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**Celebration of Pensioners Day and successful completion of
Digital Life Certificate Camps**



Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, President, CCCGPA, presenting the memorandum on CGHS issues to Sri Tejasvi Surya, the Hon'ble Member of Parliament.



Sri S. Radhakrishna, General Secretary, CCCGPA felicitating the MP. On the right is Dr. K.R. Gangadharan, Chairman, Heritage Foundation

'Pensioners' Day' was observed by the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka (CCCGPA) and its affiliate Pensioners'

Associations, on 17th December, 2022 at Udaya Bhanu Kalasangha, Ramakrishna Ashram Layout, Kempegowda Nagar, Gavipuram Extn, Bangalore – 560019.

Sri Tejasvi Surya, the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Bengaluru South Lok Sabha Constituency was the Chief Guest. Dr. K.R. Gangadharan, Chairman, Heritage Foundation, Global President, International Federation on Ageing (2012-15) National President, Indian Society for Training and Development (2012-13), Chennai was the Guest of Honour.

An event to celebrate the successful completion of Digital Life Certificate Camps organised by the affiliate associations was also held at the venue. Mementos were presented to the volunteers who had generated DLCs and many others who had provided support and infrastructure facilities for conducting camps. A memorandum on CGHS issues was presented to Sri Tejasvi Surya, MP.

The programme commenced after lighting the lamp by the Chief Guests, President and General Secretary of CCCGPA and the Hon. Secretary of Udayabhanu Kalasangha. Sri K.B. Krishna Rao presided over the meeting.

Sri K.B. Krishna Rao requested Sri Radhakrishna to welcome the Guests and the pensioners present and introduce the Chief Guests to the audience and also briefly speak about the significance of Pensioners Day.

Welcoming Sri Tejasvi Surya, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Sri Radhakrishna said that he is the youngest Member of Parliament from Bangalore South Constituency, having been elected to 17th Lok Sabha at the age of just 28 years. He is also the National President of the BJP Youth Wing, Bharatiya Janatha Morcha, since 2020. Being a lawyer by profession, he has a deep interest in history, philosophy, science and civilization studies and his lectures and articles on these issues are widely followed. During the Covid-19 pandemic, he was at the forefront of the battle against the virus and provided impetus to the revamping of Govt Hospitals and Primary

Health Centres in his Parliamentary Constituency.

Sri Radhakrishna introduced another Chief Guest, viz. Dr. K.R. Gangadharan, Chairman, Heritage Group and also former Chairman of International Federation on Ageing, who had travelled all the way from Chennai and extended a hearty welcome to him. Introducing him, in brief, he said Dr. Gangadharan has established India's premier Geriatric medical facility - Heritage Medical Centre in 1994 and has simultaneously started training street kids and youth from poor livelihoods. He got involved himself with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in 1995 and organized a national consultation in collaboration with a debate on policy for senior citizens. He represented the UNESCAP discussions in formulating a regional action plan to commemorate the International Years of Older Persons. He thanked Dr. Gangadharan for having agreed to be the Chief Guest and extended a warm welcome to him.

Sri Radhakrishna, General Secretary, welcoming the gathering, explained the significance of Pensioners' Day. He also narrated the benefits that accrued to the Central Government pensioners from the famous "Nakra Judgement" which is also known as the 'Magna Carta of Pensioners'.

Sri Radhakrishna, then, requested the President Sri K.B. Krishna Rao to present the Memorandum to the Hon'ble Member of Parliament.

Before presenting the memorandum, the President, briefly, brought to the kind attention of the Hon'ble MP about the difficulties faced by pensioners/family pensioners, covered under CGHS in getting the medical treatment from the empanelled private hospitals under CGHS on cashless basis. Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, then, presented a Memorandum to the Hon'ble Member of Parliament on three issues, viz. a) Withdrawal of cashless facilities to the CGHS beneficiaries by the empanelled private hospitals due to

non-revision of rates since 2014, b) Empanelment of at least one Private Hospital in each District Headquarters of Karnataka under CGHS and c) Health care facilities to the pensioners/family pensioners of Autonomous/Statutory Bodies of Central Government and requested him to take up these issues with the concerned authorities in the Government of India and get these issues resolved at the earliest.

Referring to the recent order issued by CGHS requiring the empanelled private hospitals to sign fresh MOA with more conditions, he said that many hospitals may not sign the new agreement and resultantly further reduce the number of empanelled private hospitals, as a result of which, CGHS beneficiaries will be put to mental agony and financial hardships. He also mentioned that the CGHS beneficiaries, who were not paying any amount towards dialysis, have to now pay Rs.3000/- per dialysis sitting, which cannot be afforded by the pensioners. Secondly, he brought to the attention of the Member of Parliament that the Central Government pensioners are entitled for CGHS facilities irrespective of the place of their residence. Many pensioners residing in places hundreds of kilometers away from the CGHS City, have to travel long distances to avail medical facilities in wellness centres or in empanelled hospitals. He impressed upon the MP that there is an urgent need to empanel at least one private hospital in each district headquarters of each State to provide comprehensive healthcare to the pensioners who are already CGHS beneficiaries. Thirdly, he also brought to the attention of Hon'ble M.P. that the pensioners/family pensioners of Autonomous/Statutory Bodies of Central Government also do not have any health care facilities though they were under CS (MA) Rules or CGHS when they were in service. They are getting only Rs.1000/- as Fixed Medical Allowance. Only those retired employees of these Autonomous Bodies, who were under CGHS, when they

were in service, are getting CGHS facilities. While the employees of Autonomous Bodies of Central government continue to get the health care facilities either under CGHS or CS (MA) Rules, the employees of those Autonomous Bodies, when they retire, are not covered under any of the Health Care Facilities of the Central Government. Thus, there are disparities in providing healthcare facilities among pensioners and employees of Autonomous Bodies and pensioners of one set of Autonomous Bodies and pensioners of another set of Autonomous Bodies. Therefore, in order to mitigate the hardship faced by the pensioners of these Autonomous Bodies in getting the suitable healthcare facilities, he appealed to the Hon'ble Member of Parliament to take up this issue on a priority basis with the concerned authorities in the Government and facilitate these pensioners also in getting suitable healthcare facilities on a cashless basis on par with the pensioners of Central Government. He also appealed to the Hon'ble MP to help these pensioners in getting treatment at empanelled private hospitals under CGHS on payment of cash at CGHS rates pending grant of suitable health care facilities.

The President, while thanking the Hon'ble Member of Parliament for his appeal in the Parliament to the Hon'ble Finance Minister to consider including Bengaluru in the list of 'metro cities' in order to benefit employees to get 50% exemption in house rent allowance paid to them, requested him to appeal to the Hon'ble FM to consider granting exemption to the pensioners/family pensioners from payment of income tax on the pension income received by them especially in the context of drastic reduction of interest rates on the fixed deposits kept by them. He also requested the MP to prevail upon the FM to increase the exemption limits for income tax. Thereafter, the President presented the Memorandum to the M P and requested him to speak.

In his address, Sri Tejasvi Surya thanked the President, Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, the General Secretary, Sri S. Radhakrishna and other officer bearers of Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations for having invited him to be the Chief Guest on the occasion of Pensioners Day to be in the midst of senior citizens, have their blessings and know their grievances. He has attentively heard the grievances of pensioners relating to the Central Government Health Scheme as narrated by the President. He assured the pensioners that he will take up the issues raised in the Memorandum in the ensuing Parliament Session, if possible, and also take up those issues with the concerned authorities in the Government.

Sri Tejasvi Surya also brought to the attention of participants that with an objective of making quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to all, Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) was launched by the Government of India. Under this Scheme, the dedicated outlets known as 'Janaushadhi Kendra' have been opened to provide generic medicines at affordable prices. He has taken initiative to open more than 90 Janaushadhi Kendras in Bangalore South and he is expecting to open another 10 Janaushadhi Kendras in another three to four months.

While referring to the dialysis cost in private hospitals referred by the President, he brought to the attention of pensioners that a Dialysis Centre is being opened on 25th December 2022, at Jayanagar 4th Block and that Dialysis will be done free of cost. Besides Government meeting expenses towards dialysis in this Centre, many donors have come forward to assist the Government in this noble cause

Responding to the request made by the President regarding increase of income tax exemption limits for Senior citizens, the MP asked CCCGPA to send him a detailed note on the subject to enable him to pursue the matter further.

As he had other programmes to attend, Sri Tejasvi Surya was felicitated with a memento and garland by the President and the General Secretary.

Later, Dr. Gangadharan was requested to address the gathering. In his address, he exhorted the pensioners never to feel dejected either because of old age or because of the circumstances that make them live away from their children or face facts of life as they emerge. Senior citizens can choose to positively influence their lives and work towards living a more fulfilled, happy and healthy life. No one should lose their hopes when they are old or when they lose a partner or when they are not keeping good health. In this connection, he quoted the example of his mother-in-law, who was in a depressed mood and who was not speaking with others for nearly six months after she lost her husband. But, later, after attending a life skill training programme, she did her graduation, post graduation and Doctorate in Sanskrit and became a Professor in Sanskrit. Therefore, he suggested that, if senior citizens have to lead happy and healthy life, they should – (a) start by exploring things related to their interests such as art, sports, travel, reading, & socializing (b) plan a vacation, (c) stay fit, (d) make sure to get enough rest every night and e) express gratitude and thanks to others.

Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, thereafter referred to the yeoman service rendered by the volunteers of Karnataka P&T Pensioners Association, IA&AD Pensioners Association, Coffee Board Pensioners Association, BSNL Pensioners Association and Karnataka Central Government Pensioners Association - affiliates of CCCGPA, in helping nearly 5000 pensioners in submission of their life certificates generated through face authentication technology and also in helping more than 1000 pensioners, who are 80+, especially the infirm, some of whom were bedridden, wheel-chair bound, by visiting their residences purely on voluntary basis and assist them to submit their life

certificates by using the Face Authentication Technology, which was launched by the Government of India, Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare and without expecting any remuneration. He also said that their selfless service was laudable and worthy of emulation. He also thanked all the supporters who were responsible for providing infrastructure facilities and supporting volunteers in generating life certificates. Considering their yeoman service, the CCCGPA has decided to acknowledge their services and to show gratitude to all of them by giving them mementos. He asked Joint General Secretary, Sri Suryaprakash, to read the names of volunteers/supporters who have to be felicitated.

While thanking all the volunteers/supporters, Sri Suryaprakash read out their names and praised them for their yeoman service to the pensioners by travelling not only in and around Bangalore, but also outside Bengaluru to the cities like Hassan, Chikmagalur, Mysuru, Shivamogga and Tirupathi, without expecting anything in return. President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Joint General Secretaries felicitated all the volunteers/supporters by presenting mementos to them.

Sri Suryaprakash thanked Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, Sri P. Gangadhara Rao and Sri S. Radhakrishna, President, Vice President and General Secretary of CCCGPA respectively who were instrumental in forming these teams of volunteers and motivating them to take up the task of helping the pensioners in submitting their life certificates. Incidentally, he mentioned that, to set an example and lead from the front, both Sri Krishna Rao and Sri Radhakrishna have themselves generated life certificates of pensioners who visited their residences and their services also have to be placed on record.

He also thanked the Government of India for taking the initiative of launching Face Authentication Technology in order to get the life certificates of pensioners generated without any hassles which they were facing earlier and also for organizing Nationwide Digital Life Certificate Camps in association with the State Bank of India and Canara Bank, in Bengaluru and other cities. He thanked all those Associations and individuals who supported the volunteers in generating the life certificates.

With vote of thanks proposed by Sri P. Gangadhara Rao, Vice- President, the meeting ended.

Digital Life Certificates Volunteers and Supporters

Volunteers

S/s. T.V. Suryaprakash, K.R. Anantha Ramu, A. Prakash, N. M. Hegde, D. Venkatesalu, B. Nagaraju, K. Nagesh, Vishwanatha Rao, V. Gopal, V. Murugan, S. Kasirajan, R.S.N. Murthy, R. Janardhana Rao, P.A. Virupakshaiah, R. Krishnamoorthy, S.P. Iyengar, H.S. Ramesh babu, S.N. Hiremani, N.R. Anantha

Supporters

S/s. C. Ramakrishna Reddy, M. Ramakrishna, A.O. Srinivasaiah, B.S. Chandrasekhara, E. Mathiyazhagan, B.K. Dddaanke Gowda, R. Anjaneya, Thammaiah, M.R.V. Seshan, B.V. Ramesh, B.M. Devarajappa, A. Shivarama Shetty, I. Nagabhushana Rao, T. Desikan, H.V. Prakash, N.G. Joshi, Dr. T.M. Veeraiah, M.G. Sharanappa, V. Gopalakrishna, Navaneeth Joshi, N.S. Kulakarni, K.N. Prabhakara, Jagadish Hande, N.S. Shankaranarayana, R. Vijayan, G. Mathiyazhagan, M.Elangovan, M.R. Lokeshwar, Sunder, M. Natarajan



Com. K K Narayanan Kutty (10.12.1947 - 8.12.2022)

Comrade KKN Kutty, Secretary General, National Coordination Committee of Pensioners Associations (NCCPA) and the Vice President Confederation of Central Govt. Employees & Workers, expired at about 9-30 a.m. on 8-12-2022 in a hospital at Kozhicode (Kerala) after a prolonged treatment in different hospitals. The CG Employees Movement and the Pensioners Movement has suffered an irreparable loss and the vacuum caused by his death is hard to fill. He was a good orator and his speeches on several issues concerning the workers and pensioners as well, were always enlightening.

He was the former Secretary General of Income Tax Employees Federation, Former President of Confederation of Central Govt. Employees and workers and earlier the Secretary General of Confederation. At the time of his death he was the Vice President of Confederation, a member of the Standing Committee of JCM National Council and the

Secretary General, National coordination committee of Pensioners Associations (NCCPA).

A versatile personality, he guided the workers and pensioners movement in the country for many decades.

He was the Chief Guest at Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association's AGB held on 9-9-2018, the date on which the new building of Pensioners' Bhavan was inaugurated by Sri N. Bhaskaran, founder of the association and the late Sri B. Sadashiva Rao former President. The foundation stone for the building was unveiled by President of the association, Sri G. Babu in the AGB held on 17-6-2017

Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association expresses its deep condolences on his death and dips its banner in his memory.

Long live Com. KKN.

Karnataka Postal Circle organises “Pensioners Meet” for the first time



**Sri K.B. Krishna Rao,
Secretary, K P&T PA,
lighting the lamp**



**Smt. N. Nagalakshmi honoured. To her right
is Sri S. Rajendra Kumar, CPMG & to her
left is Smt. Sapna Pramod GM, PA&F**

O/o the Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle, Bengaluru had organised a ‘Pensioners Meet’ at the Meghdoot Auditorium, Bengaluru GPO at 3.p.m. on Tuesday the 20th December, 2022

Sri K.B. Krishna Rao Secretary KPTPA was invited to attend the meet and also speak in the meet. Smt. Nagalakshmi, Vice-president, KP&TPA was honoured for getting Anubhav award 2022.

From KP&TPA, Sri K.R. Anantha Ramu, Treasurer and Sri K. Nagesh, Executive Committee member also attended.

Sri S. Rajendra Kumar, Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle, Smt. Sapna Pramod, General Manager, Postal Accounts and Finance, Karnataka, and heads of many Postal divisions, Officials of CO and RO, and many Pensioners attended the event.

Smt N. Nagalakshmi, Retd. Asst. Chief Accounts Officer, Postal Accounts who was awarded the “Anubhav award” by the Department of Pension and Pensioners’ Welfare, spoke about the award and requested that a wide publicity must be given to encourage the retiring officials to record their experience during their decades of service.

Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, while thanking the CPMG for felicitating Smt. Nagalakshmi who is the Vice- President of KPTPA said the initiative taken by the CO to organise Pensioners meet for the first time in the history of Karnataka Posts, is highly appreciable. He spoke about the association, its membership, its service to Pensioners and its relationship with the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare. He said that KPTPA is the biggest Postal Pensioners’ Association in the state of Karnataka with more than 3200 members. The association is one of the pensioners’ Associations identified by the Department of Pension and Pensioners’ Welfare under the National E Governance Plan (NeGP) to pursue the issues pertaining to pensioners. The association was a member of SCOVA for 3 terms.

Speaking about the problems being faced by CGHS beneficiaries due to many private hospitals empannelled under CGHS withdrawing from CGHS, he said that on Pensioners day 17.12.2022, organised by CCCGPA, Karnataka, a memorandum was presented to the Hon’ble Member of Parliament, Bengaluru South Lok Sabha Constituency Sri Tejasvi Surya requesting him to take up the matter with the government. In his

speech, the MP assured the audience that he would raise the issue in the Parliament.

Sri Rao, exhorted the officers present in the meet to enrol themselves as members of KP&TPA after their retirement.

He also mentioned about the yeomen service extended to the Pensioners by the volunteers of Pensioners associations in submission of annual life certificates.

Giving details, he said that 19 volunteers, conducted 23 Digital life certificate camps in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Hassan, Shivamogga, Chikkamagluru and Tirupathi in which more than 5000 Pensioners were assisted to submit their life certificates.

The volunteers visited residences of more than 1000 pensioners and helped them,

especially those who are infirm, some of them bedridden & wheelchair - bound to submit their life certificates from the confines of their homes.

Smt Swapna Pramod, GM, Finance recalled the days when Smt Nagalakshmi was working as Accounts officer in Postal accounts office and said even now many officials seek her guidance in pension matters.

Sri S.Rajendra Kumar, CPMG, appreciated the Pensioners associations for their service to Pensioners and said that he would also join the fraternity shortly. He said that retiring officials must be encouraged to write about their ANUBHAV in the Department. Holding of Pensioners meet every year should be ensured.

Meet ended with National anthem.

Our Reader's Write

The pictures published in *Pensioners' champion* of October and November 2022 issues speak volumes for the selfless service rendered by the volunteers of our Association. That they have helped the aged and the disabled generate mandatory digital life certificate is heart warming. They have fanned out in different directions, met the target pensioners at their residences and completed their tasks.

This team event is something unparalleled.

Let's congratulate the volunteers for the excellent job they have done unmindful of the distances they covered and the difficulties they faced in reaching the people.

I am glad to learn from the Secretary of our association that 19 volunteers engaged themselves in generating Digital Life Certificates. The number of pensioners they met was about 5,000 and the number of houses they visited was about 1,000. A wonderful work they achieved. Their service has been recognised and mementos were given by the association on Pensioners Day 17th December, 2022

**R. Soundararajan - LM 710
Nagapattinam**

The Executive Committee of Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association, Bengaluru wishes a happy New Year 2023 to its Members and Subscribers to the Association's Journal & Well-wishers

President: G Babu, **Vice-President:** N. Nagalakshmi, **Secretary:** K.B. Krishna Rao, **Jt.Secretary:** V. Murugan, **Treasurer:** K.R. Anantha Ramu, **Internal Auditor:** N.M. Hegde

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Release of arrears of Dearness Relief of 18 months to pensioners Not feasible

Govt, Ministry of Finance, and Department of Expenditure, Rajya Sabha, Unstarred Question No. 689 answered on Tuesday, 13 December, 2022

689: Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased the state:

- (a) Whether the Government has received several representations regarding the release of arrears of Dearness Relief to Central Government pensioners of 18 months i.e. from January 2020 to June, 2021:
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) Whether Government is sincerely considering the release of 18 months arrears to pensioners, if not, the reasons there for?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Pankaj Chaudhary)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Several Representations regarding release of arrears of 18 months of DA/DR payable to Central Government employees/pensioners have been received from various Central Government employees/pensioners' associations such as

National Council (JCM), National Federation of Indian Railway Men (NFIR), All India Railway Men's Federation (AIRF), All India Retired Railway Men's Federation (AIRRF), JCOs/OR Veterans Association (JOVA), Bhartiya Railway Karamchhari Union (BRKU), Bhartiya Pension Manch, National Ex-Servicemen Co-ordination Committee and Veteran Association etc.

- (c) The decision to freeze three instalments of DA/DR to Central Government employee/pensioners due from 01.01.2020, 01.07.2020 & 01.01.2021 was taken in the context of COVID-19 which caused economic disruption so as to ease pressure on Government finances.

As the adverse financial impact of pandemic in 2020 and the financing of welfare measures taken by Government had a fiscal spill over beyond Financial Year 2020-21, **release of arrears of DA/DR was not considered feasible.**

Source: Rajya Sabha

Commutation

Govt. Ministry of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare
OM No. 42/15/2022-P&PW(D)/5 Date:- 25th Oct, 2022

Clarification regarding whether deductions towards commutation are required to be made from family pension for the remaining period in cases where the pensioner dies before the restoration of commuted pension

In accordance with Rule 5 of CCS (Commutation of Pension) Rules, 1981, a Government servant can commute for a lump-sum payment of an amount not exceeding 40 per cent of his pension. Further, in accordance with Rule 10-A of CCS (Commutation of Pension) Rules, 1981 the commuted amount of the pension shall be restored on completion of fifteen years from the date of reduction of pension on account of commutation becomes operative in accordance with Rule 6.

2. References/representations have been received in this Department seeking

clarification whether deduction towards commutation are required to be made from family pension for the remaining period in cases where the pensioner dies before the restoration of commuted pension.

3. It is clarified that in such cases monthly commuted amount of pension is not required to be deducted from family pension and family pension shall be paid in full without any deduction in this regard.

Charanjit Taneja,
Under Secretary

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New members are also requested to donate generously to the building fund

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3	J.S.Narayana Rao	S-356	500	5327	

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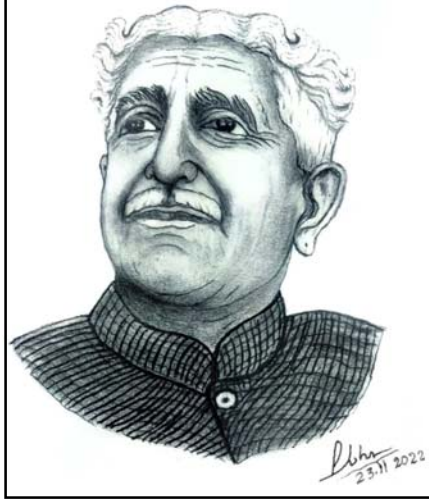
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29th December is the birthday of Kuvempu



Portrait above was drawn by Sri Prabhakara, ARS, Retd., Member, KP&TPA (Mob: 9611359842)

Kuppalli Venkatappa Puttappa, popularly known as Kuvempu (ಕುವೆಂಪು) who brought the first Jnanapitha award to Kannada language for his Magnum opus "Ramayana Darshanam" was born on 29th December, 1904. A poet, playwright, novelist and a critic is widely regarded as the greatest Kannada poet of the 20th century.



Sri Prabhakara, ARS, Retd.

29 ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್, ಭಾರತದ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯ ಪುತ್ರ ಕುವೆಂಪುರವರ ಜನ್ಮದಿನ

ಕವಿ, ನಾಟಕಕಾರ, ವಿಮರ್ಶಕ, ಕಾದಂಬರಿಕಾರ ಹೀಗೆ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯದ ಹಲವಾರು ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೃಷಿಗೈದವರು ಕನ್ನಡ ನಾಡಿನ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯ ಪುತ್ರ ದಿವಂಗತ ಕುವೆಂಪುರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕವನ್ನಷ್ಟೇ ಅಲ್ಲ ಇಡಿ ಭಾರತವನ್ನು ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಸುವ ಲೇಖಕರವರು. ಕನ್ನಡಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಪ್ರಥಮವಾಗಿ ಜ್ಞಾನಪೀಠವನ್ನು ತಂದು ಕೊಟ್ಟವರು ಕುವೆಂಪುರವರೇ.

ನಮ್ಮ ಈ ನಾಡಿನ ವೈಭವ, ಆಧ್ಯಾತ್ಮಿಕ ಶಕ್ತಿ ಪೂರ್ಣವಾದ ಉಕ್ಕಿಯನ್ನು ನೀಡಿದ ಕವಿ ಯಾರೆಂದರೆ ಸಹಜವಾಗಿಯೇ ನೆನಪಿಗೆ ಬರುವುದು ಕುವೆಂಪು ಅವರು. ಅಂತೆಯೇ ಈ ದೇಶದ ಕುರೂಪ, ಅವನತಿ, ದಾರಿದ್ರ್ಯ, ಜಾತಿಮೂಲದ ಮೇಲು ಕೀಳುಗಳನ್ನು ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ ದಿವಾಳಿತನಗಳಿಗೆ ಶಕ್ತಿಪೂರ್ಣವಾದ ಅಭಿವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ ನೀಡಿರುವ ಕವಿಯೂ ಕುವೆಂಪುರವರೇ. ಕುವೆಂಪು ಎಂಬುದು ಕವಿಯ ಕಾವ್ಯನಾಮ. ಹುಟ್ಟಿದ ಊರು (ಕುಪ್ಪಳಿ), ತಂದೆಯ

ಹೆಸರು (ವೆಂಕಟಪ್ಪ) ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಹೆಸರು ಪುಟ್ಟಪ್ಪ ಎಂಬುದರ ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ರೂಪ. ಕುವೆಂಪು ಪುಟ್ಟಪ್ಪ ಹುಟ್ಟಿದ ಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಕುಪ್ಪಳಿ ಮಲೆನಾಡಿನ ದಟ್ಟವಾದ ಕಾಡಿನ ನಡುವೆ ಇತ್ತು. ಮಲೆನಾಡು ಅಂದರೆ ಅಂದು ದೊಡ್ಡಮನೆ ಎಂದರ್ಥ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ದೊಡ್ಡ ಮನೆಯ ಸುತ್ತಲ ಒಕ್ಕಲಿನವರು ಇರುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಅಂದರೆ ಗದ್ದೆ ತೋಟಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುವವರ ಬಿಡಾರಗಳಿರುತ್ತಿದ್ದವು.

ಕುಪ್ಪಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಕುವೆಂಪುರವರ ಮನೆಯ ಹಿಂಬದಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಬೆಟ್ಟವಿದೆ. ಕವಿ ಮುಂದೆ ಅದನ್ನು 'ಕವಿಶೈಲ' ಎಂದು ಹೆಸರಿಸಿದರು. ಬೆಟ್ಟದ ತುಂಬಾ ದಟ್ಟವಾದ ಕಾಡು, ಮನೆಯ ಸುತ್ತ ಪರ್ವತದ ಸಾಲು. ಅಷ್ಟು ಸಾಕಲ್ಲವೆ. ಪುಟ್ಟಪ್ಪನವರಿಗೆ ಕುವೆಂಪು ಆಗಲು?

ಮಲೆನಾಡಿನ ಯಾವ ಮೂಲೆಯಲ್ಲೂ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಕುವೆಂಪುರವರದ್ದು ತಕ್ಕಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಶ್ರೀಮಂತ ಕುಟುಂಬ. ಆದರೆ ಅಕ್ಷರ ಕಲಿಯುವ ಸಾಧ್ಯತೆ ಇರಲೇ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಮಲೆನಾಡಿನ ಅನುಕೂಲಸ್ಥ ಹಿರಿಯರಿಗೆ ಅಕ್ಷರದ ಮಹಿಮೆಯ ಅರಿವಿತ್ತು. ಅವರೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಅಕ್ಷರ ಬಲ್ಲವರಾಗಿದ್ದರು.

ರಾಮಾಯಣ, ಮಹಾಭಾರತ ಕತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿ ತಿಳಿದವರಾಗಿದ್ದರು ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಮಕ್ಕಳು, ಮೊಮ್ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ನೀಡಲು ಹೊರಗಿನಿಂದ ಅಧ್ಯಾಪಕರುಗಳನ್ನು ಕರೆಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಆದರೆ ಹಾಗೆ ಬಂದ ಮೇಷ್ಟ್ರುಗಳು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಕಾಲವಿರುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ.

ಒಮ್ಮೆ ರೋಮನ್ ಕ್ಯಾಥಲಿಕ್‌ನ ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಮೂಲದ ಆನಂದರಾಯರು ಎಂಬುವವರು ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಾಯರಾಗಿ ಬಂದರು. ಅವರಿಗೆ ಮಲೆನಾಡಿನ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್‌ನ ಪರಿಚ್ಛಾನವೇ ಇರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಆನಂದರಾಯರ ಆಗಮನದ ನಂತರ ನೂತನ ರೀತಿಯ ವಿದ್ಯಾಭ್ಯಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ಬುನಾದಿಯನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿದರು. ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷನ್ನು ಅವರು ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಕಲಿಸತೊಡಗಿದರು.

ಕುವೆಂಪುರವರಿಗೆ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ಸಾಹ ಕುತೂಹಲಗಳನ್ನು ಹುಟ್ಟು ಹಾಕಿದವರು ಆನಂದರಾಯರೇ. ಗಣಿತವನ್ನು ಕೂಡ ಅವರೇ ಹೇಳಿಕೊಟ್ಟರು. ಆನಂದರಾಯರ ನಂತರ ಪುಟ್ಟಪ್ಪನವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಪ್ರಭಾವ ಬೀರಿದ ಅಧ್ಯಾಪಕರೆಂದರೆ ಮೋಸೆಸ್ ಎನ್ನುವವರು. ಆಗ ಪಾಠಪ್ರವಚನಗಳು ಅಷ್ಟಾಗಿ ಇರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಎಳೆ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಕಾಡು, ಬೆಟ್ಟ, ಗುಡ್ಡ, ನದಿಗಳು, ಸೂರ್ಯೋದಯ, ಅಸ್ತಮಾನಗಳು ಅವರ ಮನಸ್ಸನ್ನು ಬಹುವಾಗಿ ಆಕರ್ಷಿಸಿದ್ದವು. ಮುಂದೆ ಅವರು ಪ್ರಕೃತಿ ಪ್ರಿಯರಾದರು. ಪ್ರಕೃತಿ ಅವರ ಬದುಕಿನ ಒಂದು ಅಂಗವಾಗಿಯೇ ಬದಲಾಯಿತು.

ಅದೇ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪುಟ್ಟಪ್ಪನವರ ಬಂಧು ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ ಗೌಡರು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ ಕಾವ್ಯದ ಬಾಗಿಲು ತೆರೆದರು. ವಡ್‌ವರ್ತ್, ಲಾಂಗ್‌ಫೆಲೋ, ಕೀಟ್ಸ್, ಮಿಲ್ಟನ್ ಮುಂತಾದ ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ ಕವಿಗಳ ಕವಿತೆಗಳು ಪುಟ್ಟಪ್ಪನವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಗಾಢ ಪ್ರಭಾವ ಬೀರಿದವು. ಅನಂತರ ಅವರು ಮೈಸೂರಿನ

ಹಾರ್ಡ್‌ವಿಕ್ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಸೇರ್ಪಡೆಯಾಗಿ ಹೈಸ್ಕೂಲು ವಿದ್ಯಾಭ್ಯಾಸವನ್ನು ಮುಂದುವರಿಸಿದರು. ಟಾಲ್‌ಸ್ಟಾಯ್ ನಂತಹ ಖ್ಯಾತ ಲೇಖಕರ ಗ್ರಂಥಗಳನ್ನು ಅವರು ಓದಿಕೊಂಡರು.

ಕುವೆಂಪುರವರು ಮೊದಲು ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕವನಗಳನ್ನು ರಚಿಸತೊಡಗಿದರು. ಆ ವೇಳೆಗೆ ಕುವೆಂಪುರವರಿಗೆ ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷಿನ ಪರಿಚ್ಛಾನ ವಯಸ್ಸಿಗೂ ಮೀರಿತ್ತು. ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ ಅವರ ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆ ಆ ಭಾಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕವನಗಳನ್ನು ರಚಿಸಲು ಪ್ರೇರಣೆ ಯಾಯಿತು.

ಅವರ ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ ಕವಿತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಓದಿ ಅವರ ಅಧ್ಯಾಪಕರುಗಳೇ ಬೆರಗಾಗಿದ್ದರು. ಮಿತ್ರರ ಒತ್ತಾಯಕ್ಕೆ ಮಣಿದು ಅವರು ರಚಿಸಿದ ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ ಕವಿತೆಗಳ ಸಂಕಲನ **Beginners Muse** 1922ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದರು. ಪುಟ್ಟಪ್ಪನವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಾಯರಾಗಿದ್ದ ಎಂ.ಎಚ್ ಕೃಷ್ಣಯ್ಯನವರ ಸೂಚನೆಯಂತೆ 1924, ಜುಲೈ 2ರಂದು ತಾವು ಬರೆದ ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ ಕವಿತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಐರಿಷ್ ಕವಿ ವಿಮರ್ಶಕ ಕಸಿನ್‌ರವರಿಗೆ ತೋರಿಸಲು ಹೋದರು. ಅವರು ಪುಟ್ಟಪ್ಪನವರ ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ ಕವಿತೆಗಳ ಸಂಕಲನವನ್ನು ತಿರುವಿ ಹಾಕಿ ತುಸು ಮುನಿಸಿಿಂದ 'ಏನಿದೆಲ್ಲಾ ಕಗ್ಗೆ? ನಿಮ್ಮ ತಲೆಯಿಂದ ಪಾದದವರೆಗೆ ಸ್ವದೇಶಿ ವಸ್ತ್ರಗಳೇ ಕಾಣಿಸುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಆದರೆ ಪದ್ಯಮಾತ್ರ ಸ್ವದೇಶಿಯದ್ದು. ನಿಮ್ಮ ಭಾಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಏನಾದರೂ ಬರೆದಿದ್ದೀರಾ?' ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಿದರು.

ಪುಟ್ಟಪ್ಪನವರಿಗೆ ಕಸಿವಿಸಿಯೆನಿಸಿತು. ಕಸಿನ್ ರವರ ಮಾತುಗಳು ಪುಟ್ಟಪ್ಪನವರ ಮೇಲೆ ತೀವ್ರ ಪರಿಣಾಮವನ್ನು ಬೀರಿತು. ಅಲ್ಲಿಂದ ಅವರು ಕನ್ನಡದಲ್ಲಿ ಕವಿತೆಗಳನ್ನು ರಚಿಸತೊಡಗಿದರು.

ಕುವೆಂಪುರವರು ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಪರಮಹಂಸ ಮತ್ತು ವಿವೇಕಾನಂದರನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ಮಾನಸಿಕ ಗುರುಗಳನ್ನಾಗಿ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿದ್ದರು.

ಕುವೆಂಪುರವರು ಬಿ.ಎ ಪದವಿಯ ನಂತರ ತತ್ವಶಾಸ್ತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಂ.ಎ.ಯನ್ನು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡರು. ಆದರೆ ಪೂ. ಎ.ಆರ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣಶಾಸ್ತ್ರಿಯವರ ಪ್ರೇರಣೆಯಿಂದ ಅವರು ಕನ್ನಡ ಎಂ.ಎ.ಗೆ ಸೇರ್ಪಡೆಯಾದರು. 1929ರಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರು

ಎಂ.ಎ. ಪದವೀಧರರಾದರು. ತಕ್ಷಣ ಅವರು ಅಧ್ಯಾಪಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದರು. ಅಷ್ಟರಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಅವರು ಲೇಖಕ, ಕವಿಯಾಗಿ ಖ್ಯಾತರಾಗಿದ್ದರು. ಯುವಕ ಪುಟ್ಟಪ್ಪನವರಿಗೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ನೀಡಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ ತನ್ನ ಬೋಧಕ ಬಳಗವನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀಮಂತಗೊಳಿಸಿತು. 1937ನೇ ಇಸವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂದರೆ ಅವರ 30ನೆಯ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಮಾವತಿಯವರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ವಿವಾಹವಾಯಿತು.

ಕುವೆಂಪುವರು ಎಂದೂ ಕೂಡ ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ ದ್ವೇಷಿಯಾಗಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದರೆ ಬಲತ್ಕಾರವಾಗಿ ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷನ್ನು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೇರುವುದನ್ನು ಅವರು ಸಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ನಮಗೆ ಎಂತಹ ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ ಬೇಕು, ಎಷ್ಟು ಬೇಕು, ಯಾರಿಗೆ ಬೇಕು ಎಂಬುದರ ಕುರಿತು ಅವರು ಆಳವಾಗಿ ಚಿಂತಿಸಿದ್ದರು.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಅನುವಾದ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿಯನ್ನು ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಿದ್ದು ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ತಿಳಿದ ವಿಷಯ. 2009ರಲ್ಲಿ ಇದಕ್ಕೆ 'ಕುವೆಂಪು ಭಾಷಾ

ಭಾರತಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ' ಎಂದು ಮರುನಾಮಕರಣ ಮಾಡಲಾಯಿತು. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಅಂಟಿಕೊಂಡಂತಿರುವ ಕಲಾಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದರ ಕಟ್ಟಡವಿದೆ. ಈ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಕುವೆಂಪುರವರ ಹುಟ್ಟೂರು ಕುವೆಂಪು ಮನೆಯ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸದಲ್ಲಿದೆ.

ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಮಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲೂ ಕುವೆಂಪು ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರ ಮಟ್ಟದ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಯೊಂದನ್ನು ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ದೇಶದ ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠ ಸಾಹಿತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಗುರುತಿಸಿ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಅಂತಹವರ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಕೃತಿಗಳು ಕನ್ನಡದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊರತರುವ ಯೋಜನೆಯನ್ನು ರೂಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ರಾಮಾಯಣ ದರ್ಶನಂ, ಕಾನೂರು ಸುಬ್ಬಮ್ಮ ಹೆಗ್ಗಡತಿ, ಮಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮದುಮಗಳು ಕುವೆಂಪುರವರ ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠ ಕೃತಿಗಳು. ಕುವೆಂಪುರವರ ಜಯ ಹೇ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಮಾತೆ ಗೀತೆಯು ಈಗ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ನಾಡಗೀತೆಯಾಗಿದೆ.

- ಕೆ.ಕೆ. ಗಂಗಾಧರ LM 1717

The Article above on Kuvempu is by Sri K.K. Gangadhara, affectionately called 'KKG' by a large circle of his former Colleagues and friends. He retired in 2009 after 35years of service in Railway Mail Service,a wing of the Department of Posts. Born in Kasaragod, a border district between Kerala and Karnataka and home to eminent Kannada writers like Govindapai and Kayyara KinhanannaRai, he learnt other languages viz. Kannada,Tulu, Kodava, and Tamil in addition to his mother tongue Malayalam. Gangadhara, involving himself in literary activities while in service, began his career as a writer of stories and poems in various Newspapers and periodicals. Later on he developed keen interest in translation work. He translated articles of the late Com. EMS Namboodharipad, the first Communist Chief Minister of Kerala, from Malayalam to Kannada, which were published in a monthly magazine titled 'Odanadi'. His translations from Malayalam to Kannada included the works of Gnanapeetha awardes Thakazhi Shivashankaran Pillai and M.T.Vasudevan Nair and the late Kamala Das, once nominated for the Nobel Prize.

In Recognition of his contribution to the Kannada literature during the past 2 decades by

actively involving himself in translation of many works from Malayalam to Kannada, many literary organisations in the state honoured him and conferred on him many awards. Govt. of Karnataka, Dept. of Kannada and Culture, conferred



KKG

on him the prestigious annual literary award instituted by the government for the best literary translation works during a year. The award was presented to him by "Kuvempu Bhasa Bharathi Pradhikara". Anche Nowkarara sahithya Balaga, Bengaluru honoured him with the title "Anche Sahitya Rathna". 3 short stories translated by him from Malayalam to Kannada were given the best translation award by the Bengaluru University, Akkamahadevi Mahila University and by the Kerala Government Text Book Committee.

Restoration of Commutation

Gol Ministry of Personnel, P.G. & Pensions Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare

Lok Sabha Unstarred question No.2317 answered on 21-12-2022

Restoration of commuted pension

2317 Sri Jai Prakash

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the Government has received any request from National Council (Staff side) with regard to restoration of commuted portion of pension of retired Central Government employees after 12 years of their retirement on the lines of the decision taken by the Gujarat Government:

(b) If so, the details thereof: and

(c) Whether the Government has considered the demand and if so, the details thereof?

Answer:

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's office (Dr. Jitendra Singh)

(a) To (c) Yes, Sir. In the meeting of the Standing Committee of National Council (JCM) held on 22-9-2022, the staff side of National Council (JCM) raised the demand for restoration of commuted portion of pension. The matter has been referred to the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure on 13-10-2022

CGHS

Ward Entitlement

Email received by the Rajasthan P&T Pensioners Association, Jaipur from the Additional Director, CGHS Jaipur, on revised Ward entitlement is reproduced below.

Sir,

For Serving and Pensioner beneficiaries changes for entitlement will be as follow:

1. Those, whose basic pay (or equivalent) was between ¹ 36,501 - 47600 at the time of superannuation as per VII CPC will be entitled for Semi- private ward instead of general ward.

2. Those, whose basic pay (or equivalent) was between ¹ 50500 - 63100 at the time of superannuation as per VII CPC will be entitled for private ward.

3. No additional amount for the change will be charged and there will be no change in the entitlement if the CGHS cards were made prior to Jan 2017.

Dr. Meeta Bhasin,
Additional Director, CGHS, Jaipur

We propose to start a new coloumn **QUESTION CORNER** for clearing the doubts, if any, relating to pension matters and CGHS facility. The questions may be sent to Sri Viswantha Rao, EC Member of our association by WhatsApp or email. The questions must be as brief as possible and to the point. Mobile : 9343518849 Email:visoojgd@gmail.com

Central Govt. Holidays in January, 2023

Makara Sankranti	15-1-2023	Sunday
Republic Day	26.1.2023	Thursday

Subscription received for Pensioners' Champion During November-December 2022

Rs.180/- Smt./Sri	Rs.180/- Smt./Sri	Rs.200/-	Rs. 360/- Smt./Sri
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1	P.Thippeswamy	Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Bengaluru West Division, Bengaluru	LM 3195
2	H.R.Gopinath	Sorting Postman, Bengaluru General Post Office, Bengaluru	LM 3196
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11	S. Siddaraju	Chief Postmaster, Bengaluru, GPO	LM 3205

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Donation to the Association

Sale of Books - 'Operation Khedda'				44477
Gokak Division		350	5316	44827

ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Month	CPI Base 2016=100	CPI base 2001=100	12 Months total	Monthly average	7th CPC	DR due
					% increase over 261.42	
June 22	129.2*	129.2x2.88= 372	4341	361.75	38.38	38% from July, 2022
Oct. 22	132.5	132.5x2.88 = 382	4427	368.91	41.12	

* linking factor for conversion of the index numbers of 2016 base year to 2001 base year: 2.88

DA/DR expected from 1.1.2023 - not less than 42%

BSNL IDA

IDA From 1-7-2022, 190.8% (5.5% increase over April, 22 rate of 185.3%)

IDA From 1-10-2022, 195.8 % (5% increase over July 22 rate of 190.8%)

BSNL

New Office Bearers of AIBSNLPWA

In the 4th Triennial All India Conference of All India BSNL Pensioners Welfare Association held at Vishakapatnam (AP) on 2nd and 3rd, December, 2022, Sri D. Gopalakrishnan was elected as the President, Sri Vara Prasad as the General Secretary. From Karnataka, Sri P. Gangadhara Rao was elected as the Vice-president and Sri G Babu as the Assistant General Secretary

Pension Revision

AIBSNLPWA President Sri D Gopalakrishnan, Vice- president Sri P. Gangadhara Rao and Sri V. Vara Prasad, General Secretary myself along with Com. M.K. Bagchi (President, RTOWA), met Hon'ble Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shri Prahlad Joshi in Parliament House on 13-12-2022 and requested his help to resolve the Pension Revision issue. Accordingly his PA fixed the meeting with MoC at 1900 hours.

They met Hon'ble Minister of Communications Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw and handed over to him a letter with details of the pension revision demand.

The leaders thanked him for taking a decision to delink Pension Revision from Pay Revision and explained the justification for the demand on revision of pension and requested his intervention for 7th CPC fitment factor. He assured that he will get it examined.

They met the Member (S) on 14-12-2022 who told them that the Establishment Section has asked the CGCA to furnish the financial implications for 0%, 5%, 10% and 15% fitment benefits. He also told that though BSNL could not reach an agreement on pay revision they have sent pay scales for Non-executives.

DDG (Estt) also told the deligation that they have asked for financial implications. She was told by the leaders that DoT has not sent the proposal for 2.515 fitment formula to pension department's consideration. The leaders insisted that the proposal be sent to pension department for their opinion. DDG said that she has to take the opinion of higher officers in DOT including Secretary Telecom.

OBITUARY

Sri T. Subramani, LM 2611, Retd. LSG Supr. Bengaluru City RMS, expired on 5-12-2022 at the age of 70 years.

The Executive Committee of K P&T PA conveys its heartfelt condolences
to the members of the bereaved familiy

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