982
8.	S. Shankar	Driver, P&T MMS, Bg.	LM 1983
9.	G. Prabhakar	HSG-I, HSA, Bg. City RMS, Bg.	LM 1984
10.	V. Chandra	Accounts Officer, O/o. Accountant General, Bg.	ALM 1985
11.	B.N. Gnanadeva Rao	BCR, SA, Bangalore City RMS, Bg.	LM 1986
12.	Chandrasekhara Rao	HSG-II, HSA, Bangalore City RMS, Bg.	LM 1987
13.	Keshav Bhimrao Mutalik Desai	HSG, II, STG, Asst., BCR, Hubli	LM 1988
14.	K.V. Prabhakara Gupta	Tech, Asst., LRDE, Bg	ALM 1989
15.	B.Ramanna	Head Postman, Tumkur, HO	LM 1990
16.	Dr. V.C. Shanmuganandan	Addl., Director, CGHS, Bg.	ALM 1991
17.	Narayan K. Hoshing	Sr. Supdt. of POs, Bombay City North West Dn.	LM 1992
18.	A Nagappa	PM (HSG/II) Gadag HO.	LM 1993

LM: Life Member

ALM: Associate Life Member

OBITUARY

Sri H.L. Nagaraja (ALM 537), Retd. Suptg. Engineer AIR, expired on 5-6-2012 at the age of 87 years. He is survived by his wife, and two daughters.

We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved.

Donations for the Building Fund

LM/ ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	Rs.	Progressive Total
1156	G. Babu	10,000	11,000
689	A. Krishnappa	5,010	5,910
644	Attavar Yoganand	5,001	15,001
1980	Vasanth Leela	5,001	-
38	N. Malatesha Rao	5,000	15,500
49	K.G. Rau	5,000	10,501
615	K.R. Seshadri Iyengar	5,000	16,000
870	G.K. Rukmangada	3,400	5,001
562	N. Varadarajan	3,000	11,500
616	K.V. Bhima Rao	3,000	8,500
1562	B.K. Nagabhushanam	3,000	
1565	G.V. Venkatanarayana Sastry	3,000	
79	Abdul Jabbar	2,000	4,000
229	M.R. Nagaraja	2,000	
991	G.R. Parthasarathy	2,000	
1005	K.K. Rao	2,000	3,500
1160	K.S. Krishnamurthy	2,000	3,000
1773	R. Mohan	2,000	2,610
782	D.R. Balarama Guptha	1,900	4,900
1	K. Arumugham	1,500	10,000
1599	B.S. Srinath	1,500	
1910	Kalpana	1,500	
863	M.K. Raghavendra Rao	1,111	2,111
684	E.K. Rajakrishnan	1,100	3,601
1570	Yeshodamma	1,051	5,051
314	N.A. Krishna Murthy	1,005	3,005
1366	R.A. Rangaswamy	1,001	3,001
1700	A. Prakash	1,001	1,501
57	B.R. Hanumantha Rao	1,000	1,500
99	H.S. Krishnamurthy Rao	1,000	2,500
384	A.K. Ragothamachar	1,000	12,000

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LM/ ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	Rs.	Progressive Total
553	V. Velayudham	1,000	1,500
595	T.S. Lakshmi Kanthan	1,000	4,501
814	G. Narasimha Holla	1,000	
829	S.N. Honnalli	1,000	2,000
929	K.V. Lakshminarayana	1,000	8,500
994	T. Jayaraman	1,000	3,000
1024	R. Balaji Singh	1,000	3,000
1134	K. Yellappa	1,000	2,000
1167	T.R. Gondappa	1,000	2,000
1259	H.M. Madhavachar	1,000	
1283	A.M. Bharathi	1,000	1,500
1312	T.A. Sampathkumaran	1,000	1,500
1322	M.M. Devappa	1,000	3,500
1365	Y. Subrahmanyam	1,000	3,501
1421	Y.C. Dixit	1,000	4,300
1450	D.S. Venkatesh	1,000	1,500
1629	G.S. Kumar	1,000	
1728	M. Nagaraja	1,000	
1800	G.S. Sathya Prema	1,000	
1818	S. Robinson Dorairaj	1,000	
1867	H.K. Pratap	1,000	
1958	K.S. Sridhara	1,000	
84	R. Gopalakrishna	500	4,752
349	A.M. Karanth	500	3,000
495	A.B.R. Rao	500	3,500
746	S. Srinivasan	500	1,501
889	K. Venkatarama Raju	500	4,650
1097	V.V. Thiru Vengada Mudaliar	500	1,500
1631	A.G. Venkatesh	500	1,000
1712	S. Nagaraj	500	1,000
1865	Harvey Rosario	500	1,300

Donations from Non-Members

Name (Sri)	Rs.
1) B.V. Dathathreya (BSNL) (In M/o. B.S. Rama (Late))	10,001
2) Welfare Assn. of Retd. Officers IT Dept	5,000
3) The Karnataka Central Govt. Pensioners' Association	5,000
4) S. Ramachandran Globe Moving & Storage Co.	4,000

Name (Sri)	Rs.
5) Overseas Furniture	3,000
6) B.S. Wama, Central Govt. Pen. Assn. Bijapur (Karnataka)	
7) P.C. Chadaga (Retd. IT Dept.)	1000
8) N. Srinivasa Raghavan Vellore (B/o. N. Varadarajan, LM 562)	500
9) K.S. Krishnaswami (No. S-7/04), Mumbai (Earlier donation of Rs. 1,000 on 16-7-2010)	1,000

Pensioners' Bhavan

Our Mission

We have, as pensioners, enjoyed/continue to enjoy the fruits of the efforts made by those in the pensioners' movement before our becoming pensioners and we have to pay back "a part of this debt". We have, to some extent, fulfilled this mission by constructing a permanent abode for the Association for further strengthening the Association.

Our Vision

We have inserted the photographs of the two furnished Guest Rooms in the building in this issue of the journal. The renting of the Guest Rooms is restricted to Central Government pensioners (with or without their family) visiting Bangalore for short duration. The rent to be charged will be nominal. **Renting the Guest Rooms will be restricted to only those Central Government pensioners/family pensioners, who are members of any pensioners' association on production of proof at the time**

of occupation of the Guest Room. This procedure is to ensure that pensioners' movement gets strengthened. Details on renting will be published in the next issue of Pensioners' Champion.

2. It may take another couple of years for getting better transport and boarding facilities in the area. For the present, we propose to retain the accommodation in the ground floor only for our use. The upstairs portion will be rented out for a couple of years and after that, all the six Guest Rooms with drawing-cum-dining hall, kitchen etc., will be used as a Guest House for Central Government pensioners to be given on nominal rent.

E.C. Meetings

We will be having the meeting of the Executive Committee during alternate months starting from July 2012 in Pensioners' Bhavan in the Mini-Hall in the ground floor between 10 AM and 12.30 PM on 2nd Saturdays.

Fixation of enhanced family pension - Pre-2006 pensioners/family pensioners - Clarification regarding

(F.No. 1/3/2011-P&PW(E) dated 25th May, 2012 of DoP & PW)

The Orders of the Government on implementation of the recommendations of the VI CPC were issued by this Department in September, 2008. The family pension in respect of pre-2006 pensioners/ family pensioners was consolidated w.e.f. 1.1.2006 as provided for in this department's O.M. No. 38/27/08-P&PW(A), dated 1.9.2008 and clarified vide O.M. No. 38/3/08-P&PW(A) pt.I, dated 03-10-08 and 14.10.2008.

2. The fixation of family pension at ordinary rates is subject to the provision that the revised family pension, in no case, shall be lower than 30% of the minimum of the pay in the Pay Band plus the Grade Pay corresponding to the Pre-revised Pay Scale from which the pensioner had retired. In case of HAG and above scales, it is 30% of the minimum of the Revised Pay Scale. In the cases of such employees who retired/died on or before 31.12.2005, the family pension at enhanced rates was also required to be revised.

3. It is clarified that the revised enhanced family pension, under sub-rule 3(a) of Rule 54 of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, during the applicable period, shall also be determined as per para 4.1 of O.M. No. 38/37/08-P&PW(A),

dated 01.9.08. Further, it shall not be less than 50% of the sum of minimum of the pay in the Pay Band plus the Grade Pay or 50% of minimum of pay scales, in case of HAG and above, corresponding to the pre-revised pay scale in which the pension/deceased employee had last worked.

4. In cases where the pension authorized on retirement was less than 50% of the last pay drawn and amount of pension revised after 1.1.2006 is also less than 50% of the sum of minimum of the pay in the Pay Band plus Grade Pay or 50% of minimum of revised pay scales in case of HAG and above, the revised enhanced family pension may be less than 50% and shall be restricted to that amount.

5. In the case of a pensioner, who died prior to 1.1.2006, the notional revised pension as on 1.1.2006 shall be taken into account for the purpose of calculation as above. In all cases, the amount of revised enhanced family pension shall not be less than 30% of the sum of minimum of the pay in the Pay Band plus the Grade Pay or 30% of minimum of Pay Scales in case of HAG and above.



Justice Sri N. Santosh Hegde speaking to Media



Sri B. Sadashiva Rao replying to queries from Media



Chief Guest with office bearers of the association on Dias



Members of Executive and Building Sub-Committees with Justice Sri N. Santosh Hegde

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