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27th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

Saturday, the 20th August, 2022 @ 10-00 a.m.

**Venue: Kondajji Basappa Auditorium,
Bharat Scouts and Guides, Palace Road,
(Opposite O/o. the Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle)
(Next to Maharani College) Bengaluru 560001.**

**Chief Guest : Shri S. Rajendra Kumar, IPoS,
Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle, Bengaluru**

**Guest of Honour : Shri L.K. Dash, IPoS, Postmaster General,
Bengaluru Head Quarters Region, Bengaluru 560001**

- * Formal Notice of the AGB, Agenda & Audited Annual Accounts 2021-22 published in June 22 Issue
- * Draft Annual Report 2020-21: Pages 3-17
- * Election to the Executive Committee for the years 2022-2025 : Calendar of events in page 2
- * All Life Members, Associate Life Members of the Association and Subscribers and Well Wishers are requested to join the **physical meeting** at 10-00 a.m. on 20th August, 2022

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Calendar of events in connection with election to the Executive Committee of Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association for the term 2022-25

Date of commencement of acceptance of nominations from members standing for election	31/07/2022
Last date for receiving nominations from Members standing for election	8/08/2022
Last date for withdrawal of nominations	11/08/2022
Exhibiting list of candidates who have withdrawn their candidature and publishing final list of candidates	12/08/2022
Elections, if required	20/08/2022

Proforma for filing nomination

I, Sri/Smt Membership No.
a Member of Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association, Bengaluru,
hereby state that I am willing to be a Member in the Executive Committee of the Association
for the period 2022-25.

Place	Signature of the Member
Date	Name:
	Address:
	Phone No.

NOTE: 1. Nominations to be sent by **Speed post** to the Secretary, at the address of the working office of the Association: No. 165, 4th Main Road, 3rd Block, 3rd Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560079 so as to reach him on or before 08-08-2022. Nominations received after 08/08/2022 **will not be accepted**.

2. Associate Life Members (ALM) are not entitled to stand for election to the Executive Committee.

For & on behalf of the Executive Committee, K P&T PA
K.B.Krishna Rao, Secretary
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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	
Dec 21	125.4*	125.4x2.88= 361	4216	351.33	34.39	34% from January 2022
May 22	129	129x2.88= 372	4323	360.25	37.80	

* linking factor for conversion of the index numbers of 2016 base year to 2001 base year: 2.88
Expected DR from 1.7.2022 : 38%

Draft Annual Report for the year 2021-22 of Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association, Bengaluru

The Executive Committee of Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association is pleased to place the draft Annual Report for the year 2021-2022 for approval before the 27th Annual General Body Meeting, being held on Saturday, the 20th August, 2022 in Kondajji Basappa Auditorium, Bharat Scouts & Guides, No.39, Palace Road, Bengaluru 560001. This report covers some of the events of April 2022 & onwards also.

1. The Under mentioned executive committee members, who were unanimously elected in the AGB on 13-9-2019 for the period 2019-2022, functioned as Office Bearers of the Association during the year under report:

President : **Shri G. Babu**
Vice President : **Shri M.N. Gopinath**
Secretary : **Shri K.B.Krishna Rao**
Joint Secretary : **Shri V.Gopal** up to
8th October, 2020:
Shri V Murugan from
9th October, 2020

Treasurer : **Shri K.R.Anantha Ramu**
Shri S.M.Vittal Rao continued to be the Internal Auditor.

The Executive Committee Members, also elected unanimously in the AGB on 13-9-2019 are : Shri Chandrashekhara Karanth, Shri Rangegowda, Shri B.S.Ramachandra, Shri N.Ramaiah, Shri M.Muniyappa, Smt.N.Nagalakshmi, Shri B.Nagraju and Shri C.Ramakrishna Reddy.

Shri V Gopal, Joint Secretary, who was very ably functioning as the Joint Secretary, extremely supportive in the functioning of the association and also liberally donated to the building fund, resigned from the post of Joint Secretary and the Executive Committee in December, 2020 for personal reasons. His resignation was most reluctantly accepted by

the EC, that too, only after his insistence on its acceptance. His contributions for the effective functioning of the association, especially, in successful conduct of the Annual General Body meetings are note worthy. Shri A Prakash was co-opted as EC member in his place in the EC meeting held on 9-10-2021 and Sri V. Murugan was elected as the Joint Secretary

Shri M Muniyappa, Executive Committee Member, elected unanimously in the AGB on 13-9-2019, expired suddenly on 9th August, 2021 at the age of 77 years. In his demise, the association lost one of its patrons. In his place Shri K Nagesh was co-opted to the Executive Committee in the E C meeting held on 9-10-2021

2. Condolence: We are extremely saddened to record in this annual report the most sorrowful occurrence of the year, that is the sudden death of Sri B Sadashiva Rao, IPoS (Retd.), founder President of Karnataka Posts & Telecommunications Pensioners' Association and founder Chairman of the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka and Advisor to both, who passed away on 19th February, 2022 at the age of 90 years. Born on 21-10-1931 in Puttur, Dakshina Kannada Dist, he was recruited as Sorting Assistant, in the RMS wing of the Department of Posts. He rose to the level of an Officer of Indian Postal Services Group-A (IPoS) and retired as the Senior Superintendent RMS, Bengaluru Sorting Division. Before his retirement, he held several important positions in the Department of Posts including that of the Assistant Postmaster General in the O/o the Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle. While in service, he was well known for his efficiency and proved to be an adept officer who commanded respect of his higher-ups in the Department and colleagues in the office. Hundreds of his

former colleagues, who had worked with him, revered him as their “GURU”. Earlier in his career, he had involved himself in Employees’ Unions also in that he had held the post of the Secretary, AIRMS & MMSE U Group-C, Mangaluru Branch, Secretary, IRMs & ASRMs Association, Karnataka. He had forayed into the Co-operative sector also and headed the P&T Employees Housing Cooperative Society as its Secretary. Sri Sadashiva Rao, was the first president of “RMS Pensioners’ Association Karnataka” founded in 1994 by the Veteran P&T Trade Union Leader Sri N. Bhaskaran along with other RMS Union leaders. He steered the association to greater heights as its President for 2 decades and stepped aside in November 2013 after turning 80. His contributions in establishing a credible Association are many. To mention a few: (a) He played an important role with Sri N. Bhaskaran in establishing the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners’ Associations, Karnataka (CCCGPA) in 1998. (b) He single-handedly, drafted the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations for the Apex body of Pensioners’ Associations named” Bharat Central Pensioners’ Confederation” (BCPC) which was considered in the meeting of Pensioners’ Leaders held in New Delhi on 27-4-2008 and Sri Rao was elected as Vice-Chairman (South) and entrusted with the responsibility of preparing the final draft of MOA & RR. (c) Another important assignment given to him by the CCCGPA was to draft the “Common Memorandum of Pensioners” submitted to the VI Central Pay Commission. (d) During his term as President of the Association, he offered his advice to many P&T Pensioners who sought his help in settlement of their grievances regarding pension and CGHS matters. (e) As an Advisor to the Association, he guided it in its effective functioning by tendering his advice on crucial issues. His another contribution worth recording was his resolve and perseverance to ensure

acceptance of the Income Tax returns of the Association for the years of 2013-14 & 2014-15 which were initially, not accepted by Income Tax Dept. for technical reasons. But for his timely advice and pursuance of the matter, the association would have been forced to pay income tax of about 4 lakh rupees for non-filing of some reports on due dates. (f) Sri Sadashiva Rao’s commitment to ensure acceptance of the Income Tax return was so strong that, he, in spite of his severe illness, pursued it till 17th February 2022, just 2 days before his death on 19th and the most satisfying aspect is that the order accepting the IT Returns for 2014-15 reached him before his admission to the hospital and he had shared his joy with the Secretary. Sri Sadashiva Rao, was a liberal donor too. He had donated Rs.1,00,000/- to the association’s building fund. He was honoured by the Association and CCCGPA at his residence on 21-10-2021 on his attaining 90 years. He attended the last Executive Committee meeting on 12-2-2022, participated in the discussions and gave his advice on issues raised. Sri Sadashiva Rao’s death is a colossal loss not only to the organisations that he had established and headed earlier but also to the Pensioner Community, in consideration of the fact that he was instrumental in drafting the MOA & RR of many pensioners associations and Common Memorandum submitted to 6th CPC. He has left a void that is hard to fill. The Executive Committee KPTPA expresses its heartfelt condolences and dips its banner in the memory of the departed illustrious leader.

We are deeply saddened to state that 51 members of the Association passed away during the year; some of them due to covid-19. The Members of the Executive Committee convey their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families

The EC pays its respectful homage to all the Political Leaders, Trade Union Leaders, and eminent personalities who passed away

during the year. Com. M. Krishnan, one of the greatest P&T trade union Leaders in the country passed away on 1-3-2021 at the age of 66 years. Karnataka lost Doyens of Kannada literature during the year. Dr. N.S. Lakshminarayana Bhatta, Prof. G. Venkatasubbaiah, Dr. Channaveera Kanavi and Dr. Siddalingaih passed away during the year. The Assn. expresses its deep sadness on the death of lakhs of victims of Covid-19 pandemic throughout the world.

3. The Scourge called Covid-19 : The country is still going through an awful period. The scourge called Corona Virus, Covid-19, has still not fully abated. Though the spread of the pandemic is not as wide as in the previous years and the number of infections and deaths are also not as alarming as in the previous years, it has not ended yet, to allow free movement of people and fearless congregation of people, especially the seniors. However, we are venturing to hold our AGB in a physical meeting of our members on 20-8-2022 after a gap of 2 years, hoping that a good number of pensioners would be able to attend.

4. Activities

4.1. Annual General Body meeting 2021:

4.1.1 Annual General Body meeting was held virtually, through Video conferencing, on 13-11-2021. For the association, holding the AGB was not just a formality but it was more of a festivity, where members assembled in hundreds, met their former colleagues, exchanged pleasantries and participated in the celebrations, which included felicitation of senior members 75 years old. School children with their teachers were a part of the congregation in which they were awarded cash prizes for their good performance in the exams. Inspiring speeches by the guests, useful discussions on the affairs of the Association and welfare of the pensioners were the other essential parts of the annual event. Members would always look forward to the meeting. And it is doubly unfortunate that the association

was forced to hold the AGB -2021 also through video conferencing sans all the festivities associated with it.

Shri Satya Prakash Gupta, IPoS Retd., Secretary, Rajasthan Posts & Telecommunications Pensioners' Association, Jaipur, Rajasthan, who was conferred with the title "Pensioners' Rathna" by the Rajasthan Pensioners' Association in consideration of his yeomen services to the pensioners' community, was the Chief Guest. 72 members joined the AGB virtually. The Chief Guest in his speech recalled his bonding with the KP&TPA from a long period and with the Secretary and founder President Sri B.Sadashiva Rao and said that he was happy to inaugurate the open session.

4.1.2 We had a tradition of honouring our members who have attained 75 years every year in the AGB. Unfortunately, we could not continue with this well established practice during the last 2 AGBs held on 19-12-2020 & 13-11-2021 as we were forced to conduct the meetings virtually due the pandemic. Therefore, this year, in the AGB to be held on 20-8-2022, we would be felicitating all those of our members who have turned 75 during the last 3 years including those above 75 years who were enrolled as members during the last 3 years. We have a list of about 200 of such members to be felicitated.

5. BSNL : Pension Anomaly Case: Anomaly in pension of absorbed BSNL Pensioners who had retired between 1-10-2000 and 30-6-2001 – ie. within 10 months of formation of BSNL.

This long pending demand of BSNL Pensioners was finally settled with the issuance of an order by the Department of Telecommunications, (DoT) New Delhi on 7-10-2021.

All India BSNL Pensioners Welfare Association, filed a case before the Principal Bench, Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT)

Delhi and a favourable judgement was delivered by the CAT, PB on 16/12/2016. But it was not implemented. A contempt petition was filed by BSNLPWA. DoT appealed against the CAT order and filed a writ petition in the High Court of Delhi.

Delhi HC dismissed the appeal on 24/1/2020 and directed the respondent DoT to implement CAT order within 8 weeks.

Finally, DoT issued the order on 7-10-2021 stating that pension of such absorbed BSNL Pensioners be re-fixed from the date of their retirement by adopting the formula as contained in the DOP&PW's OM dated 18-0-1999 by giving them notional benefit of IDA pay for the period their pay was taken in CDA pay for the purpose of calculating average emoluments and, thereafter, grant all consequential benefits. About 4200 pensioners got the benefit of re-fixation of pension.

5.1 Revision of pension from 1-1-2017: The demand of BSNL pensioners to delink revision of pension with revision of pay/wages of BSNL has not yet been accepted by the government in spite of the issue having been pursued by many BSNL Pensioners' Associations in the country. All India BSNL Pensioners' Welfare Association filed an application before the Principal bench of the Central Administration Tribunal, New Delhi on 16-9-2020. Sri P. Gangadhara Rao, General Secretary, AIBSNLPWA & Vice President, CCCGPA, Karnataka is the signatory to the applicant. The application is being heard by the CATPB.

A delegation of BSNL Pensioners, led by Sri Gangadhara Rao, G S, AIBSNLPWA met the Hon'ble Minister of Communications Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw on 25-3-2022 and submitted a memorandum to him regarding revision of pension as per 7th CPC. The MoC assured the delegation that he would consider the demand positively as the demand is genuine.

Veteran P&T Trade Union Leader, Com. VAN Namboodiri, Advisor and Com.K.G

Jayaraj, General Secretary, All India BSNL, DoT Pensioners' Association (AIBDPA) met the Additional Secretary Telecommunications on 27-04-2022 and had a discussion with him and made a detailed presentation on the justification of pension revision with 15% fitment benefit recommended by the 3rd PRC from 01-01-2017 after delinking wage revision. Both the leaders visited both the offices of Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, at Loknayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi and at Janpath Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi on 29-04-2022 and discussed the issue of pension revision of BSNL absorbed pensioners with the concerned officers. They informed the officers that DoT is of the view that the approval of DOP&PW is necessary for processing the issue of Pension Revision. Under Secretary, DOPPW stated that a clear and definite proposal has to come from DoT, being the administrative department. They should also evolve/ formulate a formula to avoid anomaly, if any, for the post 2017 pensioners.

5.2: Payment of IDA arrears to Non-executives (Frozen from 1-10-2020 to 30-6-2021)

BSNL Employees Union is continuously making efforts for payment of arrears of IDA to the Non-executives as ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala and agreed to by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Public Enterprises that the order dated 19-11-2020 issued by it for freezing of IDA, is applicable only to Executives and Non-Unionised supervisors of CPSEs.

If the arrear of IDA is paid to the BSNL employees, it will have to be paid to the BSNL Absorbed pensioners also.

5.3 Identification of pensioners associations under National E Governance Plan (NeGP)

All India BSNL Pensioners Welfare Association, Bengaluru, an affiliate of CCCGPA, Karnataka has been identified by the Dept of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare,

New Delhi vide its letter No F-No 4(4)/2021-P&PW(II)-7311 dated 06-04-2022, as a registered Pensioners Association under "Pensioners Portal", a mission mode project under DoP&PW. Our congratulations to AIBSNLPWA.

6. Charitable works

6.1. The annual function, which the association used to hold in the month of February, every year, in Government Higher Primary School, Yelahanka, Bengaluru to encourage students in achieving higher grades in examinations, could not be held in February 2022 since the school was closed due to the pandemic covid-19. We would endeavour to continue with this avowed objective of encouraging students of government schools, in achieving better academic standards, by giving them cash awards in our AGB on 20-8-2022.

6.2. Free lunch was served to the cancer patients at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru on 17.12.2021 from the donation made by the Association to the Institute.

6.3. The association collected donations from its members for the Karnataka Chief Minister's Relief Fund - Covid19 and remitted Rs. 10,000 on 1-4-2021 to the Government of Karnataka.

6.4. Financial assistance of Rs.20,000 was given to Sri J Gopal , Auto Driver, to assist him in meeting expenses for his medical treatment for heart ailment at Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Bengaluru. Sri Gopal is with the association for more than a year and has been regularly delivering association's monthly journal from the press to the Pathrika Channel in Mysuru Road.

7. Other activities

7.1. Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee of the Association used to meet usually on 2nd Saturday of every month in Pensioners' Bhavan, the Association's own building in

Telecom Lay out off Bengaluru International Airport Road. Due to the pandemic Covid-19, it was not possible to hold physical meetings during the year 2021-22. However, EC meetings were held regularly through video conferencing. Virtual meetings, in a way, have become more productive and result oriented in as much as they have facilitated the senior advisors of the association to join such meetings and advice the EC on many important issues that come up before the EC. The late Sri B Sadashiva Rao, former President and Advisor, used to regularly attend the virtual EC meetings despite his health condition. Thanks to Sri T V Suryaprakash, Joint General Secretary, CCCGPA and Secretary, Coffee Board Pensioners Association for helping the association in conducting the meetings virtually and hosting the VCM throughout the year

7.2 World elders day 1st October, 2021:

Was observed on 1-10-2021 in coordination with CCCGPA, Karnataka, in response to the call given by Trade Union International (Pensioners & Retirees) and NCCPA. The slogan was "Decent Life to all Pensioners and Senior Citizens. The webinar was organised on Zoom platform to which pensioners from many affiliate Pensioners' Associations joined. Com K Ragavendran, Coordinator, Trade Union International (Pensioners & Retirees) for Asia & Member Technical and Research Commission of TUI(P&R), General Secretary AIRPA CHQ, Deputy Secretary General NCCPA delivered his speech in the webinar.

Com. Ragavendrn's speech is reproduced in October, 2021 issue of the journal.

7.3 Pensioners' Day: 'Pensioners Day' was observed on 17.12.2021 jointly by our Association with the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka through video conferencing. Sri Girish Kanagotagi, President, Karnataka Central Government Pensioners Association, Bengaluru, delivered

his speech on the significance of Pensioners Day, and spoke elaborately on pension system tracing the history of its progression in the West in 1700; in the colonial period of Britain India and thereafter in free India. He also spoke at length on different pension systems, viz. the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, the New Pension System introduced from 2004 and the Employees Contributory Provident Fund. On the significance of Pensioners Day, Sri Kanagotagi referred to the Supreme Court Judgment delivered on 17.12.1982 in “DS Nakra Case” and also mentioned about its influence on Central Pay Commission. His address has been published in Pensioners’ *Champion December, 2021*.

The other Guest, Sri TNC Sridhar, Retired Joint Commissioner of Income Tax, Advocate and Standing Counsel for Income tax Department in the High Court of Karnataka, spoke on “Income Tax and related issues especially with reference to Senior Citizens and recently launched Annual Information System. He explained the various provisions of the IT Act through a power point presentation.

A report on Pensioners Day has been published in Pensioners’ *Champion December 2021*.

7.4 Nonagenarian founders of the Association honoured

Three (3) Stalwarts, who founded Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners’ Association in 1994, held important positions in the Association for 2 decades and steered the Association to greater heights during their stewardship viz., Sri B Sadashiva Rao, former President, Sri N Bhaskaran former Secretary and Sri S.M. Vittal Rao former Treasurer, who turned 90 in the year 2021 were honoured in October, 2021 at their residences. Their profiles with photos were published in October, 2021 issue of the journal. Unfortunately, the association lost Sri Sadashiva Rao on 19-2-2022.

7.5 Demonstration by Pensioners on 5-4-2022 :In response to a call given by NCCPA, New Delhi, demonstration was staged by Karnataka P&T Pensioners’ Association, in association with the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners Associations, Karnataka, and other affiliates of CCCGPA including Pensioners Associations of Autonomous/ Statutory Bodies of Central Government on 5.4.2022 at 11 a.m. in front of Bengaluru General Post Office (GPO) in order to highlight the submission of the 110th report by the Parliamentary Standing Committee to the Government and to demand implementation of the recommendations made therein, without any delay. More than 100 pensioners from different Pensioners’ Associations, Viz. Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners’ Association, IA&AD Pensioners’ Association, Survey of India Pensioners’ Association, Karnataka Income Tax Pensioners’ Association, All India BSNL Pensioners Welfare Association, All India Central Ground Water Board Pensioners’ Association, Karnataka Central Government Pensioners’ Association, Coffee Board Pensioners’ Association, National Union of BSNL Workers (FNTO), Karnataka Circle, NCSM Pensioners’ Association participated in the demonstration under the banner of CCCGPA and its affiliates. A report with photos was published in April, 2022 issue of Pensioners’ *Champion*.

7.6 Centenarian member honoured

Sri Attavar Yoganand, Membership No. 644, a Centenarian, resident of Pune, who had come down to Bengaluru for a short stay, was felicitated by the association on 4-4-2022. He attained 100 years in Aug 2021. A write up on his bio data was published in *Pensioners’ Champion August, 2021*.

7.7 Sri M Ramiah, former Vice President and Advisor to KP&TPA forays in to literature and pens a book

Sri M Ramiah authored a book on an

incident that had happened in his official career 5 decades ago, in which he had played a stellar role. The book titled *Operation Khedda of a Non- Pachyderm* was released by Sri S.Rajendra Kumar, IPoS the New Chief Postmaster General (CPMG), Karnataka Circle on 10th March, 2022 in a function in the Conference Hall of Circle office. Director Postal Services, APMG (Staff) K.B.Krishna Rao, Secretary KPTPA, Sri V Murugan, Jt. Secretary and K R Anantha Ramu, Treasurer attended the Book Release function. Sri Ramiah has offered to donate the entire sale proceeds of the book to the building fund of the association

7.8 Azadi Ka Amrut Mahostav : Complying with the request of the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, New Delhi, *National Flag hoisting programme* was arranged on 11.6.2022.

National Flag was hoisted before the association's own building 'Pensioners' Bhavan' in Telecom Layout, off Bengaluru International Airport Road, Bengaluru 560064, by the Nonagenarian founder member, Sri S.M. Vittal Rao to commemorate 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahostav'. The President, other office bearers, Executive Committee members and members of the association, totally 40, participated in the programme. A report on the Flag hoisting programme, with photographs was published in June, 22 issue of the Journal. A report with photos was sent to pension Department also.

8. Pensioners' Welfare Activities

8.1 Age-related additional pension

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law & Justice consisting of 30 Members of Parliament (10 from Rajya Sabha & 20 from Lok Sabha) headed by Shri Sushil Kumar Modi (Rajya Sabha MP) submitted its 110th report which was presented in the Rajya Sabha on 10/12/2021. The report presented by the Committee is on its recommendations regarding Medical facilities and Age-related Additional Pension to Central Government Pensioners.

In Para 3.28 of the report, the Committee stated that it is of the view that the Govt. should sympathetically consider the demand of Pensioners Associations for 5% additional quantum of pension on attaining the age of 65 years, 10% on 70 years, 15% on 75 years and 20% on 80 years to the pensioners. The Committee had asked DoP&PW to pursue this issue vigorously with Finance Ministry. The Committee had noted that according to one estimate, by 2050, the share of population over the age of 60 is likely to increase significantly in the country. In view of such changes at societal level, there is a need to have a robust pension system for elderly which can help them survive in this world without being a burden on anyone.

In another development, the Hon'ble High Court of Gauhati on 15.3.2018, while disposing of the writ petition No.WP(C) 4224/2016, filed by Mr Justice (Retd.) Virendra Dut Gyani, had held that the benefit of additional quantum of pension as per Section 17B of the High Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Act, 1954, the first slab would be available to a retired judge from the first day of his 80th year. The Hon'ble Supreme Court dismissed the SLP on 8 -7-2019.

Subsequently, the Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh also, vide its order dated December 3, 2020, passed in writ petitions filed by the Association of Retired Judges of Supreme Court and High Court of India, directed respondent Union of India to construe the word 'from' as it appears on the slab under section 16B of the 1958 Act and section 17B of the 1954 Act as the first day of entering the minimum age of the slabs-80, 85, 90, 95 and 100 years.

Section 17 B of the High Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Act, 1954 and Section 16 B of Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and conditions of service) Act, 1958 did not specifically state that the additional pension is payable after completion of 80

years, whereas Rules 49 (2 A) and 54 (2 B) of the erstwhile CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 and Rules 44(6) & Rule 50(3)(a) of (Pension) Rules 2021, state that the additional quantum of pension will be payable after completion of 80 years of age or above.

Gauhati High court order had kindled hopes in the minds of Central Civil Pensioners that the High Court order may be made applicable to them also and the additional pension would commence on completion of 79 years instead of on completion of 80 years.

But on 8-12-2021, the Electronic and the Print Media reported that Lok Sabha passed a bill amending higher judiciary's salary & service conditions, to provide for an additional quantum of pension to retired judges of high courts and Supreme Court on completing the ages of 80, 85, 90, 95 & 100 years.

Consequent upon passing of the amendments to the high court and Supreme Court judges (salaries and conditions of service) act 1954, by the parliament on 13-12-2021, a uniformity has now been brought between the 2 pension rules civil & judicial and, all pensioners are entitled to the additional pension only on completion of the prescribed age i.e. 80, 85, 90, 95 and 100 years

8.2. CGHS & FMA : The Parliamentary Standing Committee in its 110th report, in Para 3.20 urged the Government to explore opening of CGHS centres at district locations or designate already functional Govt. hospital in district headquarters as CGHS Centres to provide treatment to CGHS beneficiaries. The Committee in Para 3.21, took note of the request of Pensioners' Associations for enhancement of Fixed Medical Allowance from Rs.1000 to Rs.3000 and recommended DoP&PW to take up this issue with the Finance Ministry.

8.3. Payment of arrears of Dearness Relief frozen for 18 months:

Though, the DR frozen from 1-1-2020 to 30-6-2021, was released after 18 months w.e.f 1-7-2021, arrears for the period has not been paid. The matter is being pursued with the government by the pensioners associations including KP&TPA and the employees unions. The matter is one of the pending items being strongly pursued by the NC, JCM.

8.4. Grant of notional increment for retirement benefits to pensioners who retire on 30th June/31st December, a day before their date of increment

8.4.1. This issue is being pursued by the association since many years. 6th CPC recommended a uniform date of increment as on 1st July. The 7th CPC prescribed 2 dates for increment viz. 1st January and 1st July. Pensioners who retired /retire on 30th June or 31st December after rendering one year service from the date of drawal of their last increment are denied the increment due to them on 1st July/1st January, which they would have earned but for retirement. Applications filed by some pensioners before CAT praying for grant of increment for pensionary benefits have been allowed.

Orders passed by the various courts in the matter are at variance.

- (a) CAT, Principal Bench, New Delhi disposing a bunch of OAs, in its order dated 15-07-2021, ruled that for such of the employees, who retired on 30th June of any particular year, increment payable on 1st July shall be extended and similarly for employees, who retired on 31st December of a particular year, the increment payable on the 1st January of the next year shall be extended and pension revised. But the CAT order ends with a rider stating that *"in case any different view is taken by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP No. 4722/2021, the applicants shall be under obligation to refund the benefit that is extended to them"*.
- (b) Bombay High Court, Aurangabad Bench, in Writ Petition No.3028/2021 in its order dated 2-5-2022 has allowed the prayer of

Pensioners of Maharashtra government and has ordered grant of increment for those who retired on 30th, June.

- (c) High Court of Rajasthan, Jaipur Bench, in its order dated 10-5-2022 in Civil Writ Petition No. 5445/2022, has granted a stay on further proceedings in the case on the request of the respondent pensioner who had prayed for it, citing that the Hon'ble Supreme Court has stayed proceedings in a similar case.
- (d) The Division Bench of High Court of Rajasthan, Jaipur Bench, in its order dated 1-12-2021 in Civil Writ Petition No. 6024/2021, decided that the increment is not payable(as mentioned in CWP 5445/2022 dated 10-5-2022)
- (e) The Hon'ble Allahabad High Court in its order dated 28-7-2021 has also ruled that increment should be granted to the employees who retire on 30th June.
- (f) But, The Hon'ble Supreme Court, vide its order dated 5.4.2021, has stayed the order passed by CAT Bangalore on 18-12-2019 in OA No.170/00677/2019 which has allowed the application of Sri M.Siddaraju, a Railway Pensioner, seeking grant of notional increment for pensionery benefits.
- (g) Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, in its order dated 6-8-2021, citing the stay order dated 5-4-2021 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, has opined "*it will be appropriate to postpone the hearing of this reference till the disposal of the pending petition before the Apex Court*".
- (h) Many Departments of Gol have issued instructions to the offices under their administrative control not to consider the requests of their pensioners for grant notional increment for pensionery benefits and also to challenge the pending cases in courts citing the Supreme Court stay order.

8.4.2 In view of the latest developments in the matter as stated above, and in view of the orders issued by the courts are at variance, further action in the matter is possible to be taken by the Pensioners' Associations and the affected pensioners only after the cases pending before the High Courts and the Supreme Court are decided.

8.5 Digital Life Certificate: -Yeoman Service by the Nominees of the Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association

In response to an email from the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, the Association had nominated 11 volunteers to work as DLC operators to assist pensioners and family pensioners to submit their life certificate in October/November 2021. In coordination with Coffee Board Pensioners' Association, Bengaluru, the association had organized 15 camps, not only in Bangalore, but also in Hassan, Mysore, Chikamgaluru and Dharwad/Hubballi in which hundreds of pensioners/family pensioners of Central Government, Statutory & Autonomous Bodies of Central Government/State Government/EPF/BSNL/Banks participated. Life certificates were generated by making use of the devices like Iris Scanner/Face Recognition Access supplied by the Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare, New Delhi to the nominees registered with DOPPW. Besides this, the volunteers visited the residences of those pensioners/ family pensioners, who could not move out of their residences due to their old age or health problems and helped them in submission of their life certificate from the comforts of their homes. They also visited many Old age homes and hospitals. The yeoman service extended to pensioners by the nominee volunteers of the association, travelling hundreds of miles to reach their places, during the pandemic covid19 days, was highly appreciated. Face Recognition/identification Device supplied by the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, which was used by all the volunteers helped them in easy and successful submission of the digital life certificates.(1) Numbers of camps : 15 (2) Digital life certificates generated (a) In camps: 1253 (b) House visits : 329 (c) Old age homes&Hospitals : 98 (d) Total : 1680. The association tops the list of pensioners associations in the country who were identified by DOP&PW for DLC work.

8.6. SMS on acceptance of Digital life certificate by the Head Post Offices

It is heartening to note that during the year all the pensioners, for whom KP&TPA volunteers had generated digital life certificates through Jeevan Pramaan Portal, got SMS regarding acceptance of their DLC by the pension disbursing HPOs. This facility which was available to pensioners drawing their pension from banks was extended to Postal Pensioners after repeated requests made by KP&TPA with Department of Posts. The association is grateful to Dr.Charles Lobo, former Member (O) Dept of Posts who, on our request, took personal interest in the matter and resolved the long pending demand.

8.7. SMS alerts on pension credit to Postal Pensioners

SMS alerts on pension credit were not being received by all postal pensioners. Even those who received SMS did not get them regularly. This issue was vigorously pursued by the association with Dept. of Posts. A note was sent to Dr. Charles Lobo, Member (O) Postal Services Board requesting his personal intervention in the matter. Most of the Pensioners are now getting 2 messages from 2 different sources. One, indicating the total amount of pension credited and the balance at credit and another with all details such as basic pension, DR, FMA, Addl pension, Arrears, Income Tax deductions and Net pension etc., but without the balance at credit. We have requested that these 2 messages may be combined into one and sent regularly to all postal pensioners on their registered mobile phone numbers. We thank Smt. K Nagalakshmi, EC Member, who took personal interest and pursued the matter with all concerned. We are grateful to Dr.Charles Lobo, former Member (O) for evincing keen interest in the matter and for causing sending of SMS alerts on pension credit with all details.

8.8 Grievances of Pensioners: Grievances of some of our members were taken up with

the authorities concerned and were mostly settled to the satisfaction of the pensioners/family pensioners. Cases pursued by us included those of the retirees from DO Posts, Railways, Survey of India, Geological Survey of India, Sports Authority of India, Department of Census, AIR, LRDE, IAF Training College etc. We are happy to note that members always appreciate our efforts and some of them have even donated to the building fund as a token of their gratitude.

8.9 Conversion of single P O SB account into joint account.

The facility of conversion of single PO SB account into joint account was introduced as far back as 2007 vide SB Order No.11 of 2007 conveyed vide OM No.113-10/ 2004-SPB dated 20-7-2007 of the Director General (Posts) in accordance with GoI, Ministry of Finance Notification No. 2/5/2006-NSII(L) dated 12-07-2007. But, of late, post offices are not accepting requests of pensioners for conversion of the existing single SB account, through which they are drawing their pension, into a joint SB account stating that as per SB order No.13 of 2019 read with SB order No.12 of 2020, an account opened as single account cannot be subsequently converted in to a Joint account and vice-versa and Finacle software is not allowing conversion of the existing single account, through which the pensioner is drawing his/her pension, into a joint account with his/her spouse.

Hence the matter was taken up with the Department of Posts on 27-6-2022 requesting that the facility of conversion of the existing single SB account into a joint account , extended to Pensioners vide SB Order No.11 of 2007 may please be continued to be provided to enable them to get the benefits stated in Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare OM No.1/27/2011-P&PW (E) dated 20th September, 2013 dispensing with submission of Application in Form-14 for sanction of family pension in case the

pensioner and spouse are holding a joint account and to save pensioners from the hassles of operating multiple S B accounts.

It was also requested that necessary amendments to the SB rules may be issued and the Finacle software may be updated to allow conversion of single account into joint account.

We are extremely glad that the Postal Directorate has taken immediate action on our request and has addressed the Ministry of Finance on 30-6-2022 to consider making necessary amendments to the SB Rules.

9. Affiliation:The Association is affiliated to National Coordination Committee of Pensioners Associations (NCCPA), Bharath Pensioners Samaj, New Delhi (BPS), All India Federation of Pensioners Associations, Chennai (AIFPA) and Co-ordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka (CCCGPA). In the AGB of CCCGPA held on 20.11.2021, Shri K.B.Krishna Rao, Secretary, KP&TPA was elected as its President.

10. CGHS matters

10.1 The association, in coordination with CCCGPA, was in constant touch with the Additional Director (CGHS) and interacted with her about the procedural formalities to be observed by the CGHS beneficiaries during the lockdown period and also thereafter. KP&TPA had also circulated all the instructions issued by the DoP&PW, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Finance, Ministry of Home Affairs and other Ministries of the Government of India and also the guidelines issued by the Government of Karnataka, from time to time on COVID 19, through WhatsApp and association's journal.

10.2. Due to Covid 19 pandemic, CGHS had made several relaxations to the rules in the year 2021 and 2022. Beneficiaries were permitted to purchase the medicines prescribed by the CGHS Doctors, Government

Specialists and Specialists of Private Empanelled hospitals and claim reimbursement of the cost of medicines. The permission had ended on 31-10-2021. The association requested the CGHS Directorate to extend the permission further at least till 31-3-2022 as the pandemic had not abated and the pensioners were finding it difficult to visit Wellness Centres to collect medicines. The Health Ministry vide its order dated 13-1-2022, extended the permission up to 30-4-2022. All important orders issued by the CGHS have been regularly published in the journal *Pensioners' Champion*

10.3. During the year 2021-22, many of the CGHS empanelled private hospitals withdrew themselves from the CGHS on the grounds of abnormal delay in payment of their bills and also because of non-revision of CGHS rates, which were fixed in the year 2014. The association in coordination with CCCGPA has been pursuing these two burning issues with the Government and has strongly urged for immediate settlement of the long pending demands, in order to prevent other CGHS hospitals also withdrawing themselves from CGHS. The Health Minister has also been requested to depute the Additional Secretary, to Bangalore to interact with the Hospitals and CGHS beneficiaries about their grievances in getting the treatment at the CGHS empanelled private hospitals.

As a result of joint efforts of pensioners associations and the employees unions in the country, the Hon'ble Health Minister, as reported by PTI on 5-7-2022, has reviewed the outstanding dues of around Rs.1400 crore and has instructed that all pending bills of private hospitals should be paid within one month. It is hoped that once the pending bills are paid, some of the hospitals who had gone out of CGHS mainly on the grounds of non-payment of their bills, may opt to come back to CGHS fold.

10.4 Opening of more number of Wellness Centres: The representatives of CCCGPA in

their meeting with the Additional Director, CGHS, Bengaluru held on 17.5.2022, among many other issues, had stressed on the subject of opening of more Wellness Centers in the city to cater to the health care needs of ever-increasing number of beneficiaries. Emphasizing on the justification for more WCs, the delegation had furnished details of the number of Wellness Centers in the cities of the neighbouring states and the number of beneficiaries in each of those cities vis-a-vis the number of Wellness Centers and the beneficiaries in Bengaluru city. The details showed a vast disparity in the CGHS facilities that are available to the beneficiaries in the cities of the neighbouring states and Bengaluru.

Additional Director, CGHS Bengaluru has promptly taken up the issues of opening of more WCs with the CGHS Directorate, New Delhi and has proposed opening of at least one Wellness Centre in each of the 4 directions of the City. One each in Whitefield in the East, Tumkuru Road in the West, Yelahanka in the North and Kanakapura Road in the South.

In response, the CGHS Directorate, has called for information from the AD, CGHS about the likely number of beneficiaries that would be covered by each of the proposed Wellness Centers. AD, CGHS Bengaluru has requested CCCGPA to assist them in collecting the required details for submission to the CGHS Directorate as early as possible. CCCGPA is making efforts to collect the required details.

10.5 Another important development that has taken place in CGHS, is opening of CGHS Wellness Centre in Mysuru. This two decade old demand has finally seen the light of the day with the issue of an order by the Ministry of Health and family Welfare, Department of Health and family Welfare on 10th June, 2021 sanctioning the required number of posts-medical and non-medical - for the W C. Achievement of this long pending demand

was possible due to the joint efforts of KP&TPA, KCGPA Mysuru, CCCGPA Karnataka, supported by Central Ministers, Members of Parliament, Officers of the Health Ministry and CGHS Bangalore. A detailed report on the matter is published in June, 2021 issue of the journal. And the status now is that the proposal submitted by AD CGHS for opening the WC in a private building has been approved by the Ministry and an agreement with the Owner has also been signed. The W C is likely to be opened in August 2022. Constant efforts made by Dr.M Revathi, Addl Director, Dr. Sathish Chandra S , Sr CMO (SAG)/ General Administration/Grievance Officer and Dr. Ravindra Y Asangi, CPIO – HQ and Dr. Vijayalakshmi Mohan Sr CMO (SAG), CMS In Charge/Hospital Cell in this regard are highly appreciated.

10.6. Our demand for opening of CGHS WCs in Mangaluru and Hubballi/Dharwad which we have been pursuing with the Health Ministry since many years is yet to be considered by the government. There is justification for opening CGHS WCs in the cities. We had also furnished the required statistical data to the ministry. We will continue to pursue the issue further.

10.7 CGHS Panchayat: As desired by the Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, officers from CGHS Directorate, New Delhi in the ranks of Additional Secretary, Director General, Director & Addl DDG are holding CGHS Panchayats in different cities to interact with various stake holders viz. HCOs, CGHS Beneficiaries and Beneficiary Associations to discuss and resolve issues related to CGHS. So far, the team of Officers from the Directorate has visited Chennai, Hyderabad and Bhubaneswar. AD, CGHS had informed us that the officers are likely to visit Bengaluru shortly. We requested our members to send us suggestions/ issues, if any that they would like us to take up in our meeting with the officers from CGHS Directorate. There was good response to our request and many

members sent us messages giving their suggestions on improving the services in CGHS and problems that they usually confront during their visits to empanelled private hospitals. We have taken note of all the suggestions/grievances and will submit a paper with a consolidated and detailed note on CGHS issues to the officers from CGHS Directorate in our meeting with them whenever it takes place.

11. Our role in connection with “Pensioners” Portal” and relationship with Dept of Pension and Pensioners’ Welfare.

KP&TPA is one of the 4 associations in Karnataka identified by DoPPW under National e-Governance Plan (NeGP). The association gets an annual grant of Rs.75,000.

We have been maintaining a cordial relationship with the Department of Pension and Pensioners’ Welfare. Shri. V Srinivas, IAS (RJ:1989), assumed the charge of the Secretary, Department of Pension and Pensioners’ Welfare in January 2022. For the first time in the annals of the history of Pensioners’ Associations, an interactive session with the representatives of the Pensioners’ Associations was arranged by the Secretary on 5th January, 2022 at 2.30 P.M. through video conferencing. 10 Pensioners’ Associations participated in the VC. During the meeting, the Representatives of the Pensioners’ Associations spoke about their achievements with regard to assisting their pensioner members in resolution of their grievances and the efforts made by them in the cause of welfare of pensioners. Sri K.B Krishna Rao, Secretary in his speech, stated that KP&TPA is the biggest P&T Pensioners Association in Karnataka; publishes a monthly magazine and has built two buildings from the donations from pensioners; encourage students for better performance with cash awards. The association is active in CPENGRAMS and almost all the registered grievances have been settled. Even during the pandemic period, the association held 15 DLC camps in different

places such as Mysore, Bangalore & Chikkamaglore. 1670 DLCs were generated through their 11 volunteers.

Responding to a demand made by one of the Pensioners’ Association in the virtual meeting for supply of computers, the Pension Department sanctioned a special grant of Rs.80,000/- to each of the 42 associations, including KP&TPA, for the purchase computers and other hardware. We are grateful to the New Secretary, DOPPW for taking an immediate decision on the request of associations and for according sanction for payment of special grant for purchase of computers.

11.1. The Association registered many grievances of members online with Pensioners’ Portal making use of the CPENGRAMS-the grievance redress and monitoring system. All the grievances were redressed by the Departments concerned. Some of the grievances were pending for more than 3 years when we registered them with CPENGRAMS. We are extremely glad to record that a grievance registered by us with CPENGRAMS of the Department of Pension and Pensioners’ Welfare, regarding short payment of 7th CPC arrears of pension to one of our members, was resolved by the bank within 4 days and the bank concerned has informed that the difference in the amounts of arrears of pension, gratuity and commutation amounting to about Rs.1,13,000 will be paid before 10th of the month.

We are extremely grateful to the Department of Pension and Pensioners’ Welfare, for promptly taking up the grievances registered by us on CPENGRAMS with the Authorities concerned which resulted in their redress.

12. Our Website

The Association has its own website www.kptpa.org. It has been maintained for the last 10 years now. The journal *Pensioners’ Champion* and other important orders are

being uploaded every month. From September 2020, the website is being maintained by the Association itself. We request the members to visit the site regularly and suggest improvements.

Six WhatsApp groups viz. ktpa, KP&T Pen Assn-Gp 1,2,3,4 & 5 have been created to which the monthly journal and other orders are being regularly posted. Information on pensioners' welfare is also often posted in the groups. At present, there are 700 members in these groups. We are making efforts to include the mobile phone numbers of the entire 1300 members whose phone numbers are now available with us by creating new groups. We request other members also to join the group by sending a WhatsApp message to 9483467750.

13. Our Publication- Pensioners' Champion:

13.1 The Association's monthly journal titled *Pensioners' Champion* is also very popular. Matters relating to central government pensioners find a place there, like the government orders on pension, DR etc., report on SCOVA / JCM meetings, court orders on pension, report on the activities of sister pensioners' associations, health tips etc. Besides, information about Autonomous body pensioners, BSNL, CGHS, Obituaries and the feedback from readers in the column 'Our Readers Write', list of holidays and Consumer Price Index are some of the regular columns. Names of the new members, lists of renewal of subscription and donation received for the building funds are integral parts of the journal. About 1800 copies are mailed, which includes about 180 non-member subscribers. Many Pensioners from other states have also been subscribing for the journal regularly for years. The individual achievements of the members in areas like literature, social service are also reflected in the journal from time to time. There may be more such pensioners. We request members to report such things to the Association for publishing.

13.2 Subscription for the journal and its renewal

The Executive Committee in its virtual meeting held on 8-5-2021, decided to fix the month of JULY every year as the month of renewal of the annual subscription for the journal, uniformly for all members and subscribers, irrespective of the month of their admission to membership or as subscribers to the journal and also decided to revise the annual subscription from 1st July 2021, from Rs.150/- to Rs.180/- in respect of members and from Rs.200 to Rs.240/- in respect of subscribers to the journal. We are glad to note that there has been a very good response to our appeal for renewal of subscription for the year July, 2022 to June, 2023 made by us by posting messages in WhatsApp groups. While some have paid the difference in the amount of subscription between the old and new rates, others have renewed it for one year at the revised rate. Many members have renewed for more than one year also at Rs.180 p.a. We thank them all and request others who have not yet renewed their subscription to renew it now.

14. Membership and Finance.

14.1. It is a matter of pride that our membership is increasing every month with the addition of at least 5-6 new members and the number has now exceeded 3150.

14.2. We are receiving a good amount of donations from the members and well-wishers regularly. A portion of the 'Pensioners' Bhavan' is let out. The rents from it, the interest from the fixed deposits and liberal donations have enabled the Association to manage its financial position. We are glad to say that members are continuing to donate for the building fund. It is heartening to note that 14 of our members have donated Rs.1,00,000/- and above to the building fund. We sincerely thank all these individuals. But a lift is not yet installed for want of funds and our desire to construct a big hall in the second floor to conduct Annual

General Body meetings, is yet to be fulfilled. Therefore, donation to the building fund is always welcome. Annexe to Pensioners' Bhavan is vacant. We request our members to help us in finding a tenant to the new building.

14.3 Audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year 2021-22 are appended to this Annual Report for the perusal of the members.

15. Our thanks

- i. Shri N.Bhakaran, Shri M.Ramaiah and Shri H.S.Manjunatha, Advisors to the Association, for their guidance and support to the Executive Committee in all matters.
- ii. Shri T.V. Suryaprakash, Joint General Secretary, CCCGPA, Karnataka & Secretary, Coffee Board Pensioners' Association who has been helping the association for almost 3 years now in conducting its meetings virtually through the Zoom platform. And for his initiative in arranging DLC camps not only in Bengaluru but also in other cities of Karnataka for submission of Digital Life Certificates.
- iii. Sri S. Radhakrishna, General Secretary, CCCGPA for his support to the association in taking up several issues concerning pensioners' welfare with the concerned Departments.
- iv. The Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka and all the officers in the administrative offices, Head Postmasters and Sub postmasters, for their positive response to our requests on several issues concerning pension matters.
- v. The General Manager, Postal Accounts and Finance, Karnataka, the Controller of

Communication Accounts (DoT) and all their staff for their helpful attitude in redressing the grievance of the pensioners including family pensioners .

- vi. The Additional Director, CGHS, CMOs of all Wellness Centres and the staff for their sympathetic approach to the pensioners' problems
- vii. The Management Committee of CCCGPA, Karnataka, National Coordination Committee of Pensioners' Associations, Bharath Pensioners Samaj, New Delhi and AIFPA, Chennai, to which the Association is affiliated, for their cooperation.
- viii. Shri A.Rajagopal, Partner, GRSM Associates for auditing our accounts promptly
- ix. Shri Achyuta and Smt. Rama and the staff of Omkar Hi-Prints for printing of journal.
- x. All the members and well-wishers of the Association for the co-operation extended by them in our endeavors.

We once again thank all the members, subscribers and well-wishers for the trust they have reposed in us and for their support.

Bengaluru
Date: 27th July, 2022

K.B.Krishna Rao, Secretary
On behalf of the
Executive Committee, K P&T PA

<p>BSNL IDA</p> <p>IDA From 1-04-2022 : 185.3 % (1.2% increase from Jan. 22 rate of 184.1%)</p> <p>IDA From 1-07-2022 : 190.8 % (5.5% increase from April. 22 rate of 185.3%)</p>
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<p>OBITUARY</p>
<p>Sri Kiran Kishore.S.Telkar, LM 2624, retired Sr.Postmaster, Dhule (Maharashtra), expired 14-7-22 at the age of 67 years.</p> <p>Sri G. Sreedhara, LM 1812, Retired Section Supervisor, O/o. the CPMG, Karnataka Circle expired on 3rd July 2022 at the age of 72 years.</p> <p>The Executive Committee of K P&T PA conveys its heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved families</p>

<p>Central Government Holidays in AUGUST 2022</p>	
Muharram	: 9th August, Tuesday
Independence Day	: 15th August, Monday
Ganesha Chaturthi	: 31st August, Wednesday

2nd LIST OF MEMBERS TO BE FELICITATED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON 20-08-2022

The list hereunder, includes the names of members who are 75 years and above as on 31-3-2022 but does not include the names of those members who have already been felicitated previously by the association and of those who did not participate in the felicitation function after inclusion of their names in the lists of members to be felicitated, published in the previous years. Felicitation of the senior members could not be done during 2020 and 2021 as physical general body meetings could not be held due the Pandemic Covid-19. The list below, includes names of members who were born between (1)1-4-1944 & 31-3-1945 (2) 1-4-1945 & 31-3-1946 and (3) 1-4-1946 & 31-3-1947. It also includes the names of members who were admitted to the membership of the association during the years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 after they had attained 75 years.

SI No	Membership LM / ALM	Name Smt./Sri	DoB	Designation & Office from which retired
1	678	Kanjani Raman	12/10/1944	Assistant Manager, PSD Bengaluru
2	1138	L Gururaja Rao	04/01/1947	O S, CBI, New Delhi
3	1166	B R Baliga	03/04/1944	Principal General Manager, BSNL BG TD
4	1235	K Vadiraj Kulukarni	28/03/1945	Supr.S B C O Dharwad
5	1327	K Girija	01/06/1944	Supervisor, BSNL, BG TD
6	1368	H Sanjeevaiah	10/02/1947	TBOP P A, Bengaluru GPO
7	1411	Dr P N Sharma	24/01/1947	Addl Director, All India Institute of Physical Medicine, Mumbai
8	1537	M Bettaswamy	16/04/1945	Postal Assistant Gandhinagar PO, Bengaluru
9	1729	V M Shetty	01/12/1944	Sr Supdt of Pos, Dharwad Dn
10	1757	K Parusuraman	02/09/1944	Vice- Chairman, Customs & Cen. Exise Dpt. of Revenue MOF
11	2070	Subbunarasimhaiah	11/03/1947	LDC, DA(P) Bengaluru
12	2074	B S Balappa	01/06/1944	SA, BG City RMS Bg
13	2186	Somasekhara Goud	01-07-1945	Postmaster, Chitradurga H P O
14	2425	B M Gopalakrishna	01/01/1944	SDR Phones, O/O DGM, Bangalore
15	3132	M Chandran	10-05-1946	HSG I, HSA, BG TD Sortiing

Members listed above are requested to attend the Annual General Body Meeting for being felicitated. They are requested to confirm their participation before 5-8-2022. Arrangements for felicitation will be made only for those who confirm their attendance in the AGB. Confirmation can be made either through Post, Phone call, WhatsApp message, SMS to: V. Murugan, Joint Secretary, No. 9, 4th Cross, Near Nature View Apartments, Gopalappa Layout, Off K.H.B. Road, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru-560 032. Mobile: 9902020537// email: pensionersbhavan@gmail.com

RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE JOURNAL IS DUE IN JULY-2022.

MEMBERS/SUBSCRIBERS WHO HAD RENEWED THEIR SUBSCRIPTION FOR ONE YEAR IN 2021 MAY PLEASE RENEW IN JUNE/JULY 2022. SUBSCRIPTION FOR MEMBERS: RS.180/- P.A. SUBSCRIBERS RS.240/- P.A.

Number of CGHS Wellness Centers in Bengaluru City- Proposal of the Additional Director CGHS, for opening Wellness Centers in all the 4 directions of the City.

In our meeting with the Additional Director, CGHS, Bengaluru held on 17.5.2022, among many other issues, we had stressed on the subject of opening of more Wellness Centers in the city to cater to the health care needs of ever-increasing number of beneficiaries.

We had also, while emphasising on the justification for more WCs, furnished details of the number of Wellness Centers in the cities of the neighbouring states and the number of beneficiaries in each of those cities vis-a- vis the number of Wellness Centers and the beneficiaries in Bengaluru city. The details showed a vast disparity in the CGHS facilities that are available to the beneficiaries in the cities of the neighbouring states and Bengaluru.

We had noted this important issue for discussion with the official team from the CGHS Directorate, New Delhi, that was scheduled to visit Bengaluru in May/June 22.

We are extremely glad that the Additional Director, CGHS Bengaluru has promptly taken up the issues of opening of more WCs, posting of more doctors and other staff, with the CGHS Directorate, New Delhi and has proposed opening of at least one Wellness Centre in each of the 4 directions of the City.

To be more specific, AD, CGHS has suggested opening of Wellness Centers one each in Whitefield in the East, Tumkuru Road in the West, Yelahanka in the North and Kanakapura Road in the South.

In response, the CGHS Directorate, has now called for information from the AD, CGHS about the likely number of beneficiaries that would be covered by each of the proposed Wellness Centers.

AD, CGHS Bengaluru has requested us to assist them in collecting the required

details for submission to the CGHS Directorate, New Delhi as early as possible.

Therefore, we seek the help of all of our affiliates, members of Pensioners' Associations and the CGHS beneficiaries in collecting the required information and earnestly request them to assist us in providing the information to the AD CGHS.

The details required are:

- (1) Number of Central government employees residing in the respective area
- (2) Number of Central Pensioners residing.

The details ascertained, may please be sent to K.B. Krishna Rao, President, S .Radhakrishna, General Secretary, and T.V. Suryaprakash, Jt. Genl. Secretary, CCCGPA through WhatsApp messages on their mobile phone numbers 9483467750 94488 80921& 9019330515 respectively.

We request that this message may please be shared with friends and relatives and on WhatsApp groups so that the message reaches as many as possible, which may facilitate collecting the required data and its submission to CGHS.

We request all the representatives of the Affiliate Pensioners' Associations - CGHS related - to make efforts to ascertain the particulars from their PAOs/ Administrative offices if possible.

As a report in this regard is due to be sent by the AD CGHS to the CGHS Directorate as early as possible, we request all to send us the information collected by them on or before 25.8.2022.

CCCGPA, Karnataka

Members are requested to bring with them, copies of June and July, 2022 issues of the journal required for participation in discussions on Annual report and Annual accounts 2021-22.

Our Members Write

Dear Sir, I want to share with you and others in the Association, a very happy experience of mine.

I had a joint Savings bank account at NAL Sub PO, since about 20 years. I couldn't operate it since we moved to Monica Homes, Tavarekere Main Road and also on account of Covid19 restrictions all these years. I decided to close the account and got an Account Closure form through our PRO. He advised me to carry our Aadhar Card and PAN Card copies and photos.

I took all these and a brief covering letter to the NAL PO yesterday. I met Mr. Chetan at the counter and produced the account closure form and my Passbook to him. He updated the passbook and asked me for the cheque book. He asked me whether there was any possibility of any interest or any other amount being transferred to this account and I assured him that this account has been lying idle all along and nothing will be sent to it by anyone. Mr. Chetan told me to wait and said he would get a form. I could see him go into the inner chamber where he pulled out a large bundle of forms. He leafed through the forms and presently selected one and returned to the counter. I could see that form was the original form containing our names etc. which

we had submitted to open the account all those years ago!!

Mr. Chetan then gave me a form in which to write the closing balance with interest calculated up-to-date, sign it with my wife and write that I wanted a cheque in my name and my phone number. He also gave a "missed call" to check the phone number was correct. Finally Mr. Chetan told me he would send the documents to the Indiranagar post office and he would inform me when the cheque is received in a day or two. Mr. Chetan called me today, 15.7.2022 and confirmed that I could collect the cheque for some Rs. 66000!

Sir, I can't say enough of my appreciation of the excellent work done at the NAL PO by Mr. Chetan and I am sure Mr. Joseph the senior there also deserves thanks. I never expected the work would be done so swiftly and with all courtesy. I told my co-residents here of this fine experience. Of course, I may also add that ten years ago one Mr. Manjunath who was posted there was so helpful to me and other customers.

I wanted to share my happiness at this experience with you and other members of the Association and particularly those of the P&T Fraternity.

R Krishnan, ALM 502

On the one hand, the staff at NAL Post Office have been very duty conscious and efficient too, which must be appreciated. On the other hand, it is very kind of Shri R. Krishnan to recognise the efficient and courteous service extended by the functionaries at the Post Office and even spread the good word around... Humanity needs more people like Shri Krishnan and the functionaries like those at NAL P O.

**Juliana Vincent, ALM 2842,
Secretary, Survey of India Pensioners
Association.**

Wonderful service by the Staff in NAL Post Office. Thanks to Sri R. Krishnan for appreciation of the good work by the P A at the counter

M.N. Gopinath, LM 1085

I too, had a similar pleasant experience in Banashankari III Stage PO 2 years ago. The lady at the counter helped me in closing the old PO SB account, made out a cheque for the amount, updated my new account, issued a new cheque book and I drew cash, all in about half an hour. In fact, I have never had a bad experience.

V Gopal, LM 2157

So glad to read this incidence and I am sure no other dept will serve better than India Post. Best wishes to all NAL PO staff. Please keep it up.

R.M. Karkal LM 2446

Exemplary help! Which we find lacking with some. My appreciations to the staff of NAL PO

C. Ramakrishna Reddy, LM 1683

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS FOR THE BUILDING FUND

We appeal to our **Members who have not yet paid** their contribution to the building fund please to remit their donation. 68th list of donations is published in this issue.

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

Amount may please be remitted by *crossed cheque* payable to "Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association". Cheques may please be sent to: K.R. Anantha Ramu, No 1158, 7th Main, 7th Block, HMT Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097 (Mob: 9448477129) or

Preferably, be credited to the Association's Bank Account:

Name: Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association;

Bank: State Bank of India, Branch: HMT Layout branch, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore
Current Account No. **64209078453, IFSC: SBIN 0040659**

INCOME TAX EXEMPTION: 50% of the amount of donation made to K P&T PA, is eligible for deduction in the gross total Income of the assessee under Section 80-G of Income Tax Act.

Please invariably inform us of the details of credit through a message or phone call on Phone No.09448477129 or 09483467750 to enable us to acknowledge the receipt of the amount and to send you a receipt.

Donation for the Building Fund - 68th List June-July 2022

Sl No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
1565	K.S.Ramanathan	1805	30000	5162	155000
1566	U.Manohar Shenoy	1278	10000	5177	61000
1567	R.B.Deshpande, President, Income Tax Office Pensioners' Association	Well wisher	5000	5181	
1568	Shantha Venugopalan	796	2000	5160	16000
1569	R.A.Manjunatha	3085	1640	5172	
1570	B.B.Mural	1315	1000	5180	3100
1571	H.G.Mate	2781	1000	5179	3000
1572	D.K.Srinivasachary	3095	1000	5154	
1573	M.R.Kulkarni	3113	1000	5173	
1574	C.S.Krishnamurthy	2537	500	5175	1000
1575	H.K.Nagarajan	2538	500	5176	1000
1576	N.M. Kanzaria	Well wisher (Gujarath)	500	-	

List of donations received up to 31-03-2022 has been uploaded to the website of the association 'kptpa.org'. Donors are requested to visit the website and check-up whether their names have been correctly mentioned and the amount donated has been correctly indicated in the list. Discrepancies, if any, may please be informed to the Secretary on Phone - 08023230545 or mobile 9483467750.

Donation to the Association for Educational Purposes July 2022

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1	H.S. Manjunatha	1015	10,000	5161

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