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**All India RMS and MMS Employees' Unions, Karnataka Circle felicitate
Com. N. Bhaskaran, Veteran P&T Trade Union Leader, the first Circle Secretary R-III, Karnataka**



**Com. N. Bhaskaran and his wife Smt. T. Malathi felicitated by AIRMSEU Group C and MG & MTS, Karnataka Circle
on the eve of opening of the Uniion's New building on 13-02-2021 in Bengaluru.**

**(Standing behind: from left-Com. A. Srinivasa, Circle Secretary, AIRMSEU-Group-C; Com. E. Govinda Raju,
Circle Secretary, AIRMSEU - MG & MTS, Com. V. Gangahanumaiah, former Circle Vice-President.**

(Com. M. Nagaraju, Divisional Secretary, Bengaluru Stg., Dn. was also present on the occasion-not in picture).

Dedicating a book on the life of a legendary leader of peasants and workers movement in Kerala in honour of a Veteran P&T Trade Union Leader in Karnataka



Sri N. Bhaskaran and his wife Smt. T. Malathi with copies of the book on the life of Sri E.K. Nayanar, former Chief Minister of Kerala by Dr. Prabhakaran Pazhassi dedicated to Sri N. Bhaskaran, Veteran P&T Trade Union Leader by the writer, Sri K.K. Gangadharan. [Standing behind: from Left-Sri H.S. Manjunatha, Advocate & former Circle Secretary, AIRMSEU-Group-C, Karnataka Circle and his wife Smt. Sujatha. From Right: Sri K.K. Gangadharan, writer and his wife Smt. Radha.

Profile of Sri N. Bhaskaran

Com N. Bhaskaran the Veteran P&T Trade Union leader, retired Head Record Officer, RMS 'Q' Dn, Department of Posts, organized and founded the "RMS Pensioners' Association, Karnataka State" in the year 1994, and rechristened it as "Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association" in the year 1996. He was its Secretary from 1994 to 2013 and demitted his post of President of the Association in 2014, after two decade long dedicated and selfless service in the cause of welfare of Pensioner Community. Com. Bhaskaran, a crusader and a pioneer, toiled hard to establish an institution, which

stands today on the pedestal of high credibility and has built a reputation of its own and is recognized by the Government of India, Department of Pension and Pensioners' welfare, as one of the Associations in the Country, wedded to serve the pensioners and champion their causes. Pension Department nominated the association to the Standing Committee of Voluntary Associations (SCOVA) for three 2- year terms and for being associated with the implementation of web-based "Pensioners' Portal" CPENGRAMS under the National E-Governance Plan (NeGP).

2. Com. Bhaskaran joined RMS, Department of Posts in 1951. He took active part in P&T Trade union Movement & was elected as the first Circle Secretary of All India RMS and MMS Employees Union Class III, Mysore Circle in the year 1960 when the Circle was formed and held that position in the Union till 1972. He lead and participated in the two historic general strikes, one in the year 1960 and the other in the year 1968, for which he was suspended from service for 4 months in 1960 and for 14 months in 1968. Undeterred by his suspensions from service, he continued to lead the RMS Union in Karnataka. Department of Posts which had punished him for leading the strike on both the occasions, later in the year 1986, recognized his services in the Department and conferred on him the prestigious "Dak Seva Award" given to the best officer in his cadre in the State. He retired from service in 1990 after 39 years of unblemished service.

3. Utilizing the organizational skills acquired by him during his four decade long service in P&T trade union movement, with a view to unite the Pensioners' Associations in the State, Sri. Bhaskaran, an excellent communicator with eloquent speaking ability, established the "Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka", with Sri B Sadashiva Rao, IPoS (retd) as its Chairman, which now has 29 Affiliate Associations.

4. In the year 2006, when the 6th Central Pay Commission, called for submission of Memorandum by all the stake holders, Sri Bhaskaran, prompted by the remarks passed by the 5th CPC regarding submission of many memoranda by several pensioners' Associations instead of a common memorandum, took the initiative to ensure submission of "One Memorandum" to 6th CPC. He organized a meeting of Representatives of leading Pensioners' Associations in the country on 15-10-2006 in Bangalore, in which a consensus was arrived at to submit a Common

Memorandum. Sri Sadashiva Rao, Chairman CCCGPA, prepared a draft of the memorandum, which ultimately, resulted in submission of one memorandum to the 6th CPC.

5. Determination of Sri Bhaskaran, to see that the association has a building of its own, did fructify after receipt of liberal donations from the members and well-wishers. The building, named "Pensioners' Bhavan", located in Telecom Layout, off Bengaluru International Airport Road, was opened in June 2012 by Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retd) Santhosh Hegde, Former Supreme Court Judge. Foundation stone for the building was laid by Hon'ble. Mr. Justice (Retd) M.N. Venkatachalaiah, Former Chief Justice, Supreme Court. Three furnished guest rooms in the building are made available for the pensioners from out stations for stay on a nominal rent. Influenced and encouraged by Com Bhaskaran, the present Executive Committee, with the help of Com G Babu, President of the association, and hundreds of members and well-wishers, who donated generously to the building fund, constructed an annexe to Pensioners Bhavan. Foundation stone for the new building was laid by Sri G Babu. The honour of opening of the new building on 9-9-2018 was bestowed upon Sri Sadashiva Rao and Com. Bhaskaran and the annexe was opened jointly by the two in the presence of Com. K.K. N. Kutty, Secretary, General NCCPA, New Delhi, Sri D. Balasubramanian, Genl. Secretary, AIFPA Chennai, Dr Charles Lobo, IPoS, CPMG, Karnataka Circle and Sri T Mani, ITS, CGMT, Karnataka and hundreds of members and well wishers.

6. The "Compendium on Pension, CGHS and Medical Facilities for Central Govt. and BSNL Pensioners" brought out by Sri. Bhaskaran earned all round appreciation and was hailed by Central Government Departments as a useful reference book. The Book, which so far has come out in eight editions, is given to the retirees as a gift on the day of their retirement

by the Heads of Departments of various Postal and Telecom Circles. Association's monthly Journal "Pensioners' Champion" edited by Com. Bhaskaran, now in its XXII Volume, has wide circulation not only in Karnataka but also outside the State. Sri Bhaskaran's untiring efforts, in finding solutions to the problems encountered by the pensioner members, required engaging himself continuously in welfare activities, imbibing qualities like patience, promptness, integrity, honesty, co-ordination and cooperation which serve as hallmark of success, since, these laudable and admirable qualities helped him to scale the heights in his venture to lead for ensuring relief and benefits to his fellow pensioners.

7. Steering an Association like K P&T PA, with thousands of members retired from several departments of the Govt. of India and from other services like Railways, Defence, Judiciary & Autonomous bodies, needs not only ability but also tranquillity and perseverance which were the hall mark of Com. Bhaskaran, who lead the organization for 20 years. Many Struggles that he faced and lead during his long stint in the P&T Trade Union Movement, in search of results that are best for the welfare of the members of the employees union that

Dedicating a book written by Dr. Prabhakarna Pazhassi on the life of Com. E.K. Nayanar, Former Chief Minister of Kerala in honour of Com. N. Bhaskaran, a Veteran P&T Trade Union Leader in Karnataka, by the writer Sri K.K. Gangadharan

Profile of Sri K.K. Gangadharan

Sri K.K. Gangadharan, affectionately called 'KKG' by a large circle of his former colleagues and friends, retired in 2009 after a long service of 35 years in Railway Mail Service, a wing of the Department of Posts. Born in Kasaragod, a border district between Kerala and Karnataka and home to eminent Kannada writers like Govindapai and Kayyara Kinhabanna Rai, he learnt other languages viz. Kannada, Tulu, Kodava, and Tamil in addition to his mother tongue Malayalam.

he so assiduously lead for many years and his grit to persevere through challenges, made him a strong union leader.

8. In furtherance of his resolve to continue his services for the cause of his fellow beings, Com. Bhaskaran established Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association and the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka (CCCGPA) both of which are making great strides in their commitment to serve the entire pensioner community.

9. All India RMS and MMS Employees Unions, Group-C, MG & MTS Karnataka Circle, represented by Com A Srinivasa, Circle Secretary, AIRMSEU Group-C, E.Govinda Raju, Circle Secretary, AIRMSEU MG&MTS, M.Nagaraju Divisional Secretary, Bangalore Sorting Dn. and V. Gangahanumaiah, former Circle Vice-President, on the eve of opening of the Union's new building in Sahakaranagar, Bengaluru on 13-2-2021, called on Com. Bhaskaran at his residence and felicitated him for his service in the Union. The good gesture on the part of RMS Unions in felicitating the first Circle Secretary R III and a veteran leader is worthy of emulation.

2. Gangadharan, involving himself in literary activities while in service, began his career as a writer of stories and poems in various newspapers and periodicals. Later on he developed keen interest in translation work. He translated articles of the late Com. EMS Namboodari, the first Communist Chief Minister of Kerala, from Malayalam to Kannada, which were published in a monthly magazine titled 'Odanadi'. His translations from Malayalam to Kannada included the works of Gnanapeetha

awardees Thakazhi Shivashankaran Pillai and M.T.Vasudevan Nair and the late Kamala Das, once nominated for the Nobel Prize. In recognition of his contribution to the Kannada literature during the past 2 decades by actively involving himself in translation of many works from Malayalam to Kannada, many literary organisations in the state honoured him and conferred on him many awards. Government of Karnataka, Department of Kannada and Culture, conferred on him the prestigious annual literary awards instituted by the government for the best literary translation works during a year was presented to him by "Kuvempu Bhasa Bharathi Pradhikara".

3. Sri K.K. Gangadharan & Sri H.S Manjunatha, former Circle Secretary, All India RMS & MMS Employees Union, Karnataka Circle, along with their wives called on Sri N. Bhaskaran, Veteran P&T Trade Union Leader, who championed the cause of postal workers for 4 decades and

of Central Pensioners for 2 decades in Karnataka., at his residence on 24.2.2021 to present him the first copy of the book on Sri E.K. Nayanar, the Legendary Leader of Working class and former Chief Minister of Kerala, translated by Gangadharan from Malayalam to Kannada.

4. The book is a translation of the original work in Malayalam by the noted writer Dr. Prabhakaran Pazhassi, Novelist, Story writer & former Professor, S.N. College, Kannur on the life of E. K. Nayanar, who was the Chief Minister of Kerala for 3 terms and played a pivotal role in strengthening the Workers and Peasant Movement in Kerala. Sri Gangadharan translated the book to Kannada and dedicated the book to Sri N.Bhaskaran.

It is, indeed, a very good gesture on the part of Gangadharan to have dedicated the book to Sri N. Bhaskaran, and presenting him the first copy of the book.

**BSNL IDA-DoPE
writes to BSNL**

*Gol, Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises,
Department of Public Enterprises, OM Dated, the 9th March, 2021*

**WP No29212/2020 filed by BSNL employees Union Vs Union of India
and Ors before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam.**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of letter No. BSNLEU/418(IDA) dated 25.02.2021 of BSNL Employees Union along with the Order dated 17.02.2021 of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam in the matter mentioned above.

2. In this regard it is informed that DPE issues DA rates for executives and Non- Unionized Supervisors of CPSEs from time to time. DA rate for workmen/non- executives is governed by the Wage Settlement between the Trade Union / Association and the management of the CPSE concerned. DPE has no role in Wage Negotiation.

In view of the above, Department of Telecommunication, the administrative Department of BSNL, is requested to take necessary action.

Central Government Holidays in APRIL 2021

1. Good Friday : 2nd April, Friday
2. Ugadi : 13th April, Tuesday
3. Mahavir Jayanthi : 25th April, Sunday

Postman & MG *Notional monetary benefit to Postman / MG under TBOP & BCR Schemes for the period from 1-1-1996 to 9-10-1997 and consequent revision of pay*

Illustration on fixation of pay from time to time: by KP&TPA

Attention is invited to the Department of Posts (PC Cell) Order No. 2-1/2007-PCC Dated 09.02.2021 reproduced in page 6 of the journal Pensioners' Champion February 2021 issue regarding clarification for extending the Notional Monetary Benefit under TBOP and BCR Scheme to Postman / Mail Guards for the period from 01.01.1996 to 09.10.1997 in the revised pay scale of Rs.3200-4900 and Rs.4000-6000 respectively.

Illustration on fixation of pay from time to time: by KP&TPA

Inputs

Date of entry in to service	: Group-D: 20-10- 1969	(b) Higher pay scale w.e.f.10-10-1997: Rs.3050-75-3950-80-4590 (Grade S-5) {Without advance increments }
Date of promotion as MG	: 13-01-1980	(c) Pay on notional basis from 1-1-1996 to 9-10-1997 in the pay scale of Rs.3050-75-3950-80-4590
TBOP	: 13-01-1996	TBOP : (a) Pay on actual basis from 13-1-1996 to 9-10-1997 in the pay scale of Rs. 3050-75-3950-80-4590
BCR	: 01-07-2006	(b) Pay on NOTIONAL basis from 13-1-1996 to 9-10-1997 in the pay scale of Rs.3200-85-4900 (Grade S-6) in accordance with DO Posts order dated 9-2-2021
Date of retirement	: 31-10-2010	BCR : (a) pay on actual basis from 1-7-2006 to 31-10-2006

Pay Scales of MG

4th CPC - 1-1-1986 : Rs.825-15-900-20-1200 (Grade S-4)

5th CPC –(a) 1-1-1996: Rs.2750-70-3800-75-4400 (**with 2 advance increments**) (Grade S-4)

(5th CPC pay scale of Rs.4500-125-7000)

6th CPC : PB -1 Rs.5200-20200 + Grade Pay Rs.2800

Pay fixation in TBOP grade as per Department of Posts (PC Cell) Order No.2-1/2007-PCC Dated 09.02.2021

On notional basis from 13-1-1996 to 9-10-1997

Pay in group D post on 31-12-1995 - 4th CPC pay scale of Rs.825-15-900-20-1200 = Rs.1120

Increment due on 1-1-1996 = Rs.1140

Fixation of pay in 5th CPC wef 1-1-1996

On actual basis; in the pay scale of 2750-70-3800-75-4400 (with 2 advance increments) corresponding to Rs.1140 in the pre revised scale: Rs.3520

On notional basis ; from 1-1-1996 in the pay scale of Rs.3050-75-3950-80-4590 : under FR 23, read with FR 22 (1)(a)(2) as per DO Posts order dated 6-4-1999: Rs.3575 (at the same stage or at the stage next above the pay in the old pay scale)

On Notional basis consequent to financial upgradation under **TBOP** Scheme wef 13-1-1996 on completion of 16 years of service in MG cadre.

Lower Pay Scale : Rs.3050-75-3950-80-4590:

Higher pay scale : Rs.3200-85-4900

Pay fixation: Pay on 13-1-1996:3575 + Notional Increment minimum of Rs.100 = 3675 Next higher stage in the higher pay scale : Rs.3710

DNI: 1-1-1997 :3795

Subsequent increments

1-1-1998: 3880; 1-1-1999 :3965;1-1-2000:4050;
1-1-2001:4135; 1-1-2002 : Rs.4220; 1-1-2003:
Rs.4305; 1-1-2004: Rs.4390; 1-1-2005:
Rs.4475; (1-1-2006 Rs. 4560).

1-1-2006: - 6th CPC- Rs.4560 (existing pay on 1-1-2006 for fixation of pay under 6th CPC as per Rule 7 of CCS(RP) Rules 2008).

1-1-2006 under 6th CPC: (TBOP Postman pay scale upgraded to 5th CPC Pay scale of Rs.4000-100-6000 vide DO Posts order No.1-9/2008-PCC dated 22-12-2008)

Pay fixation under 6th CPC wef 1-1-2006

Existing pay 4560 x 1.86=8481.6 rounded off to Rs.8490 + Grade pay 2400= Rs.10890

Dates of next increment 1-7-2006:Rs.11220

Financial Upgradation under BCR Scheme wef 1-7-2006

[BCR Postman : pre revised pay scale under 5th : Rs. 4500-125-7000 vide DO Posts order No.1-9/2008-PCC dated 22-12-2008]

6th CPC PB-1 Rs.520-20200 + Grade Pay Rs.2800

Pay fixation consequent to BCR wef 1-7-2006

Existing Pay in pay band: 8820 + GP 2400=11220

Notional increment due to financial upgradation at 3% of 11220= 340

Pay in pay band 8820 + 340=9160 + Grade pay 2800 =11960

Dates of Next Increments

1-7-2007 :12320 [9520+2800]; 1-7-2008 : 12690 [9890+2800]; 1-7-2009 :13070 [10270+2800];
1-7-2010 :13470[10670+2800] [date of retirement :31-10-2006]

Note: The above example is based on the particulars furnished by an individual who was granted financial upgradation under TBOP in January 1996 and under BCR from 1-7-2006. Hence, the notional monetary benefit available in this case is up to TBOP only. Fixation of pay in respect of others who were granted TBOP and BCR during other periods will vary depending upon the actual dates of financial upgradation. Each individual case must be viewed separately and pay fixation on notional basis as per order dated 9-2-2021 must be made with reference to the pay particulars of the individual concerned.

OBITUARY

S Paramasivan, LM 1294, Retd. HAE, O/o CGMT BSNL, Karnataka expired on 1-3-2021 at the age of 80 years. He was a member of the executive committee of K P&T PA

Sri H Ganesh LM 2138, Retd. BCR SA, Bangalore City RMS, expired suddenly on 9-3-2021 at the age of 70 years. While in service, he was an active union worker and was Secretary of AIRMSEU Group-C, Bangalore City RMS branch. He was also a Director of the RMS Employees' Co-operative Society Ltd.

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

Freezing of DA

Shri Naranbhai J Rathwa

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state?

- Whether freezing of Dearness Allowance to Central Govt. employees/pensioners till July, 2021 has subjected them to undue hardship
- If so, the reason for not restoring DA to Central Govt. employees/pensioners before July, 2021: and
- Whether Central Govt.employees/pensioners are not entitled to three instalments of DA and, if so, whether Govt. would also release these instalments and, if not, reasons thereof

Answer : Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance: Shri Anurag Thakur

(a&b) In view of the crisis arising out of Covid-19 pandemic, the Govt. has decided to freeze three instalments Dearness Allowance to Central Govt.employees/pensioners due from 1-1-2020, 1-7-2020 &1-1-2021. The amount Rs.37530.08 crores saved on this account will help to tide over the economic impact of Covid-19 pandemic.

(c) As and when the decision to release the future instalments of Dearness Allowance due from 1-7-2021 is taken, the rates of DA as effective from1-1-2020,1-7-2020 & 1-1-2021 will be restored prospectively and will be subsumed in the cumulative revised rates effective from 1-7-2021.

ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX						
Month	CPI Base 2016=100	CPI base 2001=100	12 Months total	Monthly average	7th CPC	DR due
					% increase over 261.42	
June 19		316	3673	306.08	17.08	17% from July 2019 Being Paid
Dec 19		330	3809	317.41	21.42	21% from Jan. 2020 (Frozen)
June 20		332	3919	326.58	24.92	24% from July 2020 (Frozen)
Dec 20	118.8*	118.8x2.88= 342	4020	335	28.15	28% from Jan 2021 (Frozen)
Jan 21	118.2	118.2x2.88= 340	4030	336	28.52	

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

DA/DR wef 1-1-2021 : 28% - **FROZEN** Vide MoF, DoE, OM dated 23-4-2020 Accumulated percentage DA/DR expected to be released on 1-7-2021: Due from 1-1-2020: (17+4) from 1-7-20 (17+7) and from 1-1-2021 (17+11)

[increase will be restored prospectively from 1-7-2021 & No arrears will be paid for the period from 1-1-2020 to 30-6-2021 (18months) as per MoF, DoE OM dated 23-4-2020] Please see answer to a question given by the Govt. in the Parliament reproduced above.

BSNL IDA

IDA From 1-1-2021 : 171.5 % (6.1%increase from Oct 2020 rate of 165.4%) **FROZEN** vide DPE OM dated 19-11-2020.

Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, Department of Public Enterprises, Vide OM dated 9-3-2021 has forwarded the Order of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, Ernakulam along with the letter of BSNL Employees Union letter requesting for release of the instalments of IDA in respect of workmen/non- executives and has requested BSNL to take necessary action in the matter. DoPE Letter is reproduced in page 5.

Revision of rate & guidelines for reimbursement of expenses on purchase of Hearing Aids under CS(MA) Rules, 1944 and CGHS.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Office Memorandum No. S.14025/10/2002/MS dated 26th May, 2015 on the above mentioned subject and to state that on the basis of recommendations of an Expert committee, it has been decided to revise the rates and guidelines for hearing aids reimbursement under CS(MA) Rules, 1944 and CGHS.

2. The revised ceiling rates fixed for various types of hearing aids (for one ear) are as under:-

Digital. BTE Rs.8,000/- [Eight thousand only]

Digital ITC/CIC Rs.9,000/- [Nine thousand only]

The above revised cost of hearing aids shall include all taxes, including GST and shall carry three years' warranty. The cost of BTE type hearing aids shall also include the cost of hearing mould. The cost of ITC/CIC type hearing aids shall also include the cost of customized shell.

Body worn/pocket type category and Analogue BTE category with ceiling **rates Rs.3000/- per ear and Rs.7000/- per ear** have been excluded, since they have become obsolete.

3. Beneficiaries covered under CS(MA) Rules/CGHS shall be eligible to obtain hearing aids as per the following guidelines:

- i. Patients/Beneficiaries should be properly referred to ENT Specialist of CGHS/ Government Hospital/CGHS empanelled Hospital by Medical Officer of CGHS from CGHS wellness centre/AMA in case of CS(MA) beneficiary.
- ii. It would be mandatory to carry CGHS beneficiary's identity card (in original)

whenever the CGHS beneficiaries visit the CGHS/Government ENT Specialist/ Specialist of CGHS /CS(MA) empanelled Hospital for consultation and Audiometric test.

- iii. The ENT Specialist of CGHS/Government hospital/CGHS/CS(MA) empanelled hospital shall then recommend a hearing aid on basis of Audiometric and Audiological assessment, specifying the type of hearing aid most suited for the beneficiary. The 'Audiogram. Report' shall be authenticated by the ENT specialist. The recommendation shall be as per the categories approved under CGHS and not as per any Brand name.

- iv. The permission to procure hearing aids shall be granted by the Additional Director(Zonal) of CGHS-Zonal Office in case of CGHS pensioners beneficiaries, and by the Head of Department/Office in case of serving employees and CGHS beneficiaries of Autonomous bodies on the basis of recommendation of a CGHS/ Government ENT specialist/ ENT Specialist of CGHS /CS(MA) empanelled hospital, and an 'undertaking' that the beneficiary has not been reimbursed the cost of hearing aids in the preceding five years.

4. Reimbursement claim shall be submitted to CGHS Zonal Office through the CMO, In-charge of the Concerned dispensary by CGHS pensioner beneficiaries and to concerned Ministry/Department/Office in case of serving employees and to concerned Autonomous Body(AB) in case of beneficiaries of ABs in the prescribed medical reimbursement claim form along with the following documents

- a. Permission Letter for purchase of Hearing aids in original.
- b. Copy of CGHS Card.
- c. Bill / Receipt (in original) carrying details of the hearing aids seller.

- d. Empty Box/boxes or the carton (s) with label showing details of the hearing aids supplied.
- e. Reimbursement shall be limited to the ceiling rate or actual cost of the hearing aids, whichever is less.
5. Records of permission granted for procurement of hearing aids shall be maintained by CGHS in respect of pensioner CGHS beneficiaries and by the concerned Ministry / Department / Office in respect of other beneficiaries.
6. Replacement of hearing aids may be permitted after five years. Henceforth, there will be no requirement of submission of condemnation certificate by the beneficiary at

the time of requesting the replacement of a hearing aid that has completed its five years mandated life.

7. Maintenance and repair and cost of batteries will be the responsibility of the beneficiary.

8. The revised rates and guidelines shall come into force from the date of issue of this OM. and shall be valid till further revision and shall supersede all the earlier orders issued on the subject.

9. This issues with the approval of Integrated Finance Division (CD No.1486 dated: 29/09/2020) of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Dr. Anil Ranga
Director, CGHS-Policy,
23061669

Renewal of Subscription

Credit particulars required for the subscription amount directly Credited to the Association's bank account by Members/Subscribers - Amount kept in suspense account for want of details. The name and membership number of the members/Subscribers who had credited the under mentioned amounts to the association's bank account for renewal of subscription for the journal could not be identified. Such cases are furnished below with the information as it appears in the bank account statement. Members concerned are requested please to furnish the credit particulars to the Treasurer Shri K.R. Anantha Ramu - Mob:09448477129

- 25/11/2020 SYNB 0001201*P201125128400184* PRATIBHA.S.MATH Rs.150/-
- 04/12/2020 INB IMPS0/P2A/ UA0334614726 XXXXXXX411SBIN TRANSFER FROM 35714196027 Ms. VANITHA S Rs.150/-
- 17/12/2020 UPI/CR/035220072399/M AMUR/SBIN/mamurthy 63/UPI 5099091162095 Rs.300/-
- 19/12/2020 CASH DEPOSIT SELFRs.300/-
- 08/01/2021 UPI/CR/100819388083/Madhu S.K Rs.300/-
- 15/01/2021 INB/Rent/IHO1997500R.Radhakrishna Rs.500/-
- 30/01/2021HDFC0000001*No.30211388364362N.R.Anandatheertha Rs.150/-
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Granting of notional increment to those who retired on 30 June, 31 December after completing 365 days of service from the date of last increment - Legal Opinion.

CCCGPA Secretariat, as decided in the Management Committee meeting, consulted Advocates who are handling service matters to obtain legal opinion regarding filing of case on granting of notional increment for those who retired on 30 June or 31 December after completing 365 days of service from the date of last increment. The legal opinion was sought for in the light of OMs issued by several Departments of Gol, advising them to challenge such cases in the court of law as Supreme Court while dismissing SLP had stated that *"There is delay of 566 days in filing the special leave petition. We do not see any reason to condone the delay. The Special leave petition is dismissed on delay, keeping all the questions of law open."*

The specific points we raised with Advocates are:

Can CCCGPA file a case on behalf of all affected pensioner with few pensioners also as petitioners?

Whether such a case can be filed in High Court without filing initial petition in CAT.

Consensus of opinion of the Advocates on the above questions are as under:

1. The case cannot be filed directly in High Court. It has to be filed only in CAT.
2. Regarding filing of case by CCCGPA, technically Association can file a case on behalf of its members but there are certain practical difficulties as detailed below.
 - a) The CCCGPA represents pensioners Associations of various Departments and Autonomous bodies. As heads of the Departments and also that of Autonomous bodies have to be made parties in addition to the Government, practically it is not possible for CCCGPA to file the case.
 - b) Regarding individual Associations filing case

on behalf of its members the opinion was that as entire membership of the Association is not affected; filing case by Association will be difficult. Further, even if such a petition is to be filed, the registration certificate of Association, list of members, their addresses and address proof like Aadhaar Card etc. have to be provided. The documentation expenditure will be very heavy and also very cumbersome. Further CAT is not encouraging filing of cases by Assns. as a policy.

3. The advocates also made the following other points:

As it stands, *Ayyam Perumal* case is the law and by citing that case in CAT favourable judgments may come. In fact many cases have been settled by CAT in favour of petitioners.

All the cases where favourable judgments have come, Government is filing writ in High Court.

Dharwad bench of High Court has dismissed writ petition in some cases whereas in Bengaluru Bench writ has been admitted as it wants to examine the question of Law.

In the light of the above legal opinion, it is desirable to hold a virtual meeting of the affected pensioners to decide future course of action. Therefore, a meeting of all the affected pensioners is being held through video conferencing on Sunday the 11th April, 2021 at 11 a.m. through ZOOM PLATFORM. Link to join the meeting will be sent a day in advance to the mobile phone of all the interested pensioners. They are requested to provide their mobile phone numbers to their respective Pensioners' Associations for sending the link to join the virtual meeting.

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 52nd list of donations is published in this issue.

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, Vidyanarayapura, Bangalore-560097. (Mob: 9448477129) **OR**

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SI No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
1478	V.Gopal	2157	15000	4837	1,00,000
1479	H.R. Sathyanarayana	2367	5000	4841	(To be utilised for education purpose)
1479	N.D.Kulkarni	S-161	1200	4822	3,200
1480	D.M.R.Panthalu	2133	500	4835	3,000
1481	K.U.Sastry	1125	400	4840	1,040
1482	R.Thanikachallam	2166	350	4828	4,200

List of Donors for the building fund with details of donations received up to 31-12-2020 is uploaded to "ktpa.org", the website of the association. Donors are requested please to visit the website and see whether their names and the amount have been correctly indicated.

KP&TPA IS GRATEFUL TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO HAVE DONATED RS. ONE LAKH AND ABOVE

SI. No.	Name of the Member Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount
1	Vittala Rao S.M	48	1,40,316
2	Ramaiah.N	1174	1,30,000
3	Ramaiah.M	3	1,25,125
4	Nagarathamma	1384	1,10,000
5	Brahmadeva.G.A	1753	1,02,500
6	Sadashiva Rao.B	4	1,00,000
7	Shankar.M.N	1781	1,00,000
8	Gopal.V	2157	1,00,000

Subscription received for Pensioners' Champion During February-March 2021

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Sl.No.	Name (Smt./Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
1	A.Padmavathi	Sorting Assistant, RMS Thirupathi Division	LM 3055
2	S.Prabhakara	Office Supdt., Telephone exchange, Konchady, Mangaluru	LM 3056
3	A.Krishnamurthy	Driver, Grade I, Mail Motor Service, Bengaluru	LM 3057
4	K.Ramakrishna	Driver, Grade I, Mail Motor Service, Bengaluru	LM 3058
5	T.S.Arunkumar Babu	LSG Postal Assistant, Indiranagar Post Office, Bengaluru	LM 3059
6	J.Priyadarshini(FP)	D/o. the late K.H. Jagadeesha, LSG Supervisor, Bangalore City RMS, Bg.	LM 3060
7	V.Manjunath	Mail Guard, Bangalore City RMS, Bangalore	LM 3061
8	PR.Uma	LSG Supervisor, Bangalore City RMS, Bengaluru	LM 3062
9.	N. Veena	PA, Mysuru University, PO	LM 3063

JCM News

Brief of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Council, JCM Held on 26-2-2021

The meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the **Secretary (Personnel) Dept. of Personnel & Training**. Additional Secretary DOPT, Additional Secretary Expenditure and Senior Officials from DOPT, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Health and Department of Pension were present in the meeting. The Staff Side was represented by Comrades, M. Raghaviah, Shiva Gopal Mishra, N.Kanniah, Guman Singh, C.Srikumar, R.Srinivasan, R.P.Bhatnagar, K.S.Murty, R.N.Parasar. Comrades K K N Kutty and Ch. Sankara Rao, attended the meeting through Video Conference. On behalf of the Staff Side the following important demands were raised in the meeting during the introductory remarks.

Releasing of frozen DA/DR

The Government of India without holding any discussion with the Staff Side has arbitrarily decided to Freeze the three Instalments of DA/

DR due to the Central Government Employees and Pensioners. Such type of a decision is taken by the Government for the 1st time. Dearness Allowance is a part of the salary and DR is a part of the pension. This cannot be stopped arbitrarily. We protest against this decision of the Government and demand the DA /DR due from 1/1/2020, 1/7/2020 and 1/1/2021 may please be given in cash to the Central Government Employees and Pensioners immediately since the government is claiming that the economy of the country has considerably improved..

Decisions taken on 28 Old Agenda Points

8. Opening of CGHS Dispensaries in Agra, Barrackpore (Kolkata) and Kochi.

Decision: CGHS Dispensaries in the above places have been made functional. For opening CGHS dispensaries in new cities Staff Side may give fresh demand

Editor's Note: CCCGPA, Karnataka will write to the Secretary Staff Side, NC JCM to take up the demand of Karnataka pensioners for opening of the CGHS WCs in the cities of Mysuru, Mangaluru and Hubballi(Please see details in pages 10-14 of Pensioners' Champion February 2021 issue)

9. Grant of one time option to CGHS beneficiaries to opt for entitlement as per their revised Pay in Pay Band

Decision: The Staff Side has to give details for consideration

Editor's Note: KP&TPA had notified a subject for inclusion in the Agenda items of the 26th meeting of SCOVA held on 27-6-2016 to provide for one time option to CGHS Beneficiaries to choose their ward entitlement based on their Pay in Pay band. Prior to revision of the rates of subscription and entitlement of wards under CGHS with effect from 1st June 2009 vide MoH&FW O.M.No.S-11011/2/2008-CGHS(P) dated 20.5.2009, Pensioners had an option to choose for payment of CGHS Contribution / ward entitlement based either on last pay drawn or their pension. Pensioners who had opted for payment of subscription based on their pension got lower entitlement of ward than the entitlement based on their last basic pay. Consequent upon implementation of revised Pay Bands under 6th CPC, the rate of CGHS subscription was revised to be based on the Grade Pay and the ward entitlement on the pay in Pay Band that the pensioner would have drawn but for retirement. The revised rates were introduced w.e.f 1.6.2009. Pensioners entitled for higher wards based on their notional Pay in Pay Band continue to be eligible for lower ward entitlement since they had opted for determination of their entitlement based on their pension at the time of their retirement/admission to CGHS. It was requested that a onetime option may be allowed to pre-1-6-2009 Pensioners to opt for redetermination of their ward entitlement based on their notional pay in pay band, which would make them eligible for higher wards in Private Hospitals empanelled under CGHS. The matter is pending favourable consideration since then.

KP&TPA will write to the Secretary Staff Side, NC JCM to pursue the matter with the Health Ministry /CGHS

10. Provision of CGHS facility for life time to dependent / disabled/ mentally retarded children of Central Government Employees / Pensioners

Decision: The matter would be re-examined

12. Revision of Ex-gratia to CPF/SRPF retirees

Decision: Information about the number of beneficiaries is being collected from CPAO and Banks. After receipt of the data a decision would be taken

21. MACP to the employees, who have completed 10/20/30 years on the date of their retirement

Decision: The Staff Side demanded that on the day of retirement if the employee completes the qualifying service required for MACP, then the employees should be granted the MACP benefit. Chairman stated that as a policy the demand is not acceptable. However after our insistence Chairman agreed to consider the matter

21 Fresh Agenda points given by the Staff Side taken up for discussion.

1. Coverage under CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 in place of National Pension System to those Employees who are recruited to Central Government Service based on the Employment notification issued during the year 2002, 2003 and selection process completed on or after 1/1/2004

Decision: The Department of Pension would study the demand of the Staff Side and thereafter the issue would be further discussed with Staff Side

7. Grant of increment on 1st January & 1st of July to those employees retiring on 30th June/ 31st of December – Apex Court order-reg.

Decision: The Staff Side stated that since Government has not accepted the demand to extend the benefit to similarly placed employees, hundreds of court cases are being filed throughout the Country. Therefore to avoid the multiplicity of litigations, Government may extend the benefit to all similarly placed employees. **After discussion Chairman agreed to reconsider the matter.**

Shiva Gopal Mishra, Secretary

Flash: Govt. answering a question in the Paliament on 12.3.21 has stated that there is a proposal to open CGHS Wellness Centre in Mysuru.

ಕವಿ ಡಾ. ಎನ್.ಎಸ್. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀನಾರಾಯಣ ಭಟ್ಟ

ದಿನಾಂಕ 6.3.2021ರಂದು ನಿಧನರಾದ ಕನ್ನಡದ ಜನಪ್ರಿಯ ಕವಿ, ಅನುವಾದಕ, ವಿಮರ್ಶಕ, ಸಂಶೋಧಕರಾದ ಪ್ರೊ. ಎನ್.ಎಸ್. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀನಾರಾಯಣ ಭಟ್ಟರು ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಾರಸ್ವತ ಲೋಕಕ್ಕೆ ನೀಡಿದ ಕೊಡುಗೆ ಅಪಾರ.

ಎನ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್. ಎಂಬ ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ನಾಮದಿಂದ ಖ್ಯಾತರಾದ ಡಾ. ಎನ್.ಎಸ್. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀನಾರಾಯಣ ಭಟ್ಟರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಮತ್ತು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಅಕಾಡೆಮಿಯೂ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಅನೇಕ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಭಾಜನರಾಗಿದ್ದರು. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಕನ್ನಡ ಪ್ರಾಧ್ಯಾಪಕರಾಗಿದ್ದ ಅವರು ಡೀನ್ ಆಗಿ ನಿವೃತ್ತರಾಗಿದ್ದರು.

ಚಿಕ್ಕಂದಿನಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ತಂದೆಯನ್ನು ಕಳೆದುಕೊಂಡ ಎನ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್., ಅಮ್ಮನ ಅಕ್ಕರೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳೆದವರು. ಕಡುಬಡತನದ ಭಾರ ಅವರನ್ನು ಬೆಂಬಿಡದೆ ಕಾಡುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ಮೈಸೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಾರಾನ್ಸ್ ಉಂಡು ತಮ್ಮ ಎಂ.ಎ. ವ್ಯಾಸಂಗವನ್ನು ಮುಗಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಸಾಧನೆಯ ಮೇರು ಶಿಖರವನ್ನೇರಲು ಅವರು ಅನೇಕ ಕಷ್ಟದ ಹಾದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಚರಿಸಬೇಕಾಯಿತು.

ಅವರು ರಚಿಸಿದ ಭಾವಗೀತೆಗಳು, ಶಿಶುಗೀತೆಗಳು ಅಪಾರ ಜನಮನ್ನಣೆ ಗಳಿಸಿತ್ತು. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಖ್ಯಾತ ಗಾಯಕರು ಇದನ್ನು ಹಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ನೀಲಾಂಜನ, ದೀಪಿಕ, ಭಾವಸಂಗಮ, ಬಾರೋ ವಸಂತ, ಮಾಧುರಿ, ಮಂದ ಮುಂತಾದವು ಅವರ ಕವಿತಾ ಸಂಗ್ರಹ. ಇವೆಲ್ಲವನ್ನೂ ಆಲ್ಪನ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಶ್ಲೋಕಗಳನ್ನು ತಲುಪಿಸಿರುವುದೊಂದು ವಿಶೇಷ.



ವ್ಯುಚ್ಛಕಟಿಕ, ಇಸ್ವೀಟ್‌ರಾಜ, ಜಗನ್ನಾಥ ವಿಜಯ, Twelfth Night, Comprehensive History of Kannada Literature ಮುಂತಾದವ ಅವರ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಕೃತಿಗಳು.

ಶೇಕ್ಸ್‌ಪಿಯರ್‌ನ 50 ಸಾನೆಟ್ ಗಳನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು W.B. Yeatsನ 50 ಕವಿತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅವರು ಕನ್ನಡಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುವಾದಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಉತ್ತರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೃಷ್ಣೇ ಪರಿಚಿತವಾಗಿದ್ದ ಸಂತ ಶಿಶುನಾಳ

ಷರೀಫರ ಅನುಭಾವ ಗೀತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿ, ಸಂಪಾದಿಸಿ, ಪರಿಷ್ಕರಿಸಿ ಪುಸ್ತಕ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದರು. ಇದನ್ನು ಕನ್ನಡದ ಜನಪ್ರಿಯ ಗಾಯಕರು ಹಾಡಿ ಕನ್ನಡಿಗರಿಗೆ ತಲುಪಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಅಗ್ಗದ ಚಿತ್ರಗೀತೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸವಾಲಾಗಿ ಕಾವ್ಯಗುಣವುಳ್ಳ ಭಾವಗೀತೆಗಳನ್ನು ರಚಿಸಿ ಸಿನಿಮಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಕ್ಕೂ ಕಾಲಿರಿಸಿ ಜನಪ್ರಿಯರಾಗಿದ್ದರು.

ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯಲೋಕದ ಕೆಲವರು ಎನ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್. ಅವರನ್ನು ಕ್ಯಾಸೆಟ್ ಕವಿಯೆಂದು ಜರಿದಿದ್ದರು. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವರು ಉತ್ತರಿಸಿದ್ದು ಹೀಗೆ:

ಯಾರು ಏನೇ ಜರಿಯಲಿ, ಯಾವ ಹೆಸರೇ ಕರೆಯಲಿ
ತಾಳು ನಿಲ್ಲು ಜೀವವೇ, ಸಹನೆ ಗೆಲ್ಲಲಿ

1936ರಲ್ಲಿ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಜನಿಸಿದ್ದ ಎನ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್. ಪತ್ನಿ, ಪುತ್ರ, ಪುತ್ರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಪಾರ ಮಿತ್ರರನ್ನು ಅಭಿಮಾನಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಗಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರ ಅಗಲಿಕೆಯ ನೋವನ್ನು ಭರಿಸುವ ಶಕ್ತಿ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಬರಲೆಂದು ಹಾರೈಸೋಣ.

ಕೆ.ಕೆ. ಗಂಗಾಧರ

ಸಂಪಾದಕರ ಟಿಪ್ಪಣಿ

ಡಾ|| ಎನ್.ಎಸ್. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀನಾರಾಯಣಭಟ್ಟರ ನಿಧನದಿಂದಾಗಿ ಕನ್ನಡ ನಾಡು ಒಬ್ಬ ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠ ಕವಿಯನ್ನು ಕಳೆದುಕೊಂಡಂತಾಗಿದೆ. ಅತ್ಯುತ್ತಮ ಪ್ರಾಧ್ಯಾಪಕರೂ ಆಗಿದ್ದ ಪ್ರೊ|| ಎನ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್.ರವರು ಭಾವಗೀತೆಗಳನ್ನು ರಚಿಸಿ, ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಧ್ವನಿಸುರುಳಿಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ನಾಡಿನಾದ್ಯಂತ ಜನತೆಗೆ ತಲುಪಿಸಿದರು. ಶಿಶುಗೀತೆಗಳನ್ನು ರಚಿಸಿ, ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಮನಸ್ಸನ್ನೂ ಗೆದ್ದಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅಂಚೆ ಮತ್ತು ದೂರಸಂಪರ್ಕ ಪಿಂಚಣಿದಾರರ ಸಂಘವು ಶ್ರೀಯುತರ ನಿಧನಕ್ಕೆ ತನ್ನ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ವಿಷಾದವನ್ನು ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸುತ್ತಾ, ಅವರ ಕುಟುಂಬ ವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ದುಃಖವನ್ನು ಭರಿಸುವ ಶಕ್ತಿ ಸಿಗಲಿ ಎಂದು ಆಶಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

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Respectful Homage to Com M.Krishnan one of the greatest P&T Trade Union Leader

Comrade M.Krishnan, former Secretary General, National Federation of Postal Employees (NFPE), passed away on 1st March 2021 at the age of 66 years. He had been admitted at Trivandrum Medical College Hospital along with his wife for treatment of the infectious disease Corona Covid-19 a few days before his death. While his wife recovered from the disease, Comrade Krishnan unfortunately succumbed to the pandemic and expired. His untimely and sudden death at the age of 66 years has left a huge void in the P&T Trade Union Movement in the country which is hard to fill. It is most unfortunate that he had to fall a victim to the disease despite getting best medical treatment as reported and especially when the contagion has started to wane kindling hopes that it may end soon before it snatches away many more precious lives.



Com Krishnan during his 40 year long association with the employees' unions had imbibed the qualities of a great leader in him and had held many pots in the unions. Headed the Postal employees and Central Govt. employees' movement in Kerala for a long time. He was President and General Secretary of P3; Secretary General, National Federation of Postal Employees and Secretary General, Confederation of Central Govt. Employees and Workers. Com Krishnan was an orator par excellence and held his audience spell bound in the meetings that he addressed.

Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association deeply mourns the sad and untimely demise of Com Krishnan and pays its respectful homage to the departed leader of the P&T Trade Union Movement in the country. Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, Secretary KP&TPA joined the National Condolence Meeting arranged by NCCPA & AIPRPA on 11.3.2021 & conveyed the Associations' deep Condolences.

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