



Editorial

AICPI (IW) – A DISCONNECT FROM REALITY?

When our IDA rate was reduced w.e.f. 1.4.2025 based on the decrease in average AICPI (IW) [All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers] for the previous three months of December 2024, January 2025 and February 2025, every one of us would have wondered as to how the index figures come down when the prices of essential commodities keep increasing. This has happened for the fourth time in the last ten years and once the IDA rate remained the same for consecutive quarters. Even more it was surprising that the reduction reflected immediately with reduced pension credit for April 2025, although the DPE order dated 21.04.2025 was uploaded only on 23.04.2025. We may not forget that during recent past when order for increase in IDA was issued by DPE around the same date, the increase in IDA was not included in the pension and was drawn as arrears during the following months, creating lots of heartburn among the pensioners. One would expect the same speed and urgency when the IDA is revised upwards.

Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) are granted to employees and pensioners, respectively, as a mechanism to offset the impact of

inflation. Inflation leads to an increase in the cost of living, making essential goods and services more expensive. DA for employees and DR for pensioners help maintain their purchasing power so that their standard of living does not deteriorate. It should also be remembered that by providing DA and DR, the government helps maintain consumer spending, which in turn supports economic growth and stability.

The history of Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) in India dates back to World War II, when DA was introduced as a way to compensate employees for rising costs of living. Over time, it evolved into a structured system linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Initially, DA was granted in response to demands for wage revision. It was later linked to the CPI to ensure fair compensation. Various Pay Commissions have played a crucial role in shaping DA and DR policies. The Third Pay Commission (1973) introduced DA adjustments based on an 8-point rise in CPI. The Fourth Pay Commission (1986) shifted to a percentage-based system, recommending DA revisions twice a year (January and July). The Fifth Pay Commission (1997) introduced 100% neutralization for all employees, ensuring

that DA fully compensated for inflation. The Sixth Pay Commission (2006) revised the base year for CPI calculations to 2001, making DA adjustments more reflective of current inflation trends. From the year 2020, the base year for calculation is 2016.

Though the AICPI (IW) is a crucial economic indicator, its methods and materials used, have always been questionable all these years. While the index tracks price changes in a fixed basket of 31 goods and services, it does not fully capture the volatile nature of essential commodities that impact daily life. The 31 commodities are representative items selected to be manageable for consistent price monitoring across 88 urban centres. The basket of goods is based on a predetermined set of commodities which does not reflect changing consumption patterns. It does not account for factors like changes in healthcare quality, education standards, or housing conditions, which significantly impact living costs. The basket does not fully represent the real consumption patterns of workers. The weightage assigned to different categories (such as food, housing, and transport) may not align with actual spending trends. The methodology used for price collection does not account for sudden spikes in essential commodities.

The choice of the constituent centres, 88 in number at present, was not determined by the laws of probability but was made purposively (in consultation with the various State Governments) with a view to representing as many of the

industrially important centres in each state. Prices vary significantly across different states and cities, but the CPI-IW provides an aggregated national figure, which does not represent local realities. This suggests that while the index reflects inflation, it may not accurately represent the financial strain faced by households struggling with rising grocery bills. For example, when Delhi is considered to have the highest cost of living next only to Mumbai, its Index figures for February & March 2025 are among the lowest.

For the average consumer like us, the disconnect between official inflation figures and real-life expenses is predominantly evident. While the AICPI-IW suggests moderate inflation, many households experience steeper price hikes in essential goods. The cost of vegetables, dairy, and fuel often rises unpredictably, making it difficult for families to manage their budgets. Economists and policymakers have suggested revising the AICPI-IW methodology to better reflect real-world price movements. Some propose making a dynamic basket of goods that adjusts based on current consumption trends, while others advocate for regional indices that provide a more localized picture of inflation.

The Government proposes to change the base year from 2016 to 2024 with the new CPI series expected to be rolled out before the last quarter of this financial year. To ensure fair compensation for employees and pensioners, the Government should consider revising the

AICPI-IW methodology to better reflect actual spending patterns, introducing a minimum guaranteed DA hike based on real inflation trends and alternative inflation indices that better represent workers' cost of living. By implementing these changes, employees can receive real

100% compensation, ensuring that their wages/pension keep pace with actual price rises. VIII CPC should also examine the issue and recommend a more accurate and transparent system that truly reflects the economic realities the employees and pensioners face. ☹



Important Developments of the Month

- ✚ The Delhi High Court Division Bench on 23.04.2025 heard the referral from a single Judge on 8th April 2025 'regarding the impact and consequence of the Finance Act 2025, on the decision of this (Delhi High) Court'. Attorney General made a submission, whether the contempt court can make such a referral. The Bench said the Government can agitate that submission either in the contempt court or by making an appeal against the referral. However, the Bench renotified the hearing on the referral for 8th May 2025 at 2.30 PM. Both the parties are required to make a written submission 48 hours before that date. It is heartening that, during the hearing the Bench observed that an earlier decision of a court cannot be undone by making legislation later.
- ✚ AIBSNLREA has been pursuing to settle an uncommon grievance wherein Shri Madhusudan Mukherjee, Retd JTO Kolkata was penalised by Income Tax department to the extent of Rs.49880/- entirely for the fault of BSNL failing to deposit the TDS recovered from his salary to the IT department, during 2009-10 & 2011-12 while he was in service. After failing to get the issue resolved even after knocking the doors of senior officials in BSNL and DoT, with ALTTTC and CTD passing the ball to the other, AIBSNLREA came across IT Circulars dated 01.06.2015 and 11.03.2016 stipulating that "in case of an assessee whose tax has been deducted at source but not deposited to the Government's account by the deductor, the deductee assessee shall not be called upon to pay the demand to the extent tax has been deducted from his income. It was further specified that section 205 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 puts a bar on direct demand against the assessee in such cases and the demand on account of tax credit mismatch in such situations cannot be enforced coercively." Based on these circulars, the grievance was pursued with the Income Tax authorities and finally Shri Madhusudan Mukherjee has been relieved of his years-long agony with the entire amount being refunded by IT department now. Copies of the IT Circulars are published here for the information of all IT assesseees. [View the IT Circulars](#)
- ✚ In a contempt petition filed by All India S-30 Pensioners Welfare Association and two others in Delhi High Court, which was heard on 08.04.2025, on behalf of the UOI, the Addl. Solicitor General submitted that Finance Act 2025 has been passed

in the parliament validating decision of the Central Government that "the Central Government has the authority and shall always be deemed to have the authority to classify its pensioners, and may create or maintain distinction amongst pensioners as deemed expedient for implementing the recommendation of the Central Pay Commissions" and "in the light of the extant legislation, the High Court's order dated 20th March 2024 is no longer applicable and the Government is not obliged to implement the said order and hence no contempt arises". However the High Court opined that "a clarification by the Division Bench of this Court, is necessitated, with regard to the order of 20th March 2024 - as to whether the said Finance Act 2025, shall obliterate and eclipse the orders passed by this Court, thereby giving the authority to the Central Government to recognise and endorse the distinction between the various categories of the pensioners" and has referred to the Division Bench, subject to the orders of Hon'ble the Chief Justice. The matter is being placed before the Division Bench on 23rd April 2025, subject to the orders of Hon'ble the Chief Justice. [View the Order of Delhi High Court](#)

✚ In accordance with the decision of the CHQ office bearers meeting held on 01.04.2025, AIBSNLREA has launched an Email campaign to convey the apprehension of members to the Prime Minister of India and the Finance Minister over the amendment to CCS Pension Rules passed in Lok Sabha, arming the government with the authority to classify the pensioners based on date of retirement. The text of the email is provided, which may be sent to the Prime Minister and Finance Minister in the given email IDs viz. connect@mygov.nic.in; appointment.fm@gov.in with the subject showing Apprehension of pensioners over the amendment to CCS Pension Rules. Copy of the email shall be marked to gensecaibsnlrea@yahoo.com. The call for the campaign is also attached. [View Call for email campaign](#) [View Text for the email campaign](#)

✚ The monthly virtual meeting of AIBSNLREA CHQ office bearers was held on 01.04.2025 under the Presidentship of Shri V.Chinnappiah, CHQ President. While welcoming the participants, President conveyed the successful completion of CHQ's virtual meets with Branch Secretaries, zone-wise, as per the decision taken in an earlier CHQ office bearers meeting. He gave a small brief on the fallout of the validation legislation on CCS (Pension) Rules passed in the Lok Sabha. General Secretary then gave details of the issue starting from the media reporting in a similar pattern that old pensioners will not get the benefit of pay commission recommendations, due to passing of an amendment in the pension rules, our considered opinion on the way the amendment has been passed as a part of Finance Bill, mention about S-30 pensioners, Finance Minister's reply in Parliament and explained how the amendment providing authority to the Government to classify pensioners based on date of retirement amounts to an effort to undo the settled law on parity between past and future pensioners. He explained the contents of our letter to the Prime Minister on the issue, the virtual meeting Secretary (P), DoP&PW held with the pensioner associations, the

assessment of different pensioners associations about the said meeting and our own continuing concern about the Government getting itself armed with draconian provision in the pension rules, which has the potential of being used against the pensioners in the future, if not immediately. He solicited the views of the participants on the next course of action to be taken. The CHQ office bearers shared their views with frankness and clarity on the next course of action, nature of action, 'no agitation in isolation' and the requirement for 'respectful co-ordination'. Based on the views shared in the meeting, it was decided that 1) to run a Email Campaign to begin with by every member sending emails to the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister conveying our genuine apprehensions; 2) to watch for the next course of action by major Central Government organisations and take an appropriate decision and 3) requesting the members to ignore 'friendly' request by Branch/State level BSNL pensioners associations to join their unilateral call for any agitation. Details of the email campaign along with the text for the email to be circulated shortly. The meeting ended with the President hailing the entire CHQ team for being on the same wavelength on the issue.

- 📰 Economic Times has published a boxed News report in its online as well as print editions across the country on 01.04.2025 with a caption "Pension Rule Triggers Disquiet Among Retirees", quoting from our letter addressed to the Prime Minister of India. [View the News Report](#)



Issues taken up

21.04.2025: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIM FOR INDOOR TREATMENT TAKEN IN THE YEAR 2017 FOR THE SPOUSE OF SHRI PRAKASH DUBEY, RETD SR.SDE, VARANASI:

AIBSNLREA has drawn the attention of Director (HR) BSNL to non-payment of a long pending medical claim for indoor treatment taken by Smt.Shanti Devi, w/o Shri Prakash Dubey, Retd. Sr.SDE, Varanasi, who has been patiently and innocently waiting for years on the assurance that the payment will be made once funds are made available and has requested his kind intervention to ensure that the indoor medical claim for Rs.375085.84/- by Shri Prakash Dubey is cleared at the earliest. [View the letter](#)

10.04.2025: AIBSNLREA REPRESENTS TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA REQUESTING RESTORATION OF SENIOR CITIZEN CONCESSION IN TRAIN FARES:

AIBSNLREA has again represented to the Prime Minister of India that in view of the significant increase in revenue and net profit of Railways in 2023-24 and 2024-25, it is now an opportune time to reinstate this concession, which is less than 3% of the total subsidy being provided by the Railways. AIBSNLREA emphasises that restoring the senior citizen concession in trains is not just about the financial relief it provides; it is a matter of respect and recognition for the elderly population. [View the letter](#)

07.04.2025: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE CGCA AGAIN REGARDING UNDUE DELAY IN ACTING UPON THE REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF PENSION FROM CCA MH&GOA TO CCA MADHYA PRADESH IN RESPECT OF SHRI B.S.RAJPUT:

Pointing out that Shri B S Rajput had furnished his signature and CCA MP had approved the transfer in SAMPANN as required by CCA MH&Goa, long back, AIBSNLREA has requested CGCA DoT to intervene for early completion of the transfer of pension. [View the letter](#)



GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDERS & LETTERS

28.04.2025: DOP&PW RELEASES THE MINUTES OF THE 34TH SCOVA (STANDING COMMITTEE OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES) MEETING HELD ON 11.03.2025:

In the Editorial of April 2024 Ejournal, captioned 'Looking Ahead With Confidence', we had emphasized in the concluding paragraph that "AIBSNLREA is determined to confront these real issues of the pensioners – Notional increment for pensionary benefits to those who had retired a day prior to the date their annual increment became due, Increase in FMA from Rs.1000 to Rs.3000 per month, Grant of additional quantum of pension on attaining the age of 60, 65 and 70 years @ 5%, 10% and 15% respectively, and restoration of commuted amount in less than 15 years - (which are part of the resolutions passed in Kolkata AIC) once the new members of Lok Sabha take oath, by following them up from their present status, as we believe that all these issues are genuine, justified and achievable". We had followed it up with a letter addressed to the Prime Minister on 11.06.2024, highlighting these issues and requesting his intervention to resolve them at the earliest possible time. Only the issue of notional increment has reached the final stages of resolution. During the virtual meeting with the Branch Secretaries, we have categorically stated that we intend to make submission to VIII CPC on the remaining three issues as and when it is constituted. Now, according to the Minutes of the 34th meeting of the SCOVA, Department of Expenditure has informed that increase in FMA and restoration of commutation in 12 years may be included in the Terms Of Reference of VIII CPC. For reasons not known the additional quantum of pension after 65, 70 and 75 years does not find a place in the discussions. However, AIBSNLREA will make submission on all three issues to the VIII CPC, which is expected to be constituted in May 2025. [View the Minutes of 34th SCOVA meeting](#)

23.04.2025: IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (HMIS) FOR CGHS - OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES AND TRANSITION PLAN - ALL CGHS WELLNESS CENTRES TO REMAIN CLOSED TO PUBLIC INTERACTION ON 26.04.2025:

In order to upgrade the existing software system of CGHS, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) has developed HMIS which will be adopted by CGHS and made operational from 28.04.2025. CGHS services will be suspended on 26th April 2025 for final transition activities and all CGHS Wellness Centres will remain closed to public interaction on 26th April 2025. From 28.04.2025, the old CGHS websites www.cghs.gov.in and www.cghs.nic.in will be deactivated. All services and information

will henceforth be hosted on the new unified CGHS Digital Platform at www.cghs.mohfw.gov.in. All applications for which contribution payment has not been made by 27th April 2025 will lapse. New applications must be submitted exclusively through the new website. [View the CGHS OM for more details](#)

23.04.2025: DPE ISSUES ORDERS REVISING IDA RATE W.E.F. 01.4.2025:

DPE has issued orders revising the rate of IDA to 226.5% w.e.f. 01.04.2025 payable to CPSEs where the last pay revision was implemented w.e.f. 1.1.2007. [View the DPE OM](#)

09.04.2025: BSNL AGAIN CALLS FOR FINANCIAL IMPLICATION INVOLVED IN GRANT OF HIGHER PAY SCALES FOR THE STAFF BELONGING TO ORGANISED ACCOUNTS ON ACTUAL BASIS W.E.F. 1.1.1996:

Based on DoT intimation that the Department of Expenditure is seeking approximate financial implication involved in the matter, BSNL sends a second letter to Circles/Units seeking the data on financial implication involved latest by 11.04.2025. [View the BSNL letter](#)

RESPONSE/ACTION TAKEN ON



AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATIONS

30.04.2025: CCA MAHARASHTRA & GOA RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 07.04.2025 ADDRESSED TO THE CGCA DOT, REGARDING UNDUE DELAY IN ACTING UPON THE REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF PENSION FROM CCA MH & GOA TO CCA MP CIRCLE IN RESPECT OS SHRI B.S.RAJPUT:

In response to AIBSNLREA letter dated 07.04.2025 on the matter, CCA MH & Goa has stated that "transfer case could not be processed due to technical issue in SAMPANN. The matter has been taken up with SAMPANN Helpdesk. It will be resolved in due course. Hence the case is disposed of". AIBSNLREA has registered an appeal stating that "According to the DoP&PW orders, grievance in CPENGRAMS cannot be closed without resolving the grievance. The docket may please be kept open till it is resolved." [View the CCA MH & Goa response](#)

25.04.2025: BSNL CO FORWARDS AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 03.12.2024 REGARDING GRANT OF PENAL INTEREST FOR LATE PAYMENT OF GRATUITY IN RESPECT OF SHRI B.M.KOLKI TO CGMT MAHARASHTRA CIRCLE FOR ACTION AS DEEMED FIT:

BSNL CO had earlier informed our AGSs that BSNL Maharashtra Circle is not responding to letters on this matter from Corporate Office. Now BSNL CO has forwarded our letter dated 03.12.2024 to CGMT Maharashtra requesting that action as deemed fit may be taken and directly intimated to the complainant, GS AIBSNLREA. [View the BSNL letter](#)

24.04.2025: CGHS RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 03.01.2025 REGARDING RELUCTANCE SHOWN BY AD CGHS KOLKATA TO MEET OUR OFFICE BEARERS:

Responding to our letter dated 03.01.2025 and a subsequent appeal, JS CGHS has replied that "As per inputs received from AD, Kolkata a meeting was convened on 05.02.2025 at O/o AD CGHS Kolkata, with the said association members. Further, AD Kolkata has been instructed to consider the meeting requests sympathetically in future". [View the JS CGHS reply](#)

09.04.2025: DOT RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 19.03.2025 REGARDING GRANT OF HIGHER PAY SCALES FOR THE STAFF BELONGING TO ORGANISED ACCOUNTS ON ACTUAL BASIS W.E.F. 1.1.1996:

Responding to AIBSNLREA letter dated 19.03.2025 on the subject, DoT has replied that "The Department is in process of pursuing further course of action in the said judgement with the nodal Ministry/ Department and further action will be taken thereupon on receiving the same". [View the DoT response](#)

08.04.2025: DOP&T RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 24.03.2025 REQUESTING MODIFIED O.M. ON GRANT OF NOTIONAL INCREMENT:

Responding to AIBSNLREA letter dated 24.03.2025 requesting thorough consideration of developments after issue of earlier DoP&T OM and the issues pointed out by AIBSNLREA before modifying its orders based on the final orders of Supreme Court on the matter of grant of notional increment for those who retired a day prior to their date of increment, DoP&T has informed that the directions contained in the Order dated 20.02.2025 of the Honourable Supreme Court while disposing of MA No. 2400/2024 filed by M/o Railways are presently under consideration in consultation with the other nodal authorities concerned. [View the DoP&T response](#)

01.04.2025: LABOUR BUREAU RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 11.03.2025 REQUESTING TO ENSURE RELEASE OF FIGURES OF AICPI (IW) FOR FEBRUARY 2025 ON THE LAST WORKING DAY OF MARCH 2025 AS PER LONG ESTABLISHED NORMS:

Responding to AIBSNLREA letter dated 11.03.2025 on the subject, Labour Bureau has stated that "As per comments of concerned section AICPI(IW) till the month of January, 2025 has been released and Advance Release Calendar (ARC) for the year 2025 is under consideration". The figure which should have been released yesterday has not been released as yet. [View the Labour Bureau response](#)



BRANCHES IN ACTION

30.04.2025: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA GORAKHPUR BRANCH (UP STATE) HELD:

General body meeting of AIBSNLREA Gorakhpur Branch was held on 27.04.2025 under the presidentship of Shri D.P.Upadhaya. Secretary welcomed the members and informed that maximum number of members have sent the email to FM and PM on the request of CHQ. A few members wanted to know the process and papers required for

family pension. They wanted the whole process to be posted for wide publicity. Finally the meeting ended with vote of thanks.

29.04.2025: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA BHOPAL BRANCH (MP STATE) HELD:

AIBSNLREA Bhopal branch held its monthly General Body meeting on 20.04.2025 under the Presidentship of Shri O.P.Sharma, at Indian Coffee House New Market Bhopal. Shri B S Rajput, Organising Secretary, CHQ shared the dais. 48 members attended the meeting. Secretary Dr H S Saxena explained the activities of the association and invited suggestions or any grievances from the members. No grievance was received. Suggestions were received regarding nomination for Local Advisory Committee of CGHS WC Bhopal-1. Shri P C Malviya was felicitated on completion of his 75 years of age. S/Shri Amar Singh, B R Ingle, M P Tiwari, Hari Om Soni, S K Bedwal and R B Namdeo, were felicitated as their birth day fell in the month of April. New member Shri G P Brijronia was felicitated and welcomed by all the members. After usual rendering of melodious songs, snacks & tea were served. Meeting concluded with vote of thanks by Shri Balpande, Asstt. Secretary. [View the Photos](#)

26.04.2025: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA JABALPUR BRANCH (MP STATE) HELD:

GB meeting of AIBSNLREA Jabalpur branch was held on 10/04/2025 under the Presidentship of Shri C D Khadse Branch President. Branch President, while welcoming the members requested them to send email to PM and FM in case they have not already sent. He informed members regarding CHQ activities regarding important issues. Members enquired about court case, CGHS facilities and pending medical bills. Meeting ended with vote of thanks. [View the Photos](#)

18.04.2025: ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA VARANASI BRANCH (UP STATE) HELD:

The Annual General body meeting of Varanasi Branch was held on 17/4/2025 in CTX building campus cantt Varanasi under the Presidentship of Shri P M Ansari. Secretary Shri Yad Ali presented his report which was discussed and passed unanimously. Discussions were held on pensioner related issues. The meeting decided to donate Rs.15000/- to CHQ. The following office bearers were elected unanimously.

President. Shri P M Ansari
Vice President Shri c k singh and Sri S P Tripathi
Secretary Shri Yad Ali
Asst Secretary Shri S K Srivastava and Sri S C Maurya
Organising Secretary Shri S P Dubey
Finance secretary Shri G C Gupta
Asst Finance Secretary Shri A B Yadav
Auditor Shri P N S Yadav
Executive members: Shri B P Singh, Shri A G Ansari, Shri L R Prasad , Shri Bechan Ram [View the Photos](#)

17.04.2025: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA INDORE BRANCH (MP STATE) HELD:

AIBSNLREA Indore branch held its GB meeting on 12.04.2025 at Meghdoot Park Exchange building under the Presidentship of Shri SK Jain. The main agenda of the meeting was amendment to CCS pension rules passed in loksabha. Members were eager to know the consequence of this ammendment. Shri NC Yadav, Branch Secretary appraised the house from the CHQ's postings in this regard and the deliberations in a virtual meeting with Secretary (Pension) wherein he had assured that there was no policy change regarding parity and the present policy will continue. However the participant pensioner associations expressed their apprehensions. AIBSNLREA has given a call for email campaign conveying our apprehensions to PM and FM. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by shri RB Banke Assistant Secretary. 31 members attended the meeting.

05.04.2025: AIBSNLREA GHAZIABAD BRANCH HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

AIBSNLREA Ghaziabad Branch held its GB meeting on 03.04.2025 under the Presidentship of Shri R B Pandey. Branch President. The meeting observed two minutes silence in memory of Shri Shiv Kumar Tyagi who had recently passed away. The Secretary Shri Rakesh Chandra briefed the house about the amendment in pension rules passed by the Parliament and the CHQ initiatives in this regard. All members appreciated CHQ's functioning and the action initiated by CHQ on the issue. Secretary then appealed to all the members to send email as per the text provided by CHQ and make the email Campaign successful. Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks.

03.04.2025: AIBSNLREA UJJAIN BRANCH (MP STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

AIBSNLREA Ujjain Branch held its bi-monthly GB meeting on 02.04.2025 under the Presidentship of Shri B C Kulmi Branch President. Shri P K Shukla, Branch Secretary informed about the activities of Association explained the amendment to Pension rules which was recently passed in Parliament. Some personal grievances were also discussed. Meeting ended with vote of thanks.



STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING APRIL 2025

- 01. Kanpur Branch (Uttar Pradesh State)** deposited Rupees Three Hundred (Rs. 1485/-) only on **08.04.2025** towards CHQ quota for One new Life member.
- 02. Varanasi Branch (Uttar Pradesh State)** deposited Rupees Fifteen Thousand (Rs.15000/-) only on **19.04.2025** towards donation to AIBSNLREA CHQ.



AIBSNLREA CHQ congratulates and thanks its members for their massive participation in the Email Campaign launched by CHQ – by writing to the Prime Minister and Finance Minister requesting to withdraw the retrospective changes made to CCS Pension Rules, to ensure that such a legislation does not provide the authority to the Central Government to deny the parity in pension between present and future pensioners any time in the future, if not now. Emails have been sent by members from almost all the Branches and even from places where we have no Branches. The form of protest has evoked good response leading to high personal engagement and participation as it suited our age and capabilities. Chennai Branch of Tamilnadu topped the list of highest participation in numbers, followed by Nagpur and Kolhapur Branches of Maharashtra. Erode Branch of Tamilnadu had the highest percentage participation, with more than 80% of its members sending email. CHQ places on record its gratitude to all the Branch and State Secretaries for their exemplary work in making the Campaign a great Success. This campaign inspired admiration from outside too, compelling some to embrace the idea. Dear members, Be proud of your action & commitment and remember what Gandhiji said - **"In a gentle way, you can shake the world"**.
- 23.04.2025



INFORMATION IS KNOWLEDGE

Dear Branch/State Secretaries,

As discussed in the virtual meetings conducted by AIBSNLREA CHQ with the Branch Secretaries, where State Secretaries were also present, it is essential to share every message posted by AIBSNLREA CHQ in the Zonal WhatsApp groups within the Branch WhatsApp groups for several important reasons:

1. All messages are updates available on the CHQ website <https://www.aibsnlrea.org>. The tendency to check the website among members has significantly decreased due to the rise of social media, particularly WhatsApp. To ensure that the information on the website reaches every member, a WhatsApp network has been established, and the information shared in the Branch WhatsApp groups mirrors that on the website. It is crucial for Branch Secretaries and State Secretaries to guarantee that all information from CHQ reaches every member.
2. Withholding or filtering information based on the belief that it may not be significant for members may be avoided. Let members decide what they wish to read or disregard.
3. Reading about Branch GB meetings conducted frequently across the country instills confidence in members, reassuring them that they are not alone, and that the organization is active.
4. Individual and zone-related issues should not be overlooked, as similar concerns may be affecting members in other zones as well. There have been numerous instances where CHQ has been later informed by members from different zones about similar issues present in their areas and requested to take up as a common issue.
5. Failing to share messages in Branch WhatsApp groups leads to CHQ receiving calls from members nationwide inquiring about the status of various issues, which have already been published on the website and shared in the Zonal groups.

Thousands of members and office bearers from various pensioner associations—not just BSNL pensioner associations—regularly visit our website and disseminate important information for the benefit of their members.

LET US NOT DENY THIS ADVANTAGE TO OUR OWN MEMBERS

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