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**28TH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING  
of the Association**

**Saturday the 12th August, 2023 at 9-30 a.m.**

Venue:

**NGO's Hall**

**Karnataka State Govt. Employees' Association**

Cubbon Park, Bengaluru 560001. (Opposite MS Buildings - K.R. Circle)

**Chief Guest: The Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) H.N. Nagamohan Das,  
Former Judge, High Court of Karnataka.**

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All Life Members, Associate Life Members of the Association and Subscribers to Pensioners' Champion and Well Wishers are requested to attend the meeting at 9-30 a.m. on 12th August, 2023.

For any other information please call or message: Secretary: 9483467750, Joint Secretary: 9902020537, Treasurer: 9448477129, K. Nagesh, ECM :9448705268

[Names of Members 75 years and above to be felicitated in the AGB : Page 10 to 11 of May 2023 issue of the journal- They are requested to confirm their participation in the AGB for being honoured.

## NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Body Meeting of Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association, Bengaluru, will be held on Saturday, the 12th August, 2023 under the Presidentship of Sri G Babu, President of the Association.

### AGENDA

#### Morning Session - 9-30 a.m.

1. Welcome
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the AGB Meeting held on 20th August, 2022. [Minutes have been circulated through the association's journal 'Pensioners' Champion' August, 2022 issue: Pages 3-8 & 13]
3. Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report for 2022-23.
4. Presentation and adoption of the Audited Statement of Accounts for 2022-23.

#### Open Session- 11-00 a.m.

1. Welcome Speech and introduction of the Chief Guest: Sri K B Krishna Rao, Secretary
2. Inauguration of the Open Session by the Chief Guest: **The Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd.) H.N.Nagamohan Das, Former Judge, High Court of Karnataka**
3. Presentation of cash awards to the meritorious students of Govt. Higher Primary School, Yelahanaka, Bengaluru
4. Felicitations
5. Address by the President of the Association Shri G. Babu
6. Vote of Thanks: Sri V Murugan, Joint Secretary

#### Afternoon Session - 2-00 p.m.

1. Appointment of Chartered Accountant for the year 2023-24

#### Discussions on :-

2. Constitution of 8th Central Pay Commission
3. Payment of arrears of DR for the period from 1-1-2020 to 30-6-2021
4. Grant of notional increment for retirement benefits to those who have retired on 30th June/31st December
5. Restoration of commutation after 12 years instead of 15 years
6. Revision of pension of BSNL pensioners from 1-1-2017
7. CGHS and FMA matters
8. Any other subject with the permission of the Chair
9. Concluding remarks by the President
10. Vote of thanks: By Sri V. Murugan, Joint Secretary

#### **National Anthem**

Bengaluru  
27-06-2023

**K.B. Krishna Rao**  
Secretary

## Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association Annual Report for the year 2022-23

The Executive Committee of Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association is pleased to place the draft Annual Report for the year 2022-2023 for approval before the 28th Annual General Body Meeting, being held on Saturday, the 12th August, 2023 at NGO'S Hall, Karnataka State Govt. Employees' Association, Cubbon Park, Bengaluru 560001.

This report covers some of the events of April 2023 & onwards also.

1. The Under mentioned executive committee members, who were unanimously elected in the AGB on 20-8-2022 for the period 2022-2025, functioned as Office Bearers of the Association during the year under report:

President	: Shri G.Babu
Vice President	: Smt.N.Nagalakshmi
Secretary	: Shri K.B.Krishna Rao
Joint Secretary	: Shri V. Murguan
Treasurer	: Shri K.R.Anantha Ramu

Shri N.M.Hegde was elected as the Internal Auditor in the AGB on 20-8-2022.

The Executive Committee Members, also elected unanimously in the AGB on 20-08-2022 are : Shri Chandrashekhara Karanth, Shri Rangegowda, Shri B.Nagraju, Shri C.Ramakrishna Reddy, Shri Vinayak S. Naik, Shri A.Prakash, Shri M.B. Shivalingaiah, Shri K Nagesh and Shri Vishwanatha Rao

### **Outgoing Executive Committee Members honoured**

Sri M.N. Gopinath Vice-president, Sri V. Gopal, Joint Secretary and Sri B.S. Ramachandra, EC member, did not file their nominations for election to the EC 2022-2025 for personal reasons. They were honoured at their residences by the association on 25th October, 2022. Sri G. Babu, President, Sri V.Murugan Joint Secretary and Sri Rangegowda, EC member, called on all the

3 at their residences and the President felicitated them with shawls garlands and fruit baskets.

Sri Gopinath was elected as Vice President in the Executive Committee meeting held on 13.7.2014 and held the post till 19.9.2022. A Gentleman to the core, Sri Gopinath, who had held many important positions in the Department of Posts was most unassuming and was supportive in the functioning of KP&TPA.

Sri Gopal, was elected as the Joint Secretary in the Executive Committee meeting held on 4.6.2016. He continued as JS till 9.10.2021 and resigned from the post citing personal reasons. The Executive Committee, most reluctantly, accepted his resignation on 9.10.2021. During his stint as the Joint Secretary, KP&TPA, he played a pivotal role in the functioning of the association and was supportive of the decisions taken by the EC. He meticulously recorded the proceeding of the EC meetings and the Annual General Body meetings. He efficiently compeered the proceedings of the AGB and systematically conducted the programme of honouring the Pensioners aged 75 years in the AGB.

Sri B. S. Ramachandra, was elected to the Executive Committee in the AGB held on 4.6.2016 and was in the Committee until 19.8.2022. His services to the association during his membership in the EC, have to be kept on record especially his service during the covid -19 periods of 2020, 2021 and 2022. Sri Ramachandra, liaisoned with the press, carried nearly 1800 copies of the association's journal Pensioners' Champion from the press in Tata Silk Farm, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru 560004 to Patrika Channel in Mysuru Road, Bengaluru 560026, for posting, that too, on his scooter. He took keen interest in enrolling members. His service to the association is highly commendable.

## 2. Condolence:

We are deeply saddened to state that 36 members of the Association passed away during the year. 3 former Executive Committee Members of the association viz. Sri A. Kanagamani, Sri N. Ramaiah, and Sri M.S. Krishnamurthy expired on 7-8-2022, 28-8-2022 and 28-10-2022 respectively.

The Members of the Executive Committee express 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.

Comrade KKN Kutty, Secretary General, National Coordination Committee of Pensioners Associations (NCCPA) and the Vice President Confederation of Central Govt. Employees & Workers, expired on 8-12-2022. The CG Employees Movement and the Pensioners Movement suffered an irreparable loss due to his sudden demise and the vacuum caused by his death is hard to fill. At the time of his death he was a member of the Standing Committee of JCM National Council. Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association expresses its deep condolences on his death and dips its banner in his memory.

**3. The Scourge called Covid-19 :** The country went through an awful period during the years 2019 , 2020 and 2021. The scourge called Corona Virus, Covid-19, which continued to spread during the first half of 2022, started to see a downward trend during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. Though the dreaded disease has not yet fully vanished, it has abated considerably and the numbers of infections in the country have come down drastically bringing hopes that it may end soon. The UN World Health Organization (WHO) also has declared an end to COVID-19 as a public health emergency, stressing that it does not mean the disease is no longer a global threat.

## 4. Activities:

### 4.1 Annual General Body meeting 2022:

The 27th Annual General Body Meeting of the Association was held on 20-08-2022 at Kondajji Basappa Auditorium, Bharath Scouts and Guides, Palace Road, Bengaluru 560001. The AGB was held physically after a gap of 3 years at the above venue at 10.00 A.M. A good number of Pensioners participated. We are pleased to report that the festivities associated with our annual meetings returned in 2022 due to the gradual decline in the number of Covid-19 infections. Felicitations of senior members who are 75 years old and presentation of cash awards to school children were the other events which we could hold this time with fervour. But, the only unhappy occurrence and, that too ,a rare one to occur, was that the meeting had to be held in the absence of the President, Vice- President and the Secretary who could not be present for reasons beyond their control. Shri L.K. Dash, IPoS, Postmaster General, Bengaluru Head Quarters Region, Bengaluru was the Chief Guest. A Presidium consisting of 3 members Viz. Sri Chandrashekhar S. Karanth, EC Member and the two advisors to the Association, Sri. M. Ramiah & Sri H.S. Manjunatha was constituted for conducting the proceedings of the AGB. Shri Chandrashekhar Karanth, senior most EC member, presided over the event in the absence of Shri G.Babu, President.

Highlight of the AGB was that, for the first time in the 28 years history of the association, a Post Woman was honoured. Smt. Noorjahan, Post woman, Basaveshwara Nagar PO was felicitated in recognition of her dedicated service to the Association during the year.

Another important event that returned to the AGB was presentation of cash awards to meritorious students of Govt. Higher Primary School, Yelahanka. 9 students of the school were presented cash awards for securing first 3 positions in the final examinations of classes

5,6 & 7 and to one student for securing highest marks in Kannada. Donations given for educational purposes by Sri H.S. Manjunatha, H.V. Ramanatha and H.R. Sathyanarayana were made use of to give away the cash awards. Awards were presented by Sri. L.K.Dash PMG Bg HQ Region. Smt. Gangarathnamma, Head Mistress and Sri Srinivas, Physical Education Teacher were also honoured.

Sri T.V. Suryaprakash, Secretary, Coffee Board Pensioners Association, our Comrade in arms, who extended his helping hand in conducting virtual meetings and was the architect of Digital Life Certificate camps conducted in Bengaluru and other cities was felicitated Jointly by the presidium and Sri L.K. Dash, IPoS, PMG, Bengaluru HQ Region. (Incidentally, Sri Suryaprakash, has taken membership of KP&TPA also.)

Sri M. Ramiah, Sri M. Vittla Rao, Sri B.L. Channappa and Sri V. Gopal who have donated Rs.1,00,000 and above for the Building fund were honoured by the Chief Guest.

Public Address System purchased out of the contributions made by Sri M.Ramiah and Sri V. Gopal was presented to the Head Mistress, Govt. Higher Primary School, Yelahanka by the Chief Guest.

**Felicitations of members aged 75 years & above:** The Association has a tradition of honouring its members who have completed 75 years of age. The Association had identified around 220 members and requested them to confirm their participation in the AGB. Only 65 members attended the AGB and they were felicitated by the Chief Guest and the Presidium.

**Election of Internal Auditor for the years 2022-25:**

Sri N.M. Hegde was unanimously elected as Internal Auditor for the years 2022-25.

**Election of members of the EC for the years 2022-25:**

The President for the day announced that the following have been elected unopposed

to the Executive Committee for the year 2022-2025. S/s. K.R. Anantha Ramu, G. Babu, K.B. Krishna Rao, C.S.Karant, C. Ramakrishna Reddy, Range Gowda, V. Murugan, B.Nagaraju, Smt. N. Nagalakshmi, A. Prakash, K. Nagesh, Vishwanatha Rao, M.B. Shivalingaiah and V.S. Naik.

## **5. BSNL**

### **5.1 Revision of pension of BSNL pensioners from 1-1-2017:**

It is regretted to report that the demand of BSNL pensioners for revision of their pension with 15% fitment benefit, after delinking pension revision with pay revision, has not yet been accepted by the government in spite of the issue being relentlessly pursued by many BSNL Pensioners' Associations in the country since 6 years. Taking recourse to judicial intervention, All India BSNL Pensioners' Welfare Association filed an application before the Principal Bench of the Central Administration Tribunal, New Delhi on 16-9-2020 vide OA No.100/1329/2020. Sri P.Gangadhara Rao, Former General Secretary, AIBSNLPWA & Vice President, CCCGPA, Karnataka is the signatory to the Application. The case is being heard by the CATPB for nearly 4 years now and the last hearing was on 25-5-2023.

Continuing with their efforts, representatives of AIBSNLPWA and AIBDPA have submitted memorandums to the Hon'ble Minister of Communications requesting for his personal intervention in the matter and have also met several offices in DOT often. The latest being a meeting with MOC on 27-05-2023 by the representatives of AIBSNLPWA and a joint delegation of AIBSNLPWA and AIRBSNLEWA with the Member (Services) on 29-5-2023. All of them have assured the Pensioners Associations that pension revision will be delinked from pay revision and a favourable decision would be taken as early as possible. It is hoped that the long pending demand of BSNL&MTNL Pensioners would be met by DOT very soon.

## **5.2. New Office Bearers of AIBSNLPWA**

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

## **6. Charitable works**

### **6.1 Charitable function held on 06.02.2023 at Government Higher Primary School, New Town Yelahanka**

The function could not be held during the last two years because of the pandemic Covid-19. Sri S.M.Vittal Rao, former Treasurer, in spite of his age and health condition, evinced interest in arranging the function though on a lower scale when compared to the manner in which it was being arranged during the past several years. About 120 students studying in the school had assembled in the hall. Note books, pens, sweets and fruits were distributed to the students. The Association would endeavour to continue with this avowed objective of encouraging students of government schools, in achieving better academic standards, by giving them cash awards as had been the practice since almost 25 years.

**6.2.** Free lunch was served to the cancer patients at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru on 17.12.2022 from the donation made by the Association to the Institute.

## **7. Other activities**

### **7.1. Executive Committee Meetings**

The Executive Committee of the Association used to meet usually on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2020 & 2021. However, as the number of Corona virus infections reduced during 2022, EC meetings for some months were held physically at Pensioners Bhavan and for some other months through video conferencing. Some EC meetings were held in the party hall of Shanthisagar hotel in Basaveshwaranagar. The EC thanks Sri Rangegowda, EC Member for arranging the venue in Basaveshwaranagar free of charges and Sri T.V. Suryaprakash, Joint General Secretary, CCCGPA and Secretary, Coffee Board Pensioners Association for helping the association in conducting the meetings virtually.

### **7.2 Demonstration by Pensioners on 5-4-2022**

Demonstration was staged in association with the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners Associations, Karnataka, Bengaluru, on 5.4.2022 at 11 a.m. in front of Bengaluru General Post Office, (GPO) in response to the call given by the National Coordination Committee of Pensioners' Associations, (NCCPA) New Delhi, to demand implementation of the recommendations made in the 110th report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee submitted to the Government. More than 100 pensioners from different Pensioners' Associations participated. The demands included (1) Payment of Age-related additional pension on attaining 65 years of age instead of the present 80 years (2) Increase of Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) from the existing Rs.1000 to Rs.3000 per month (3) Extension of CS (Medical Allowance) Rules 1944 to Pensioners living in non-CGHS areas,(4) Reimbursement of the cost of hospitalization in hospitals not empanelled under CGHS as ordered by many courts

### **7.3 Pensioners' Day: Celebration of Pensioners Day and successful completion of Digital Life Certificate Camps**

Pensioners' Day' was observed in association with the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka (CCCGPA) and its affiliate Pensioners' Associations, on 17th December, 2022

Sri Tejasvi Surya, the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Bengaluru South Lok Sabha Constituency was the Chief Guest. Dr. K.R. Gangadharan, Chairman, Heritage Foundation, Global President, International Federation on Ageing (2012-15) National President, Indian Society for Training and Development (2012-13), Chennai was the Guest of Honour. An event to celebrate the successful completion of Digital Life Certificate Camps organised by the affiliate associations was also held at the venue. Mementos were presented to the volunteers who had generated DLCs and many others who had provided support and infrastructure facilities for conducting camps. A memorandum on CGHS issues was presented to Sri Tejasvi Surya, M P.

Mementos were presented to 19 volunteers of Karnataka P&T Pensioners Association, IA&AD Pensioners Association, Coffee Board Pensioners Association, BSNL Pensioners Association and Karnataka Central Government Pensioners Association in recognition of their yeoman service in helping nearly 5000 pensioners in submission of their life certificates generated through face authentication technology and also in helping more than 1000 pensioners, who are 80+, especially the infirm, some of whom were bedridden, wheel-chair bound, by visiting their residences purely on voluntary basis and assist them to submit their life certificates.

About 30 pensioners who had extended their support to the volunteers in organizing DLC camps were also honoured and mementos were presented to them.

### **7.4 Karnataka Postal Circle organised "Pensioners Meet" for the first time**

O/o the Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle, Bengaluru organized a 'Pensioners Meet' at the Meghdoot Auditorium, Bengaluru GPO on 20th December, 2022. Sri K.B.Krishna Rao, Secretary KPTPA was invited to attend the meet and also speak in the meet. Smt. Nagalakshmi, Vice-President, KP&TPA was honoured for getting Anubhav award 2022. From KP&TPA, Sri K.R. Anantha Ramu, Treasurer and Sri K.Nagesh, Executive Committee member also attended. Sri S. Rajendra Kumar, Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle, Smt. Sapna Pramod, General Manager, Postal Accounts and Finance, Karnataka, and heads of many Postal divisions, Officials of CO and RO, and many Pensioners attended the event.

### **7.5 Centenarian member honoured**

Sri Attavar Yoganand, Member ship 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

### **7.6 Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav- Celebration of 75 years of Indian independence**

The Association, to commemorate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav- to celebrate 75 years of Indian independence, arranged a Flag hoisting programme at its building "Pensioners Bhavan" in Telecom Layout, Bengaluru 560064 on 11th August, 2022 at 10 a.m. Sri N.Bhaskaran, Veteran P&T Trade Union leader, who led the P&T Employees for 3 decades and Central Government Pensioners thereafter for another 2 decades, who established Karnataka P&T Pensioners Association in 1994 and the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations Karnataka in 1998 and served as the first Secretary of both the organizations, hoisted the Tricolour.

## 7.7. Swachha Bharat Abhiyan

Complying with the directions of the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, the Association, which is one of the identified Associations on the Pensioners Portal, and at whose initiative, the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners Associations, Karnataka, Bengaluru, (CCCGPA) was formed in the year 1998, to which more than 30 Central Government Pensioners' Associations and Pensioners' Associations of Autonomous/Statutory Bodies of Central Government, are affiliated, had organized a cleanliness programme in and around its own building viz. Pensioners' Bhavan, Telecom Layout, Bengaluru on 15.10.2022 from 9 AM TO 11.30 AM. About 50 pensioners from many Pensioners Associations, most of whom were septuagenarians, participated in the Campaign.

## 8. Our Members: their Laurels

**8.1 Dr. Charles Lobo**, former Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka and former Member Postal Services Board, member of Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association was honoured in the 86th Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana held from 6-01-2023 to 08-01-2023 at Haveri, North Karnataka.

**8.2. Smt. N. Nagalakshmi**, Vice President of the Association, Retd. Assistant Chief Accounts Officer, O/o. the General Manager, Postal Accounts and Finance, Karnataka, bagged "Anubhav" award instituted by Govt. of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievance and Pensions, Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, New Delhi. Smt. N. Nagalakshmi was awarded the prestigious "ANUBHAV" award for the year 2020 in recognition of her invaluable services in the Department of Posts. A write up submitted by her after her retirement, about her decades long experience in the Ministry of Communications in various positions that she had held, was evaluated by the Secretaries

and Joint Secretaries of the Departments of the Government of India and was selected for the award. The award was presented to her by the Hon'ble Union Minister for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Dr. Jitendra Singh on 18-10-2022 in Anubhav Award ceremony held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

**8.3. Sri M Ramiah**, former Vice President and Advisor to the Association forayed into literature and penned 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' authored by him, 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. The books were supplied to all the officers in entire Karnataka Postal Circle and Chennai City Region by the respective offices. Books were sold by the association and the entire sale proceeds amounting to about Rs.45,000 were donated by Shri Ramiah to the building fund of the association.

**8.4. Smt.Nagamani S. Rao**, Membership No. ALM 1339, Retd. Asst. News Editor, AIR, Bengaluru was selected for 'Yashodamma G. Narayana' award by Karnataka Union of Working Journalists in recognition of her yeomen service to journalism during the past several decades and for her excellence in presentation of local news in Kannada over AIR Bengaluru during her service with AIR. The award was presented to her in Mysuru on 17-03-2023.

**8.5. Sri G.A. Brahmadeva**, member K P&T PA, ALM 1753, Retd. Judicial Member, Customs, Excise & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal Bengaluru, penned his autobiography. The Book in Kannada titled "JEEVANA PATHA" was released in an event on 5-3-2023 by Mr. Justice M.I. Arun, the Hon'ble Judge, High Court of Karnataka at a glittering event held at RG Royal Hotel and Convention Centre, Bengaluru. Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, Secretary K P&T PA, on invitation, attended the ceremony.



**8.6. Shri Vishwanatha Rao**, EC member and his wife Smt.Bhanumathi conducted a 'Yoga and meditation Camp' at Bangalore GPO premises on 21.6.2022, the International Yoga Day.

## **9. Pensioners' Welfare Activities**

### **9.1 Question Corner**

A question corner was introduced in the journal Pensioners' Champion from February 2023 to facilitate readers to post queries, if any, regarding pension, family pension, CGHS etc. Answers to questions by 2 members on pension and family pension were published in February and March 2023 issues of the journal.

### **9.2. Payment of arrears of Dearness Relief (DR) to Postal Pensioners during the course of the month instead on the last working day.**

Arrears of Dearness relief due to Pensioners consequent upon enhancement of the rate of DR from 1 st January and 1st July were not being paid immediately on issuance of the order by the Department of Pension, by the HPOs and were being paid only along with the pension for the month.

The association submitted a memorandum to Sri Vineet Pandey, Secretary, Department of Posts on 7-11-2022 when he was on a visit to Bengaluru requesting his kind intervention in the matter to ensure that Postal Pensioners getting their pension from Post offices also are paid arrears of Dearness Relief on a par with Postal Pensioners getting their pension from banks and serving postal Employees who are paid arrears of DA during the course of the month instead of on the last working day. The memorandum was personally handed over to the Secretary, D O Posts, by Smt. N. Nagalakshmi, Vice-President KP&TPA.

Our request was considered favourably by the D O Posts and The Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle, vide CO letter dated 21/22-12-2022 addressed to all the Postmasters General, Karnataka Circle instructed them to ensure that arrears of dearness relief are paid

to pensioners through OCP-off cycle payments. The Regional Offices were reminded by the Accounts section of Circle Office on 5-4-2023 to draw DR arrears through OCP. We are extremely glad that as a result of the interest taken by the Secretary DO Posts and specially the CPMG, Karnataka Circle, Postal Pensioners were paid arrears of D R due to them for January, February and March 2023 through off cycle payment during the 2nd/3rd week of April 23 and they were not made to wait until the last working day to get their arrears. We are grateful to all the officers of CO/ROs and the Postmasters of HPOs for the pensioner friendly action taken by them and for ending the discrimination between Postal Employees and Pensioners which had caused much consternation among the Postal Pensioners.

### **9.3. Conversion of single P O SB account into joint account.**

The facility of conversion of single P O SB account into joint account which was introduced as far back as in 2007 vide SB Order No.11 of 2007 was withdrawn vide SB order No.13 of 2019 read with SB order No.12 of 2020. 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 be continued to be provided 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 upgraded 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.

#### **9.4. SMS on acceptance of Digital life certificate by the Head Post Offices**

This facility which is available to pensioners drawing their pension from banks was not available to Postal Pensioners. The matter was taken up by the association with the Department of Posts. It is heartening to note that all pensioners, for whom KP&TPA volunteers had generated digital life certificates through Jeevan Pramaan Portal in October & November, 2022 got SMS regarding acceptance of their DLC by the pension disbursing HPOs

#### **9.5. 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. 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.

#### **9.6. Assistance to all Central Govt. Pensioners for submission of their life certificate in October / November, 2022- Yeomen service by the members of the association.**

It is heartening to note that many EC members and members of the Association volunteered to assist the pensioners to submit their life certificate in October and November 2022. In October, they visited the residences of about 300 pensioners aged 80 and above, two aged 100 years, some of them infirm, bedridden, wheelchair -bound and helped them to submit their life certificate within the confines of their homes. They visited many Old Age Homes also. Making use of the Face Authentication technology launched by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare

in collaboration with Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) & Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MietY), the volunteers helped thousands of pensioners/ family pensioners in submission of their Annual Life Certificates for further continuation of payment of their pension. Digital life certificate camps were organised by the association in coordination with Coffee Board Pensioners association in Bengaluru City and in other cities like Mysuru, Hassan, Shivamogga and Chikkamagaluru in which hundreds of pensioners participated. We are extremely glad to note that the Department of Posts, O/o the Postmaster General, South Karnataka region, Postmaster Sarwathipuram HPO, and Postmaster Chikkamagaluru HPO facilitated the volunteers of the association in successfully conducting the DLC camps. Their selfless yeomen service for the Pensioner community is unparalleled and deserves great appreciation. Total number of volunteers: 14, Total Camps organised: 23, Number of DLCs submitted: 2178, Number of house visits:564. Total Number of DLCs generated in camps & House visits: 2972

During the previous year also, ie. in October & November, 2021 the volunteers of the association had assisted more than 2000 pensioners in submission of their life certificates. The association topped the list of Pensioners' Associations in the country in the number of DLCs generated by the volunteers registered with the Department of Pension & PW. A sum of Rs.86,800 was paid to the association by the Gol, DOPPW as conveyance charges.

All the members, who participated in the above campaign, were felicitated on 17.12.22, i.e. on the 'Pensioners Day' with a memento each.

#### **9.7. Long pending demands**

The following demands are being pursued by the association with the government in coordination with NCCPA and CCCGPA

**(a) Release of DA/ DR frozen for 18 months from 1-1-2020 to 30-6-2021**

This demand of Central employees and pensioners has not been accepted by the government despite the issue being strongly pursued by the JCM Staff side, several employees unions and many pensioners associations in the country. Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, in reply to a question on the matter answered on 13-3-2023 in the Lok Sabha stating that, "*As the adverse financial impact of pandemic in 2020 and the financing of welfare measures taken by Government had a fiscal spill over beyond FY 2020-21, arrears of DA/ DR which mostly pertain to the difficult FY of 2020-21 are not considered feasible*".

**(b) Restoration of Commutation after 12 years**

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's office, in reply to a question on the matter answered on 21-12-2022 in the Lok Sabha stating that, "*In the meeting of the Standing Committee of National Council (JCM) held on 22-9-2022, the staff side of National Council (JCM) raised the demand for restoration of commuted portion of pension. The matter has been referred to the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure*".

**(c) Enhancement of Fixed Medical Allowance from Rs.1000 to Rs.3000**

In the 120th Report of the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice on action taken report on 110th report of the Committee on Pensioners' Grievances pertaining to the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, presented to the Rajya Sabha on 8-12-2022 & laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha on 8-12-2022, has stated that The Committee recommends DoPPW to take up this issue of enhancement of Fixed Medical

Allowance with the Finance Ministry as Rs.1000 is a very meager amount for an old age pensioner and apprise the views of the Finance Ministry to the Committee in its Action Taken Replies.

**(d). Grant of notional increment for retirement benefits to pensioners who retire on 30<sup>th</sup> June/31<sup>st</sup> December, a day before their date of increment**

This issue is being pursued by the association since many years. Applications filed by some pensioners before some benches of CAT in the country praying for grant of increment for pensioner benefits, have been allowed by the Central Administrative Tribunals.

Several High courts have dismissed the writ petitions filed by several government departments against the orders of the CATs. But, The Hon'ble Supreme Court, vide its order dated 5.4.2021, had stayed the order passed by CAT Bangalore on 18-12-2019 in OANo.170/00677/2019 which had allowed the application of Sri M.Siddaraju, a Railway Pensioner, retired on 30-6-2014, seeking grant of notional increment for pensionery benefits .Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, Dharwad Bench, in its order on 22-10-2020 in WP No 146967 of 2020 (S-CAT), rejected the writ petition filed by the Ministry of Railways against the order of CAT Bengaluru.

**And the latest:** Civil Appeal No. 2471 of 2023 filed by the Administrator & HR of Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd (KPTCL), in the Hon'ble Supreme Court against the order of the Division Bench of Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka was dismissed by the Supreme Court on 11-04-2023 directing the appellant KPTCL to grant one annual increment to the respective employees earned by them on the last day of their service for rendering their services preceding one year from the date of retirement with good behavior as allowed by the Division Bench of the Karnataka High Court.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court on 19-05-2023, while disposing the Special Leave petition No. 4722/2021 (Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 22-10-2020 in WP No. 146967/2020 passed by the High Court of Karnataka Circuit Bench At Dharwad) filed by Union of India versus M. Siddaraju, Railway Pensioner, retired on 30-6-2014, referred to the judgement of the Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No.2471 of 2023 (KPTCL vs Mundinaman) and stated as follows :

*"The issue raised in these appeals is squarely covered by judgment rendered in Civil Appeal No. 2471 of 2023 decided on 11.04.2023 titled as Director (Admn. And HR) KPTCL and Others Vs. C.P. Mundinamani and Others (2023) The issue being same, the present civil appeals also stand disposed of in terms of the aforesaid judgment. All the intervention applications are allowed and the intervenors shall also be entitled to the same relief".*

With the above said order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed on 19-5-2023, the issue regarding grant of notional increment for retirement benefits to pensioners who retire/retired on 30th June/31st December, after serving for a year after their last increment, seems to have attained legal finality and the government is expected to issue a general order extending the benefits to all similarly placed pensioners. We hope that the benevolent government will not choose to opt to take recourse to the last legal option of "Curative Petition", but issue an order immediately to implement the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court to all similarly placed pensioners.

**(e) Commencement of age-related additional pension at the age of 65 years instead of 80 years.**

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice recommended that the Government 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.

Department of Economic Affairs observed that the Government's pension liabilities on account of old pension scheme are not only huge (Rs. 2.07 lakh crore in BE 2022- 2023), but also increasing year after year. Further increase in these liabilities on account of present proposal will put significant pressure on the Govt. finances, which may not be desirable.

Department of Expenditure vide their ID Note dated 01.06.2022 stated that the proposal has been examined in that Department and in line with the views offered by Budget Division of DEA, considering the fiscal perspective of the Govt., the proposal is not agreed to.

**(f) MACP is applicable from 1-9-2008 and not from 1-1-2006**

Hon'ble Supreme Court, allowing the appeals filed by the Union of India, in its order dated 22-08-2022 while disposing Special Leave Petition (Civil) No. 16442 of 2021 and another 168 Special Leave Petitions, has stated that the Modified Assured Progression Scheme (MACP) is applicable only from 1-9-2008 and not from 1-1-2006 and the entitlement is to financial upgradation equivalent to the immediate next grade pay in the hierarchy of the pay bands and not to financial upgradation equivalent to the next promotional post.

**(g) Financial Upgradation under MACP Scheme (MACP-III) to Promotees in Department of Posts**

Hon'ble High Court of Madras dismissed the writ petitions filed by 25 Postal Assistants and in its order dated 6-6-2022, in WP No.16818 of 2017 and another 23 Writ Petitions of 2018 and one of 2016, ruled that *"the writ petitioners having availed the promotion to the post of Postal Assistant from the lower post of Postman and group D post, are not entitled to the grant of MACP III and they are also not entitled to the consequential benefits thereof"*

## 10. 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. 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.

## 11. 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).

## 12. CGHS matters (a) CGHS Wellness Centre for Mysuru

CGHS Wellness Centre was finally opened in on 8-9-2022 in Mysuru after a relentless struggle for almost 2 decades by the pensioners associations. It was the Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners Association, then a member of the Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) and headed by the late B.Sadashiva Rao IPS (Retd.) as its President and the Veteran P&T Trade Union leader Com N.Bhaskaran as its Secretary, both of whom also headed the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations Karnataka (CCCGPA) as its Chairman and General Secretary respectively, responding to the consistent demand from the Central Government Pensioners Association, Mysuru, also an affiliate of CCCGPA, headed by Dr. T.S. Sathyanarayana Rao, as its President, notified a subject for inclusion in the Agenda items for discussions in the meeting of SCOVA in January 2006 demanding opening of CGHS Wellness Centre in Mysuru city. The struggle which commenced in 2002 ended in 2022. Many Central Ministers and Members of Parliament extended their support which helped in finding

a solution to the long pending demand of the Central Govt Employees and Pensioners residing in Mysuru and other Cities and Towns around the cultural city of Mysuru.

## (b) Opening of CGHS WCs in Mangaluru and Hubballi

This issue also is being pursued by the association since many years. There is justification for opening CGHS WCs in both the cities. We had also furnished the required statistical data to the ministry.

### i. Opening of CGHS WCs in Hubballi :

Wellness Centre is likely to be opened shortly. CGHS Bangalore has received instructions from CGHS Directorate, New Delhi to open an extension counter in Hubballi.

Hubballi–Dhrawad Corporation has offered to accommodate the WC in its new building under construction. It is understood that the building construction is nearing completion and the WC may be opened shortly.

### ii. Wellness Centre for Mangaluru

Dr. Veerendra Heggade, Dharmadhikari, Manjunatha Swamy Temple, Dharmastala & Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) has written to Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, the Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare on 30-8-2022, requesting for opening of a CGHS WC in Mangaluru. Sri Nalin Kumar Kateel, Member of Parliament, Dakshina Kannada Lok Sabha Constituency, has also written to the Health Minister on 31-05-2023 urging the Minister to consider opening of a new CGHS WC in Mangaluru citing justification for establishment of a wellness centre there. Particulars of Central Government Employees and pensioners residing in Mangaluru, and Udupi Districts, collected by the All India BSNL Pensioners Welfare Association, Karnataka Circle, in January 2021, have revealed that there are 7915 Central Govt. Employees and Pensioners and the number of beneficiaries will be about 23,750, justifying opening of CGHS WCs in Mangaluru. The Association will

continue to prevail upon the Health Ministry to open a CGHS WC in Mangaluru.

### **(c) Opening of more number of numbers of CGHS Wellness Centers in Bengaluru 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 emphasizing 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.

### **(d) CGHS Panchayat**

CGHS Panchayat was organised by the Additional Director, CGHS, Bengaluru on 23rd February, 2023. Panchayat was open to all the stakeholders' viz. Beneficiaries, Health Care Organisations and others. From the CGHS Directorate, Additional Deputy Director General (ADDG), CGHS HQs, Director, CGHS HQs, joined the Panchayat through video conferencing. From CGHS Bengaluru, Additional Director, CMO General Administration, CPIO HQ & Hospital Cell, CMOs I/C of some Wellness Centres and other officers were present in the meeting.

Representatives of a few of the affiliate Pensioners' Associations of the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka (CCCGPA), Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers, Karnataka State (COC), Hospitals, Diagnostic Labs and a few of the beneficiaries attended the Meeting.

Agenda with 17 items for discussion in the panchayat, along with a brief note on each of the issues raised in the Agenda, was presented to the Additional Director (CGHS), Bengaluru. Sri K B Krishna Rao, initiating the discussion on agenda items, raised the major issue relating to revision of CGHS rates, which were fixed in the year 2014, and appealed to the ADDG for revision of CGHS rates which are commensurate with the increase in the market prices of medical equipment and treatment procedures over the past several years at the earliest since many of the CGHS empanelled private hospitals have already sought de-empanelment and many more are likely to go out of CGHS empanelment in the near future. Other issues, which were raised in the presence of ADDG, were (1) to open more wellness centres in Bengaluru and (2) to fill up all the vacant posts of Doctors and other staff members in Wellness Centres on a top priority basis. In his reply, the Additional Deputy Director General (ADDG), stating that CGHS is quite aware of the issue which is causing inconvenience to the beneficiaries, informed the stakeholders that the revision of CGHS rates is under active consideration of the Government and a favourable decision is most likely to be taken in that regard and communicated to all in another one month's time. All the other items/issues of the Agenda were taken up for discussion by the Additional Director, CGHS Bengaluru.

### **(e) CGHS-Opening of a Wellness Centre in Sahakaranagar, Bengaluru**

The Association, in its letter dated 19-05-2022 addressed to Shri Rajesh Bhushan Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, requested for opening of a new CGHS Wellness Centre in Sahakaranagar, a very well developed Residential Layout off Bengaluru International Air Port Road which has a large number of Central government employee and pensioners including BSNL pensioners residing there.

In reply to the association's request, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Directorate General of CGHS, vide its letter dated 05-04-2023 informed the association that at present, there is no proposal regarding opening of CGHS Wellness Centres at Sahakaranagara, Bengaluru as Sahakaranagar is within the municipal limits of Bengaluru and has a CGHS Wellness Centre-W C No. 9- which is around 4 km from Sahakaranagar.

**(f) Revised Ward entitlement for those CGHS beneficiaries who retired on or after 01.01.2016**

Department of Health & Family Welfare, (EHS Section) vide its O M F. No. S.11011/11/2016-CGHS(P)/EHS Dated, the 28th October, 2022 revised the entitlement of wards in private hospitals empanelled under CGHS as follows. Pay drawn in 7<sup>th</sup> CPC Up to Rs. 36,500: General ward, Rs. 36,501 to Rs. 50,500: Semi-Private Ward, Above Rs. 50,500 Private Ward.

The association included this item in the agenda for discussion in CGHS Panchayat on 23-2-2023 and emphasized on the point that the date of submission of application for CGHS card and payment of subscription at the revised rates introduced from 1-2-2017 after 7<sup>th</sup> CPC, should be the criterion for determination of ward entitlement and NOT THE DATE OF RETIREMENT. It was also requested in the meeting that new cards must be issued with revised ward entitlement to such of those beneficiaries who are entitled for revision of ward entitlement and submit application to the AD, CGHS.

**We are extremely glad to note that CGHS authorities accepted our interpretation of the order issued by the CGHS Directorate and issued a new CGHS card to a beneficiary with the revised ward entitlement to which he is entitled to as per the OM dated 28-10-2022 as clarified vide OM dated 22-11-2022.**

**(g). Revision of Consultation Fee, Room Rent and ICU charges for All Health Care Organizations (HCOs) empanelled under CGHS.**

All the Pensioners Associations in the country, Employees Unions and the Staff Side of the NC, JCM, have been requesting the Ministry of Health and FW since the past several years to consider immediate revision of CGHS rates which were last revised in 2014, to arrest the trend of CGHS empanelled private hospitals from withdrawing their services to CGHS beneficiaries and also to encourage more private hospitals to seek empanelment.

But, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Directorate General of CGHS vide its order dated the 12th April, 2023 revised rates only in respect of the following: (a) Consultation fee – OPD Consultation Rs. 350/- IPD Consultation Rs. 350/- (b) ICU Charges - Rs. 5400/- for all categories of ward entitlement and (c) Room Rent - General ward Rs.1500/- Semi-private ward Rs.3000/- Private ward Rs. 4500/-

**13. 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), after assuming as the Secretary, Department of Pension and Pensioners’ Welfare in January 2022, for the first time in the annals of the history of Pensioners’ Associations, organized an interactive session with the representatives of the Pensioners’ Associations on 5th January, 2022 through video conferencing. Continuing with the initiative thereafter, Pension Department has been regularly holding virtual meetings at regular

intervals with the pensioners associations and has been enlightening the associations with the provisions of rules on pension and family pension and the latest amendments to Pension Rules.

Responding to a request made by one of the Pensioners' Association in one of the virtual meetings 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

**13.1.** The Association registered many grievances of members with Pensioners' Portal making use of the CPENGRAMS-the grievance redress and monitoring system. All most all the grievances were redressed by the Departments concerned. However, it is highly regretted to record that 2 grievances registered with CPENGRAMS in respect of 2 Defence Civilian Pensioners, were disposed of by Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (PCDA) Prayagraj (Allahabad) without any tangible benefits to the aggrieved. In one case grievance has been registered for the 5<sup>th</sup> time and in another for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. We hope that PCDA will bestow more attention in prompt redress of grievances of pensioners.

#### **14. Our Website**

The Association has its own website [www.ktpa.org](http://www.ktpa.org). It has been maintained for the last 11 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. List of donations for the building fund received up to 31-3-2023 has been uploaded. We request our members to visit the site regularly and suggest improvements.

Three WhatsApp groups viz. ktpa, KP&T Pen Asssn-Gp 1 and Gp 2, 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 930 members in these groups. We are making efforts to include the mobile phone numbers of the entire 1400 members whose phone numbers are now available with us. We request other members also to join the group by sending a WhatsApp message to our EC members Sri K Nagesh: 9448705268 or to Sri Viswanatha Rao: 9343518849 or 9742490654

#### **15. Our Publication- Pensioners' Champion:**

15.1. 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, D R 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. A new column "Question Corner" has been introduced from January 2023 to provide a facility to our readers to write to us on issues regarding pension, family pension and other pensioner related issues on which they need some information/clarification.

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.

## **15.2. Subscription for the journal and its renewal**

Annual subscription for the journal (July to June) is Rs.180/- in respect of members and from Rs.240/-in respect of subscribers to the journal. Though there has been a good response to our appeal for renewal of subscription for the year July, 2022 to June, 2023, we find that many of our members have not renewed their subscription for many years. Still, we continued to send them the journal. We are spending a huge amount monthly on printing and posting of the journal due to the revision of printing charges in 2022. While we thank all those who have renewed their subscription, we request others who have not yet renewed their subscription to renew it now.

## **16. Membership and Finance.**

### **16.1. Membership**

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 3250. In the month of February 2023, a record number of 57 new members were enrolled as life members of the association. This feat was possible only because of the tireless efforts of the Treasurer of the association Sri K.R. AnanthaRamu and Sri V. Shashidhara, Postmaster (Retd), Bhadravathi HPO and Secretary, P&T Pensioners' Welfare Association, Shivamogga.

E.C. Members Sri C. Ramakrishna Reddy, Sri M.B. Shivalingaiah and Sri M. Ramakrishna, Member evinced keen interest in enrolling members, held meetings with their former colleagues and prevailed upon many of them to get membership of the association.

### **16.2. Finance**

We are receiving a good amount of donations from the members and well-wishers regularly. 1st floor of the old building of

'Pensioners' Bhavan' and both the floors of the new building are 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. Donations made by Shri M. Ramiah, former Vice- President and Permanent Advisor to the Association, increased to Rs.2,02,020/- Rs. Two Lakh, Two thousand and Twenty in April,2023. Shri M. Ramiah is the first member of the association to donate more than Rs. 2,00,000.

### **16.3. Donations for Educational purposes:**

Some of our members Viz. S/s. H.V. Ramanatha, H.S. Manjunatha, H.R. Sathyanarayana, Smt. H.S. Krishnamurthy Rao, K.G. Kulkarni, M. Ramaiah and V. Gopal have donated liberally to the Education fund which facilitates the association in giving away cash awards to the meritorious students of Govt. Schools every year. 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.

**16.3.** Audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year 2022-23 are appended to this Annual Report for the perusal of the members.

## **17. Our thanks**

**1) Sri N.Bhakaran, Sri M.Ramaiah and Shri H.S.Manjunatha**, Advisors to the Association, for their guidance and support to the Executive Committee in all matters.  
**2) Sri T.V. Suryaprakash**, Joint General Secretary, CCCGPA, Karnataka & Secretary, Coffee Board Pensioners' Association who has been helping the association for almost 4 years now in conducting its meetings virtually through

the Zoom platform. And for his initiative in arranging DLC camps during the year 2022 not only in Bengaluru but also in other cities of Karnataka for submission of Digital Life Certificates. **3) Sri S Radhakrishna**, General Secretary, CCCGPA for his support to the association in taking up several issues concerning pensioners' welfare with the concerned Departments. **4) 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. **5) 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 DOT/BSNP pensioners including family pensioners **6) The Additional Director, CGHS, CMOs of all Wellness Centres** and

the staff for their sympathetic approach to the pensioners' problems **7) 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. **8) Shri A.Rajagopal**, Partner, GRSM Associates for auditing our accounts promptly **9) Sri Achyuta and Smt. Rama** and the staff of Omkar Hi-Prints for printing of journal. **10) 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  
27th June, 2023

K.B. Krishna Rao  
Secretary  
On behalf of the Executive Committee,  
Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association

<b>Donation for the Building Fund - 79th List May-June 2023</b>					
<b>Sl No.</b>	<b>Name Sri/Smt.</b>	<b>Membership No.</b>	<b>Amount Rs.</b>	<b>Receipt No.</b>	<b>Progressive Total of donation</b>
1636	K.G. Krishna Murthy	2704	1000	5612	3000
1637	S.N. Krishna Murthy	847	500	5613	4500
1638	Mer Jayantilal Jagjivandas	Well Wisher	200	5610	

### **We Welcome the Following Newly Enrolled Members**

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Name (Smt./Sri)</b>	<b>Designation &amp; Office in which last worked</b>	<b>Type &amp; No.</b>
1	B.Elangovan	Postmaster HSG I, Frazer Town Post Office, Bengaluru	LM 3297
2	K.R. Jayalatha	Junior Accounts Officer, Telephone House, O/o GMT, Bengaluru	LM 3298
3	Balkis Taj	MTS, Bangalore City RMS, Bengaluru	LM 3299
4	K.M.Anantha Ramu	MTS, Bangalore City RMS, Bengaluru	LM 3300
5	K.G.Ashwathanarayana Shetty	Supervisor, HSG II, Bengaluru City RMS, Bengaluru	LM 3301
6	B.Jagannath Rao	LSG Supervisor, Bengaluru City RMS, Bengaluru	LM 3302
7	N.M.Vijayakumari	Supervisor, HSG II, Bengaluru City RMS, Bengaluru	LM 3303
8	G.Raghavendra	PRI(P), Shivamogga Head Post Office, Shivamogga	LM 3304

LM: Life Member

ALM: Associate Life Member

## Subscription received for Pensioners' Champion During May-June (upto20-6-2023)

Rs.180/- Smt./Sri	Rs. 180/- Smt./Sri	Rs. 180/- Smt./Sri	Rs. 360/- Smt./Sri
710 R.Soundararajan	2475 T.K.Gundu Rao	2981 N.Dwarakanath	2206 M.Elangovan
735 K.Gururaja Achar	2479 G.M.Halvadia	2989 M.Ramakrishna	2699 Sripoorna.V.Sondur
762 A.Sadananda	2480 V.Sujatha	2991 S. Ramesh	2703 D.Shantharaj
793 G.Basappa	2487 G.Suresh	2992 B.S.Krishna Naik	2754 M.Sathyanarayana
847 S.N.Krishna Muthy	2508 K.I.Sosamma	2998 H.L.Manjula	2878 M.Shivaraj
1015 H.S.Manjunatha	2514 N.Vinoda	3007 K.R. Rathnavathi	2941 M.Chikkalakshmana
1085 M.N.Gopinath	2548 D.R.Shivaramaiah	3090 Y. Hariprasanna	2995 S.K.Rave
1131 K.B.Krishna Rao	2558 B.S.Satyanarayana	3093 V.Gangahanumaiah	3014 M Sreenivasulu
1171 Roddam Subramanya	2562 M.A.Parthasarathy	3100 K.Nagesh	3049 Rajashekara
1258 Keval Krishen	2578 K.Sripada Joshi	3101 V.S.Chandramma	3143 H.R. Shamasundara
1318 U.B.Nandakumar Rao	2590 K.Sanathkumar	3111 N.S.Shankaranarayana	x x x Cash Deposit on 01.06.2023
1320 G.V.Laksminarayana	2594 V.S.Sortur	3114 B. Basavaraju	
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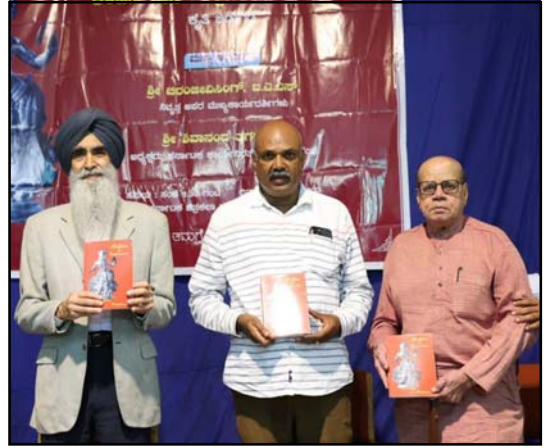
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From the left: Sri Chiranjeevi Singh, IAS (Rtd), Sri Shivananda Tagadur and Sri Prabhakara

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