



Editorial

AIBSNLREA - OUR PRIDE

Being the first Pensioners' Association in BSNL, formed in the year 2008, much earlier to all the other BSNL Pensioners' associations and representing a sizeable number of retired BSNL Executives, AIBSNLREA has come a long way in addressing and resolving issues related to pensions, retirement benefits, and other concerns faced by BSNL pensioners in general and the retired BSNL Executives in particular. We are representing the interests of pensioners in discussions with government bodies and other stakeholders to improve policies and we are providing detailed information, guidance, and resources on pension related matters and other retirement issues.

All along, we have never been keen on getting the extra attention for our successes and in fact have a bit failed to talk of our achievements, although we had so many reasons to be proud of. We can be proud of the way we move forward with confidence, the challenges we have overcome, the lessons we have learnt, the honesty of admitting when we are wrong, speaking only plain truths, saying a bold 'No' to things we don't agree with and always trying something new.

All our State and Branch Secretaries are experienced and seasoned leaders, working with grit to resolve the grievances of the members at their level. Individual grievances that could not be resolved at those levels are taken up by the CHQ, advancing justifications and arguments supported by extant rules, clearly providing a solution, resulting in resolution of almost all the grievances with prompt replies from the concerned authorities. Many complicated issues have been resolved through this approach, though sometimes there has been delay due to the administrative processes involved.

AIBSNLREA has been effectively using CPENGRAMS, CPGRAMS, PMOPG and BSNL's PGRMS in its efforts to resolve the grievances of the BSNL pensioners. It has registered more than two hundred grievances using these mechanisms, despite severe shortcomings in these systems. We had repeatedly drawn the attention of DoP&PW to these shortcomings and suggested improvement in these schemes. We can claim with pride that many of them have been incorporated in the systems using the exact terms in our suggestions.

Similarly, issues arising out of migration to SAMPANN (which was launched ignoring our objection that CCAs are not equipped to handle this additional volume of work), were duly brought to the attention of the CGCA, DoT as and when required, evoking due response and resolution of the issues. We have been able to bring a lot of improvements in the functioning of CGHS through our suggestions, the important one being introduction of e-referral for follow-up investigations/procedures.

This does not mean that AIBSNLREA has been silent on common issues. AIBSNLREA has been second to none in pursuing issues common to all BSNL Pensioners. AIBSNLREA raised the issue of pension revision of pre-2007 pensioners, immediately the day after DoT issued Presidential orders for revision of pay of BSNL employees on 27.02.2009 and subsequently pursued the issue with all concerned departments. It successfully cited precedence in Food Corporation of India and argued for pension revision in IDA scale, when others were confused and were seeking pension revision in CDA scale. Apart from that, AIBSNLREA played significant role in settling important issues like extending the benefit of 78.2% fitment to pensioners, removing anomaly in pension of those who retired within the first 10 months of absorption in BSNL, increase in gratuity ceiling, improvements in BSNL MRS, extending concessional broadband at residence of retired employees, restoration of medical claims without voucher for pensioners, bringing BSNL absorbed pensioners under the

purview of CGHS, benefit of additional increment to those who retired from July 2017 to April 2018, stopping the wrong practice of BSNL which was recovering TDS before actual payment of medical claims, clearing long pending medical claims since 2018-19 and recently the grant of notional increment to those who retired a day prior to their date of increment. When DoT wanted to unjustly close the issue by stating that the benefit is available only to the Central Government employees, AIBSNLREA was the first to react by requesting review of the decision, arguing that it amounted to defeating the sole purpose of the interim order of Supreme Court and DoT had to revise its orders.

After AIBSNLREA was registered by DoP&PW under Pensioners Portal, we have been utilising this opportunity to the maximum extent for resolution of the grievances of the pensioners, raising important issues during the virtual meetings with Secretary & Joint Secretary (Pension), DoP&PW, without remaining as a silent participant. We joined the massive effort of DLC campaign 3.0 by DoP&PW, although in a limited way, receiving due recognition from Secretary (Pension).

It is not that we are taking care of the grievances of our members only. We are receiving calls every other day from unknown pensioners even from other departments in different parts of the country seeking our help or guidance on one or other issue. They say they googled to find that AIBSNLREA is relentlessly

taking up some issues related to their grievance. Many retired non-executives of BSNL too contact us for help and we have been guiding all of them to get their issues resolved.

AIBSNLREA has a clear vision over the issues to be resolved, raising them in the appropriate forums. Restoration of commutation in less than 15 years, grant of additional quantum of pension of 5%, 10% and 15% after attaining the age of 65, 70 and 75 years, increase in FMA from Rs.1000 to Rs.3000 p.m are at the top in the list. We may not get immediate results on these, but we will continue to pursue them in all possible ways to ensure that they are resolved. On pension revision, our studied understanding, approved by two AICs after lengthy discussions, will be proved right and those few who have been carried away by illogical claims will realise the truth sooner than later. Yet, AIBSNLREA will be receptive to any foolproof proposal for pension revision without pay revision, from any quarters, that will not create disparity in pension between pre-2017 and post-2017 pensioners.

AIBSNLREA functions in the most transparent manner without hiding anything from the members. Every paise received by the CHQ is accounted for and published in the monthly e-journal. With the quota received as a percentage of one-time subscription being the only receipts, CHQ finance has never been in pink, yet we have turned down repeated suggestions to call for donations, as the

Association at all levels functions with minimum funds, which we see as a virtue and not a weakness. Branches hold meetings by sharing the expenses every time. Even then, there is no dearth of regular meetings in the Branches and no one complains. The All India Conferences are also conducted by sharing of the expenses by the delegates, with the CHQ office bearers, including the General Secretary paying the delegate fee and travel expenses from their own pockets, which is unheard of in any other organisation. We are aware that the members will raise to the occasion when a call for donation is made for specific purpose, as and when required.

Needless to say that AIBSNLREA operates with a strong democratic ethos, holding monthly virtual meetings with CHQ office bearers and zone-wise virtual meetings with Branch Secretaries.

AIBSNLREA will continue to follow the path established by Com. S. Basu, who instilled all these virtues into the organization. AIBSNLREA draws its strength from its members, activists at different levels and veterans of the Telecom TU movement. Together we run the race, using the best of our abilities and do not get distracted by irrelevant things happening around. AIBSNLREA takes pride in its members and the members take pride in their organisation. We look back and feel proud of our past, we look forward and have faith in our future and we enjoy every moment in the present. ☹



Important Developments of the Month

- DoP&PW held a virtual meeting on 31.01.2025 with the registered pensioners associations. Secretary (Pension), who Chaired the meeting, thanked the associations for their participation in DLC Campaign 3.0 and wanted suggestions from the associations for planning something big like that during the year 2025. During the interactive session many participants representing Central Government, Defence and Railway pensioners spoke about issues faced by them, mostly regarding the grant-in-aids. General Secretary AIBSNLREA drew attention to the unusual delay during the past one year by Labour Bureau in publishing the AICPI (IW) and the unexplained delay by DPE in issuing orders for revision of rate of IDA, which results in the pensioners not getting the increased DR in time and anxiety to the pensioners as the DR arrears are not paid to all the pensioners at the same time and taking over a month for credit and requested DoP&PW to take up with the concerned Ministries. JS (Pension) while winding up the meeting said all the points have been noted and assured that follow up action will be taken on all of them. He informed that SCOVA meeting will be held shortly.
- CHQ held a virtual meet with Branch Secretaries of AIBSNLREA Uttar Pradesh on 31.01.2025 under the Presidentship of Shri V.Chinnappiah, CHQ President. Most of the Branch Secretaries attended the meeting, with ease, as AIBSNLREA UP State had held its executive meetings earlier virtually and also had a trial virtual meet a day earlier. After CHQ President initiated discussions, expressing satisfaction over the attendance, all the Branch Secretaries spoke on their perception over the functioning of CHQ, issues to be taken up by CHQ, clarifications required on some issues and thanking CHQ for holding a meeting with the Branch Secretaries. State Secretary UP and CHQ OS (North) then gave a short speech. Overall, Branch Secretaries conveyed that members are happy with CHQ functioning, instant sharing of information through WhatsApp groups and transparency in activities. Opening of additional CGHS wellness Centres in Agra and Medical College Road in Gorakhpur, non-settlement of the case of counting of training period for pension in respect of Shri A.K.Dubey, pending medical claims without voucher in Jaunpur, Lucknow and Prayagraj, annual re-validation of medical card, BSNL Prayagraj forcing submission of option for with/without voucher every year, allowing holding of meeting in BSNL premises, decreasing the age limit from 70 for online referral for investigation/treatment in empanelled hospitals, empanelled hospitals not providing entitled wards to CGHS beneficiaries and an arrangement required for pursuing cases with the other BSNL Circle within the UP State were the points mentioned by the Branch Secretaries. While summing up, General Secretary explained the status, rules on the matter, progress made through our efforts and assured that CHQ will take up the issues with concerned authorities as required. He requested the Secretaries to obtain representations from the affected members and send them

to CHQ. In response to the request from a participant, he explained the decision of Madurai as well as Kolkata AICs on pension revision. After ascertaining that there were no more queries from any participant, President thanked all the participants, particularly State Secretary UP and CHQ JS for enabling almost full attendance in the meeting and declared the meeting as closed.

✚ DoP&PW has issued a Certificate of Appreciation to around a dozen Pensioners' Associations for their active participation in DLC Campaign 3.0. AIBSNLREA is one among them. AIBSNLREA had earlier conveyed that "Unlike the Central Government pensioners who have to submit their Life Certificate in November every year, the expiration of Life Certificate of BSNL absorbed pensioners falls in different months for different pensioners, throughout the year. Therefore the significance of November is lost as far as BSNL absorbed pensioners are concerned. Also, we can proudly say that 80% of BSNL absorbed pensioners already submit their Life Certificate using Face Authentication RD App every month. Our Branches hold mela themselves to help the pensioners. Anyway, as AIBSNLREA is part of the DLC Campaign 3.0 and desires to be identified with the great effort by DoP&PW, we are taking the information to all our members through a well-knit WhatsApp network. Office bearers of our Branches across the country will join the DLC Campaign 3.0 by taking part in camps organized by CCAs throughout November." The poster circulated by AIBSNLREA on the occasion was appreciated as 'well designed and looking good' by DoP&PW. In all fairness, the credit goes to the Branches and members who took active part in the camps and even organised their own camps. [View the certificate](#) [View the poster](#)

✚ DoP&PW held a meeting through Video Conferencing, Chaired by Joint Secretary, DoP&PW Shri Dhrubajyoti Sengupta on 13.01.2025, with the pensioners associations registered under Pensioners Portal. The purpose of the meeting was to create awareness about using CPENGRAMS for resolving the grievance of pensioners. A video showing how three family pensioners got their grievance resolved using the portal had been made and was shown on the screen. Step by step procedure for lodging grievances in CPENGRAMS portal was displayed using power point. During the interactive session, GS AIBSNLREA said, his association was extensively using CPENGRAMS for the past few years, had suggested many improvements to the system which were duly incorporated by DoP&PW and mentioned that despite clear guidelines from DoP&PW regarding forwarding the grievance to the appropriate authority and appeal to be considered and speaking order issued, this is not being followed. He pointed out that the nodal officers should not be allowed to dispose the grievance on the plea that court matter/subjudice matter are not allowed in CPENGRAMS. Requests for implementation of orders by courts are rejected on this excuse, which should not be allowed, he said. He requested that there should be a provision for second appeal as in the case of RTI. After listening to the points raised by other pensioner associations, JS DoP&PW, while summing up spent a

considerable time in answering the points raised by GS AIBSNLREA. He said CPENGRAMS is being re-written entirely using AI driven platform for mapping and correct forwarding of grievances. He agreed that the appeals should be considered with proper application of mind and a speaking order be issued by the appellate authority. He said that the entire appellate mechanism will be streamlined in the near future. He assured that suitable instructions will be issued to differentiate really subjudice issues from those where courts have already issued orders. He mentioned that a Pension Adalat will be held in February and SCOVA meeting very soon. He said that any specific grievances remaining unresolved for a long period could be brought to his notice so that it can be taken up with the concerned department. He concluded the meeting with the information that a follow up meeting will be held in the next two to four weeks.

- ✚ AIBSNLREA CHQ held a virtual meet of its North Zone (Except Uttar Pradesh) Branch Secretaries on 11.01.2025, under the Presidentship of CHQ President Shri V.Chinnappiah. Some Branch Secretaries were unable to join as their first time effort to join a virtual meet did not fructify. It was amazing to witness the enthusiasm shown by the Branch Secretaries, trying to learn and use a new communication tool, in spite of their age. They were happy to see each other in the virtual meet and putforth their views on various issues powerfully, seeking to know more on those issues. Opening of CGHS in Yamunanagar, empanelment of more private hospitals under Ambala CGHS, reimbursement of medical claims belatedly, status of review of notional increment orders by DoT, restoration of commutation in 12 years, additional quantum of pension after the age of 65, 70 and 75 years, pay/pension revision, provision of FTTH in lieu of rent free telephone in Delhi, pay at par with MTNL Executives and relaxation in CGHS rules for all senior citizens. While summing up, the General Secretary clarified the points raised and explained the status of the issues discussed. All the participants expressed satisfaction over working of CHQ with some terming it as nice. President wound up the meeting after requesting the Branch Secretaries to fully utilise the WhatsApp channels to share all the information provided by CHQ on daily basis.
- ✚ A communication has been received from Supreme Court of India on 07.01.2025 acknowledging the receipt of our Petition dated 08.11.2024 submitted to the Chief Justice of India and providing a reference number for checking the status, with the present status showing 'under process'. We are re-publishing the submission for quick reference. [View our Petition to CJ](#)
- ✚ A virtual meet of AIBSNLREA CHQ office bearers was held on 01.01.2025 under the Presidentship of Shri V.Chinnappiah, CHQ President. The meeting condoled the demise of CHQ AFS Shri R.F.Valand and observed one minute silence as a mark of respect. After introductory remarks by President, General Secretary listed the developments during December 2024 and expressed gratitude over the contribution by all the CHQ office bearers in the

organisational activities. He expressed concern over non-credit of pension to the pensioners drawing pension through Canara Bank till today and the contradicting information provided by different authorities. He pointed out that the pensioners are entitled to know the reason for the delay through SMS individually using SAMPANN. While reporting their activities during the month, the office bearers raised some queries, on our request for review of DoT orders on notional increment, our prayer in 78.2% fitment court case, restoration of commutation in 12 years and pay parity with MTNL executives, which were discussed in some Branch meetings. General Secretary mentioned about the DoT reply to our letter seeking review and re-issue of its order on notional increment, stating that it is under examination in consultation with DoP&T and DoP&PW. He said a positive decision is expected. He clarified the queries raised. President then mentioned about the successful conduct of Virtual Meeting with Branch Secretaries of Central and East Zones. The meeting concluded with the President thanking all for the lively deliberations.



Issues taken up

22.01.2025: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE JOINT SECRETARY (PENSION) DOP&PW REQUESTING HIM TO IMPRESS UPON CHAIRMAN CBDT FOR CLOSURE OF NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 22 (2) OF INCOME TAX ACT TO SHRI MADHUSUDHAN MUKHERJEE RETD JTO KOLKATA:

In the virtual meeting held by DoP&PW with the pensioners association on 13.01.2025, JS (Pension) DoP&PW had assured that any specific grievances remaining unresolved for a long period could be brought to his notice so that it can be taken up with the concerned department. AIBSNLREA has now sought his attention to the long pending grievance of Shri Madhusudhan Mukherjee who has been penalised by IT department because of the fault of BSNL not fully depositing the TDS recovered from him with IT department during the years AY 2009-10 & 2011-12. AIBSNLREA has requested him to take up the matter with the Chairman CBDT in order that the notice issued to Shri Mukherjee is closed and the amount adjusted from his IT refunds is returned to him. [View the letter](#)

17.01.2025: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE REGARDING THE NEED TO EXPAND THE LIST OF CGHS CITIES BY RELAXING THE NORMS:

AIBSNLREA has written to the Minister of Health & Family Welfare requesting his special attention to the need for expanding the list of CGHS cities with a fast pace in order that the retired Central Government employees have access to quality and comprehensive healthcare services without having to travel long distances and requesting him to cause relaxation of the norms for expanding CGHS to new cities and get such expansion fast-tracked in order that the Government keeps up its

constitutional obligation towards the retired employees to ensure to protect their Right to Life and enabling them to live with dignity and equality. [View the letter](#)

15.01.2025: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE SECRETARY, DPE REGARDING DELAY IN ISSUE OF ORDERS OF REVISION OF IDA RATE AGAIN, NOW W.E.F. 1.1.2025:

AIBSNLREA has written to the Secretary, DPE conveying the dismay of BSNL pensioners over the unjustified and unexplained delay, yet again, in issue of orders for revision of IDA rate w.e.f. 1.1.2025 till now, pointing out the problems arising out of the delay both to the pensioners as well as the PDAs and has requested him to bestow his personal attention to the matter and cause issue of orders for revision of IDA w.e.f. 01.01.2025 immediately and to ensure that there is no delay in the future and the pensioners, at their advanced age, are spared of the unnecessary anxiety and concern. [View the letter](#)

13.01.2025: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DIRECTOR (HR) REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIM WITHOUT VOUCHER SINCE 2021-22 - CASE OF SHRI K.ARUNACHALAM II, RETD.JTO TELECOM PROJECT, TIRUNELVELI:

AIBSNLREA has written to the Director (HR) BSNL, drawing his attention to Non-payment of medical claim without voucher since FY 2021-22 in respect of Shri K Arunachalam II, Retd JTO, Telecom Project Tirunelveli, Tamilnadu and requesting his intervention to cause early payment. [View the letter](#)

08.01.2025: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL CO REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIMS OF SHRI S.K.BHARDWAJ RETD.EE (C), BHOPAL SINCE THE YEAR 2021-22:

AIBSNLREA has drawn the attention of Director (HR) BSNL CO to non-payment of medical claims with voucher for the years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 in respect of Shri S.K.Bhardwaj, Retd. EE (Civil) Bhopal, in spite of his repeated representations and has requested his intervention for payment of his medical claims without further delay. [View the letter](#)

03.01.2025: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO DG CGHS REGARDING RELUCTANCE SHOWN BY AD CGHS KOLKATA TO MEET OUR OFFICE BEARERS INFORMALLY:

AIBSNLREA has written to the DG CGHS about the reluctance shown by AD CGHS Kolkata to meet our office bearers despite several requests and has requested her that AD Kolkata and all ADs in general are impressed upon the need to grant informal meetings to pensioners' associations like us, on request, as we are only complementing the work done by ADs in different CGHS cities by helping to resolve day to day issues faced by the pensioner beneficiaries. [View the letter](#)

02.01.2025: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE CGCA, DOT, ON NON-CREDIT OF PENSION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024 IN RESPECT OF TELECOM/BSNL PENSIONERS DRAWING PENSION THROUGH CANARA BANK AND THE NEED TO INFORM THE PENSIONERS, THE REASON FOR THE DELAY AND ENSURING IMMEDIATE CREDIT:

AIBSNLREA has drawn the attention of CGCA, DoT, to the contradictory information from different authorities, adding to the confusion and the net result is that the

concerned pensioners are left to suffer, whatever be the cause of this humiliating failure on the part of the system of pension payment under SAMPANN, as a whole. The affected pensioners are completely kept in the dark. We feel that they are entitled to be duly informed of the delay and the reason for it. AIBSNLREA has requested to ensure that pension is credited to the accounts of affected pensioners immediately, certainly not taking a week's time, and they are duly informed individually through SMS about the delay and the reason for the delay in order to remove their anxiety and misgivings. Action needs to be initiated against the failing intermediary to avoid recurrence. [View the letter](#)



GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDERS & LETTERS

28.01.2025: DPE ISSUES ORDERS REVISING IDA RATE W.E.F.1.1.2025:

After unexplained delay, DPE has issued orders revising the rate of IDA to 228.5% payable to CPSEs where the last pay revision was implemented w.e.f. 1.1.2007. [View the DPE OM](#)

28.01.2025: BSNL ISSUES GUIDANCE TO ITS UNITS ON NOTIONAL INCREMENT:

BSNL has issued a letter intimating its units that the benefits flowing out of the DoT's decision for grant of notional increment for pension is to be allowed by the concerned CCAs. Hence the Circles/Units are requested to forward the notional increment cases to the concerned CCAs. [View the BSNL letter](#)

27.01.2025: CGHS CIRCULATES STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR TRANSITION TO ONLINE MODE FOR PROCESSING PERMISSION FOR RESPIRATORY DEVICES:

CGHS Directorate vide F.No.29-1/2025 CGHS EZ dated 22.01.2025 has issued an Office Memorandum detailing the SOP for transition to online mode for processing permission for respiratory devices such as CPAP, BIPAP and Oxygen Concentrator. [View the CGHS O.M](#)

24.01.2025: BSNL ISSUES CLARIFICATIONS ON PROCEDURES UNDER BSNLMRS:

BSNL vide No.BSNLCO-ADMN/12(12)/1/2025-ADMN dated 23.01.2025 has issued clarifications in respect of validity of prescription, reimbursement for treatments in Government Hospitals, Medical claim from two sources and reimbursement towards artificial appliances. [View the BSNL letter](#)

22.01.2025: DOT ISSUES REVISED ORDER ON NOTIONAL INCREMENT ALLOWING THE BENEFIT TO THE ABSORBED EMPLOYEES OF BSNL WHO RETIRED/RETIRED A DAY BEFORE THEIR ANNUAL INCREMENT BECAME DUE:

We would like to recall that when DoT issued an O.M. on 18.10.2024 allowing the benefit only to Central Government employees, AIBSNLREA immediately wrote to DoT requesting review of its decision and issue of revised orders. DoT had replied to us on 18.11.2024 stating that "the matter is under examination with Nodal departments i.e

Department of Personnel & Training and Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare." DoT has now issued an O.M. vide No.38-45/2024-Pen(T)(Part-1) dated 22.01.2025 conveying its decision that "notional increment will be extended to the absorbed employees of BSNL/MTNL also who retired/are retiring a day before it became due in any month of the year." [View the DoT O.M](#)

13.01.2025: DOP&PW ISSUES OM REITERATING SENDING OF SMS TO PENSIONERS REGARDING ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION OF DIGITAL LIFE CERTIFICATE:

DoP&PW has issued an O.M vide F.No.1(2)/2023-P&PW(H) dated 13.01.2025, reiterating the existing guidelines that the Pension Disbursing Authorities are required to send SMS messages to the pensioners, confirming acceptance/rejection of their DLC, in order to ensure corrective action by pensioners. [View the DoP&PW OM](#)

07.01.2025: BSNL ISSUES CLARIFICATION REGARDING OTT PLAN ON FTTH FOR SERVING/RETIRED EMPLOYEES AT THE RESIDENCE:

BSNL has clarified that only Add-on OTT plan can be allowed on payment basis at par with customer for serving or retired employees on FTTH at the residence. [View the BSNL letter](#)

RESPONSE/ACTION TAKEN ON



AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATIONS

10.01.2025: CGCA DOT RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 02.12.2024 REQUESTING TO STOP ADVANCE RECOVERY OF TDS ON THE INTEREST PAYABLE ON GRATUITY TO BSNL VRS RETIREES:

Responding to AIBSNLREA letter dated 02.12.2024, CGCA DoT has replied that "an SOP on deduction of Income Tax on account of interest payable on deferred gratuity at the time of actual payment of the same has already been issued to all CCAs vide this office letter No.13-6/2020-21/2577-2605 dated 27.09.2024." State/Branch Secretaries may take up with the concerned CCAs if TDS is still being recovered in advance, in violation of the above SOP. [View the CGCA letter](#)

09.01.2025: CGCA DOT RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 02.01.2025 REGARDING NON-CREDIT OF DECEMBER 2024 PENSION TO CANARA BANK CUSTOMER-PENSIONERS:

Responding to AIBSNLREA letter dated 02.01.2025, CGCA DoT has replied that "The issue of delay in credit of pension was faced in the month of December 2024 due to some technical issue between SBI CMP hyderabad and Canara Bank. The issue has been resolved and pension has been disbursed to all pensioners." [View the CGCA letter](#)



BRANCHES IN ACTION

30.01.2025: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA NADIAD BRANCH (GUJARAT STATE) HELD:

The General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA, Nadiad Branch was held on 27.01.2025 at Nadiad in Luhar, Suthar gnati ni wadi, Nadiad under the Presidentship of Shri K R Dalal, Branch President. The meeting started with observing silence for two minutes in memory of members Shri M K Lakhwani, and Shri Adambhai I Vahora who had left us. After prayer by Shri N S Bhatt, the members who sponsored the meeting were honoured. Shri N R Patel, Secretary and Shri K R Dalal, President addressed the meeting. Shri B M Patel, wanted his Notional increment case to be pursued . The meeting was held in a healthy atmosphere. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Shri A H Malek, ADS, followed by lunch. [View the Photos](#)

28.01.2025: AIBSNLREA DHANBAD BRANCH (JHARKHAND STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Dhanbad Branch was held on 25.01.2025 under the Presidentship of Shri B.B.Ram. Secretary Shri Gaya Prasad welcomed the gathering. Apart from the general issues pertaining to pensioners, Non-Rembursment of hospital bills by CGHS for the last two years, Non-payment of medical claims by BSNL for the past two years and regularisation of pension of Shri Prem Shankar Prasad were highlighted. It was decided to hold AGB in April 2025. 10 new members joined the association in the meeting.

23.01.2025: AIBSNLREA KOLHAPUR BRANCH (MAHARASHTRA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

AIBSNLREA, Kolhapur Branch held its General Body Meeting on 19.01.2025 in the Conference Hall of Telephone Bhavan, Kolhapur, under the Presidentship of Shri P S Kulkarni. 40 members attended the meeting including those from Sangli, Ichalakaranji. President welcomed the members wishing Happy New Year 2025. Secretary Shri LM Godi, informed about the sad demise of Shri A D Kamble, member from Rukadi of Ichalkaranji and the House observed 2 minutes' silence as a mark of respect. Shri R G Koli, & Shri V B Mahajan, who have completed 75 Years were felicitated, with Shawl, Shriphal,& Bouquet. Then Secretary informed the developments on the issues of pensioners in General and BSNL in particular, regarding Pay/Pension Revision of BSNL Employees/Pensioners. [View Maharashtra Page of State News section for full report]

21.01.2025: AIBSNLREA JABALPUR BRANCH (MADHYA PRADESH STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

General body meeting of AIBSNLREA Jabalpur branch was held on 18/01/2025 at ICH Ghantaghar Jabalpur. In spite of extreme cold, members attended in time. President congratulated the members for New Year 2025 to have their best health and happiness. Shri A N Bhargav gave detailed information on virtual meeting held on 28/12/2024 with CHQ. Members shared their experience during school days and everybody enjoyed.

Senior members crossed 80 shared their daily routine as to keep fit and healthy. Members whose birth date fell in January were felicitated. Sweet and snacks were distributed. Meeting ended with vote of thanks and some cultural activities. [View the Photo](#)

18.01.2025: AIBSNLREA UTTAR PRADESH STATE HOLDS ITS EXECUTIVE MEETING VIRTUALLY:

AIBSNLREA UP State Executive meeting was conducted virtually on 16.01.2025 under the Presidentship of Shri R.B.Singh State President. State office bearers and all the Branch Secretaries were present. Availability of only one CGHS wellness centre in AGRA, causing sufferings to the pensioners, Opening of one more CGHS wellness centre to mitigate the sufferings, delay in payment of medical claim without voucher by Ballia, Jaunpur, non-payment of medical claims to pensioners of Lucknow were some of the issues highlighted. Shri B.S.Saini, Shri A.K.Dube, Shri A.K.Sharma, Shri V.S.Awasthi, Shri RY.Sharma, Shri S.M.Tiwari, Shri Yad Ali gave useful suggestions regarding CGHS, BSNL MRS and CCA related matters. Joint Secretary CHQ Shri R.K.Sinha addressed the meeting and narrated the activities of the CHQ. The meeting appreciated the functioning of the CHQ. The meeting ended with the President thanking the participants.

16.01.2025: AIBSNLREA ODISHA STATE AGB HELD:

Annual General Body meeting of Odisha State was held on 11.01.2025 under the Presidentship of State President Shri Sanatan Das. State Secretary Shri P.K.Kar delivered welcome address. Two minutes silence was observed in memory of our departed leaders Shri D.L.Das, Ex. Vice President and Shri Rajani Kant Das. President in his presidential address gave a brief of AIC Kolkata, apprised about Constitutional amendment on life membership fee. Salient points like Pay Revision update, Commutation before 15 years, enhancement of quantum of pension after 65 years, Notional increment, 78.2% fitment status, DLC and its applicability for Concessional Telephone and BSNL MRS, providing space for Pensioners' Association to hold meetings in Administrative offices, Access to Pensioners' portal of GOI were discussed. Plan for new membership drive was initiated. One new member was enrolled during the meeting. Some members paid donations for better functioning of the State Body. Election of new office bearers was unanimous with Shri Sanatan Das, Shri P.K.Kar and Shri Nakul Mahapatra elected as President, Secretary and Finance Secretary respectively. Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks by the State Secretary. [View the office bearers list](#)

16.01.2025: AIBSNLREA INDORE BRANCH (MADHYA PRADESH STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

General Body meeting of Indore branch was held on 11.01.2025 at Shakuntal Meghdoot park Exchange building under the Presidentship of Shri RC Garge. Secretary Shri NC Yadav explained about 78.2 fitment case. He briefed the members about the virtual meeting of branch secretaries of central and eastern zone conducted by CHQ. He also informed the members about the issues taken up by CHQ. After General discussions, the meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Secretary.

14.01.2025: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA UJJAIN BRANCH (MADHYA PRADESH STATE) HELD:

General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Ujjain Branch was held on 13.01.2025 under the Presidentship of Shri B.C.Kulmi. 22 members attended the meeting. Senior most member Shri S.C.Pandey was seated in the dais. Secretary Shri Prafull Shukla briefed the meeting about developments at CHQ level, discussions in the virtual meet of Branch Secretaries of East and Central Zone, meeting with Ujjain BA authorities regarding non-reimbursement of medical claims. Opening of CGHS at Ujjain, payment of medical claims, timely declaration of AICPI and submission of Form A were part of the dicussions. Members who had crossed the age of 75 years were felicitated. Homage was paid to departed souls. It was decided to hold meetings once in two months.

09.01.2025: AIBSNLREA BHOPAL BRANCH (MADHYA PRADESH STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Bhopal Branch was held at Hotel Rajhans, MP Nagar on 05.01.2025 under the Presidentship of Shri Nagrajan, Branch President. Shri O.P.Sharma Vice President, Shri H.S.Saxena, Secretary and Shri T.R.Jain, FS were on the dais. 75 members attended the meeting, many along with their families, in view of the dawn of New Year. Members with date of birth falling in January were felicitated. Finance Secretary placed the Accounts for 2024 and was passed unanimously. After general discussion on pensioners' issues, there was a mood of celebration with melodious songs by members. Memento was distributed to all members. After Vote of thanks by Shri H.S.Saxena, Branch Secretary, meeting ended with a Grand Lunch.



STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING JANUARY 2025

- 01. Ujjain Branch (Madhya Pradesh State)** deposited Rupees Three Thousand (Rs. 3000/-) only on 20.01.2025 towards CHQ quota for Ten new Life members.

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