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International Elders Day 1-10-2020

The Co-ordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners Associations, Karnataka (CCCGPA), in response to the call given by the NCCCPA, New Delhi to observe World Pensioners Day on 1-10-2020 and to hold demonstration in support of the demands of all pensioners, raised by the Trade Union International Pensioners and Retirees (TUI), a unit of the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU), observed International Elders Day on 1st October 2020. Com. K.K.N. Kuty, Secretary General, National Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners Association, New Delhi, Member, Standing Committee, Staff Side National Council, Joint Consultative Machinery & Vice-President, Confederation of Central Government

Employees and Workers, New Delhi addressed the representatives of pensioners' associations in the video conference.

About the Coordination Committee, Karnataka:

CCCGPA, was formed in the year 1998 with 8 affiliate associations under the leadership of its former Chairman, Sri B. Sadashiva Rao, IPoS (Retd.) and the former General Secretary, Sri N. Bhaskaran, veteran P&T Trade Union Leader in Karnataka with the main objective of creating a platform for all the Central Government Pensioners' Associations and Pensioners' Associations of Autonomous/ Statutory Bodies of Central Government in the state of Karnataka to unite and bring them under one umbrella to facilitate coordination

amongst them and assist them in safeguarding the interest of their members in the matter of their legitimate demands on pension and other benefits.

At present, there are more than 30 Central Government Pensioners' Associations and Pensioners' Associations of Autonomous/ Statutory Bodies of Central Government affiliated to the CCCGPA, Karnataka. Even during this Pandemic Covid-19 crisis, the CCCGPA, under the leadership of its present Chairman, Sri K. B. Krishna Rao and General Secretary, Sri S. Radhakrishna, and Joint General Secretary, Sri T. V. Suryaprakash has been actively involved in taking care of welfare of pensioners/family pensioners of Central Government by keeping in touch with its affiliates and other pensioners/family pensioners through WhatsApp, E-mail and Video Conferences on important issues relating to pension, CGHS, income tax, health, etc. Continuing with these activities, the CCCGPA had organised a Virtual Meeting through Video Conference on 1.10.2020 at 5 PM to observe and commemorate the International Day for Elders. On its invitation, Com. K.K.N. Kutty, the Chief Guest, addressed the participants numbering about 50 representing several pensioners' associations in the country. His address, which covered various issues was very informative and was well received by the participants. Com Kutty through a power point presentation answered many questions raised by the representatives. His speech is published hereunder for information of all the pensioners/ family pensioners.

Com KKN Kutty's speech – Part-I

Com. President, My Dear Colleagues, Comrades and Friends.

It gives me great happiness in associating myself with this gathering on this international Elders day. International days are occasions to educate people on issues of concern, to mobilise political will and resources to address global problems. We are observing

this day in the midst of a global catastrophe, the Covid 19 pandemic that threatens our very existence.

This year the theme of the day itself centres on this issue. *Healthy Ageing*. Aged population has certain peculiar problems. It did not have a social dimension a few decades back. The earlier social set up in our country has undergone changes. Taking care of the aged had not been considered as the responsibility of the society in those days. The children considered it as the sacred duty to look after them and attend to their every need.

Globalisation did not only make changes in the way economic activities are organised in a country, though that is the major thrust, but has also impacted the social life. Many old social ethos, customs and conventions have undergone vast changes. And today few think that it is their responsibility to take care of old people, despite cacophony of the ancient culture and civilisation of our country.

As you all know, it was in 1982, the world attention was drawn to the problems connected with ageing. International recognition and response came after about a decade in 1990. The United Nation's General Assembly adopted a resolution to observe 1st October as the international day for elders, when the member countries will evaluate what they have done to the elder community and chalk out what they must further do in the coming years

NCCPA is affiliated with TUI (Trade Union International Pensioners and Retirees) a unit of the world federation of trade Unions. To the best of my knowledge, NCCPA and two of its affiliates are those from India associated with the world movement. TUI (P&R) was founded in 2014 and ever since then, it has been observing this day, every year, with larger and larger participation of its members. This year the observance has a little more importance in as much as 2020 happens to be the 75th year of the UN existence and the 30th year of the passing of the said resolution. The

milestones are important as the efforts put in during this period have yielded impressive gains to the aged population of the world. This is also the year of nurses and midwife and the decade 2020-30 is declared as decade of healthy ageing. Incidentally, it also happens to be the 75th year of the World Federation of Trade Unions. The WFTU was founded 75 years back, i.e. on 3rd October, 1945 in Paris, France. Its objective was and continues to be to create a world sans exploitation and unite the working class to achieve that objective.

The international study has estimated that by 2050 the world will have 1.5 billion old people most of them living in low or middle income Nations. Good number of them will be inhabitants of East and South East Asia. By the end of 2020, the number of aged people in the world is expected to be more than the number of children below the age of 5. These figures indicate the serious situation that might come about in the years to come.

The attitude of many of the Governments in the world towards the aged persons, especially after the globalisation scheme got accelerated in third world countries, is extremely unhelpful despite them being party to the UN resolution. Any expenditure from the exchequer on aged people is considered as wasteful and to be curtailed. It is reported in the media that in many countries the corona affected aged people are not treated at all. Or they are given the least importance.

Prior to the collapse of the Soviet Union as a socialist country, and before the advent of the globalisation process, even the capitalist countries had a good number of welfare measures targeting the weaker segment of the society including the old people. Though it was conceived as a cushion to absorb the nagging resentment over the exploitative methods of the capitalist development, it had its advantage to the society. Subsidies, free health care, food and shelter camps, unemployment allowance, concessional public transport, a

fair taxation system, market protection, Protection of home industry, restriction over the extent of ownership of land, etc. Most of the countries had an affordable or free social security system by virtue of which the old and the aged, the retired and the pensioners benefitted immensely.

The collapse of the soviet socialist system had its impact in as much as the capitalist world began to consider these welfare measures as a drain over the resources of the Government. Intense propaganda was unleashed to the effect that the socialism is an impractical and utopian theory and must be destroyed as quickly as possible. The ascendancy of the left ideals seen in the freedom struggles of the many Asian and African Nations in the early part of the 20th Century started sliding down. The imperialist and despotic nations thrived. The world became almost unipolar. When the world was under the hegemonic dispensation of the two super powers, India took the initiative to have a non-aligned block. India became the first to desert it after it adopted the new economic policies. Indian ruling class began to tilt and with an apology of there being no alternative sided with the west initially tacitly and later unashamedly openly. The globalisation mantra, the virtues of an integrated economy, the abject surrender at WTO the selling away of public sector undertakings, withdrawal of Government from all welfare activities; diverting funds to projects that help the corporates to thrive and maximise profit; unbridled corruption were some of the features, we saw in the two decades that followed the grand declaration of globalisation, liberalisation and privatisation in 1991. When we meet today, in the aftermath of the about turn of the economic policies of free India, we see our rulers standing in the shade of imperialist powers losing all self-respect of a sovereign country, the emergence of which millions sacrificed their life.

I know many of our friends who are participating in this webinar belong to India of

those yester-years. We dreamt a free and egalitarian India bound together with the bond of friendship, bereft of poverty, bereft of communal or religious segregation. We have tirelessly worked for such a prosperous and peaceful India. We suffered deprivation to enable the Government to look after the unfortunate and poor countrymen. Today we sit here apprehending whether the pension we had earned deferring our wages would be available tomorrow. We are aware that those who were recruited in our time, who worked with us, may not get the pension for there is no guarantee of return for their contributions to the pension fund.

The denial of Dearness relief is just the harbinger of the things that are likely to emerge in the days to come. Millions of workers who toil in the field, in the construction sites, in projects in remote places do not have any social security. Can you imagine what type of old day life is waiting for them. The very resolution passed by the UN general assembly to have a healthy ageing talks about the dire need for such a pension. The Government and the society which consider the pension as a wasteful expenditure, social security scheme

as a drain on the Nation's economy, seldom remember that the infrastructure facilities the present generation enjoys had been the product of the labour of those people whom they want to deny the security at their old age. This is what we have to remember and remind the society while observing the international day for the elders.

It is often said that there is no ageing if you are concerned, convinced and determined. We can fight the injustice; rather we must. Our erstwhile leaders who dreamt of a free India, wanted our polity to be a democratic republic, they wanted the citizens to abide by the law; they wanted no injustice is perpetrated; they wanted every child who is born in India should feel proud that he or she is born in this great country; Look around today; degeneration of politics and politicians is understandable. But what about the great institution called the judiciary. The needle of suspicion over its impartibility, its ability to be just and reasonable has been pointed towards it. The moment the people lose confidence in this institution, anarchy will follow. **(To be continued in November, 2020 issue of the journal).**

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Central Government Holidays in NOVEMBER 2020

- 1. Deepawali : 14th November, Saturday**
- 2. Guru Nanak's Birthday : 30th November, Monday**

Question and Answer series regarding submission of life certificate published by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, New Delhi

QN: Is there any change in the time frame for submission of life certificate in wake of covid-19 pandemic?

ANS: Government of India has decided to extend the time line for submission of life certificate in view of the Covid19 pandemic:-

- * This year, all Central Government pensioners will be able to submit Life Certificate from 1st November 2020 onward, till 31st December 2020.
- * Pensioners aged 80 years and above, can submit Life Certificate from 1st October, 2020 to 31st December, 2020.
- * During the extended period beyond November, the pension will continue uninterrupted.

QN: What are the different methods available to a pensioner for submission of life certificate?

ANS: The life certificate can be submitted manually or digitally as per the convenience of the pensioner: -

- * Pensioners can submit Life Certificate online from home through Jeevan Pramaan Portal or go to the nearest bank branch.
- * Life Certificate can be recorded by Pension Disbursing Banks (PDAs), if the pensioner physically appears before the PDA.
- * Personal appearance of a pensioner will not be required, if the pensioner submits the life certificate form signed by any designated officer.

QN: I am unable to present myself physically at the bank branch to submit life certificate manually. Who are 'designated officers' eligible to sign the life certificate form?

ANS: A pensioner is not required to visit the bank branches, if he/she submits the life certificate form signed by any of the following designated officers:

- * A person exercising the powers of a Magistrate under the Criminal Procedure Code
- * A Registrar or Sub-Registrar appointed under Indian Registration Act
- * A Gazetted Officer
- * A Police Officer not below the rank of Sub-Inspector in-charge of a Police Station
- * A Class-1 officer of the Reserve Bank of India, or an officer (including Grade II Officer) of the State Bank of India or its subsidiary
- * A pensioned officer who, before retirement, exercised the powers of a magistrate
- * A Justice of Peace
- * A Block Development Officer, Munsif, Tehsildar or NaibTehsildar
- * A Head of Village Panchayat, Gram Panchayat, GaonPanchayat or an Executive Committee of a Village.
- * A Member of Parliament or Member of State Legislature or Member of Legislatures of Union Territory Governments/Administration
- * Treasury Officer

QN: What is Jeevan Pramaan?

ANS: In order to facilitate submission of life certificate online, the portal 'Jeevan Pramaan' was launched. Digital Life Certificate can be submitted from home, or from nearest Common Service Centre or any branch of the PDA

QN: Can I submit life certificate from home?

ANS: Yes, a pensioner can submit Life Certificate from home by attaching a UIDAI approved biometric device to his personal computer or Android mobile. However, the Pension Bank Account needs to be Aadhaar seeded.

QN: How can I procure a biometric device?

ANS: These Biometric devices are easily available from online stores in the price range of Rs.1500/- to 3500/- approximately. However, before buying a biometric device, you may refer to the list of authenticated biometric devices of various brands with model number available on UIDAI website. (uidai.gov.in/ecosystem/authentication-devices-documents/biometric-devices)

QN: What precautions should I take before buying a biometric device through an online store?

ANS: UIDAI has provided details of all biometric devices along with brands and model numbers which are permissible for capturing biometrics of a person. You may visit the site:www.uidai.gov.in to get information of all such devices.

QN: Can I submit life certificate from home from my pc/laptop?

ANS: The life certificate can be generated from home in the following manner:

- * Download Jeevan Pramaan Application from <https://jeevanpramaan.gov>
- * Download the 'RD service' of the Biometric Device which is attached to PC
- * Register yourself on Jeevan Pramaan portal for using the Bio metric device
- * Submit the requisite information on Jeevan Pramaan Portal and follow the instructions to provide your biometric authentication.

QN: What should I do, if the biometric device is unable to detect my finger print?

ANS: Sometimes, a biometric device is unable to detect the fingerprint due to dry skin. Then you can rub cream on your finger before the biometric scan.

QN: What information is required for submitting digital life certificate through Jeevan Pramaan?

ANS: While submitting Life certificate through Jeevan Pramaan, a pensioner has to

provide following information:

- * Aadhaar Number
- * Name
- * Mobile Number
- * PPO Number (Pension Account Number)
- * Bank details
- * Name of Pension Sanctioning Authority
- * Pension Disbursing Authority

Please Note that any incorrect information may lead to rejection of the DLC by the Pension Disbursing Authority

QN: My life certificate has been generated through Jeevan Pramaan portal. Am I required to submit a printout of the same at the pension paying branch?

ANS: NO. You are not required to submit a printout to the bank. The Jeevan Pramaan Portal sends this information electronically to the pension paying bank and thereafter the bank automatically process this information with regard to each DLC having a unique ID called the Pramaan-ID.

QN: How will I know that my DLC / Jeevan Pramaan has been accepted by the bank?

ANS: In the process of submitting Life Certificate from Jeevan Pramaan Portal, you will receive two SMS:

SMS 1: Jeevan Pramaan Portal will send the SMS confirming that your Jeevan Pramaan ID has been generated and will be sent to the Bank.

SMS 2: The bank will process the information received from Jeevan Pramaan Portal and accept the DLC for further continuation of pension. The DLC can be rejected by bank if the information of bank account number of PPO number is incorrect.

Editor's Note: (1) Pension Disbursing Authorities are Banks, Post Offices or any other offices that disburse pension

(2) Wherever the word 'Bank' appears in the Q&A, it includes Post Office or other pension disbursing office.

Submission of Life certificate in 2020. CCCGPA requests the Minister, PPG&P to exempt all pensioners from submission of Life Certificate this year due to the pandemic Covid-19.

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Respected Sir,

Exemption from submission of Life Certificate by all pensioners and family pensioners as a special case due to the Pandemic-Covid-19 situation in the country

*Ref: (1) Government of Tamil Nadu G.O.Ms.No.288, Dated 29th June 2020 and Letter No.19864/Finance (Pension)/2020, Dated 09.07.2020 (copies attached)
(2) DoPPWOM NO.18/1/2020-P&PW(C) 6681 Dated 11.9.2020*

Greetings from Co-ordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka, Bengaluru, to which more than 30 Central Government Pensioners' Associations and Pensioners Associations of Autonomous/Statutory Bodies of Central Government are affiliated.

At the outset, on behalf of all of our affiliates, we wish to appreciate the various welfare measures undertaken by the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare under your able leadership and express our gratitude to your kind self and DOPPW on

several welfare measures undertaken, especially on extension of the date for submission of life certificate this year by one more month, ie. up to 31.12.2020, though we had requested for extension up to 31.3.2021 in view of the pandemic Covid-19 situation in the country. The other welfare measures like payment of provisional family pension on death of a government employee while in service, provisional release of retirement benefits under the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 during the Covid 19 pandemic, exemption of BSR Code of Bank essentials from Pension Claim Forms, Relaxation of Rule 80A for payment of provisional family pension on death of a government employee during service, Dispensing with the condition of 7 years of service for sanction of enhanced family pension, Relaxation of the conditions for sanction of family pension to divorced daughters, dispensing submission of Form No.14 by the Pensioners' Spouse in case he or she had Joint Account with the pensioner etc., have brought great relief to pensioners and family pensioners. Conducting video conferences for the benefit of pensioners during Lockdown was another pensioner friendly initiative by the Department.

Though the country has been unlocked gradually, the spread and severity of the Corona virus has not been reduced and instead is rising every day. Amidst this, several

restrictions are still in place in various States and movement is still restricted. Commuting by public transport is restricted and not become fully operational. The number of reported positive cases of Covid-19 are still increasing and there is a fear among the people of getting infected due to which they prefer not travelling at all or restrict it to the vicinity of their homes for their absolute necessity. Even according to Medical experts and the Government's views as expressed in the Media, vaccine may be available only by April 2021 for Corona Warriors and others who are in the forefront to combat this virus and may not be available for everybody.

Under the above circumstances and in view of the reasons mentioned hereunder, we are of the opinion that the extension of time limit for submission of life certificate by one month, i.e. up to 31.12.2020 may not be of any help to the pensioners and the present pandemic situation as stated below calls for total exemption from submission of life certificate in any mode.

- ◆ Pensioners/family pensioners, who are senior citizens, have been strictly advised by the Government and the medical experts to restrict their movement outside and stay at home, as they are very vulnerable to this virus and as such, they are all afraid to move out.
- ◆ As per medical experts, this pandemic will get aggravated during next three months, i.e. October/November/December 2020 and that it is not likely to ease and scale down till April/May 2021. Vaccine may be available only by March 2021 which is likely to contain the spread of this highly infectious contagion. As such, many of the pensioners may find it extremely difficult to go to the Pension Disbursing Authorities or the designated officers to get their life certificates attested, to submit the life certificate on or before 31.12.2020.
- ◆ The Pensioners Associations may also not be in a position to conduct special 'Digital Life certificate camps' or visit the residences of infirm pensioners as done

during the last two years for the fear of spread of the infection. Even if the Pensioners Associations venture to conduct the special camps, pensioners may not participate in large numbers as their family members may not permit them to move out of their houses in view of the risk of contracting the infectious disease.

- ◆ The Pension Disbursing Banks/Authorities and Post Offices may also find it difficult to accept the life certificates in physical format from the pensioners/family pensioners, or to generate Digital Life Certificate after getting their bio metrics, since pensioners are most vulnerable to the virus.
- ◆ Officials from Banks/Pension Disbursing Authorities may avoid visiting houses of pensioners for the fear of contracting the infection.

In this connection, we also wish to bring to your kind notice that the Government of Tamil Nadu, as a special case, due the prevailing pandemic situation in the State, has already issued orders to exempt personal appearance of their pensioners before the pension disbursing officers and also has waived the condition of submission of life certificate in the usual format during the current year 2020 for continued payment of pension/family pension. Copies of those orders are attached for favour of your information.

Considering the prevailing circumstances as narrated hereinabove, we appeal to your kind self to totally exempt all pensioners/family pensioners, who are drawing pension in terms of CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972, from submitting the life certificate during this year 2020, as has been done by the Tamil Nadu Government. If this justified request is accepted and orders issued, all pensioners/family pensioners will be grateful to you for ever Sir,

Yours faithfully,

K.B. Krishna Rao, Chairman

For Co-ordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners Associations, Karnataka, Bengaluru

Submission of Life certificate in 2020. CCCGPA requests the Minister of Health and Family Welfare to intervene and advise the Department of Pension and PW to exempt all pensioners from submission of Life Certificate this year due to the pandemic Covid-19.

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Respected Sir,

Exemption from submission of Life Certificate by all pensioners and family pensioners as a special case due to the Pandemic-Covid-19 situation in the country- craving for your kind intervention in the matter.

Greetings from Co-ordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka, Bengaluru, to which more than 30 Central Government Pensioners Associations and Pensioners Associations of Autonomous/Statutory Bodies of Central Government are affiliated.

At the outset, on behalf of all of our affiliates, we wish to commend the Government for the way in which the pandemic has been efficiently tackled during the various phases of lockdown and unlock. We are also thankful to your kind self and your department for having issued guidelines from time to time, especially to the senior citizens, regarding the necessity of their staying at home; to keep themselves safe and to restrict their movement outside unless it is absolutely required etc., considering their vulnerability to CoronaVirus.Special orders

permitting reimbursement of the cost of OPD medicines purchased locally to CGHS/CS(MA) beneficiaries in view of pandemic Covid 19, orders issued to the private hospitals empanelled under CGHS to admit the CGHS beneficiaries, without any hassles, listing a series of precautionary measures to be taken during this Covid-19 pandemic, etc. are among many other welfare measures taken by your ministry in the recent past with a great concern for the health of senior citizens.

As per the instructions of the Government of India, all the pensioners/family pensioners have to submit life certificate, every year, during October/November, to their Pension Disbursing Authorities, on or before 30th November, failing which their pension payment for the month of December 2020 will be kept on hold till submission of their life certificates. In response to our request to the Government to extend the time limit for submission of life certificate this year, up to 31.3.2021, keeping in view the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic situation, the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, - vide their OM dated 11.9.2020, has extended the time limit for submission of life certificates by the pensioners, by only one month and has permitted submission on or before 31.12.2020.

Though the country has been unlocked gradually, the spread and severity of the Corona virus has not been reduced but instead is rising every day. Amidst this, several

restrictions are still in place in various States and movement is still restricted. Commuting by public transport is restricted and not fully operational. The numbers of reported cases of Covid-19 are still increasing and there is a fear among the people of getting infected due to which they prefer not travel at all or restrict it to the vicinity of their homes in case of absolute necessity. Even according to Medical experts and the views of the Government as expressed in the Media, vaccine may be available only for Corona Warriors and others who are in forefront to combat this virus by April 2021 and it may not be available for everybody. Under these circumstances, it will be extremely difficult for the pensioners/family pensioners, who belong to the vulnerable group to the virus as per the views of WHO, ICMR and other experts in the field, to go to the offices of their Pension Disbursing Authorities or Pension disbursement Banks to submit their Life Certificate on or before 31st December 2020. During this Year, even the volunteers from Pensioners' Associations may not be able to visit the Pensioners' Houses, during October/ November, this year, as was done during the last two years, to get their Digital Life Certificates generated at their residences with the help of the Iris Scanner device supplied by DoP&PW, unless the pandemic Covid-19 abates or a Vaccine is available to all to contain the spread of this highly infectious contagion. The Pensioners' Associations, for the fear of spread of the infection, may not be in a position to conduct special "Digital Life Certificate Camps" as was done during the previous year.

In this connection, we also wish to bring to your kind notice that the Government of Tamil Nadu, as a special case, due to the prevailing pandemic situation in the State, has already issued orders to exempt personal appearance of their pensioners before the pension disbursing officers and also has waived the condition of submission of life certificate in the usual format during the current year

2020 for continued payment of pension/family pension. Consequent to issuance of the said orders by the T.N State government, all the pensioners and family pensioners of the state have been totally exempted from filing life certificate in any form during 2020. Copies of the orders of Tamil Nadu government are attached for favour of your information.

Considering the prevailing circumstances as narrated hereinabove, we have requested Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State (Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensioners), - through E-mail, dated 10.10.2020, - a copy of which is forwarded herewith, - to totally exempt all the Central government pensioners/family pensioners, who are drawing pension in terms of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, from submitting the life certificate during this year 2020, as has been done by the Tamil Nadu Government in respect of their pensioners.

Keeping in view the Covid 19 pandemic situation in the country, as stated above, we request your good self, as the Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, the nodal ministry, which is striving hard to ensure healthy living to the vast populace of the country in these hard days of pandemic, kindly to advise the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare to totally exempt all the pensioners/family pensioners from submitting the life certificate during this year 2020. We are confident that your kind intervention in the matter will definitely bring the expected favourable result. If this justified request of the Coordination Committee of Central Govt Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka is considered favourably by you, all central government pensioners will be ever grateful to you, Sir.

Yours faithfully,
K B Krishna Rao, Chairman
For Co-ordination Committee of Central
Government Pensioners
Associations, Karnataka, Bengaluru

CGHS - Purchase of Medicines

*Gol, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Directorate General of CGHS
OM NO. Z1 5025/ 1 2/2020/DI R/CG HS, Dated the 30th September, 2020.*

Reimbursement of cost of OPD Medicines: Special Sanction in view of COVID-19- till 31st December, 2020

In view of the Corona Virus Disease(COVID-19) , all out efforts are made by the Government to contain its impact by instituting measures at community as well as at individual level.

2. In this regard the undersigned is directed to draw attention to the OM of even number dated 27.03.2020, 29.04.2020, 29.05.2020 and 24th August 2020 vide which an option has been provided to CGHS beneficiaries getting medicines for Chronic diseases, to purchase medicines based on the prescription held (prescribed by CGHS Medical Officers/CGHS Specialists /other Govt. Specialists/ Specialist of empanelled hospital) till 30th September 2020, irrespective of Non-Availability certificate from CGHS or otherwise. However, several representations are received in the Ministry seeking extension of the period in view of the continued 'Lock Down'.

3. The matter has been reviewed by the Ministry and it is now decided, in continuation of the earlier OM on the subject, that CGHS beneficiaries getting medicines for Chronic diseases shall be permitted to purchase medicines based on the prescription held (prescribed by CGHS Medical Officers/CGHS Specialists /other Govt. Specialists/ Specialist of empanelled hospital) till **31st December 2020** on the same conditions as per the earlier OM dated 27.03.2020.It is also clarified that the CGHS Wellness Centres are functional and CGHS beneficiaries also have the option to collect medicines through CGHS Wellness Centres as per normal practice, instead of purchasing from market.

4. Issued with the approval of integrated Finance Division, MoHFW, vide CD No 1558 dated 30.09.2020.

Dr. Sanjay Jain, Director, CGHS

DA/DR

Finance Ministry Clarifies that the Centre has not withdrawn its earlier order of freezing DA/DR

The Centre has not withdrawn its earlier order of DA hike suspension. Government employees and pensioners will continue getting their DAs at 17 per cent rate, instead of the hiked 21 per cent.

A message claiming that the Centre has withdrawn its earlier order to suspend dearness allowance (DA) hike is doing the rounds. Taking to Twitter, the Centre has clarified that it is fake news as no such new order has been passed. Government employees and pensioners receive DA which compensates for rising inflation.

On April 23, it was announced that the central government employees and pensioners will not get the new rates (21 per cent) of DA, which they were supposed to get from January 1, 2020. The rate of DA was hiked from the present 17 per cent to 21 per cent in March. It was also announced that no arrears will be paid from January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The DA rate will be again revised on July 1, taking into account of the previous hikes.

Our Readers Write

I have selected this auspicious day, the birth day of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi to write my cheque for Rs.20,000/- for this year's donation. I am ever so glad that our Pensioners' Association is growing from strength to strength, exceeding the number of 3000. It is a sign of the excellent work the association continues to do in the service of the Central government pensioners and others too! My very best wishes and thanks to all the office bearers.

R Krishnan, ALM 502

On September issue of the journal

An extraordinarily brilliant piece of write-up about the Covid-19 pandemic & the stellar part played by KPTPA under the leadership of KBK & a few other stalwarts in mitigating/advising the pensioners commune that are vividly unfolded. Hats off to Sri B. Sadashiva Rao for his excellent report.

M.Ramiah, LM 3

The services by our Pensioners' Associations under the present leadership of S/s. K.B. Krishna Rao, S. Radhakrishn and T.V. Suryaprakash during Covid 19 have been very well highlighted in September issue of Pensioners' Champion in the write up by Sri B. Sadashiva Rao. This was very much necessary.

N Bhaskaran, LM 35

A lot of useful information to the Pensioners community as usual. Excellent editorial write up by Shri Sadashiva Rao. The efforts of Shri KBK Rao and others in releasing the magazine in the prevailing pandemic situation deserves all appreciation.

M.N. Gopinath, LM 1085

PC received today Very informative. Thanks

C Ramakrishna Reddy, LM 1683

PC is coming nonstop even during the Pandemic. Hats off to our Secretary. Excellent write up by our veteran Sadashiva Rao Sir.

V Murugan, LM 1970

A big salute to the founder President of K P&T PA Sri B.Sadashiva Rao for writing this editorial. Also my regards to the team of K P&T PA.

D.Venkatesalu, LM 2137

This issue of the journal is indeed a collector's copy. It is worth preserving. The write ups in this edition confirm to the popular saying 'brevity is the soul of wit. It was a visual delight to read the article of Shri.B.Sadashiva Rao Sir.

Bouquets to the editorial team for bringing out an excellent edition.

S.K. Rave, LM 2995

OBITUARY

Shri Ramavilas Paswan, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Govt of India, expired after a brief illness on 8th October, 2020 at the age of 74 years. He was one of the prominent leaders of Indian politics. He was a socialist and a liberal known for being part of many political alliances. He was also the President of Lok Janshakti Party. He represented the Hajipur Lok Sabha constituency of Bihar in the sixteenth Lok Sabha. He has been a 9-time Lok Sabha MP and 2-time Rajya Sabha MP. He had the distinction of winning the Parliamentary election with the highest margin of votes. Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association condoles the death of Sri Paswan & pays its respectful homage to the departed popular political leader of the country.



Dr Raghunatha Sharma, Medical Specialist, CGHS Polyclinic, Bengaluru expired on 1-10-2020 KPTPA conveys its heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved family.



Sri S.P. Bala Subramaniam, the legendary paly back singer, popular as SPB, died at the age of 74. His mesmerizing voice, endeared him to millions of his fans in the country as he strode like a colossus in the film and stage music world with numerous hits in 16 languages, more dominantly in South Indian films - Kannada, Tamil and Telugu. He was crowned with many national and state awards and the coveted Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan. He had the rare distinction of singing more than 40,000 songs during his five decade career.

His sad demise even after recovering from the infectious disease Covid-19, is a great loss to the Indian Film World specially to the South Indian Film Field and millions of his fans. KPTPA mourns his untimely and sad demise and pays its respectful homage to the grate singer.



OBITUARY

Sri S.D. Sahane, LM 654 Retd Head Record Officer, RMS Bangalore Sorting Dn, a senior member of KPTPA, expired on 23-09-2020 at the age of 80 years.

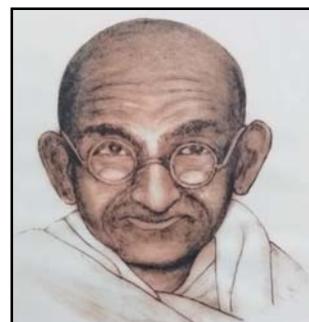
Sri S.K. Gopalakrishna, LM 2714 retired Senior Accountant O/o. the Director of Accounts (Postal) Bangalore, expired on 4-10-2020 at the age of 73 years. He is survived by his wife and a son.

Sri M. Siddeshappa, LM 849, AHRO (A/Cs) (retd.) RMS Bangalore Sorting Dn. expired on 23.10.2020 at the age of 79 yrs. He is survived by his wife and daughters.

The Executive Committee, KP&T PA conveys its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

A portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, drawn by Sri S. Prabhakara, ARS Principal Scientist (Retd), Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR), member KPTPA, and sent by him to the PMO on the occasion of Mahatma's birth day on 2-10-2020.

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CGHS-De-empanelment of Pvt. Hospital

Office of the Additional Director Central Government Health Scheme, Bengaluru
Office Order No.19-3/2019/ADMN (129) Date: 15/10/2020

Withdrawal of SSNMC Super Specialty Hospital from list of Empaneled HCOs under CGHS Bengaluru

With reference to the above subject, SSNMC Super Specialty Hospital, No. 8, Ideal Homes HBCS Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru - 560098 which was empaneled under CGHS Bangalore vide OM No. 19-3/2014/ADMIN. (129)/ 606 dated 13/02/2019, has requested for de-empanelment vide letter dated 01/06/2020.

Accordingly, their name stands removed from the list of Empaneled HCOs under CGHS Bengaluru with effect from 15/10/2020.

Additional Director, CGHS Bengaluru

Request by CGHS Wellness Centres to beneficiaries

In one of the CGHS Advisory Committee meetings held in September 2020, the CMO I/C, of the Wellness Centre informed the members of the committee that a few CGHS beneficiaries visited the CGHS Wellness Centre immediately after their discharge from the hospital after taking medical treatment for the infectious disease COVID-19 without remaining quarantined at home for the mandatory period of 10 days, thereby putting the Doctors & Staff of the wellness centre and the other beneficiaries attending the WC at great risk of contracting the infection. The CMO requested that the beneficiaries may be suitably advised in the matter. KPTPA requests all the CGHS beneficiaries please to strictly follow the guide lines/instructions issued by the government to the persons found Covid-19 positive, during the course of their treatment for the disease and after their discharge from hospitals and not to visit WCs immediately after taking treatment for the disease.

ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX					
Month	CPI Base 2001=100	12 Months' Total	Monthly % increase Ave.	7th CPC % increase over 261.42	DR due
June 19	316	3673	306.08	17.08	17% from July 2019
Dec 19	330	3809	317.41	21.42	21% from Jan 2020 (Frozen)
Aug 20	338	3954	329.50	26.04	24% from July 2020 (Frozen)

DA/DR wef 1-7-2020 : 24% - FROZEN Vide MoF, DoE, OM dated 23-4-2020

Accumulated percentage of DA/DR on 1-7-2020 expected to be released on 1-7-2021: 7%.

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 to facilitate further improvements to the new building. 47th 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, Vidyananyapura, Bangalore-560097. (Mob: 9448477129) **OR**

Preferably, Credited to the Association's Bank account:

Name: Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association

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

Please do invariably inform us of the details of credit to enable us to acknowledge the receipt of the amount and to send you a receipt.

Donation for the Building Fund - 47th List					
Sl No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
1442	R.Krishnan	502	20000	4699	95000
1443	R.Subramanyam	1171	10000	4694	10000
1444	Savithamma	1480	6111	4675	11111
1445	H.S.Srinivas Rao	1414	5000	4711	
1446	D.Shantharaj	2703	1000	4695	3000
1447	H.V.Aswathanarayana	2848	1000	4697	
1448	S.Sudarshan	1602	500	4702	
1449	D.M.R.Panthalu	2133	500	4703	

Correction: Amount of donation paid by Sri Maruthi.H.Jaba, LM 780, indicated as Rs.2000 vide receipt No.4683 in the 46th list of donations published in page No.15 of Sept-20 issue of the journal may please be read as Rs.5000.

We Welcome the Following Newly Enrolled Members

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9	V. Raja Ram Mohan	Director(SG), Mech. Engg., Geological Survey of India	ALM 3020
10	G. Udayashankar Rao	MTS, O/o SSRM, Bangalore Sorting Division, Bangalore	LM 3021
11	B.S. Seetharmaiah	Sub Postmaster, Thagadur Sub Office, Nanjangud Division	LM 3022

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BSNL

BSNL Pension anomaly case

The next date of hearing of the contempt petition filed by ABSNLPWA has been fixed on 18-11-2020.

BSNL PENSION REVISION CASE

Application filed by AIBSLPWA, before the Principal bench of Central Administrative Tribunal, Delhi has been admitted.OA No. 100/1329 of 2020.

Courtesy: ABSNLPWA Website

BSNL IDA

All India Consumer Price Index for August 2020: 338 points, Increase by 2 points from 336 in July 2020.

IDA From 1-10-2020 :165.4% (5.5%increase from July 2020 rate of 159.9%)

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