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Sri N Bhaskaran Visits "Pensioners Bhavan"



Sri Bhaskaran, veteran P&T Trade Union leader, Karnataka, founder Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association & Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners Association- Karnataka, visited Pensioners Bhavan on Tuesday the 30th January 2024 after a gap of nearly 3 years. He was warmly received at the entrance by the President, Sri G Babu, Secretary, Sri K B Krishna Rao, Sri H S Manjunatha, Advisor, Executive Committee Members, many representatives of the All India RMS Employees Unions Group-C, MG and MTS, Karnataka Circle and a host of former executive committee members-KP&TPA and pensioners. Slogans "Com. Bhaskaran Zindabad", "KP&TPA Zindabad" rent the air on his arrival at the entrance of Pensioners Bhavan.



Sri Bhaskaran honoured by the Representatives of RMS Circle Unions



G Babu, President, KP&TPA speaking



H S Manjunatha, Former Circle Secy AIRMSEU-C & Advisor KP&TPA speaking

In an informal meeting held thereafter, Sri Bhaskaran, the first Circle Secretary of All India RMS Employees Unions Group–C, Mysore Circle (Karnataka Circle later) was honoured by the Circle Union representatives of Group-C, MG and MTS.

S/s G Babu, K B Krishna Rao, H S Manjunatha, and M Ramakrishna of KP&TPA, S/s R S Doddi, Govida Raju and Anantha Ramu of AIRMSEU spoke eulogising the services of Sri Bhaskaran to the RMS Employees and Central Pensioners over the past 6 decades.

RMS Employees Unions felicitated S/s K Armugham, S M Vittal Rao and Jayashankara Rao presenting them flower bouquets and Mementos.



KP&TPA Members assembled in the meeting

Activities at Pensioners' Bhavan on 30-01-2024



Dri K B Krishna Rao, Secretary, KP&TPA, speaking



Sri Jayashankara Rao being felicitated by Sri R S Doddi, Circle Treasurer, AIRMSEU-C



Sri K Armugham, felicitated by AIRMSEU Karnataka Circle.



Sri S M Vittal Rao felicitated by AIRMSEU Karnataka Circle



Sri M Ramakrishna , Former Circle Treasurer AIRMSEU-C Karnataka Circle speaking.

Opening of CGHS Wellness Centres in Mangaluru, Udupi and Shivamogga

The Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare in his letters addressed to the Hon'ble Members of Parliament, Mangaluru and Shivamogga had informed them that MOH has agreed in principle to open new CGHS wellness centres in 20 cities across the country including Mangaluru, Udupi & Shivamogga in Karnataka.

As a followup, CGHS Directorate had advised the Additional Director CGHS Bengaluru, to visit the 3 cities to ascertain the feasibility of opening CGHS wellness centres there.

Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association, on request by the AD, furnished the details of Central employees and pensioners living in the 3 cities and pensioners residing in other towns nearer to them.

A team led by Dr. Vijayalakshmi Mohan, Additional Director CGHS, visited Mangaluru and Udupi on 19.1.2024 and Shivamogga on 24-1-2024.

KPTPA had requested Sri K. Chandra Mohan, District Secretary, AIBSNLPWA, Mangaluru, Sri D V Padubidri, President, Udupi District P&T Pensioners' Association and Sri V Shashidhara, Secretary, Shivamogga Postal Pensioners Association to coordinate with the visiting CGHS Team and furnish all the information sought for by the team in furtherance of the demand for opening CGHS Wellness at the 3 cities.

All the 3 gentlemen took personal interest in the matter, put forth their best efforts, arranged meeting of pensioners of the city who attended in good numbers & interacted with the team, and took the team around several localities of the cities to have a look at buildings which are suitable for housing CGHS Wellness Centres. Sri Chandra Mohan, had arranged a meeting of pensioners in Mangaluru, furnished the team all the details that it needed, showed the team some building suitable for housing Wellness Centre in the city and accompanied the team

to Udupi on completion of its visit to Mangaluru and stayed with the team till completion of the team's interaction with all stake holders there.

Sri D V Padubidri, had arranged meeting of pensioners in Udupi. Interacted with Central Govt Offices in Udupi and furnished whatever information the CGHS team wanted. Showed the team some buildings which are suitable for a CGHS WC.

The CGHS team visited Shivamogga on 24-1-2024. Shivamogga Postal and BSNL Pensioners Welfare Association had arranged meeting of pensioners with the Additional Director, CGHS and other members of the team. Sri B Y Raghavendra, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Shivamogga presided over the meeting. The details of no. of employees & pensioners in Shivamogga and pensioners in other cities viz. Davanagere and Chitradurga were furnished to the AD. A team consisting CGHS officers, Central employees and pensioners led by the Hon'ble Member of Parliament went round the city to find a suitable building for CGHS WC. BSNL Telephone Exchange building in Sharvathinagar was finally identified as suitable for a CGHS WC.

The arrangements made for holding the meetings and the concerted efforts made by all the 3 coordinators Viz. Sri K. Chandra Mohan, Sri D V Padubidri and Sri V Shashidhara in ensuring furnishing of the data required by the Health Ministry for considering opening of CGHS WCs in all the 3 cities, praised by the CGHS team also, are highly appreciable and are sure to go a long way in achieving the long pending demands of Employees and Pensioners of the 3 cities.

PS: The matter was discussed in the Zonal Advisory Committee held on 23-2-2024 in which the Addl Director, informed that all the details called for by the CGHS Directorate have been furnished after visiting the 3 cities and further directions from the CGHS Directorate are awaited.



Opening of CGHS WC at Mangalore: Dr Ravindra Y Asangi, CMO & CPIO HQ,CGHS speaking. Others on the Dais-from Left: Sri Robert, Asst Commissioner Income Tax, Dr Vijayalakshmi Mohan, Additional Director CGHS, Dr H S Prasanna, Grievance Officer CGHS and Sri K Chandra Mohan, Divisional Secretary, AIBSNLPWA, Mangaluru District, the Coordinator.



Assembly of Pensioners-
Mangalore



Opening of CGHS WC at Udupi: Sri DV Padubidri, President,Udupi District P&T Pensioners Association, the Coordinator, (first from left) with Dr Ravindra, Dr Vijayalakshmi Mohan, AD and Dr Prasanna.



Opening of CGHS WC at Shivamogga: Sri B Y Raghavendra Hon'ble M P, addressing pensioners. Seated on the Dais. From left: Dr. Prasanna, Grievance Officer, Dr Vijayalakshmi Mohan,AD CGHS and Dr. Ravindra Y Aasangi,CPIO, HQ., (V. Shashidhara, Secretary, Shivamogga Postal Pensioners' Association was the coordinator. (Not in picture)

Opening of Full-fledged CGHS Wellness Centres at Hubballi and Sahakaranagr, Bengaluru instead of the proposed Extension Counters— CCCGPA Karnataka writes to the ADG, CGHS

No. CCCGPA/CGHS/2023-24 dated at Bengaluru, the 26th January, 2024

To: **Dr. V K Sharma,**
Additional Deputy Director General
CGHS Headquarters
Central Govt Health Scheme, Sector 12,
R. K. Puram, New Delhi- 110022.

Sir,

Opening of additional WCs under Addl. Director CGHS Bengaluru

Greetings from Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners Associations, Karnataka, Bengaluru. Our organisation has more than Thirty affiliated Central Government Pensioners Association representing Pensioners from Postal, IA&AD, Income Tax, Indirect Taxes, BSNL and other departments including Autonomous and Statutory bodies Pensioners.

With reference to DG CGHS OO No. Z15025/38/21/DIR/CGHS dated 10th January 2024 wherein it is stated that opening 21 more WCs under CGHS which included Mangaluru, Udupi and Shivamogga under AD CGHS Bengaluru is under consideration. We are thankful for including three cities of Karnataka for consideration. We have already furnished statistical information about the likely number of beneficiaries who may be benefitted by opening of WCs in those 3 cities to Additional Director CGHS Bengaluru.

In addition to the above proposed WCs, we would like to bring the following points for your consideration and positive response.

WC at Hubballi: The Directorate has already approved opening of Extension Counter of CGHS WC at Hubballi and process of making it functional is in progress. As per the information available there are about 1000 Central Government employees and 5000

Central Government pensioners including BSNL pensioners, in the cities of Hubballi-Dharwad and nearby towns of Gadag, Haveri, Bagalkot and Belagavi and these towns and cities are within 100 Kms of Hubballi. In addition, there are about 8000 beneficiaries constituting the family members of these employees and pensioners. Since these pensioners are eligible for CGHS benefits irrespective of their place of residence, the number of pensioners residing in the cities/towns, which are very near to Hubballi-Dharwad Viz: Gadag City at a distance of 59 KM and Haveri at 76 KM, have been included in the number of likely beneficiaries as there is every possibility of the pensioners of those towns also opting for CGHS benefits. Hence there is justification for opening of CGHS Wellness Centre at Hubballi. Therefore we request to consider upgrading the proposed Extension Counter to a full-fledged **Wellness Center** and sanction all the required staff including doctors.

WC at Sahakaranagar, Bengaluru:

It is learnt that Directorate is actively considering opening of an Extension Counter at Sahakaranagar, Bengaluru. In this regard we would like to bring to your kind notice that our organisation, on a number of times before, had requested for opening seven more WCs in Bengaluru city furnishing supporting statistical information. This issue was also raised in ZAC meetings and it was informed that the subject has been noted by Directorate and as and when proposal for opening more WCs is considered the Bengaluru case also will be taken into consideration. According to statistical information already furnished to CGHS, more than 5000 employees and pensioners are residing in Sahakaranagar and nearby areas like Shivaramkarantha Nagar layout, Telecom Layout, Yelahanka etc. According to

information available in CGHS website about 8000 cards with about 20,000 beneficiaries are served by Ganganahalli WC-9. If full-fledged WC is opened at Sahakarnagar it will reduce the burden of Ganganagr WC and also serve new areas like Yelahanka etc. It is also learnt that Premises offered by the Ministry of Communications Employees Cooperative Housing Society Ltd. for nominal rent untill rent is assessed by CPWD, is readily available for locating a WC. Therefore, we earnestly request that the proposed Extension counter of WC-9 at Sahakarnagar, Bengaluru may be upgraded and a **full-fledged WC** is sanctioned with adequate staff and doctors.

This organisation requests the authorities to positively consider opening of **full-fledged WCs at Hubballi & Sahakar Nagar, Bengaluru** and process early opening of WCs at Mangaluru, Udupi and Shivamogga.

Yours faithfully,
For **CCCGP A, Karnataka, Bengaluru.**

PS: It was informed by the Addl. Director, CGHS in the Zonal Advisory Committee held on 23-2-2024 that Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation is likely to hand over the building identified for opening CGHS WC shortly and once possession of the building is taken further necessary action to open the WC will be initiated.
Sahakaranagar CGHS Extn Counter: CGHS Bengaluru is awaiting further directions from the CGHS Directorate, New Delhi in the matter.

STOP PRESS:
The Commissioner, Hubballi-Dharwad "Mahanagara Palike", vide Corporation's letter dated 19.02.2024, has informed the AD ,CGHS Bengaluru that it has been decided to allot a portion of the building of Chitaguppi Hospital, measuring about 3000 Sft on a monthly rent of Rs.40,785/-. This may facilitate opening of the CGHS extension counter at Hubballi shortly.

NEWS FROM AFFILIATES

Shivamogga Postal Pensioners' Association felicitated pensioners aged 80 years on 6-2-2024 in a get-together of postal pensioners organised by Sri V Shashidhara, Convenor at Sri Prasanna Ganapathi Temple,Ravindrannagar, Shivamogga.Sri D Anjaneya, Sri R S Savanoorkar and Sri N Venkatappa Pensioners aged 80 were felicitated.



(Left) Pensioner aged 80 felicitated by Shivamogga Pensioners association speaking. (Right) Assembly of Pensioners.

INFORMATION REGARDING EIGHTH PAY COMMISSION

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 395

ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 6, 2024

395 SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons recorded on files for not considering and according approval of Para 1.22 of 7th CPC by Government; (b) whether no proposal for setting up Eighth Central Pay Commission is under consideration due to the fact that Government is not in a position to bear the burden of pay commission; (c) if so, the details and reasons for such situation; and (d) if not, the reasons why 5th largest economy is not setting up Eighth Central Pay Commission and revising pay of the Central Government employees who are facing unprecedented inflation in the last thirty years?

ANSWER: MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a): This issue has not been considered by the Union Cabinet while according the approval for the revision of pay and allowances based on 7 CPC. (b) to (d): No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

News from Sister Pensioners Association

All India Postal Pensioners Association Ananthapuram AP



41st Annual General Body Meeting of the association was held on 21-01-2024 at Sri Balaji Kalyana Mandapam, Ananthapuram. About 100 members attended the AGB. Sri S Chandrasekharachari, President presided. Silence was observed in memory of the pensioners who expired during 2023.

Sri V Haribabu, Superintendent of Post Offices, Ananthapuram Division, in his address assured the association that he would give top priority to pensioners' grievances.

Sri S Chandrasekharachari, President spoke in detail about pension related issues. Sri M Chakrapani, Secretary presented the annual report and Sri K Venugopala Rao, Treasurer presented the audited annual accounts.

10 members aged 75 and 7 members aged 70 years were felicitated

33RD MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES (SCOVA) UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE MOS (PP)

FRESH AGENDA ITEMS

(33.1): Grant of Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) to the Widowed/Divorced/Unmarried daughters who are in receipt of family pension

As per Railway Board letter RBE No.69/2014 dated 07.07.2014, Widowed/Divorced/Unmarried daughters who are in receipt of family pension are entitled for grant of FMA. On the contrary, as per Railway Board Letter No. PC-V/2022/A/MED/2FMA (E) dated 27.10.2022 widowed/divorced/unmarried daughters who are in receipt of family pension are not eligible for Retired Employees Liberalized Health Scheme (RELHS). Accordingly, they are not entitled for FMA.

Ministry of Railway is requested to examine the matter so that widowed/divorced/

Unmarried daughters could also avail the benefit of Health Scheme/Allowance.

(Action: Ministry of Railways)

(33.2): Railways fair concession must be allowed to Senior Citizens/Pensioners as per pre-Covid Period.

(Action: Ministry of Railways)

(33.3): Grant of increment to the retiring employees on the date of their retirement, if the date of their increment follows their date of retirement – Amendment to the rules governing grant of increment and extension of the amended rules to the pensioners as a one-time measure

Grant of increment to a pensioner is contrary to the personnel policy of the Government may perhaps be because of the reason that the Rules governing grant of

increment stipulate that the employee must be on duty on the date on which he earns an increment and if the employee is not on duty, the increment shall be granted from the date of resumption of duty. Therefore, if the date of increment of any employee falls on the next date of his retirement, the increment that would have been allowed to him but for his retirement is not granted for the reason that the employee, having retired from service, is not on duty on the date on which the increment would have been otherwise granted to him.

The provision of the rules, as they stand now, have made such employees ineligible for increment even after rendering 365 days of service after earning the last increment. The Rules on grant of increment have undergone many changes and modifications have been made in the past on several occasions, which were to the advantage of the employees and the retiring employees as well. Hence, suitable amendment may be considered.

(Action: Dept. of Personnel & Training)

(33.4): Construction of CGHS Polyclinic/Hospital at Jammu

Since J&K administration has allotted land to CGHS in Jammu, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare may consider construction of a Polyclinic/Hospital on urgent basis.

(33.5): One time option to CGHS Beneficiaries to choose their ward entitlement based on their NOTIONAL Pay in 7th CPC Pay Matrix

Prior to revision of rates of subscription and entitlement of wards under CGHS with effect from 1st June 2009 vide MoH&FW OM No.S-11011/2/2008-CGHS(P) dated 20.05.2009, Pensioners had an option to choose for

payment of CGHS Contribution/ward entitlement based either on last pay drawn or their pension. Pensioners who had opted for payment of Contribution based on their pension got lower entitlement of ward than the entitlement based on their last basic pay.

After 7th CPC, the rate of CGHS Contribution was revised with effect from 01.01.2017 based on the levels in the Pay matrix and the ward entitlement on the corresponding basic pay in 7th CPC. Pensioners who are entitled for higher ward entitlement based on their notional pay in 7th CPC Pay Matrix continue to be eligible for lower ward entitlement since they had opted for determination of their entitlement based on their pension at the time of their retirement/admission to CGHS. It is seen that even in cases where pensioners had opted for determination of their CGHS contribution and ward entitlement on the basis of last pay, they would now be entitled for higher wards viz.: Semi-private and Private ward, re-determined with reference to their notional pay under the 7th CPC.

A large number of pensioners who have now become entitled for semi-private or private wards in consideration of their Notional Pay under the 7th CPC have been denied their actual entitlement for higher ward for treatment in hospitals since the CGHS cards issued to them indicate "General Ward" for those who are now entitled for semi-private ward and either General or Semi-private ward for those who are now entitled for private ward. Since the CGHS cards were issued to them at the time of their retirement when the pay scales were low under the previous pay commissions and in respect of some the ward entitlement was determined on pension at their option anomaly has arisen and needs to be corrected to render justice to such pensioners.

It is, therefore, requested that the issue may please be pursued to allow one time

option to pensioners to opt for re-determination of their ward entitlement based on their notional pay in 7th CPC Pay matrix, which would make them eligible for higher wards in Private Hospitals empanelled under CGHS.

(Action: MoH & FW)

(33.6): Non-revision of CGHS rates

The CGHS rates were last revised in 2014. There are about 1900 items in CGHS rate list. Rates of few only have been revised recently.

Non-revision of rates for nearly a decade has resulted in many empanelled Private Hospital seeking de-empanelment. Therefore, there is an urgent need to revise the rate of all procedures/tests/investigations, etc., which are commensurate with the increase in the market prices of medicines, medical equipment and treatment procedures over the past several years.

Revision of rates will not only encourage more number of private hospitals to seek empanelment but also is likely to motivate some of the private hospitals which had withdrawn from CGHS to come back to its fold. Further delay in revision of CGHS rates may result in private empanelled hospitals seeking removal of their names from the list of empanelled hospitals, which would cause untold miseries and great financial hardships to CGHS beneficiaries.

(Action: MoH & FW)

(33.7): Provision in CPENGRAMS for entering address of grievance registering Pensioners' Associations

There is no provision for furnishing the address of the Pensioners' Association which has registered the grievance while there is a provision for entering address of the Pensioner. Therefore the offices which dispose of the grievances are sending their replies intended

for the Pensioners Association to the address of the pensioner. Therefore, a provision may be made in the grievance registration form for entering the address of the grievance registering pensioners' associations also.

(33.8): Non-indication of Dearness Relief (DR) paid on age related Additional Pension in the SMS on pension credit received by DOT Pensioners in SAMPANN

Dearness Relief (DR) paid to DOT Pensioners on their age-related additional pension is not being included in the total DR paid for the month and only the DR admissible/paid on the basic pension is being indicated in the SMS on pension credit being received by DoT Pensioners creating confusion about the actual amount of DR admissible and paid.

Hence, it is suggested that the DR admissible on Additional Pension may also be indicated separately by introduction of a new head "DR on Additional Pension" in the SMS.

(Action: Dept of Telecom)

(33.9): Delay in restoration of commutation amount by Pension Disbursing Banks even after completion of 15 years of retirement.

As per CCS (Pension) Rules, 1981, commutation amount is restored after completion of 15 years. However, it is found that commutation is not restored by Pension Disbursing Banks after 15 years. Excess commutation amount has been recovered even for more than one year. This is happening in respect of pensioners who have retired during

2007 to 2008 due to implementation of 6th CPC. Other Associations may have similar problems due to introduction of SPARSH. There is no accountability for excess deduction of commutation amount. Therefore it is requested that excess amount recovered from pension for more than 3 months be paid to the individual with interest which should be recovered from the dealing officer and officials. If agreed, a letter may kindly be issued to all PDAs and departments.

Action: Dept of Financial Services/ Banks/Ministry of Defence/CGDA)

(33.10): Issues related to SPARSH

- i) Delay in Pension profile Data verification and Upgradation.
It is observed that Pensioners data verification is not done even after one and half years with SPARSH. In all matters, the portal advises to contact your HOO. Change of name of HOO and address is not done in SPARSH PPOs in spite of several requests, hence causing undue hardship to pensioners.
- ii) Non-payment of additional pension even after completion of 80 years
PDAs like Banks and SPARSH are not paying additional 20% pension even after completion of 80 years. Suitable instructions may please be issued for compliance of the system.

(Action: Ministry of Defence/CGDA)

Note: OUT OF 10 FRESH ITEMS INCLUDED BY DOPPW IN THE AGEND FOR THE MEETING, FIVE ITEMS VIZ. Nos. 33(3), 33(5), 33(6), 33(7) AND 33(8) ARE THOSE SUGGESTED BY K P&T PA.

OBITUARY

MS. H A Bharathi LM 19812, Retd. Assistant Director, O/o the CPMG, Karnataka Circle, expired on 19-02-2024 at the age of 76 years.

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

Demonstration before Bengaluru City RMS office on 16.2.2024 by the Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers, Karnataka, Bengaluru based on the call given by the Central Trade Unions, New Delhi and request made by the National Coordination Committee of Pensioners' Associations, New Delhi, to its affiliates to support the working class and join the demonstration.



In response to the call given by the Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers, New Delhi, for holding nationwide demonstrations on 15th and 16th February 2024, the Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers, Karnataka, Bengaluru, had organised demonstration before Bangalore City RMS Office (in the premises of Bangalore City Railway Station) under the leadership of its President, Comrade P.S. Prasad, on 16.2.2024 at 5.30 PM to demand settlement of the following charter of demands by the Government:

Charter of Demands

1. SCRAP NPS: RESTORE OPS
2. CONSTITUTE 8TH CPC IMMEDIATELY
3. PAYMENT OF ARREARS OF 18 MONTHS DA IMPOUNDED
4. FILLING UP OF ALL VACANT POSTS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS
5. REGULARISE GDS, CONTRACT LABOURS AND CASUAL LABOURS

6. RECOGNITION OF NFPE, AIEPU GROUP C & ISROSA
7. COMPASSIONATE APPOINTMENTS FOR COVID RELATED DEATHS

Based on the call given by the National Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, CHQ, New Delhi, to which Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association is affiliated, had also participated and supported the demonstration. Besides, Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka, Bengaluru, Survey of India Pensioners Association and a few other Pensioners' Associations had also participated in the demonstration.

Comrade M Nagaraju, Circle President, All India RMS and MMS Employees Union Group –C Karnataka, welcomed the comrades to the demonstration and requested Comrade P.S. Prasad and others to address the pensioners and employees. He also raised slogans in the beginning and at the end of the demonstration, which were repeated by other participants.

Comrade P.S. Prasad, President of Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers, Karnataka and Joint General Secretary, CCCGPA, addressed the employees and pensioners and brought to their attention that, in the case of employees covered by National Pension System (NPS), though the Central Government employees contribute 10% of their pay and DA to NPS every month, there is no guarantee even to get minimum pension guaranteed under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, now amended as CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021. Though many of the State Governments have declared that they are opting out of the National Pension System and will implement only the Old Pension Scheme for their employees, the Central Government has not scrapped the NPS as demanded by the Confederation. As it is felt that NPS is not going to pay pension to the pensioners at their old age as assured, he demanded that the Central Government take back immediately the PFRDA for the Central Government Employees and bring them them under the CCS (Pension) Rules 2021. He also demanded that the 8th Central Pay Commission should be constituted immediately as the 7th CPC recommendations were implemented with effect

from 1.1.2016 and therefore, 8th CPC should have been constituted by this time to facilitate implementation of its recommendations from 1.1.2026. In this connection, he mentioned that, though during the last 10 years inflation has doubled and the prices of all essential commodities have increased and though the revenue collection has doubled as per the Government data, the wages and pension have not been revised accordingly. In view of this, he appealed to the Government for immediate revision of wages and pension by constituting the 8th CPC. He also, while detailing the need for implementation of other demands, appealed to the Government for payment of impounded DA/DR arrears.

Comrades Juliana Vincent and TV Suryaprakash, Joint General Secretaries of CCCGPA, Comrade N.S. Gunapal, Circle Secretary, All India RMS and MMS Employees Union Group C and M. Ramakrishna, Member of KP&TPA also addressed the participants and appealed to the employees and pensioners to participate in large numbers in such demonstrations when organised in future and make those demonstrations a grand success.

Comrade M Nagaraju extended a vote of thanks.

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1683	H.G. Mate	2781	320	6055	

Pension Adalat for DOT/ BSNL Pensioners, Karnataka Circle

Controller of Communication Accounts, (CCA) Karnataka is holding Quarterly Pension Adalat for Telecom/BSNL Pensioners on 21.03.2024.

Pensioners who retired from DOT/BSNL, Karnataka Circle and Family Pensioners having grievances regarding their pension matters may submit their representations by Post / Email to the CCA Karnataka, 2nd Floor, Amenity Block, Palace Road, Bengaluru 560001 so as to reach on or before 08.03.2024. Email: jtcca2.ka-dot@gov.in

BSNL IDA

IDA From 1-10-2023, 215.6% (10% increase over July 2023 rate of 205.6%)

IDA From 1-1-2024-215.4% (0.20 % decrease over Oct 23 rate of 215.6%)

Subscription received for Pensioners' Champion During January-February 2024

Rs. 180/- Smt./Sri	Rs. 180/- Smt./Sri	Rs. 200/- Smt./Sri	Rs. 240/- Smt./Sri
460 N.T.Basavaraju	3278 C.V.Ramanath Babu	3218 Kalavathi	S-356 J S Narayana Rao
1672 A.C.Shekar	x x x VINOD KU	3221 H.S.Sheshachala Jois	Rs. 360/- Smt./Sri
1826 L.Periaswamy	x x x cheque No.925982	3222 H.K.Sripada Rao	658 M.Narayan Rao
2107 S.Vijaya Gopal	Rs. 200/- Smt./Sri	3223 D.Anjaneya	1264 S.R.Jayapal
2692 G.M.Hulamani	1177 R.Lakshmanan	3241 P.Ramachandra Rao	1859 R.Venugopala Rao
2781 H.G.Mate	1253 A.H.Ramesh	3244 G.Venkatesh	3153 A.George
2851 S.N.Vijayalakshmi	1388 G.Gopal	3246 R.S.Savanoorkar	Rs. 540/- Smt./Sri
3071 S.Anthonydass	1533 V.Sivasubramanyam	3253 K.Sudhir Kamath	3145 S Srinivasan
3078 P.Mohan	2370 K.M.Joshi	3255 K.Abubakar	Rs. 900/- Smt./Sri
3113 Manohar Ramarao Kulkarni	3213 V.Shashidhara	3267 N.K.Satyanarayana	x x x drsathyam
3200 V.Ramya Jalathara	3217 Shobha.S.Chatra	3376 K.M.Basavarajappa	

We Welcome the Following Newly Enrolled Members

Sl.No.	Name (Smt./Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
1	A.Anbazhagan	Sorting Assistant, Bengaluru City RMS Bengaluru	LM 3430
2	E.Gopi	Grade I Driver. Mail Motor Service. Bengaluru	LM 3431
3	D.Naganna	Postmaster, Tumakuru Head Post Office, Tumakuru	LM 3432
4	B.Sidaraju	Postman, Srirampura Sub post Office, Bengaluru	LM 3433
5	P.Puttaraju	Postmaster, Kollegal Head Post Office, Kollegal	LM 3434
6	C.Savakaiah	Postal Assistant, Kollegal Head Post Office, Kollegal	LM 3435
7	M.F.John Robert	LSG Sub Postmaster, Yelandaur Sub Post Office, Kollegal	LM 3436
8	M.F.Helen	LSG Postal Assistant, Kollegal Head Post Office, Kollegal	LM 3437
9	D.Shivaiah	Sr.Suptd. Of Post Offices, Mysuru Division,Mysuru	LM 3438
10	K.N.Krishnegowda	Postman, K.R.Pet Sub Post Office, K.R.Pete	LM 3439
11	V.S.Ramanna	Sub Postmaster, Nagamanagala, Mandya	LM 3440
12	N.B.Puttaswamy	Postman, Nanjangud Head Post Office, Nanjangud	LM 3441
13	G.V.S.Shekar	Postal Assistant, Gundlupet Sub Post Office, Nanjangud	LM 3442
14	G.S.Vijayaraghavan	Grade I Driver. Divisional Office, Nanjangud	LM 3443
15	B. Kalavathy(FP)	W/o. Late T.S. Ramamurthy, Sub-Postmaster, Fort PO, Mysuru	LM 3444
16	Keshava Murthy	Sub Postmaster, Ashokapuram, Mysuru	LM 3445
17	K.V.Rathna Gowri (FP)	W/o. Late N. Subramanya, Mailman, Sub Record Office. Hassan	LM 3446
18	Dundamadaiah	Postmaster Grade II, V.V.Mohalla Post Office, Mysuru	LM 3447
19	V.Kamala	CTS, BSNL, Vidyananyapura Exchange, Bengaluru	LM 3448
20	R.Srinivasa	Sorting Assistant, Bengaluru City RMS, Bengaluru	LM 3449

LM: Life Member

ALM: Associate Life Member

ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX						
Month	CPI Base	CPI base	12 Months total	Monthly average	7th CPC	DR due
	2016=100	2001=100			% increase over 261.42	
June 2023	136.4	136.4x2.88 = 393	4587	382.25	46.22	46% from July 2023
Dec. 2023	138.8	138.8 X 2.88 = 400	4714	392.83	50.26	50% from Jan. 2024

* Linking factor for conversion of the index numbers of 2016 base year to 2001 base year : 2.88. **DR Order expectecd.**

NEWS FROM AFFILIATES **Survey of India Pensioners Association, Bangalore**

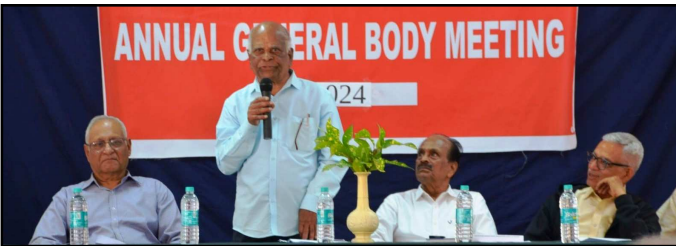
Held its Annual General Body Meeting on 27-1-2024 in Survey of India Community Hall. Sri K B Krishna Rao, President, CCCGPA Karnataka, the Chief Guest, inaugurated the open session and addressed the gathering. He appreciated the contribution of the Employees of Survey of India in the working class movement and of the Pensioners Association in furthering the interest of pensioners. Sri Rao spoke on various issues concerning pensioners welfare including CGHS. Sri A V Thomas, President, SolPA, presided. Com Juliana Vincent, Secretary welcomed the pensioners. Dr N.M. Mukthamba, CMO I/C, CGHS WC 7 spoke about the facilities available to Central Pensioners under CGHS. Pensioners aged 80 were felicitated.



Pensioners aged 80 honoured



Dr N M Mukthamba, CMO I/C,
CGHS WC-6 Koramangala
speaking on CGHS Issues



Sri K B Krishna Rao, President, CCCGPA
Karnataka addressing Pensioners

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