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## NONAGENARIANS

Three (3) Stalwarts, who founded Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association in 1994, held important positions in the Association for 2 decades and steered the Association to greater heights during their stewardship viz.,

Sri B. Sadashiva Rao, former President, Sri N. Bhaskaran former Secretary and Sri S.M. Vittal Rao former Treasurer, have turned 90 this year. The Association conveys its greetings and wishes them all healthy, happy and long life.



**Sri B. Sadashiva Rao**



**Sri N. Bhaskaran**



**Sri S.M. Vittal Rao**



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Smt. Shankuntala S. Rao**



**Sri N. Bhaskaran and  
Smt. T. Malathi**



**Sri S.M. Vittal Rao**



## Profile & Contribution to Association

### Sri B Sadashiva Rao

Born on 21-10-1931 in Puttur, Dakshina Kannada Dist, he is the 3rd among 5 brothers, all employees of the Department Posts and Telecommunications. Recruited as Sorting Assistant, in the RMS wing of the Department of Posts, he rose to the level of an Officer of Indian Postal Services Group-A(IPoS) and retired as the Senior Superintendent RMS, Bengaluru Sorting Division. Before retirement, he held several important posts in the Department of Posts like Superintendent of Post Offices, Pithorghar (U P) and Tumakuru in Karnataka, Assistant Director, Assistant Postmaster General etc. While in service, he was well known for his efficiency and commanded respect from higher-ups in the Department. Earlier in his career, he had involved himself in employees' unions also in that he had held the post of the Secretary, AIRMS & MMSE U Group-C, Mangaluru Branch, Secretary, IRMs & ASRMs Association, Karnataka. He had forayed into the Co-operative sector also and headed the P&T Employees Housing Co-operative Society as its Secretary.

2. Sri Rao, founded "RMS Pensioners' Association Karnataka" in 1994 along with Veteran P&T Trade Union Leader Sri N Bhaskaran, Sri S.M. Vittal Rao and many other leaders and headed it as its first President. The Association was renamed "Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association in 1996. He continued to be the President till November 2013.

3. His contributions in establishing a credible Association are many. To mention a few, he played an important role with Sri Bhaskaran in establishing the Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka (CCCGPA) in 1998. He single handedly, drafted the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations for the Apex body of Pensioners' Associations named

"Bharat Central Pensioners' Association" (BCPC) which was considered in the meeting of Pensioners' Leaders held in New Delhi on 27-4-2008 and Sri Rao was elected as Vice-Chairman (South) and entrusted with the responsibility of preparing the final draft of MOA&RR. Another important assignment given to him by the CCCGPA was to draft the "Common Memorandum of Pensioners" to be submitted to the VI Central Pay Commission. He helped several pensioners in getting their grievances solved through legal process. Presently, as Advisor to the Association, he guides it in its effective functioning by tendering his advice on crucial issues. His another contribution worth recording is his resolve and perseverance to ensure acceptance of the Income Tax returns of the Association for the years of 2013-14 & 2014-15 which were initially, not accepted by Income Tax Dept. for technical reasons. But for his timely advice and pursuance of the matter, the association would have been forced to pay income tax of about 4 lakh rupees.

4. On the occasion of Sri Sadashiva Rao attaining 90 years, the Association wishes him a happy, healthy and long life and wishes that he continues to guide the Assn. for many more years.

### Sri N Bhaskaran

Sri Bhaskaran joined Railway Mail Service (RMS), a wing of the Department of Posts in 1951 as Sorting Assistant. He took active part in P&T Trade Union Movement and 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 kept under suspension for a period of 3 months and 14 months respectively.

Undeterred by his suspensions from service, he continued to lead the RMS Unions in Karnataka. Department of Posts which had punished him for leading the strikes, 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 from the post of Head Record Officer, RMS ‘Q’Dn in 1990 after 39 years of unblemished service.

2. After his retirement, Sri Bhaskaran, in the year 1994, along with some of his former colleagues in the Railway Mail service, founded the “RMS Pensioners’ Association, Karnataka State” and rechristened it as “Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners’ Association” in the year 1996. He was elected as the Secretary in 1994 and demitted office in July 2014, after his two decade long dedicated and selfless service in the cause of welfare of Pensioner Community. During his 20 years with the Association, he toiled hard to establish an institution, which stands today on the pedestal of high credibility and has built a reputation of its own among other sister Associations 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.

3. Sri Bhaskaran, in right earnest, commenced publishing Association’s monthly journal titled “Pensioners’ Champion” in 1994. The magazine, as a news feeder now, has wide circulation not only in Karnataka but also outside the State.

4. “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 has so far seen eight editions.

5. 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, organized and formed the “Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners ‘Association, Karnataka”, which now has 30 Affiliate Associations.

6. In the year 2006, when the 6th Central Pay Commission, called for submission of Memorandum by all the stake holders, Sri Bhaskaran, took the initiative to ensure submission of “One Common Memorandum” to 6th CPC; prevailed upon leaders at the National level to agree to come together and organized a meeting of Representatives of leading Pensioners’ Associations on 15-10-2006 in Bangalore, in which a consensus was arrived at and a draft of Common Memorandum to be submitted to the 6th CPC was discussed and a broad understanding was reached, which ultimately, resulted in submission of one memorandum to the 6th CPC single handedly drafted by Sri B Sadashiva Rao, the then President of the Assn.

7. Recognising the necessity of forming an Apex Body for Pensioners’ Associations at all India level, in the above mentioned meeting of Representatives of Pensioners’ Associations held in Bangalore on 15-10-2006, a draft of the Memorandum of Association & Rules and Regulations, drafted by Sri B Sadashiva Rao, the then President, was introduced, which was discussed and adopted in a subsequent meeting held at Kolkata paving the way for formation of the All India Apex Body of Pensioners’ Association Known at present as “Bharat Central Pensioners Confederation” (BCPC)

8. Another stellar achievement of Sri Bhaskaran is construction of “Pensioners’ Bhavan”, located in Telecom Lay out, off Bengaluru International Airport Road. Foundation for the building was laid by the retired Chief Justice of India Mr Justice (Retd.) M N Venkatachalaiah and it was opened by Mr Justice (Retd) N Santhosh

Hegde, Retd. Justice of the Supreme Court in June 2012. The building constructed out of the donations made by the Members and Well-wishers of the Association stands as a monument to his services for the pensioners' community.

9. On the occasion of Sri Bhaskaran attaining 90 years, the Association wishes him a happy, healthy and long life and wishes that he continues to guide the Assn. for many more years.

### **Sri S.M. Vittal Rao**

Sri Vittal Rao, former Treasurer, KP&TPA who served the association in that capacity for more than 20 years was known for his expertise in error-free maintenance of the accounts of the Assn.

His promptness in submission of monthly and annual accounts in time, even when he was overloaded with work during construction of "Pensioners' Bhavan" in 2011-12 was appreciated by all including the Auditors. Sri Vittal Rao elected as Internal Auditor in the AGB held on 13-7-2019, has turned 90 on 7.05.2021.

2. He celebrated his birthday differently by presenting gifts to his relatives and friends instead of receiving gifts from them. Sri Rao, stands out from the usual milieu in observing such events. In that, for celebrating his grand daughter's birthday every year, he has chosen a Government Primary School where hundreds of students assemble, light lamps, cut cake and present cultural programmes. He distributes gifts, sweets, fruits, reading and writing materials to the students and the teaching staff in memory of his grand daughter on her birthday. And he is now into the 26th year of such noble act worthy of emulation

3. Sri Vittal Rao's contribution in collecting donations for the associations 2 buildings named 'Pensioners' Bhavan', is great and praiseworthy. He telephoned hundreds of his former colleagues, friends, acquaintances and even relatives which helped the association in completing the construction of the buildings as planned.

4. KP&TPA extends its warm greetings to Sri Vittal Rao and wishes him healthy and long life to continue with his charitable works for many more years.

## **26TH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING**

**Through Video Conferencing**

**Saturday the 13th November, 2021 @ 10-30 a.m.**

**Chief Guest : Shri Satya Prakash Gupta, IPoS Retd. Secretary, Rajasthan Posts & Telecommunication Pensioners' Association, Jaipur .**

Formal Notice of the AGB, Draft Annual Report 2020-21, Audited Annual Accounts 2020-21 & Auditor's Report published in September issue of the journal

\* All Life Members, Associate Life Members of the Association and Subscribers and Well Wishers are requested to join the virtual meeting at 10-15 a.m. Link to join the meeting will be provided on 12th November, 2021 to the members whose mobile phone numbers are available with the Association.

**For any other information and the link to join the meeting please contact or message: Secretary: 9483467750 or Joint Secretary: 9902020537 or Treasurer 9448477129**

We request our members who have not yet provided their mobile phone numbers to share their mobile phone number / email i.d, which are essential to send them the LINK to join the virtual meeting and to down load Zoom App to join the meeting at 10-15 a.m. on Saturday, the 13-11-2021.

## WORLD ELDERS DAY 1st October, 2021

World Elders Day was observed on 1-10-2021 in coordination with CCCGPA, Karnataka, in response to the call given by Trade Union International (Pensioners & Retirees) and NCCPA. The slogan was "Decent Life to all Pensioners and Senior Citizens". The webinar was Organised on Zoom platform to which pensioners from many affiliate Pensioners' Associations joined.



**Chief Guest, Com K. Ragavendran, Coordinator, Trade Union International (Pensioners & Retirees) for Asia & Member Technical and Research Commission of TUI(P&R), Former Secretary General NFPE, General Secretary AIPRPACHQ, Deputy Secretary General NCCPA delivered his speech in the webinar. Com Ragavendran's speech is reproduced below.**

### THE SPEECH

It was the United Nations General Assembly that adopted a resolution on 14.12.1990 to celebrate October 1st each year as the "Day of Older Persons". The Trade Union International (Pensioners & Retirees) founded in the year 2014, adopted this slogan and each year observing world over the day with various programmes. Through these programmes the TUI (P&R) is highlighting the plight of the Pensioners and Senior Citizens. I am very glad that Karnataka State COC of Central Government Pensioners has taken the lead in organizing the pensioners of the State in accordance with the call of the TUI. I am really happy to be part of the gathering organized for this purpose.

The theme of this year's day of older persons by the UN is "Digital equality for all Ages". We know well that the senior citizens and the older employees in all organizations are not well versed with the new technology as like the new generations. Many senior citizen pensioners are unable to handle the technological changes in life. Many of them are unable to send SMS messages in their phone.

Leave alone handling the WhatsApp and Face Book etc. The digital operations like the online banking etc are quite away from them as they could not comprehend the technology at all. The threats of cyber-crime is also looming large over the heads of senior citizens and making them easy prey to the vultures. The pandemic has forced many of us to lead our life depending on the new technology, but the divide between the generations is forcing the older generations to live without any equality of the digital world. The call of the UN is correct but how are we going to overcome the problem without our self-effort in this direction and the importance extended by the Government for the education of the senior citizens?

The TUI (P&R) has given the call to observe the day to highlight the issue of "Decent Life to Pensioners & Senior Citizens". Actually, there is no decent life to millions of pensioners and aged people. We are Central Government Pensioners drawing our pension based on our last pay drawn from the state exchequer. Due to our combined efforts, we could force the Government to implement option three in lieu of Option number 1 recommended by the 7th

CPC. Our pension is calculated notionally on the basis of the pay in the pay matrix of the 7th CPC under Option Number 3. We struggled and got our Dearness Relief for the past 18 months disbursed to us but of course without the arrears. These advances are possible only through our struggles. Even then we cannot say that we have a decent life. Decent life to some is feasible if their sons or daughters are employed in foreign countries and they are taking care of them. Not for all. To live decently is not possible even for many pensioners who draw the pension based on their last pay drawn from the exchequer.

The NPS section is fast growing. Several lakhs of employees in different departments of Central Government are shortly going to surpass the number of old employees eligible for OPS. Therefore the NPS is going to be predominant pension system in Government organized industries too.

What is the pension they can expect? Today we see many NPS pensioners are able to draw only around 1000/- as their monthly pension! How can they live and lead a decent life? If the working class under central trade unions is not joined by the CG Employees movement in their joint struggle, even the DCRG to retiring NPS employees and the family pension to the NPS employees who die in harness would not have come about. But with the so-called pension of pittance, how the NPS pensioners' families can be expected to lead a decent life?

The General Secretary of COC comrade Radhakrishna had correctly pointed out that pensioners under EPF are drawing only around 1000/- as pension, In fact they were remitting contributions for years in to the funds of EPFO (Employees Provident Fund Organisation) but could draw only around 1000/- as pension. We know many Old Age People are being given 1000/- as their OAP Pension in many states. How a pensioner drawing 1000/- can lead a decent life?

In India there are several pension systems. Some are Government sponsored pension systems and some other system of pension offered by financial institution like the LIC. In the LIC offered pension system like today's Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana, only affluent retired sections can invest in lakhs and for ten years draw pension at the rate of 8% interest. Another LIC sponsored pension scheme called the "Varishtha Pension Bima Yojana" is now called off and that scheme also was only for senior citizens of affluent sections. Ordinary senior citizens and elderly people got nothing to do with those schemes.

There is Indira Gandhi National old-age Pension scheme which was introduced in 2007 as a non-contributory pension scheme ensured only around 200/- as monthly pension to the above 60 aged beneficiaries. But the beneficiary should be a person living below the poverty line and not getting any care of his or her near and dear. They will get the increased pension of 500/- when they become 80 years old. Up to 79 years they have to live in 200/- and thereafter live in 500/-! How can they live and lead a decent life?

Similarly, the medical requirement of the aged people is very important in any society. In India there is a vast majority of pensioners who live in non-CGHS areas. They do not have any easy access to the empanelled hospitals of CGHS even if they join the CGHS. There is no Medical Insurance system that is extended to them. Vast millions of aged people live in agriculture field and what is the arrangement for their medical needs? The Government Hospitals are insufficient to the requirement and the Private Luxury Hospitals are beyond their reach. Even if the pensioners in non-CGHS area is admitted in emergency in any nearby Private Hospital, his claim for reimbursement is not easy and often takes years of legal battles needed for justice. Till such time he or she should be in a position to spend first from his or her pocket. How the senior citizens can lead a decent life?

The housing is a far cry to the aged people. Even the Government employees while in service could not construct their own house because of the inadequacy of HBA funds. Raising the shortage through private sources is not possible for many. After retirement, living in a rented accommodation is possible only to those pensioners for whom there is affordability. Millions of pensioners and retired persons from unorganized industries cannot afford to spend thousands towards house rent and therefore forced to live a life of misery in their dwelling places.

Transport facility is also lacking in our country. Even the concession for senior citizens stand withdrawn from several train services by the Government in the name of preventing the spread of pandemic. The poor pensioners cannot afford to spend huge sum in private OMNI buses. Therefore, there is no enough facility for transportation to the pensioners' community.

Similarly, the potable water is another big problem to the aged persons. There is no quality drinking water in many places. Drinking contaminated water brings ill health to millions. Potable drinking water is to be fetched from distance land after walking miles in deserts and barren lands. The affluent sections can bring mineral water cans by spending much but the poor pensioners and the aged people cannot afford to that luxury of good potable water.

Therefore, life without many of these above basic amenities make any Decent Life impossible to the Pensioners and Retirees.

The Trade Union International (Pensioners & Retirees) is the only international organization fighting world over for the amenities of pensioners and retirees. It is focussing on these issues in the meetings of ILOs and also organizing movement in the streets. Without a platform, without an organization, we cannot fight. Without fight, we cannot see the settlement of many issues. We are a big section. We are an affluent section. We are 52 lakhs of CG Pensioners; we are more than a crore of State Government pensioners; we are several lakhs of Public Sector Pensioners; We are millions in the unorganized sectors as retirees without any pension or with only a meagre pension. But if there is no organization, we will not have any voice. Our voice will be heard only if we have an organization and that the organization has to organize struggles. TUI (P&R) is such an organization that combines our issues with all available Platforms and also with the struggles organized worldwide.

I am highly thankful for the invitation to address and I am really happy that the pensioners in the state of Karnataka are brought to the arena for highlighting the issue of Decent Life for Pensioners and Retirees at the call of TUI (P&R).

### **Covid-19 Vaccination - India Scripts Hisotry**

The country, on 21st October, 2021, achieved the milestone of the 100 crore Covid vaccination mark within a short period of 9 months after launching the immunisation drive on 16th January. 75% of the country's population has received at least one dose of the Jab while 31% of the eligible beneficiaries have been fully vaccinated. The credit for achieving this feat goes to the Scientists, Producers of the Vaccine, Doctors and Nurses who, through their hard work made this achievement possible. 100 crore citizens who voluteered to get the jab also deserve appreciation.

### **Central Government Holidays in NOVEMBER 2021**

**Deepavali - 4th November, Thursday**  
**Guru Nanak's Birthday - 19th November, Friday**



## Submission of Annual Life Certificate

Every Central Government pensioner has to submit Annual Life Certificate in the month of November for further continuation of pension. It has been observed that a large number of Central Government pensioners physically visit bank branches for this purpose.

2. Earlier, as a measure to enable an additional exclusive window to very senior pensioners, this Department, vide its OM No. 1/20/2018-P&PW(E), dated 18.07.2019, allowed the pensioners in the age group of 80 years and above, to submit Annual Life Certificate from 1st October onwards, instead of 1st November onwards every year.

3. The different modes available to a pensioner for submission of Annual Life Certificate are once again summarized for Pensioners' awareness. An Annual Life Certificate can be submitted manually or digitally as per convenience of the pensioner –

- i. Life certificate can be recorded by Pension Disbursing Banks (PDAs), if the pensioner physically appears before the PDA.
- ii. Personal appearance of a pensioner will not be required, if the pensioner submits the life certificate form signed by any 'designated official.' In accordance with para 14.3 of the Scheme Booklet issued by CPAO, a pensioner who produces a life certificate in the prescribed form signed by persons specified is exempted from personal appearance. A list of designated officials specified for signing the Life Certificate as per the scheme booklet of CPAO is attached at Annexure.
- iii. Pensioners can submit Life Certificate online from home through **Jeevan Pramaan Portal**. The process of submission of Digital Life Certificate through "Jeevan Pramaan" may be seen at <https://youtu.be/nNMIkTYqTF8>. UIDAI has provided details of all biometric devices which are permissible for capturing biometrics of a person.

Pensioners may visit the site [www.uidai.gov.in](http://www.uidai.gov.in) to get information of all such devices.

- iv. India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) of Department of Posts along with Meity have successfully launched the initiative of the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare: "Doorstep Service for submission of Digital Life Certificate through Postman" in November 2020. In order to make this facility available across the country, DoPPW roped in the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to utilize its huge network of Postmen and Gramin Dak Sevaks in providing doorstep facility to pensioners for submission of life certificate digitally. IPPB is utilizing its national network of more than 1,36,000 access points in Post Offices and more than 1,89,000 Postmen & Gramin Dak Sevaks with smart phones and biometric devices to provide Doorstep Banking Services. For leveraging this facility through Mobile, a pensioner has to download "Post info APP" from Google Play store. The process of submission of Digital Life Certificate through Postman may be seen at [https://youtu.be/cERWM\\_U7g54](https://youtu.be/cERWM_U7g54).
- v. DoPPW was also instrumental in roping in an Alliance comprising 12 Public Sector Banks which do "Doorstep Banking" for its customers in 100 major cities of the country under ease of banking reforms. PSB Alliance has introduced the service for collection of Life Certificates under the umbrella of Doorstep Banking. DSB Agent shall visit the doorstep of pensioner to render the service. Service can be booked by the pensioner through any of the 3 channels i.e. Mobile App, Website or Toll Free Number.
- vi. Mobile App i.e. "Doorstep Banking (DSB)" can be downloaded from Google Playstore.
- vii. Pensioners can access through Web Browser i.e. <https://doorstepbanks.com/> & <https://dsb.imfast.co.in/doorstep/login>

viii. Through Toll free Number:- 18001213721, 18001037188

4. All Pension Disbursing Authorities are requested to take note of this OM for compliance and give wide publicity of the same amongst pensioners.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

#### **Annexure**

#### **List of persons specified for signing the Life Certificate (para 14.3 of Scheme Booklet by CPAO)**

- i. A person exercising the powers of a Magistrate under the Criminal Procedure code;
- ii. A Registrar or Sub-Registrar appointed under Indian Registration Act:

- iii. A Gazetted officer of the Government:
- iv. A Police Officer not below the rank of Sub-Inspector in-charge of a Police Station:
- v. A Postmaster, a departmental Sub-postmaster or an Inspector of Post Offices:
- vi. A Class-1 officer of the Reserve Bank of India, an officer (including Grade II officer) of the State Bank of India or its subsidiary:
- vii. A Justice of Peace:
- viii. A Block Development Officer, Munsif, Tehsildar or Naib Tehsildar:
- ix. A Head of Village Panchayat, Gram Panchayat, Gaon Panchayat or an
- x. Executive Committee of a Village:
- xi. A Member of Parliament, of State legislatures or of legislatures of Union Territory Governments/Administration
- xii. Treasury Officer.

### **POSTAL PENSIONERS- Submission of Life Certificates**

*Gol, Ministry of Communications, Department. of Posts, (PO Division)  
No. 27-10/2020-PO Dated. 13th September 2021*

To:

All Chief Postmasters General,

### **Submission of Digital Life Certificate (DLCs)**

This is regarding the submission of Digital Life Certificate by various Pensioner's at Jeevan Pramaan Centres (JPCs) in Head Post Offices across the Country

2. The facility of submission of Life Certificates by the pensioners aged 80 years and above is to be allowed from 1st October 2021 to 30th November 2021. The remaining pensioner's may continue to submit their Life Certificate from 1st November 2021 to 30th November 2021.

3. In view of the upcoming activity of submission of Digital Life Certificate by pensioners to start from 1st October 2021, it is requested to do the following:

- a) Activate all the Jeevan Pramaan Centre IDs which are currently inactive in your respective Circle.
- b) Establish the Jeevan Pramaan Centres in the Head Post Offices wherein it has not been established, get their Jeevan Pramaan IDs created and ensure that all Jeevan Pramaan Centre IDs as well as Common Service Centres (CSCs) are activated positively by 20th Sept, 2021.

4. The official guidelines from Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare (DoP&PW) regarding submission of DLCs when received shall be circulated in due course

5. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Sd/-  
Sukriti Gupta  
Assistant Director General (PO)

## **Compliance of Covid protocols while obtaining Life Certificates from Pensioners.**

In view of the Covid pandemic, all Pension Disbursing Banks are advised to ensure proper social distancing measures, as well as compliance of Covid appropriate behaviour, while obtaining life certificates from pensioners/family pensioners who physically visit the branches. Officials deployed for this task should be fully vaccinated and should take the highest possible care while attending to Pensioners. Banks are also requested to devise their own innovative mechanisms to avoid rush at the branches during submission of life certificates.

2. Doorstep Banking service, which also includes collection of Digital Life Certificate from the home of pensioners, caters to a very vulnerable group w.r.t the pandemic. It may be ensured that all representatives of the Banks who visit the homes of the pensioners to obtain Life Certificates should be fully vaccinated. They should be equipped with a proper mask and sanitizer and should be advised to follow the highest possible care while obtaining the Life Certificate through bio-metric devices. These biometric devices shall be sanitized by the representative before and after each use.

These instructions shall also be applicable to Postmen and Gramin Dak sevaks deployed for "Doorstep Service for submission of Life Certificate" by India Post Payments Bank (IPPB).

3. As senior pensioners (aged 80 years and above) are scheduled to submit Life Certificate from 1 October, 2021 onward, all Pension Disbursing Banks are also requested to enable Video Based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP) methodology of Life Certificate, within the permissible RBI guidelines, before October, 2021. In the current pandemic, this option will ensure adequate safety and "Ease of living" for senior pensioners.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

### **Coordination Committee of Central Government Pensioners' Associations, Karnataka (CCCGPA) - News**

The Annual General Body meeting of CCCGPA will be held on 20th November 2021 through video conferencing. Election of new Office Bearers for the years 2022-2023 is also scheduled to be conducted.

### **CGHS- Beneficiaries aged 75 years and above**

*Gol, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Department of Health & Family Welfare  
OM No. Z 15025/35/2019/DIR/CGHS/ CGHS(P) Dated the 1st October, 2021*

## **Clarification regarding investigations at empanelled Diagnostic Centres in respect of CGHS beneficiaries aged 75 years and above**

With reference to the above mentioned subject the undersigned is directed to draw attention to the Office Memorandum of even number dated the 29th May 2019 vide which CGHS beneficiaries aged 75 years and above were permitted to consult Specialists at Hospitals empanelled under CGHS without referral from CGHS and to clarify that there is no **provision to undergo investigations at CGHS empanelled**

**Diagnostic Laboratories and Imaging Centres** without advice for such investigations from Government Specialists/ CGHS Medical Officer / Specialists of empanelled hospitals. In case of unlisted investigations, approval of Competent Authority is necessary before undergoing such investigations from **empanelled Diagnostic Laboratories and Imaging Centres.**

Dr. Sanjay Jain, Director, CGHS

## Submission of Life Certificates -Digital Life Certificate Camps- House visits

Karnataka P&T Pensioners Association, in association with the Coffee Board Pensioners Association, is organising camps to assist pensioners /family pensioners of Central government / Statutory & Autonomous bodies of Central government, in submission of Digital Life Certificate by making use of the device supplied by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, New Delhi, through Iris Scanning /face recognition access/face identification process etc. Pensioners who are desirous of availing the facility in the camps or those who want the volunteers to visit their houses, may please register their names by sending messages (WhatsApp or SMS) to the volunteers listed below

- 1.Sri T V Suryprakash, Mob. 9448375138
  - 2.Sri V Gopal, Mob. 8197918085
  - 3.Sri K R Anantha Ramu Mob.9448477129
  - 4.Sri B Nagaraju, Mob. 9964440876
  - 5.Sri V Murugan, Mob. 9902020537
  - 6.Sri K Nagesh, Mob. 9448705268
  - 7.Sri S.P. Iyengar, Mob. 9449827070
  - 8.Sri Janardhana Rao, Mob. 9449350414
  9. Sri Veeranna, Mob. 9449853709
- Sri R.S.N. Murthy, Mob. 9731663662

### House Visits

Volunteers would visit the residences of only those pensioners who are **infirm** and are **unable to move out of their residences**, to assist such pensioners in submission of their Digital Life Certificate (DLC )from the comforts of their homes. Details of (1) Aadhaar Card (2) Pension Payment Order (PPO) and (3) The Bank account number to which the pension is credited and mobile phone is essential for registration with Jevan Pramaan Portal for getting Digital Life Certificate.

**Important:** In view of the Covid 19 pandemic, all Pensioners are requested to ensure proper social distancing measures, as well as compliance of Covid appropriate behaviour, while obtaining life certificate either in Camps or at their homes

### DETAILS OF PROPOSED DLC CAMPS

Date	Place	Time
2-11-2021	Coffee Board Layout, Hebbal Kempapura, Bangalore 560024	9-30 am to 2 pm
5-11-2021	P&T Quarters, Kaval Byrasandra, RT Nagar Bangalore 560032	9.30 am
6-11-2021 & 7-11-2021	Sahakaranagar Residents Welfare Association – Siddhi Vinayak Temple Premises	9-00 am
8-11-2021	Sanjayanagara	10-00 am
11-11-2021 & 12-11-2021	Prabhudalalay Senior Citizens Home, Jigani	10-00 am onwards
14-11-2021 & 15-11-2021	Mysore	10-00 am onwards
16-11-2021	Madakeri	10-00 am onwards
17-11-2021	Hasana	10-00 am onwards
18-11-2021	Chikkamagaluru	9-00 am onwards
21-11-2021	AG's Layout, Arehalli, near Ittamadu	9-30 am

\* We are also planning to conduct DLC Camp at Vijayanagar, Poornaprajna Layout and Coffee Board. Date & Venue will be intimated separately

## BSNL – Anomaly Case- DoT Order

*Gol, Ministry of Communications, Department of Telecommunications  
Order No.38-1 6/2014-Pen(T) Dated the 7th October 2021.*

1. All CCAs, DoT
2. Director of Postal Accounts (As per list attached)

### **Implementation of the order dated 16.12.2016 of the Hon'ble CAT (PB), New Delhi in OA No. 2173/2014 in the matter of All India BSNL Pensioners' Welfare Association & Ors. Vs. UOI & Ors**

It is intimated that All India BSNL Pensioners' Welfare Association (AIBSNLPWA) raised the issue of anomaly in pension of the absorbed BSNL employees, who retired within 10 months of the effective date of absorption i.e. 01.10.2000. Pension of these absorbed employees of BSNL was to be calculated on the basis of average emoluments of their last 10 months before retirement – some period of which (prior to 01.10.2000) fell under CDA and the remaining period fell under IDA. Pay Scales in CDA was less than that of in IDA Pay Scales. The Dearness Relief in such cases was to be allowed on IDA rates, which is less than DR rates under CDA. Thus, these absorbees got pension based on average emoluments which included an element of CDA whereas the DR on pension is allowed on the basis of IDA resulting in an anomalous situation where these pensioners got less pension.

2. It has been decided with the approval of the competent authority to implement the order dated 16.12.2016 of the Hon'ble CAT (PB), New Delhi in OA No .2173/2014 in the matter of AIBSNLPWA & Ors. Vs. UOI & Ors, on dismissal of WP(C) No.1 0019/20 17 of DOT by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court, vide judgment dated 24.01.2020, thereby removing anomaly in pension of the absorbed BSNL employees retired within the period of 10 months from 01.10.2000. Their pension is to be re-fixed

from the date of their retirement by adopting the formula as contained in the DOP&PW's OM dated 18.10.1999 by giving them notional benefit of IDA pay for the period their pay was taken in CDA pay for the purpose of calculating average emoluments and, thereafter, grant all consequential benefits. Two illustrations (methodology adopted) are given in the Annexure-1 of this letter for removing anomaly in pension of the ex-BSNL absorbed employees retired within the period of 10 months from 01.10.2000. Accordingly, revised pensionary benefits may be extended suo moto to all affected pensioners. However, in case of death of pensioner, payment may be made suo moto based on nomination as per Arrears of Pension(Nomination) Rules, 1983. In the absence of nomination, the arrears may be paid to legal heirs of the deceased pensioners who apply for the same.

3. All concerned offices/CCAs are requested to take further action in the matter for removing the anomaly in pension of the ex-BSNL absorbed employees retired within the period of 10 months from 01.10.2000 as per the illustrations given in the Annexure-1 of this letter and, thereafter, grant all consequential benefits.

**(Annexure-1 not reproduced)**

Sd/-  
(R K Tondar)  
Director (Estt-1)

## 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. 59th 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, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097. (Mob: 9448477129) or

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

**Name: Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association;**

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

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

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

### Donation for the Building Fund - 59th List July/August 2021

SI No.	Name Sri/Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	Progressive Total of donation
1519	S.M. Vittal Rao	48	8000	4991&4993	1,88,000
1520	M.R. Sathyanarayana	2460	2500	4989	3,500
1521	L. Jagannath	2792	2500	4990	
1522	Somashekaraiah	2284	2000	4979	12,111
1523	K.S. Ranganatha	69	2000	4992	7,000

### 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 21	121.7*	121.7x2.88= 350	4115	342.91	31.17	31% from July 2021
Aug 21	123	123x2.88= 354	4149	345.75	32.26	

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

DA/DR from 1-7-2021: 31% -

## OBITUARY

**Sri Anrudh Kumar Ohri**, ALM1422, Retd. Scientist 'C', LRDE, Bengaluru expired on 1-9-2020 at the age of 87 years

**Smt Bithi Palit**, ALM 2785, Retd. Draftsman, Survey of India, Kolkata expired on 15-5-2021 at the age of 79 years.

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

## Representatives of CCCGPA & K P&T PA with the Honoured



Standing behind  
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S. Radhakrishna, B. Nagaraju,  
K.R. Anantha Ramu & N.R. Anantha



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B. Nagaraju, & T.V. Suryaprakash



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Sl.No.	Name (Smt./Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
1	<b>K.Srinivase Gowda</b>	Sr.Wrestling Coach, Sports Authority of India, STC, Dharwad	ALM 3106
2	<b>C.V.Ramesh</b>	Chief Coach, Kho-Kho, Sports Authority of India, Chitradurga	ALM 3107
3	<b>M.J.Paramesh</b>	Sr.Volley Ball Coach, Sports Authority of India, NSSC, Bengaluru	ALM 3108
4	<b>R.S.Prasad</b>	Sub Postmaster, Bharamasagara Post Office	LM 3109
5	<b>N.Gayathri(FP)</b>	W/o. Sri.N.Subramanyam, Sorting Asstt., Chennai	LM 3110
6	<b>N.S.Shanakaranarayana</b>	LSG Supervisor, B'lore City RMS, Bengaluru	LM 3111
7	<b>Swaranjit Singh</b>	Office Superintendent, BSNL, SSA, Jalandhar (Punjab)	LM 3112

LM: Life Member

ALM: Associate Life Member

#### **BSNL IDA**

IDA From 1-4-2021 : 170.5 % (1.2% decrease from January 21 rate of 171.7%) FROZEN vide DPE OM dated 19-11-2020 -  
**RELEASED FROM 1-7-2021** Vide DPE OM dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

IDA From 1-7-2021 : 173.8 % (3.3% increase from April 21 rate of 170.5%)

IDA From 1-10-2021 : 176.2 % (2.4% increase from July 21 rate of 173.8%)

Note: Instalments of IDA due from 1-7-2021&1-10-2021 have not yet been released (as on 20-10-21)

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