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Annual General Body Meeting

18-07-2026



33 School Children of Govt. Higher Primary Schools, Yelahanka, Srirampura & Sanjeevininagara, Bengaluru with the cash awards presented to them by the Chief Guest, Prof. Babu Mathew, Visiting Professor, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru & President, AITUC, Karnataka.



Arrival of the Chief Guest Prof. Babu Mathew



Sri G Babu, President, Speaking



Sri K B Krishna Rao, Secretary, Welcoming



Sri K R Anantha Ramu, Jr. Secretary, Welcoming



Pro. Babu Mathew, Chief Guest, delivering his address



Sri M Ramiah, Advisor, Speaking



Sri Viswanatha Rao, Treasurer, speaking



Pro. Babu Mathew, Chief Guest, being honoured

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Proceedings of the 31st Annual General Body Meeting held on Saturday the 18th July 2026

31st Annual General body meeting was held on 18th July, 2026 at Havyaka Bhavan, 11th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru 560003 under the Presidentship of Sri G.Babu, President KPTPA.

All the Office bearers and EC members and about 20 volunteers assembled in the venue well in advance and made elaborate arrangements like opening reception counters, help desk to assist the members and visitor to mark their attendance in the prescribed books and cash counters to receive the payment of subscription & donation paid by the members. Also volunteers inside the hall helped the members to be felicitated to sit in the chairs reserved for them.

The meeting was held in three sessions viz. Morning Session, Open Session and Afternoon session. Members, Visitors, Executives of affiliates of CCGPA and other Sister Pensioners' Associations and family members of the honoured members, totally about 550 in all, attended the Annual event. Pensioners from Mysuru, Chitradurga, Tumakuru, Shivamogga, Kolar etc attended. The meeting hall was filled to its full capacity.

The meeting began at 9.30 am with the opening remarks by the President. Secretary after welcoming the assembled members gave a brief about the day's programme and spoke in brief about the Chief Guest of the day and Smt. Thejovathamma, who donated Rs 1,00,000 towards education fund and Rs 50,000/- for the building fund. He said that she is the w/o the Late N.Lakshmana, HSG- I HRO, a popular officer among the staff of RMS Divisions.

Secretary welcomed the visitors/invitees from the CCGPA and other Pensioners' Associations. Later, he requested the Jt. Secretary, Sri K.R. Anantharamu to read the AGENDA of the day. Sri K.R. Anantha Ramu read the AGENDA and placed it for adoption. And the same was adopted by the House.

AGENDA

Morning Session

1. Welcome
2. Tribute to the Late Sri N. Bhaskaran, founder KP&TPA
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the 30th AGB meeting held on 12th July, 2025: minutes have been circulated through the Association's journal "Pensioners' Champion" July 2025 issue pages (3-8)
4. Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report of the Association for the year 2025-26.
5. Presentation and adoption of the audited statement of Annual Accounts for the year 2025-26.

Open Session - 11.00am

1. Welcome speech and introduction of the Chief Guest by Sri K.B.Krishna Rao, Secretary
2. Inauguration of the Open Session by the Chief Guest Prof. Babu Mathew
3. Presentation of Cash awards to the meritorious students of Government Higher Primary Schools of Yelahanka, Srirampura and Sanjeeveninagara, Bengaluru.
4. Felicitations of the Chief Guest, Special invitees and member's aged 75 years and above.

5. Address by the President of the Association Shri G.Babu
6. Vote of thanks by Sri K.R.Anatharamu, Joint Secretary

Afternoon Session: 2.30 p.m

1. Appointment of Chartered Accountant for the year 2026-27
2. Discussion on 8th CPC: submission of memorandum
3. Revision of pension of BSNL pensioners from 01.01.2017 & inclusion of revision of pension of BSNL pensioners and Pensioners of Autonomous Bodies in the terms of reference of 8th CPC
4. CGHS, CS (MA) Rules and FMA matters
5. Validation of CCS (Pension) Rules and Principles for expenditure on pension liabilities passed as a part of Finance Bill 2025 by the Parliament. Writ petition in the Hon' ble Supreme Court
6. Construction of the 2nd floor of Pensioners' Bhavan with a meeting hall
7. Any other subject with the permission of the Chair
8. Concluding remarks by the President
9. Vote of thanks/National Anthem.

Discussions of agenda items

Morning Session

2. Tributes to the late Sri N. Bhaskaran, Founder KP&TPA.

Secretary said that the proceedings of the day would commence after paying our homage to the late Sri Bhaskaran, founder of the Association and CCCGPA Karnataka, who expired on 31st December 2025 at the age of 94 years. The dais is named after him as this is the first AGB being held after his demise. He described the demise of Sri N.Bhaskaran as an end an era in RMS, P& T Pensioners' and Central Government Pensioners' movement in Karnataka. He further said that Sri Bhaskaran, while in service, led the struggles of RMS working class in Karnataka State and later on his retirement, led the Pensioners' movement until his last breath ending his seven decades

long association with the Central Govt. Employees and Pensioners.

Secretary recollected and said that Sri Bhaskaran on his retirement, along with his colleagues in RMS wing organized and founded "RMS Pensioners' Association in 1994 and renamed it as "Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association in the year 1996. He rendered selfless service in the cause of welfare of Pensioners Community. Secretary described Bhaskaran as a pioneer in pensioners movement, who toiled hard to establish an institution which stands on the pedestal of high creditability 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.

Further, he said Sri Bhaskaran, prompted by the remarks made by the Chairman of the 5th CPC regarding submission of several memoranda individually by several Pensioners' Associations, took the initiative to ensure submission of "One Common memorandum to the 6th CPC. He prevailed upon the Pensioners' Associations leaders at national level to agree to come together, organized a meeting of such leaders in which a consensus was arrived to submit a common memorandum to the 6th CPC.

Secretary further said that Sri Bhaskaran toiled hard to ensure construction of a building for the Association. He was well supported by Sri G. Babu , President, Telecom Employees Co-operative Society by allotting a site to the Association. The building is named as "Pensioners' Bhavan" and stands as a monument in memory of the departed veteran leader.

Secretary said that in Bhaskaran's death, RMS and MMS employee's Unions and Pensioners' Community had lost a versatile leader, who, in his lifetime, toiled hard for nearly

seven decades to fight for their rights and for the cause of their well- being. He continued and said that KPTPA dips its banner in memory and honour of the late lamented leader. Secretary said that a detailed report about the tributes paid to Bhaskaran was published in the journal for the month of January 2026.

The venue of the AGB was named as **“Sri Bhaskaran Vedike”** ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಭಾಸ್ಕರನ್ ವೇದಿಕೆ as a token of respect to the departed leader.

Secretary said KPTPA also condoles the demise of Sri V. Muthukumar, former EC member of KPTPA, retired ACPM, a veteran Postal Trade Union Leader, who led the Postal Employees as Circle Secretary of All India Postal Employees union Group C , expired on 24.04.2025, Sri S S Ramanatha Rao, former President of CCCGPA, expired on 06.05.2025, Sri S C Maheshwari, Secretary General, BPS, expired on 03.07.2025 and Sri A.N.Balaram, President of Coffee Board Pensioners' Association and closely associated with KPTPA, expired on 24.07.2025 and Sri Attavara Yoganand, a centenarian. Secretary said that the association has lost 15 members whose names have been published in the Annual report published in the journal for the month of June 2026.

The Association pays its homage to the political leaders and eminent personalities who passed away during the year.

One-minute silence was observed to pay homage to all departed souls.

Later, floral tributes were paid to Sri Bhaskaran by the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Joint Secretaries and by some members assembled in the hall.

3. Confirmation of the minutes of the 30th AGB meeting held on 12th July, 2025 (minutes have been circulated through the Association's journal “Pensioners' Champion” July 2025 issue pages 3-8)

Minutes of the last AGB were taken as adopted with the approval of the House

4. Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report of the Association for the year 2025-26.

Jt. Secretary said that the minutes were published in the Association's Journal for the month of May 2026 and he hoped that everyone had gone through it and placed it for adoption. Then Secretary suggested that a brief of the Annual Report may be placed before the House.

Sri Ananthramu, reading from the report, said that as many pensioners from other districts of the state enrolled themselves as members of the Association, there was a need for amending the by-law of the Association for increasing the EC members from 14 to 17 to provide for representation to all districts and to address their grievances and also to extend the activities of the Association to other parts of the state. Hence, a Special General Body meeting was held on 12.04.2025 in which, a resolution was passed to amend the by-law to increase the EC members to 17 from 14 and to elect one member each from SK Region, Malnad and Karavali Regions and North Karnataka & Kalyana Karnataka Regions. It was also decided to have two Vice Presidents, two Joint Secretaries and one Assistant Treasurer.

Secretary giving a gist of the Annual Report said that the report contains a brief of the last AGB held on 12.07.2025 and read the list of Office bearers elected in the AGB. He further said that the report contains the details of the charitable work of the Association, mentioning that on first Sunday of every year a cultural programme is being conducted at Govt. Higher Primary School Yelahanka. On Pensioners day 17th December, free meal will be provided to the cancer patients at Kidwai Institute of Oncology. He also mentioned that Pensioners' Day, Swatch Bharath Abhiyan and International Yoga day are being celebrated by

the Association. He further said that the social activities include, giving cash awards to the meritorious students of Govt Higher Primary Schools, providing financial assistance to the needy members. In this regard he mentioned that one postal pensioner from Amritsar had approached for financial assistance for his ailing son and he was given Rs 10,000/ and similarly Sri Gopal, Auto driver, who collects the journals from the Printers and delivers at BG PSO at Mysuru Road, was also given financial assistance of Rs 10,000. He stated that the report contains the details of submission of memorandum to 8th CPC, assisting pensioners in submitting their life certificate by conducting DLC Camps not only at Bengaluru but in other cities like Mysuru, Tumukuru, Shivamogga, Hassan, Chickmagalur, Davanagere, Chitradurga, Kolar, Robertsonpete, Bangarpet, Chamarajanagar, Nanjangud, Virajpet and even in Thirupathy.

The report contains the details of regular EC meetings, Demonstrations held, Updates on CGHS, BSNL Pensioners, achievements of our members, Pensioners welfare activities like pursuing the issues like grant of notional increments, restoration of commutation, counting of RTP services for promotion, counting of casual labour services for pension, commencement of family pension to the spouse within 30 days and many more. On redress of pensioners grievances, he referred to two specific case viz. one, of a railway pensioner, compulsorily retired from service getting lesser pension. Her case was taken up and the revision of her pension as worked out by the Association is accepted by the Railways and she is getting arrears of about 19 lakhs.

The other case is of a DoT family pensioner who was being paid Rs.14,000 instead of Rs.40,064 admissible to her. Her case was also pursued with the PSA concerned and settled. She was paid arrears of about 9 lakhs. He also mentioned about the membership of the Association, Its Finance, Website, Journal

and also about construction of the 2nd floor of Pension Bhavan. The Secretary appealed for generous donations from the members for the building fund.

With this information, the report was placed for adoption and the same was adopted by the House.

5. Presentation and adoption of the audited statement of the accounts for the 2025-26.

Joint Secretary read the annual accounts and also the auditor's report for the year 2025-26 giving explanation wherever required. He informed that the long pending issue of refund of IT refunds is settled now and no dues are pending payment from IT department. The Secretary said that the cash book is available with the Treasurer and the members can have look into that, if they so desired, and seek any information required. Annual Accounts were placed for adoption. The annual accounts and auditor's report were adopted by the House.

President said that as there is enough time to start the open session, we can take the agenda item 1 of the afternoon session ie. "Appointment of Chartered Accountant for the year 2026-27". This was agreed to. Accordingly, President proposed continuation the services of M/S GRSM & Associates , Bengaluru as the auditors for the year 2026-27 also and the same was approved.

The morning session concluded at 11.00 am.

Open Session

Open session began at 11.00 am with the arrival of the Chief Guest, Prof. Babu Mathew. He was welcomed at the entrance of the venue by the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Joint Secretaries and other EC members and led to the dais.

Secretary, on behalf of hundreds of pensioners assembled in the AGB extended a warm welcome to the Chief Guest and said the Association is very grateful to him for accepting

the invitation and for taking some time to spare with the pensioners in spite of his extremely busy schedule. Introducing the Chief Guest, the Secretary said that Prof. Babu Mathew is an M.Phil. Graduate from the National Law School of India University (NLSIU). He is the former Registrar and Faculty at NLSIU and also took part in Trade Union Movement and other social activities. He championed the cause of the marginalised by taking up issues of bonded labour, child labour, displacement and destruction of livelihoods of the marginalised. At present, he is the visiting professor of NLSIU and President of AITUC, Karnataka.

The Secretary gave a brief account of the prominent positions held by him and awards received by him and also some of his roles in the Trade Union Movement.

Some of them are:

- ♦ Combined teaching and practice of human rights
- ♦ Served as country Director of Action Aid International India
- ♦ In- charge of evolving "Rights Based" policy and implementing a Human Rights agenda with special focus on Economic, Social and Cultural rights in 25 states of India.
- ♦ Professor at University Law college, Bengaluru
- ♦ Professor and Registrar and Chair of Juvenile Justice Studies
- ♦ Founder of "Centre for Child and the law" at the National Law School
- ♦ Vice- President for two terms of Trade Union International
- ♦ Awarded with Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowship.
- ♦ Led the process of presenting a shadow report focussing on the excluded communities of India before the relevant United Nations Committee. Secretary also welcomed Sri T V Suryaprakash, Secretary, Coffee Board Pensioners Association and Jt. Sec CCCGPA, Sri P.S.Prasad, Secretary, All India Ground Water Board Pensioners

Association, Representatives from CCCGPA, members aged 75 plus to be honoured and their families and other members of the Association.

Sri Anantaramu, spoke in brief about the Association, mentioning about its formation, membership and various activities. To mention some of them: he said that the Association was formed in 1994 by the Late N.Bhaskaran, Veteran P&T Trade Union Leader and the Late B.Sadashiva Rao, IPoS, (retired). The Association has more than 3800 members as on date including Pensioners from all the Departments of Govt. of India, including Defence, Railways, judiciary, and many Autonomous Bodies. The Association publishes a monthly Journal titled "Pensioners' Champion" which has wide circulation throughout the country and 1900 copies are posted. The Association has its own website "kptpa.org". Was a member of SCOVA for 3 terms. And also identified by DOP&PW under the National E Governance Plan (NEgP)

The Association is entitled to receive a performance-based grant in aid of Rs 5,00,000/- from the year 2025-26 instead of the existing Rs 75,000/-

The Association organised 53 Digital Life Certificate camps with 93 volunteers across the state and the volunteers generated 3892 DLCs. The volunteers visited 1406 homes to assist the aged pensioners to submit their life certificates from the confines of their homes/ old age homes/hospitals

The Jt.Secretary further said that the Association owns two buildings at Telcom Lay out and the buildings were constructed from the generous donations made by members and now the donation has reached 90 lakhs. And it is planning to put up a 2nd floor with an auditorium for holding the AGB. 15 members have donated more than one lakh and four among them have donated more than Rs. two lakhs. Many have donated for charitable purpose and the amount has been kept as FD

and interest earned thereon is being used for giving cash awards to govt school students and giving financial assistance to the needy. After giving a brief introduction of the Association he requested the Chief Guest to inaugurate the open session and to address the gathering.

The Chief Guest Prof. Babu Mathew, commencing his inaugural address, said "today's meeting is my first contact with the KPTPA". He said that on "hearing the words from one of the speakers, he felt proud of the Association as it is doing good work for the benefit of Pensioners, both at Nation and the State levels". He said that he wished to know more about the Association and also wished to share some of his thoughts with all.

He said that he felt that the Association has strong solidarity with the All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) which has a history of more than 100 years (formed in the year 1920) and he worked with that organization for more than 50 years. He further said National Law School University is the Number one University in India where the retirement age is 60 years. But still he is continuing his services there because of his knowledge in labour laws gained from his association with the Trade Union Movement. He gained knowledge from the great T U leaders as he was in contact with them always. He said he feels the issues represented by him have the same similarity which the Association is pursuing. Continuing, he said during the period of Pandith Jawahar Lal Nehru, Minimum Wage Act was promulgated in 1948. A resolution was passed to the effect that labourers, Government and Employers should sit together to fix a fair wage to the labourers. Paying a justified wage is one of the conditions of that Act. This Act was adopted in many states. In Karnataka also, this was adopted and the minimum wage of unskilled worker was revised to 23,000/- from 15,000/-. Earlier, the Act was challenged and was put on hold.

This time also, capitalists tried to scuttle implementation of the order on minimum wage. He said that he was very lucky because the Advocate General, Karnataka, came forward to help him as he was his teacher and one lawyer from Supreme Court, who was also his student, came forward to defend the case and the capitalists could not get the stay order. However, the vested interests adopted other means to stop implementation of this order.

He continued and said the Government of Karnataka has accepted the recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission and the additional expenditure on revised pay and allowances will work out Rs 20,000 crore. It is learnt that the notification on 7th Pay Commission may be withdrawn by the Govt of Karnataka. He remembers that when the order was withdrawn on an earlier occasion, the action of the Government was struck down by the Honourable High Court of Karnataka. This fact will be brought to the notice of the Government and a request will be made to implement the 7th PC order for Karnataka Govt Employees and pensioners.

Continuing his speech, he said people may ask "What is the relevance of referring to the minimum wage act"? The relevance is that, while implementing the 7th Pay Commission, discussions were held on the basis on which the minimum wage has to be arrived at. The main philosophical basis was the "15th Indian Labour Conference. In the year 1942, Dr. Ambedkar took a decision to resolve any issue between the Labourers and Management in accordance with the report of the Indian Labour Conference.

In 7th PC, a question was raised as to how to fix the minimum wages and it was referred to the Government. Supreme Court has accepted the decision of the 15th Indian Labour Conference and it is termed as the "law of the land". 15th ILC recommendations were adopted while fixing the minimum pay by the 7th PC. Many times Government has misused the recommendation of 15th ILC. He gave the

example that a family has 3 units of consumptions. Every person doing moderate labour needs 2700 calories of food. But Government has taken less than 2700 calories and fixed the minimum wages. The correct method of calculation is prescribed in Aykroyd formula and according to that formula a person needs 2700 calories and should consume a balanced diet inclusive of carbohydrates, fats, proteins etc. Since the 7th Pay Commission has adopted this, we got a good report. Other than food, money is required for clothing, fuel, miscellaneous items and house rent. The Government has made an attempt to fix an upper ceiling of 10 percent for including all these items. He suggested some kind of research by eminent persons in this regard.

The Honourable High Court has fixed a minimum of Rs 5,000 for rent but the actual expenses are more than Rs 15,000/-. He felt that while implementing 8th Central Pay Commission Report, the Associations and Trade Unions have to sit together and come to a uniform decision in its implementation. He also felt that nowadays, throughout India, common man is being targeted in many fields.

He said there is no mention of revision of pension of existing pensioners in the terms of reference in the 8th Central Pay Commission. It is the duty of Government to give protection to those who rendered service to the Nation. He felt there is a direct influence of political and economical stance in this regard

He said that social democracy existed earlier. It is not a democracy of western countries. Ours is a special one. It is well explained in our constitution. A special reference is to social thoughts. Social Democracy means Capitalism like in America, England, France and the Soviet Union, Cuba, China on the other side. Indian system had adopted the good things from Capitalism and adopted Social Democracy.

People of a land has the ability to adopt a new constitution by organising social

movements and this happened in South Africa, Brazil and this constitution is called Transformative Constitution and it exists only in three countries and India is one among them. Nelson Mandela fought against white people, got freedom and thereafter Constitution was written which is called Transformative Constitution. In Brazil, there was Dictatorship and after 15 years of struggle, they got freedom and new Constitution was written and that was also called as Transformative Constitution. Third one is India. And India got freedom after a long struggle of 100 year and we are proud of it.

He opined that because of the collapse of Socialism and the concerted attempts of the Capitalists to bring a new economic policy, elaborated in Washington consensus, which was the thought of World Bank, IMF, World Trade Union, and the Treasury of America. It was brought to India also to curb balance of payment crisis which was because of more import and less export. Then IMF entered and gave a loan to solve the crisis and called it stabilization fund and enforced certain conditions called structural adjustment programmes, which contains 10 conditions which include privatisation of all Govt Departments and Public Sector Undertakings. He said that he doubts that the Railways is going to be privatized when he watches the construction works going around the Railway Stations.

Another term is "flexible labour" which means removal of labour laws. Presently Govt has removed 29 labour laws and brought four new labour codes which state that there should be no minimum wage, no trade union, no guarantee of employments, no social security, no medical relief for wounds, no pension which is derived from the Washington consensus.

He suggested fighting against these codes also along with the issues of 8th CPC. With these words he concluded his speech.

Chief Guest, Prof. Babu Mathew was felicitated by the President, Vice- Presidents,

and the Secretary with a round of applause from the Audience

3. Presentation of Cash awards to the meritorious students of Government Higher Primary Schools of Yelahanka, Srirampura and Sanjeevininagara Bengaluru.

Thirty-three (33) meritorious students from Govt Higher Primary Schools of Yelahanka, Srirampura and Sanjeevininagar were given cash awards by the Chief Guest, Smt. Thejovathamma and Sri H.V. Ramanatha. Sri B. Nagaraju read the names and also the marks secured by them. Among them one student who secured highest marks in Kannada and one student who represented state KHOKHO team at the National Level were given cash awards as a token of appreciation. Three teachers who accompanied the students were also honoured.

4. Felicitations of the Chief Guest, Special invitees and members aged 75 years and above.

The following members and invitees were felicitated

- ♦ Sri M.Ramiah, former Vice-President and Permanent Advisor to KPTPA
- ♦ Smt. Thejovathamma, who donated Rs 1,00,000/- for education purpose and Rs 50,000/- for the building fund
- ♦ Sri P.S.Prasad, Jt Secretary, CCCGPA-K for his comprehensive draft of the memorandum submitted to the 8th CPC.
- ♦ Sri M.N.Rajagopal, member KPTPA from Mysuru for the initiative taken by him to collect donations for the legal fund from members, his friends and even from his relatives.
- ♦ Sri T.V. Suryaprakash, Jt Secretary, CCCGPA-K, for organizing DLC camps at Bengaluru and other cities during the last 5 years.

The following DLC volunteers who had generated more than 1000 DLCs during the

last four years i.e 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 were honoured.

(a) Sri K.R.Anantha Ramu (b) V.Murugan (c) B. Nagaraju (d) Sri H.S.Ramesh Babu

Sri Range Gowda the outgoing EC member was honoured by the President.

Smt Malathi w/o Sri K.B. Krishna Rao, was felicitated for her selfless service extended to the Secretary in carrying out the Association works. It was brought to the notice of the house by Sri V Shashidhara, EC Member, Shivamogga that this was proposed in the last 2 E C meetings, but the Secretary declined to accept the suggestion in spite repeated appeals by all the EC members. Therefore, the EC left the issue to be decided by the President and requested the President to give his ruling on the matter. The President ruled that Smt. Malathi must be honoured in the AGB in recognition of her decade long service to the Association.

Sri Vishwanatha Rao informed the gathering that Smt. Malathi is doing the work of 4 EC members and has a tremendous memory. By calling her over phone, the EC members can get all the information of any particular member and in addition she assists in reposting of journals, maintaining & updating of Register of Members, Register of Subscriptions and maintenances of office files/ records and many more. Sri V.Shashidhar from Shimoga and Sri Anantha Ramu, JS, endorsed the opinion of Viswanatha Rao.

Later, Krishna Rao clarified that he had honoured the decision of the President and accepted the suggestion.

Thereafter, about 40 members aged 75 and above were honoured by the President and Secretary. Sri Venkateshalu read their names

The opening session ended with the remarks of President and vote of thanks proposed by the joint Secretary.

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Reception



E C Members with the Chief Guest



Volunteers



Sri M. Ramiah, Advisor
Honoured



Smt. Thejovathamma, Donor
Honoured



Smt. Malathi, honoured in
recognition of her decades of
service to the Association



Sri B. Nagaraju, EC Member, calling the students to receive cash awards



Smt. Thejovathamma, Donor presenting cash awards to students



Sri H.V. Ramanatha, Donor presenting cash awards to students



Sri Rangegowda EX-EC Member honoured



ACHIEVERS HONoured

From Left:

H.S. Ramesh Babu, T.V. Suryaprakash, M.N. Rajagopal, P.S. Prasad, K.R. AnanthaRamu, V. Murugan, B. Nagaraju



H.S. Ramesh Babu



T.V. Surya Prakash



M.N. Rajagopal



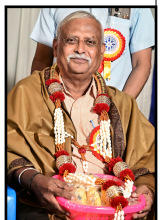
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K.R. Anantha Ramu



V. Murugan



B. Nagaraju

Members aged 75 years and above honoured



Members aged 75 years and above honoured

School Teachers honoured

Audiences



Sri Veerabhadraiah, Nonagenarian honoured



Sri P.S. Prasad, President,
COC Karnataka speaking 8th CPC



Sri H.V. Ramanatha, Donor honoured



Sri M. Ramiah in discussion
with the Chief Guest Pro. Mathew

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5. Address by the President of the Association

Shri G.Babu, President, said that the Chief Guest's speech was very informative and highlighted the present-day issues of the general public and as well as of the working class. He said that KPTPA participated in all the agitations chalked out by NCCPA and assured to follow the same in future also

6. Vote of thanks by Sri K.R. Anatharamu, Joint Secretary

Joint Secretary thanked the Chief Guest for accepting our invitation and for addressing the pensioners. He thanked the members from the CCCGPA and sister associations and members and family members for attending the function and making it successful. He thanked the school children and school teachers for escorting the children to receive the cash awards. He thanked all the volunteers and other members for making the function successful.

Afternoon Session

Afternoon session started at 3.30 pm under the presidentship of Sri G.Babu.

1. Appointment of Chartered Accountant for the year 2026-27

Discussed and taken up in the morning session and AGB approved to continue the same Auditors for the year 2026-27 also.

2. Discussion on 8th CPC: submission of memorandum

Secretary explained the circumstances under which the decision to submit a common memorandum to 6th and 7th CPCs was taken. He also recalled the contributions made by the late Sri B.Sadashiva Rao, former President, in drafting the memorandum for the 6th CPC which was accepted by all. Similarly, the contributions of the late Com S K Vyas, in preparing the draft of the memorandum submitted to the 7th CPC

were also recalled. In this regard he mentioned that for the 7th CPC, the required feedback for preparing draft of the memorandum was supplied jointly by KPTPA and CCCGPA and the inputs given were almost taken in Toto. Now Sri P.S. Prasad, Secretary of All India Ground Water Board Pensioners' Association and President COC Karnataka and a member of the Memorandum drafting committee of Confederation of Central Government of Employees and Workers had taken the initiative and prepared the draft running to about 70 pages and also has made a power point presentation on that. Secretary requested him to speak on the issue.

Sri P.S. Prasad, while speaking in the morning session had said that he worked for more than two years for collecting the data required. He said that his association with eminent leaders like S.K.Vyas, motivated him and he could recollect the required data. Further, only four persons are available now out of six who worked in the drafting committee during 7th CPC. He gained some kind of knowledge while working with them and now he got all the information from downloading from the experts who are technology savvy. He mentioned Bangalore city is a hub of knowledge and Karnataka always stood in the forefront in providing such information. He further said the draft prepared by him is almost accepted by all associations.

He further said, 6th CPC had recommended for 40% hike but 7th CPC it was only 14% and reasons for this is rejection of most of the points suggested in the memorandum by the CPC. Hence, this time, he had worked out on this and collected the actual information while drafting the memorandum and this actuals were obtained from the Government bodies only

While speaking on the subject in the afternoon session he said that the common apprehension is that by accepting the CPC recommendations, Government has to pay more

to the employees and pensioners causing a heavy burden on the ex-chequer. For this, he gave the real statistics of revenue earned and expenditure incurred for payments to Govt. Servants and Pensioners. He said that financial position of the Government for the last 10 years had been considerably good and confirmed that economic condition of the Government is good and there is no heavy burden on the Government. He termed the employees at the lower level as creamy layer who are implementing the programmes of the Government schemes. Government being the model employer, its duty is to take proper care of them. There are two fundamental questions before the pay commission. One is finance and second one, the comparison of pay between Central employees and Private employees. He said that the Government servants are accountable, and have to be more skilled when compared to the Pvt Company employees and as such comparison is not justified.

While explaining the demand on minimum wages, he said that the earlier CPCs have taken one family as of 3 units and our demanding is to take a family as of 5 units, as a newly appointed employee has to take care of parents, dependent brothers and sisters. Further, he said the Aykroyd formula has not considered about 10 necessary items like, clothing, fuel and some miscellaneous items like beverages; toothpaste etc while arriving at the cost of living. There should be no gender biases as done in previous CPCs. Also, the lifestyle of each has changed due to advanced technology and one has to acquire additional knowledge and skills to lead a normal and moderate life. All these points should be kept in view while determining the minimum wage.

Regarding DA/DR, Sri Prasad said that the price of essential commodities is rising every day and Government will compensate it only after one year. Also, while calculating the percentage of DA/DR admissible, fraction of decimal points are ignored and carried forward. Demand is to compensate the price rise once

in three months instead of once in 6 months.

Regarding pension he said on enquiries he learnt that in western countries like France and Germany Pension is at 75% of LPD whereas in India it is 50 %. Our demand is for pension at 67% of the LPD taking into consideration the mortality rate and health conditions of pensioners

Memorandum to 8th CPC also contains a demand to empanel at least one hospital in each district to the benefit of Government Servants and Pensioners.

He said that one common memorandum is submitted by Karnataka and the Pay Commission is collecting data from all Departments to verify the inputs submitted in the memorandum. The CPC is visiting many cities to study the various conditions and is likely to visit Bengaluru during August or September 2026.

Memorandum also contains the demand to include the Pensioners from BSNL and Autonomous organizations.

In 7th CPC "One Rank one Pension Scheme" was implemented only for the employees of the Army. Demand is made to extend it to other category of staff.

Regarding commutation factor he said it was fixed in the year 1988 and lot of changes have occurred in interest rate, mortality rate and hence the factor needs to be revised.

Sri P S Prasad ended his speech saying that there are many more issues that have been included in the memorandum.

Sri Krishna Rao, Secretary, said that the memorandum submitted by KP&TPA has been reproduced in the journals for the months of April & May 2026. On age- related additional pension, he said that the request is for its commencement from the age of 65 years instead of from 80 years. He recalled his meeting with the 7th CPC in Bengaluru on 24-8-2014 and said that while presenting the

issue before the CPC, the Association had suggested that payment of the age-based additional pension at 20% must commence when the pensioners attain the age of 70 and at 100% on attaining the age of 90 years instead of at 100 years, as most of the pensioners will not survive to attain 100 years. Though the Chairman himself agreed that only a very few pensioners live up to hundred years and there is justification to grant additional pension from 70 years, the 7th CPC retained the age of commencement of additional pension as 80 years.

Regarding restoration of Commuted value of pension, a detailed calculation was brought to the notice of the Government/Pay Commission that the entire amount with interest will be recovered in 10.46 months. Hence it is demanded to restore the CVP after 11 years instead of 15 years.

Secretary further informed that KPTPA has added the item of counting the RTP services for promotion and TSCL service for pension. The memorandum also requests liberalisation of the dependency criterion in respect of divorced daughters.

3. Revision of pension of BSNL Pensioners from 01.01.2017- inclusion of revision of pension of BSNL Pensioners and Pensioners of Autonomous Bodies in the terms of reference of 8th CPC

Secretary said that Sri P Gangadhara Rao, Vice- President, AIBSNLPWA, was to speak on this issue. As he was not present, the Secretary himself updated the status of the long pending demand of BSNL Pensioners. Sri Rao said that the latest information on the subject is most disheartening in that the favourable order of the CAT P B, New Delhi allowing revision of pension from 1-1-2017, has been set aside by the Honourable Delhi High Court and the appeal of DOT has been allowed. BSNL Pensioners' Associations are consulting Advocates for filing SLP in the Honourable

Supreme Court and are planning to organize series of agitations including "Parliament Chalo" programme in August 2026.

4. CGHS, CS (MA) Rules and FMA matters:

Secretary informed that on revision of CGHS package rates from 13-10-2025, some new private hospitals have empanelled themselves under CGHS at Bangalore and Mysuru. He read the names of all such hospitals at Bengaluru and Mysuru. Further, a demand was made to open at least four more wellness centres in all the four directions of Bengaluru and to convert the wellness centres of Sahakaranagar and Hubballi as full-fledged WCs. Now, both Sahakaranagar WC and Hubballi WC are working as full-fledged WCs. Regarding Shimoga WC, Sri V. Shashidhar had informed that interior work is being carried out in the identified building. Opening of WC at Mangalore and Udupi is under process as the buildings to house the WCs have been finalised.

5. Validation of CCS (Pension) Rules and Principles for expenditure on pension liabilities passed as a part of Finance Bill 2025 by the Parliament.

Writ Petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court Secretary informed that on passing of the Finance bill 2025, Validating CCS (Pensioner) Rules, pensioners are under the impression that the 8th CPC may not recommend their pension revision. The Government is also not giving a definite reply on this. Further, "revision of pension of the existing pensioners" is NOT one of the terms of reference of the 8th CPC. As the government did not give a definite reply in any of its meetings with NC JCM or in its meetings with Pensioners Associations on the issue of revision of pension of Pre-2016 Pensioners, the Pensioners Associations, including KP&TPA, have filed a writ petition in the honourable Supreme Court challenging "Validation of Pension Rules" and the petition has been admitted and will come up for hearing on 25-08-2026.

6. Construction of the 2nd Floor of Pensioners' Bhavan with a meeting hall

Secretary said that it is an ambitious project of the Late Sri Bhaskaran to construct a meeting hall on the 2nd floor of the present buildings. Even on the day before his demise, he enquired about the progress made in construction of the building. The Secretary informed that action has already been taken for amalgamation of khathas of the existing 2 buildings to facilitate construction of the 2nd floor on the terrace. He appealed to all members to donate as much as possible for the building fund, so that the Association can carry out the construction as planned.

7. Any other subject with the permission of the Chair:

CGHS: Secretary informed that instances have come to the notice that CGHS authorities are refusing to include the name of dependent son and dependent daughter in CGHS card, citing reasons that their name are not found in the PPO. He said that the definitions of family for Pension and CGHS are different and therefore the names of all the members of the family of pensioners cannot be found in the PPO.

Under CCS(Pension Rules 2021, a retiring govt servant must submit details of his/her family in Form 4 which shall include all relevant details relating to spouse, all children, parents and disabled siblings (whether or not eligible for family pension).

Therefore, the Association, in its letter to the Director CGHS, has requested that

suitable instructions may please be issued to all the concerned officers in CGHS to accept family details furnished by the pensioner in Form 4, duly attested by the Head of the Office, in addition to a copy of the PPO, so that authentic documents with details of all the members of the family of the pensioner who are eligible for CGHS facilities are made available for issuance of CGHS cards to the pensioner and the members of his family.

Family Pension:

Secretary said that it has come to the notice of the Association that some DDOs are not commencing payment of family pension within the prescribed period of 30days and are calling for copies of AADHAR and PAN. In this regard he said that the issue was already taken up with the CPMG Karnataka. (Letter published in the journal for the month of March 2026). In turn, the O/o the CPMG issued necessary instructions to all concerned in the matter. However, this issue will be pursued further if any delay in commencement of family pension to the spouse is brought to the notice of the Association.

One of the members sought to know that whether officials retired on NPS can apply for CGHS card. Smt. Nagalakshmi, Vice-President, informed him that if he had rendered 10 years service, he can apply for a CGHS Card

The afternoon session ended at 5 pm with concluding remarks by the President and vote of thanks proposed by Sri K.R.Anatharamu, Jt.Secretary.

ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX						
Month	CPI Base 2016=100	CPI Base 2001=100	12 Months Total	Monthly average	7th CPC % increase over 261.42	DR due
Dec. 2024	143.7	143.7 X 2.88= 414	4893	407.75	55.975	55% from Jan 2025
June. 2025	145	145 X 2.88= 418	4962	413.50	58.17	58% from 1st July 2025
May 2026	150.8	150.8 X 2.88= 434	5118	426.50	63.14	60% from 1st Jan. 2026

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

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SI No.	Name Sri / Smt.	Membership No.	Amount Rs.	Receipt No.	
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6	G Baramaiah Setty	3163	1000	7515	
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9	B Basavaraju	3114	500	7508	

Struggle against Validation of CCS (Pension) Rules and Principles for expenditure on pension "Liabilities passed as a part of Finance Bill" 2025 by the Parliament"

A brief report on the discussions held and decision taken in the physical meeting of the Forum of Civil Pensioners Associations held on 19th July, 2026 at Maharashtra Bhawan, Chennai.

Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, President, NCCPA presided" Com. K.G. Jayaraj, Offg S G, NCCPA, observed that by and large, the 2nd phase of agitation launched by FCPA has been successful. He also proposed a three phased agitation to be launched, (1) Call Attention Day in August (2) Three days Dharna at state capitals and (3) Parliament March during the winter session of Parliament. "After detailed discussions, the meeting called upon all the Pensioners Associations to organise the following agitations and to ensure participation of large number of pensioners."(1) Call Attention Day at all levels on 19-08-2026."(2) Three days Dharna at state capitals on 17th, 18th and 19th September, 2026."(3) Parliament March on 25-11-2026.

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OBITUARY

A centenarian member of KP&TPA passes away

The Executive Committee of the Association is deeply saddened that Sri Attavar Yoganad, a senior member of the Association, LM 644, Retd. Meteorologist, Indian Meteorological Department, Pune, expired on 30.06.2026 at the age of 105 years in Pune.

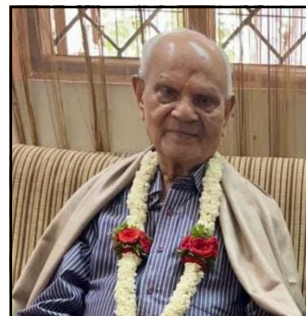
Sri Yoganand was the only member of the Association to have attained 100 years. He was in contact with us until recently.

The Association had the opportunity of honouring the great soul on his becoming a centenarian when he had come down to Bengaluru with his wife on 4.4.2022. The Executive Committee led by the President Sri G Babu met him at his son's residence in Bengaluru and felicitated the couple.

Sri Yoganand, who enrolled himself as a member of the Association in 1998, used to visit Pensioners Bhavan whenever he had come to Bengaluru from Pune. He used to donate to the building fund often.

The Association always cherishes his visits, sagely advices, and his words of wisdom.

Sri R. Prakash Babu, LM 2774, Retd. Senior Accounts officer, O/o. the General Manager, Postal Accounts and Finance expired on 06-06-2026 at the age of 66 years



The Executive Committee, KP&TPA expresses its heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved families

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEWLY ENROLLED MEMBERS

Sl.No.	Name (Smt./Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.
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2	K Ranjini	Sorting Assistant, BG Sorting Division, Bengaluru	LM 3831
3	P Narmada Devi	Sorting Assistant, BG Sorting Division, Bengaluru	LM 3832
4	S Umesh (VR)	LSG Postal Assistant, Channapatna Head Post Office, Channapatna	LM 3833
5	V Gopalakrishna	Sorting Postman, BG City Head Post Office, Bengaluru	LM 3834
6	Chandraswamy	HSG II Supervisor, Jayanagar III Block Post Office, Bengaluru	LM 3835
7	K Bommaraju	Assitant Accounts Officer, Circle Stamp Depot, Chamaraipet, Bengaluru	LM 3836
8	N Suresh	MTS, Jayanagar Head Post Office, Bengaluru	LM 3837
9	R Sudhakara	LSG Postal Assistant, Jayanagar III Block Post Office, Bengaluru	LM 3838
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22	S Siddaiah	Assistant Postmaster, Basavanagudi Head Post Office, Bengaluru	LM 3851

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IDA from 1-07-2026 - 241.7 % (3.4 % increases over April- 26 rate of 238.3 %)

Reference: Department of Public Enterprises OM No. W-02/0037/2025-DPE(WC)/FTS-14505 Dated 17-07-2026

New Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle

Ms. Swathi Pandey, IPoS, has taken over as the Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle vice Sri K. Prakash, promoted and posted as Member Postal Services Board.

The Association welcomes Madam Pandey to Karnataka Circle and hopes that she would walk the extra mile in ensuring resolution of the Pensioners issues that are brought to her kind notice by the Association

Floral Tributes to Sri Bhaskaran, Founder K P&T PA



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School Children with the cash awards
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