



Editorial

DLC CAMPAIGN 2.0

The first video conference, of which AIBSNLREA was part of after its registration under Pensioners Portal, held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Pension), DoP&PW was an exercise by the Department to highlight the success of 100% saturation approach of submission of Life Certificate by Pensioners through DLC Campaign 2.0, to ensure that the 1.42 crore Central Government/Communication/Defence pensioners submitted their Life Certificate within the due dates. After all the efforts, the fact that more than 7 lakhs pensioners were still to submit the Life Certificate which had become due in November 2023, shows the enormity of the issue. Secretary (Pension) requested all the registered Pensioners' Associations present in the meeting to educate their members and help them submit the Life Certificate at the earliest to avoid stoppage of pension.

Till a few years back, the pensioners were submitting their Life Certificate only at the Pension Drawing Bank/Post Office by physically presenting themselves. Realising the hardship and inconvenience for the aged and infirm pensioners in presenting themselves before the Bank and Post Office authorities, Digital Life Certificate Scheme in the name of Jeevan Pramaan was launched by the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare. This Scheme uses fingerprint or iris authentication verified

through Aadhaar and requires a scanner. While the pensioner can download a PDF file of the Life Certificate, the certificate can be electronically delivered to the Pension Disbursing Authority without any manual intervention. The pensioner is required to visit any Jeevan Pramaan Centre which are being operated by CSCs, Banks, and Government offices. The pensioner can himself do it with a scanner using the client application on any PC/mobile/tablet.

Later, generating Life Certificate using Face Authentication was introduced, where no external device is required. An android phone with internet connection and a camera of minimum 5 MP resolution and downloading two Apps were enough. But this needs several steps to be followed which have been widely publicized. Also, proper positioning, correct distance from the camera, sufficient lighting and a simple background need to be ensured. The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) circulated by DoP&PW has been published in our website a few months back and is available for download in the left column.

However, the earlier method of submitting Life Certificate manually through Banks and Post offices too continues. While a large percentage of pensioners have started using the digital method of submission, still a considerable

section feels it comfortable to go to the Bank/Post Office, because of various reasons like banks located nearby, unfamiliar with digital technology, non-recognition of fingerprint and iris by scanners especially in the case of super senior citizens and the intricacies of obtaining a proper image of the face using android phone and the Face Authentication App. Most importantly, though the Digital Life Certificate generated through Jeevan Pramaan is to be electronically delivered to the pension disbursing authority, many BSNL pensioners are required to send a paper copy by post and a soft copy through email or upload a copy in SAMPANN along with copy of Aadhaar Card, but still find their name in the list of pensioners yet to submit Life Certificate. Although this problem is attributed to non-availability of correct Aadhaar number with the PDA, there is no effort to correct it based on the Aadhaar proof submitted by the pensioner. This results in many pensioners questioning the utility of the Digital method, when they are forced to again submit it manually.

DoP&PW has been doing its best to spread awareness among the pensioners about the Digital Life Certificate generation using fingerprint/iris scan or face authentication method, duly involving the Pensioners Associations registered under Pensioners Portal. After the success of DLC Campaign version 1.0, Version 2.0 has been launched in November 2023, holding campaigns at 597 locations in 100 cities across the country. This will be an ongoing campaign covering more locations by March 2024.

AIBSNLREA's Branches have already been involved in the campaign even before AIBSNLREA was registered under

Pensioners Portal, actively participating in the DLC Campaign 2.0 and organizing their own campaigns in places where there is concentration of pensioners. In some Branches, active members have visited the residence of infirm pensioners to collect fingerprints and submit the life certificate.

Unlike other pensioners, BSNL pensioners who are covered under the CPMS-SAMPANN, are required to submit their life certificates in different months scheduled by the system, instead of November every year. This has been reportedly done to stagger the number of pensioners submitting life certificates in any month, as now SAMPANN and the CCAs will have to handle single-handedly the work previously handled by thousands of bank branches and post offices across the country. This requires the pensioner to carefully remember the month in which he has to submit the life certificate. Though reminder is sent through SMS by the system, it largely goes unnoticed and the pensioner becomes aware of it only when his pension gets stopped for non-submission of life certificate. There is an option for the BSNL pensioner to choose a month of his choice when he will submit life certificate every year. But still, after remembering all along November as the month for submission of life certificate, keeping in mind a different month will be not that easy. If all the BSNL pensioners choose November for submission of life certificate, the system and CCA offices will bungle under pressure.

While AIBSNLREA will take active role in the DLC campaign 2.0, it will also aggressively pursue with DoT urging it to ensure that the DLC generated directly reflects in SAMPANN without manual intervention and the pensioners are not

put into the trouble of pursuing with the CCAs for getting it into the system in order to avoid stoppage of pension. If required DoP&PW will be requested to intervene.

During the last several months, submission of life certificate and then ensuring that it is accepted by the CCAs

had been a nightmare for several BSNL pensioners, making life miserable for them. AIBSNLREA, now as a part of the DoP&PW initiative to ensure ease of living to the pensioners, will leave no stone unturned to achieve the goal. ☹

SHRI R.C.SHARMA, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT, CHQ PASSES AWAY

Shri Ramesh Chandra Sharma, Vice President of AIBSNLREA CHQ at the time of its formation breathed his last on 13.01.2024. He was elected as AGS CHQ in AIC Bhubaneshwar. He was one of the signatories for formation of AIBSNLREA. AIBSNLREA conveys its deepest condolences to the bereaved family.



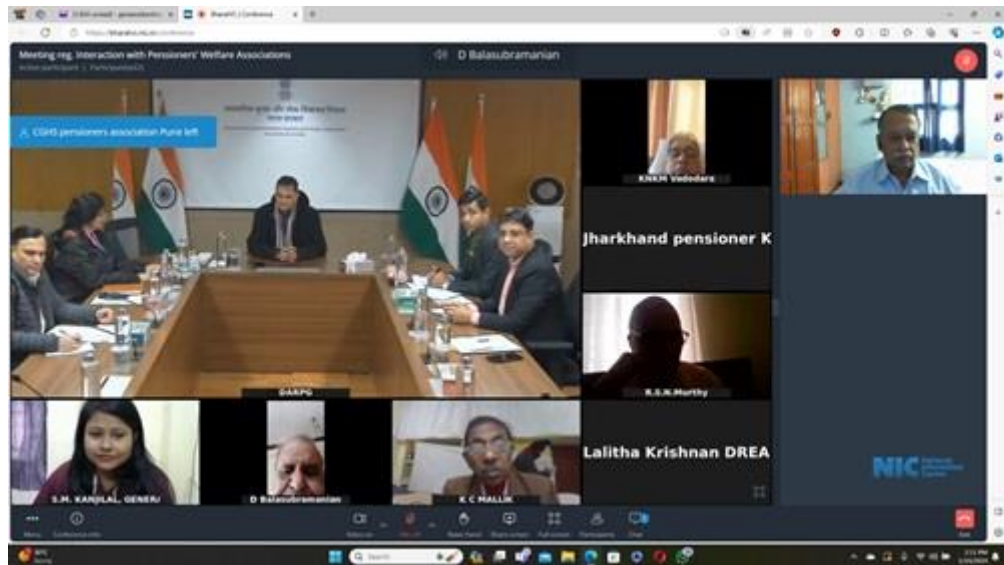
Important Developments of the Month

🚩 DOP&PW ADDS AIBSNLREA TO THE LIST OF REGISTERED PENSIONERS ASSOCIATIONS UNDER "PENSIONERS PORTAL":

AIBSNLREA had submitted an application for registration under "Pensioners Portal" in response to a DoP&PW circular dated 21.12.2022. We had earlier reported that "an Under Secretary from DoP&PW visited the residence of General Secretary, from where the CHQ is functioning, on 22.08.2023 in connection with our application for registration under Pensioners' Portal. The Under Secretary was impressed with our activities, paperless functioning, transparency, availability of information in our website since 2008, our letters to different authorities, our language and the style of presentation of issues." DoP&PW vide its letter No.4(4)/2021-P&PW(H)-7311 dated 04.01.2024 has now conveyed the approval of competent authority, registering AIBSNLREA for being associated with the implementation of "Pensioners Portal", a Mission Mode Project under National e-governance Plan of Government of India. AIBSNLREA will endeavour to make use of this opportunity, to further protect and promote the interests of the BSNL pensioners. [View the DoP&PW letter](#)

🚩 A virtual interactive meeting was held on 23.01.2024 by DoP&PW with the 14 newly registered pensioners associations under Pensioners Portal. GS Shri R.R.Balasubramanian, AGS Shri V.P.Arya and AGS Shri Rakesh Sethi represented AIBSNLREA. The registration procedure for signing up in DARPAN portal, PFMS Portal and ANUDAAN portal was explained in detail by DoP&PW representative. The newly registered associations were welcomed to be part of the Government Mission Mode Project of National e-Governance and were requested to share all orders related to pension and pensioners with their members. GS said that we have a very informative website and a strong network of WhatsApp groups which is used to share important orders and circulars. GS requested providing of username and password for logging in

to CPENGRAMS, which was agreed to. GS pointed out a few shortcomings of the CPENGRAMS. He said AIBSNLREA will utilise this opportunity to further the interests of pensioners. The meeting concluded with a proposal for holding such meetings frequently.



- ✚ DoP&PW had organised a video conference on 24.01.2024 under the Chairmanship of Shri V Srinivas, Secretary (Pension), DoP&PW with regard to 100% Saturation Approach for submission of Life Certificate by pensioners, as a part of the efforts to achieve 100% submission of Life Certificates within the due dates by Central Government/Communication/Defence Pensioners. This was a half an hour meeting and the first such meeting attended by AIBSNLREA after its registration under Pensioners Portal. Director (P&PW) Shri Ruchir Mittal briefed about the target so far achieved, supported by statistics and said still 7 lakhs pensioners are to submit their LC. Three Central Government Pensioners Associations were specifically asked for feedback on the efforts made by them to ensure 100% fulfilment. Secretary (Pension) in his brief speech said the DLC Campaign 2.0 has been a huge success though it involved submission of LC by 1.42 crores pensioners and requested all pensioners associations to educate their members and help them submit LC at the earliest to avoid stoppage of pension. The meeting ended with Smt.Ramanjit Kaur, Sr.Consultant, DoP&PW thanking all the participants.
- ✚ The virtual meeting of CHQ office bearers was held on 01.01.2024 under the Presidentship of Shri V.Chinnapappiah, CHQ President. After exchange of New Year wishes, CHQ activities for the past month and action taken on the decisions of the last meeting were reviewed. The meeting expressed satisfaction over the success in the efforts for opening WhatsApp groups by all branches, with 90% branches having WhatsApp groups now with the Organising Secretary of respective zones added to the groups. Maharashtra State has opened WhatsApp Community while West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi already have State level groups. The Organising Secretaries reported that they are now witnessing quick flow of information to the basic member effectively and they are able to know the activities of branches and interact with the members. OS (W) was requested to co-ordinate with CHQ Asst.

Finance Secretary to complete the process in his zone. Members were reportedly happy with the initiative. It was decided that OSs will co-ordinate with the Branch Secretaries for holding of regular meetings and enrolment of new members. Feasibility of opening new branches was discussed and targets have been fixed. Due to lengthy process of change in authorised signatories of CHQ bank account and subsequent change in Branch from Dwarka, New Delhi to Ghaziabad, receipts could not be issued in respect of the credits to the bank account. It was decided that soft copy of the receipts will be issued through WhatsApp of Branch Secretaries concerned at the earliest. GS then explained the background of Department of Food & Public Distribution letter dated 13.12.2023 on revision/rationalisation of pension/family pension of Food transferees, which is in circulation in whatsapp groups, detailing the history of the case and quoting from the supreme court judgement and reports of Committee on Petitions of Lok Sabha and how the facts of the case and the issues involved are not comparable with pension entitlement of BSNL absorbees. It was decided that AGSs at Headquarters will plan their visit to BSNL CO and Sanchar Bhawan to pursue pending issues. The meeting concluded with the President thanking all the office bearers for the team work.



Issues taken up

31.01.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REGARDING PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON DELAYED PAYMENT OF GRATUITY – CASE OF SHRI B.M. KOLKI, RETD SDE KOLHAPUR:

AIBSNLREA has taken up with the Director (HR), the issue of payment of interest on delayed payment of Gratuity in respect of Shri B.M. Kolki, Retd SDE Kolhapur drawing attention to the fact that when the judicial proceedings had ended in acquittal on 22.05.2015 and the final orders in the disciplinary proceedings had been issued on 29.03.2017, there is no justification for five years' delay in issue of Presidential Order on 11.04.2022. Moreover no effort has been taken by the administration to sanction provisional gratuity where the amount of pension and gratuity cannot be determined for reasons other than the departmental or judicial proceedings as provided under Rule 62 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021. AIBSNLREA has requested him that Maharashtra Telecom Circle may be advised to re-visit the issue and cause sanction of interest on delayed payment of gratuity and payment without further delay. **View the letter**

30.01.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REGARDING PENALISATION OF SHRI MADHUSUDHAN MUKHERJEE, RETD JTO, NSBTTC, KALYANI, KOLKATA BY IT DEPARTMENT DUE TO BSNL FAILING TO DEPOSIT THE TDS RECOVERED FROM HIS SALARY:

AIBSNLREA has again written to the Director (HR), referring to the Principal ALTTC Ghaziabad letter to AGM (HR) ALTTC requesting to transfer the case to the present dealing officer for retired employee of CTD, requesting CTD authorities to collect the related files/folders/registers etc. prior to 01.07.2022 and settle the case of Shri Madhusudhan Mukherjee. AIBSNLREA has requested him to advise both the CGM ALTTC and CGM CTD to process the issue urgently, so that either of them may write to the Income Tax authorities on

the omission, pay the remaining TDS and request refund of Rs.49880/- deducted by IT department to Shri Madhushudhan Mukherjee. [View the letter](#)

29.01.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REGARDING FAILURE TO CATEGORIZE STAFF QUARTERS AS PREMIUM AND NON-PREMIUM BY WEST BENGAL CIRCLE RESULTING IN COLLECTION OF HIGHER RENT FROM BSNL PENSIONERS OCCUPYING QUARTERS:

AIBSNLREA has drawn the attention of Director (HR) BSNL to the BSNL CROP-2020 and two subsequent modification to the guidelines requiring Circle Heads to classify the residential colonies under 'Premium' and 'Non-Premium' categories and to decide the lease rent through FRAC higher or lower than the rent prescribed, based on condition of staff quarters, demand-supply position, amenities available etc. AIBSNLREA has pointed out that West Bengal Circle has not categorised the staff quarters after considering these points and has allowed the BAs to raise the rent mechanically by 5% everywhere in the absence of FRAC, while the condition of the quarters is worsening every year and there is huge number of vacant quarters. [View the letter](#)

17.01.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIM WITHOUT VOUCHER FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018-19 – CASE OF SHRI BRAJENDRA SINGH, EX. CAO, O/O GMTD, BSNL, PRAYAGRAJ, UP EAST CIRCLE:

AIBSNLREA has drawn the attention of Director (HR) BSNL to the matter of non-payment of medical claim without voucher for the financial year 2018-19 in respect of Shri Brajendra Singh, Ex. CAO, O/o GMTD, BSNL, Prayagraj, despite his several representations and has requested hi to advise CGMT UP East Circle to consider the matter and cause payment of his medical claim without voucher for the year 2018-19. [View the letter](#)

11.01.2024: AIBSNLREA ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF DOP&PW LETTER ON REGISTRATION OF AIBSNLREA UNDER PENSIONERS PORTAL:

Acknowledging the receipt of DoP&PW letter registering AIBSNLREA under Pensioners Portal, AIBSNLREA has conveyed that we look forward to work with DoP&PW in effective implementation of the Scheme, in order that the grievances of Pensioners in general and BSNL Pensioners in particular are duly examined, resolved and also the process is monitored. AIBSNLREA has further requested that the details of our role and responsibility in this regard, along with username and password meant for registered Associations for logging in to CPENGRAMS, be communicated at the earliest. [View the letter](#)

10.01.2024: AIBSNLREA AGAIN WRITES TO THE DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REQUESTING EARLY ISSUE OF FINAL RETIREMENT ORDERS IN VIEW OF DISMISSAL OF APPEAL BY HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA FILED BY BSNL AGAINST QUASHING OF CHARGESHEET BY HON'BLE CAT BANGALORE - CASE OF SHRI B M NYAMATI, RETD CAO, BANGALORE TELECOM DISTRICT:

Drawing the attention of Shri Kalyan Sagar N, who has recently taken charge as Director (HR) BSNL, AIBSNLREA has requested early issue of final retirement orders in view of dismissal of appeal by Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka filed by BSNL against quashing of chargesheet by Hon'ble CAT Bangalore - Case of Shri B M Nyamati, Retd CAO, Bangalore Telecom District. [View the letter](#)



GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDERS & LETTERS

20.01.2024: POLICY GUIDELINES FOR PROVISION OF FTTH SERVICE CONNECTIONS IN OFFICE AND RESIDENCE OF SERVING AND RETIRED OFFICERS/OFFICIALS IN BSNL WHERE AREA IS TNF OR COPPER BASED EXCHANGE IS CLOSED:

BSNL vide its letter No.BSNLCO-ADMN/80/1/2020/ADMN dated 19.01.2024 has circulated Policy guidelines on concessional FTTH for office purpose, for serving employees at residence and for retired employees at residence. For retired employees at residence, it has only provided already existing options of GSM Post-paid 199 plan and FTTH plans 595 and above with 40% discount. BSNL has not agreed to our request for lower FTTH plan. [View the BSNL circular](#)

15.01.2024: CGHS PACKAGE RATES WHERE DIFFERENTIAL PRICING IS APPLICABLE:

DG CGHS vide its File No: S-11011/27/2021/CGHS(HEC) dated 12th January 2024 has clarified that CGHS approved rates listed vide its OM dated 19th December 2023 for various procedures are for semi private ward, if the beneficiary is entitled for General Ward, there will be decrease of 10% in these rates; for private ward entitlement there will be an increase of 15%, however for investigations the rates would apply irrespective of the entitlement of the beneficiary. [View the DG CGHS OM](#)

11.01.2024: DPE ISSUES ORDERS ON REVISED IDA RATES DUE FROM 01.01.2024:

DPE has issued orders revising IDA rate to 215.4% w.e.f 01.01.2024 in respect of CPSEs where last pay revision was implemented w.e.f. 01.01.2007. [View the DPE OM](#)

11.01.2024: DPE ISSUES ORDERS ON REVISED IDA RATES DUE FROM 01.01.2024:

DPE has issued orders revising IDA rate to 432.4% w.e.f 01.01.2024, in respect of CPSEs where last pay revision was implemented w.e.f. 01.01.1997. [View the DPE OM](#)

07.01.2024: REVISED DELEGATION OF FINANCIAL POWERS IN RESPECT OF APPROVALS RELATED TO UNLISTED TREATMENT PROCEDURE/INVESTIGATIONS/IMPLANTS:

Directorate of CGHS vide its OM No.Z.15025/14/2023/DIR/CGHS dated 27th December 2023 has issued details of revised delegation of financial powers for permission / ex-post facto approval / settlement of medical reimbursement claims of individual beneficiaries / hospital bills in respect of unlisted treatment procedures / investigations / implants. [View the CGHS letter](#)

04.01.2024: CLARIFICATION ON THE EFFECT OF PENSION CUT ON THE AMOUNT OF FAMILY PENSION IN CASE OF DEATH OF RETIRED GOVERNMENT SERVANT DURING THE CURRENCY PERIOD:

Central Board of Direct Taxes vide its F.No.19012/26/2023-Ad.IVA dated 20th December 2023 has conveyed the clarification by DoP&PW that the penalty of pension cut imposed on a government servant under Rule 8 of CCS (Pension) Rules 2021 is not applicable for payment of family pension. [View the CBDT letter](#)

02.01.2024: CCS (PENSION) RULES, 2021 AMENDED ALLOWING FEMALE GOVERNMENT SERVANTS/FEMALE PENSIONER TO NOMINATE CHILD/CHILDREN FOR FAMILY PENSION IN PRECEDENCE TO HUSBAND IN THE EVENT OF MARITAL DISCORD:

DoP&PW has issued a O.M. vide No.1/1(1)/2023-P&PW(E) dated 1st January 2024, allowing female government servants/female pensioner to nominate child/children for family pension in precedence to husband in the event of marital discord leading to filing of divorce proceedings in a Court of Law or filing of a case under Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act or Dowry Prohibition Act or Indian Penal Code, with detailed guidelines. Formal amendment to Rule 50 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 will be notified separately. **View the DoP&PW O.M**



**RESPONSE/ACTION TAKEN ON
AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATIONS**

16.01.2024: CGM ITPC RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 24TH NOVEMBER 2023 REGARDING DISCREPANCIES IN BILLING OF RENT FREE RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE CONNECTION PROVIDED TO THE BSNL ABSORBED PENSIONERS:

In response to AIBSNLREA letter dated 24.11.2023 regarding discrepancies in billing of rent free Residential Telephone Connection provided to the BSNL absorbed pensioners, CGM ITPC has informed us that GM WDC ITPC Pune has addressed letter to CGMs of West Zone Circles for taking necessary action by the field units, attaching copy of the said letter, wherein the field units are requested to take corrective action if they find any data discrepancies, after verifying the service details at their end. **View the CGM ITPC response**

01.01.2024: CGHS RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 14.11.2023 ON ALLOWING CASHLESS TREATMENT FOR CGHS BENEFICIARIES IN AIIMS HOSPITAL NAGPUR:

In response to AIBSNLREA letter dated 14.11.2023 addressed to DG CGHS regarding allowing cashless treatment for CGHS beneficiaries in AIIMS hospital Nagpur, CGHS has informed that "Several meetings have been held in this respect between the Officers of CGHS and Officers of AIIMS, Nagpur. AIIMS, Nagpur has put up some demands in respect of billing for drugs, Consumables, Implant and investigations. The same has been forwarded to the Directorate for approval and the matter is under process." **View the CGHS response**



BRANCHES IN ACTION

27.01.2024: AIBSNLREA EAST GODAVARI (AP STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The General body Meeting of AIBSNLREA East Godavari branch was held on 23-01-2024 under the presidentship of Shri GV RAMAKRISHNA, President with prayer. 2 minutes silence was observed to pay respect to the departed members during the last one year. In the opening remarks President elaborated the problems faced by Members and the way they were resolved. Shri M.Venkateswara Rao CHQ vice President informed the house about the monthly Virtual meetings of CHQ office bearers. Shri Bheemasankaram LC member CGHS explained about functioning of the CGHS wellness Centre Rajahmundry. Shri GSVSS Vara

Prasad, Secretary invited the Guests Smt K Pratyusha Kumari, Sr. Civil Judge and Secretary District Legal Services Authority, Shri P Raju GMTD, Rajahmundry, Shri Manojkumar, Director, DOT, Vijayawada, Shri Satyanarayana DGM, Rajahmundry and Dr. Glory, CGHS wellness Centre Rajahmundry to the dais and introduced them to the house. [View Andhra Pradesh Page of State News section for full report]

25.01.2024: AIBSNLREA DELHI CIRCLE HOLDS ITS SPECIAL GENERAL BODY MEETING TO CELEBRATE NEW YEAR 2024:

A special general body meeting of Delhi Circle of AIBSNLREA was held on 6th January 2024 at Kidwai Bhawan New Delhi. The meeting was presided over by Shri Rakesh Tiwari, President, Delhi Circle and addressed by Shri Devesh Kumar, Circle Secretary Delhi Circle. Circle Secretary welcomed Shri V P Arya, AGS and Shri Rakesh Sethi AGS and the members present in the meeting. 25 members attended the meeting. After self-introduction of the members, Circle Secretary read out the minutes of last meeting and the same was approved by the house. Circle Secretary also read out the various activities of the circle. He also mentioned that in last meeting 5 new members had joined the association. Shri K. Yohannan, Circle Financial Secretary has also placed a brief financial statement of the circle for the information of the members. In his report, Financial Secretary mentioned that in the last meeting 05 new members joined the association but only three have paid life membership. During the meeting a poem was also recited by Shri Sanjay Vishnoi. In his address, Shri V.P. Arya, AGS, briefed the members about the role of our Association in solving the various issues related to members and status of the pension revision etc. Shri Rakesh Sethi, AGS clarified the doubts raised by the members about the understanding of AIBSNLREA on pension revision. Though most of the members were satisfied from the clarification given by Shri Rakesh Sethi, AGS but they desired that CHQ should write on pension revision also. He also requested all the members to enroll new members to increase the membership of AIBSNLREA Delhi Circle. Shri S. S. Gill, Vice President, Delhi Circle requested that residential Mobile/FTTH connection should be provided to the pensioners in non-feasible areas by MTNL. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Shri Prem Chand, followed by High Tea.

22.01.2024: AIBSNLREA PUNE BRANCH (MAHARASHTRA STATE) HOLDS ITS QUARTERLY GENERAL BODY MEETING:

Pune Branch successfully conducted its Quarterly General Body meeting on 12th January 2024 Friday at UDYAN PRASAD, SADASHIV Peth, Pune and Celebrated Birthday of Executives who were born in the month of October, November and December. The meeting hall was full with 95 executives including Lady members attending. Meeting began by Singing Lord Ganesh slokas by Smt. Bharati B. Joshi and Devotional song by Shri P.K. Agnihotri. The meeting was presided by Dynamic Dr S.K. Ramamurthy who welcomed all the executives and new members and welcomed special guest Shri Awadesh Sharma Financial Secretary CHQ and briefed the agenda. Pune Branch Secretary Shri S C Patil welcomed the gathering and in his speech covered all the developments in State level and Central Headquarters, activities on various matters such as CPGRAMS and Excess landline bill cases of Pune Executives. [View Maharashtra Page of State News Section for full report]

21.01.2024: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA CHENNAI BRANCH (TAMILNADU STATE) HELD:

The General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA, Chennai branch was held on 9-1-2024 from 10 am at Hotel B.R.Mathsya, T Nagar Chennai. The meeting commenced with prayer song rendered by Shri K.R.Ravi Narayanan. Branch President Shri B.Ganesan welcomed the gathering. One minute silence was observed in remembrance of departed members. After self-introduction of members, Branch Secretary Shri L.Sundararaman read out a brief report of the activities. He mentioned that as many as 24 new members have been added during last 9 months and how the issues are taken up with CCA, CGM etc as and when required. He also narrated how many issues related to Sampann and life certificate have been taken up and solved. He expressed his opinion about the recent Pension revision orders of FCI and told that the implementation of the same in BSNL may not be feasible and requested the GS to elaborate on this issue. The State Secretary Shri M.S.Radhakrishnan and State President Shri V.Dakshinamurthy addressed the members. As many as 42 members attended the meeting.[View Tamilnadu State page of State News section for full report]

18.01.2024: AIBSNLREA MUMBAI BRANCH (MAHARASHTRA STATE) HOLDS ITS QUARTERLY GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The Quarterly General body meeting of AIBSNLREA Mumbai Branch was held on 16th January 2024 in the conference hall, 1st floor B-Wing, BSNL Administrative building, Juhu road, Santa Cruz (w), Mumbai 400054. Shri N. K. Devassy Vice President of the Mumbai Branch presided over the meeting. He welcomed the members who had gathered in good numbers. Two minutes of silence was observed in memory of the departed members during this period. He addressed the house and gave full information about the grievances of the members at local level and action taken by the branch. He also appreciated the efforts taken by Branch Secretary and State secretary MH circle to resolve the issues. He added that there are very less cases pending except some disputed medical bills. Branch secretary AIBSNLREA Mumbai Branch Shri S. R. Yadav informed the members about the grievances at local levels and action taken. He requested all to enroll new members to increase the membership of AIBSNLREA Mumbai branch. [View Maharashtra State Page of State News Section for full report]

07.01.2024: TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF AIBSNLREA WEST BENGAL STATE HELD:

AIBSNLREA West Bengal State held its 4th Triennial Conference on 05.01.2024 at Moulali Yuva Kendra, Kolkata with an attendance of 233 members. The meeting was conducted by a presidium consisting of Shri S R Palit Vice-President, Shri Ranjan Mukherjee, and Shri Timir Baran Chattopadhyay, Executive Committee Member. After opening song presented by two of our members, Smt. Ila Sadhu and Smt. Chandana Chatterjee the House observed one minute's silence to pay homage to the departed members. [View West Bengal section of State News for full report] [View the list of office bearers](#) [View the Photos](#)

04.01.2024: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA FARIDABAD BRANCH (HARYANA STATE) HELD:

A GB meeting of Faridabad Branch was held on 20.12.23 at Ashirwad sector 16 Faridabad under chairmanship of Shri M K Kaul. After general discussions & information on status of pension revision, 78.2 fitment court case was discussed. It was informed that association has taken up the case as a whole for all types of pensioners, seeking pension as well as pay arrears. Association was requested to continue with the present efforts and to take the help of MPs or any other sources. Next meeting was proposed for 11.01.2024 to celebrate Birthday of Shri M K Kaul falling on same day & if agreed, at Barbeque Nation. Meeting was closed with thanks to the Chairperson.

03.01.2024: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA YAMUNA NAGAR BRANCH (HARYANA STATE) HELD:

The General Body meeting of Yamuna Nagar branch of AIBSNLREA was held at 1100 hrs on 28.12.2023 at Gopal Restaurant Yamuna Nagar under the chairmanship of Shri R P Tyagi. After the Branch Secretary welcomed all the members present, two minutes silence was observed in the memory of Late Shri J K Gautam who left for heavenly abode recently. The branch and CHQ activities regarding pension revision, medical bills, Sampann related issues, FMA, grant of increment due in July case status were explained by the Branch Secretary Shri S L Purey. The queries raised by Hon' ble members on many issues like CGHS were also replied by him. The circulars and action taken reports received from respected General Secretary CHQ are immediately circulated amongst all members through WhatsApp group. All the members were requested to help to enroll new members by using their personal contacts. The meeting ended with vote of thanks and tea/snacks served.

02.01.2024: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA AMBALA BRANCH (HARYANA STATE) HELD:

A general body meeting of Ambala Branch of AIBSNLREA was held on 23rd December 2023 at Clove 99 Restaurant. The meeting was presided by Shri R. K Sharma President of the Branch and was attended by 26 members. Two new members joined the association as life members. The new members S/Shri Lalit Mohan Retd SDE and J.K Jain Retd XEN were welcomed by all the members. After the last meeting, the wife of our senior member Shri Rajinder Kumar had expired, which a two minutes silence was observed. One of the senior members Shri R C Khurana is admitted in Hospital due to brain hemorrhage for whom all the members prayed for his speedy recovery and return to his normal life. Thereafter, Shri S K Aggarwal, CHQ Organising Secretary North briefed the members on various issues including pension revision. The members were fully satisfied with the working of CCA Haryana and there were no complaints or issues to be solved with CCA Haryana. As regards CGHS working at Ambala there are no major issues of the members except shifting of wellness Centre building which is being repeatedly pursued with the concerned authorities. After the meeting members enjoyed lunch and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Shri S.K.Bindal, Branch Secretary.



STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING JANUARY 2024

- 01. Shri M.S.Radhakrishnan, Life Member, Thanjavur BA Branch (Tamilnadu State)** deposited Rupees Ten Thousand (Rs. 10000/-) only on 01.01.2024 towards donation to CHQ.
- 02. Chennai Branch (Tamilnadu State)** deposited Rupees Four Thousand Eight hundred (Rs. 4800/-) only on 03.01.2024 towards CHQ Quota for 16 new Life Members
- 03. East Godavari Branch (Andhra Pradesh State)** deposited Rupees Six Thousand (Rs. 600/-) only on 10.01.2024 towards CHQ Quota for 2 new Life Members.

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