

## FIRST ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF AIBSNLREA

AIBSNLREA had its first All India Conference on 2nd and 3rd July, 2016 at Prangan by Mango Hotels in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Over 150 participants from various states of the country attended the Conference.



The response from the branches was really overwhelming. The two day conference was held in a very friendly and homely atmosphere. The occasion was not seen merely as a routine Conference, but an occasion for reunion of all old colleagues who had once rubbed their shoulders for more than three decades while working in both DOT and BSNL. The House was always full and the delegates showed keen interest in the discussions and deliberations. The Conference witnessed participation by retired BSNL Executives with the same liveliness, interest, enthusiasm and excitement as was witnessed during the days when

they were in service. There was no break in it. Deliberations were as purposeful and focused as it used to be in their younger years.

The Conference started with introduction of the flag of the Association. This was followed by the welcome address by Shri P K Mohanty, Secretary of the Odisha State Branch. Shri V.Chinnappiah, Vice-President of the outgoing body chaired the conference since Shri P D Shukla, the President of the outgoing body could not make it to the Conference due to his bad health. Shri R C Sharma, the other Vice-President assisted him. Shri Chinnappiah delivered the presidential address and stated that all CHQ Office Bearers and CWC Members are free to take part in all the discussions including on the report of the General Secretary. He further said that all the delegates will be given full opportunity to air their views on all relevant issues. He also wanted the cooperation of all the participants for smooth conduct of the business of the house. This was followed by observation of one minute's silence in memory of all the departed colleagues. Chennai Branch presented shawl to the General Secretary and the Convenor of the Conference Shri P.K. Mohanty. Delegates from East Godavari Branch presented a shawl to the General Secretary and handed over Rs.15,000 as donation to the CHQ. Thereafter, Shri S Basu, General Secretary presented his Report to the house touching upon all the important events that took place during these years and the involvement and positive contributions of AIBSNLREA in those matters. In his report, he dwelt upon how on important issues AIBSNLREA has



different perceptions from those propagated by others. Confusion created by demand by other pensioners' associations on various issues, particularly in respect of their much hyped demand for 7th CPC fitment benefit to BSNL pensioners was cleared and every participant has returned back with clarity and contentment regarding AIBSNLREA's stand on the issues. After a threadbare discussions on the issues presented by GS in his report, it was passed unanimously.

A Special Session was also held on the first day of the Conference i.e. in the evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2016 with



the CGMT Odisha Circle, former CGMT Odisha Circle, Joint CCA, Odisha, Sr. GM and GM (HR) of Odisha circle as Special Invitees. This was followed by Dinner with the guests and participants.

Next day, i.e on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2016, Finance Secretary Shri Hariram Bharti placed the statements of accounts for all the past years. After some clarifications, these were also passed by the House. There were serious discussions on the proposals to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Association. The House decided to have only Life Membership in future and the provision

for membership on monthly/quarterly subscription basis was abrogated.

Various resolutions moved by the branches and the states were taken up for discussions and adoption. All the queries on resolutions and other issues raised by the delegates were replied to their satisfaction. The Branch/State Secretaries' report submitted in the house added color to the proceedings. Thereafter, the house nominated Shri L Sundararaman, Secretary, Chennai Branch as the Chairman to conduct the election. He was assisted by S/Shri R S Arora and S P Singh State Secretary, UP and Branch Secretary Lucknow respectively. The old body was then dissolved and a new set of office-bearers was elected unanimously. After the oath taking ceremony was over, Shri V Chinnappaiah, President thanked the participants and others for helping in the smooth conduct of this historic conference. He finally declared the Conference as closed.

