



Editorial

ENSURING COMPLIANCE - THE UNFINISHED DUTY OF DOP&PW

In recent years, pensioners across various departments have witnessed a remarkable transformation in grievance redressal, thanks largely to the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare and its CPENGRAMS. What began as a simple routing mechanism has evolved into a disciplined, responsive, and increasingly effective platform that compels administrative authorities to treat pensioners' grievances with seriousness. The progressive improvements introduced by DoP&PW - structured replies, mandatory timelines, escalation protocols, and improved monitoring - have instilled a sense of accountability in departments that earlier ignored or delayed responses. For lakhs of senior citizens who no longer have an office to approach, CPENGRAMS has become the only dependable channel through which their voice reaches the system. This positive change is the direct result of DoP&PW asserting its role, listening to stakeholders, and refining the system with empathy and purpose. We have on earlier occasions placed on record our appreciation for the initiatives undertaken by DoP&PW.

Yet, when it comes to enforcing its own policy instructions, DoP&PW appears hesitant to exercise the very authority that the Government of India has vested in it. This hesitation is now causing grave injustice to pensioners. In our letter dated 27 April 2026, we brought to the notice of the Secretary

(Pension) the alarming fact that the Department of Telecommunications has refused to implement DoP&PW's clear and binding OM dated 30.11.2021 and has instead issued instructions that are diagonally opposite to it vide its OM dated 30.01.2025. Factually, by its letter dated 22.03.2022, DoT had itself required BSNL to "take necessary action in light of clear instructions of DoP&PW (30.11.2021) on the matter." Yet, despite there being no material change whatsoever in the position between 22.03.2022 and 30.01.2025, DoT went on to instruct CCA Maharashtra & Goa that "*gratuity and commutation be withheld till the completion of caste verification.*" This unexplained reversal is not merely inconsistent; it raises serious questions about DoT's departure from the very policy instructions it had earlier acknowledged as clear and binding.

The DoP&PW OM of 30.11.2021 is unambiguous in stating that pensionary benefits cannot be withheld merely due to pending caste verification, unless departmental or judicial proceedings are pending. This principle has been reinforced by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, which held that post-retirement caste verification is "*largely academic*" and "*will not serve any purpose,*" and by the Hon'ble Madras High Court, which described such verification as a "*wasteful exercise.*" Despite this, DoT continues to act in

defiance of both DoP&PW instructions and judicial pronouncements.

Equally disturbing is the refusal by BSNL and DoT to follow the mandatory provisions of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 regarding interest on delayed gratuity. In our letter dated 11 May 2026 addressed to the Secretary (Pension) DoP&PW, we highlighted the grievances of three BSNL pensioners, all of whom were denied interest despite being fully exonerated in judicial proceedings. Rule 65(5)(c) of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 clearly states that *“In the case of a Government servant to whom provisional pension was paid and retirement gratuity was not paid on retirement in accordance with clause (c) of sub-rule (4) of rule 8 on account of departmental or judicial proceedings pending against him on the date of retirement and who is exonerated of all charges on conclusion of such departmental or judicial proceedings, interest shall be payable on retirement gratuity and arrears of pension, if any, from the date following the date of expiry of a period of three months from the date of retirement up to the date of payment of arrears of pension and gratuity.”* This rule is mandatory and leaves no discretion to the administrative authority. Yet BSNL has invented reasons outside the rule, ignored the statutory mandate, and denied rightful dues to pensioners who waited years for justice. DoT is unwilling to intervene in these cases. These are not mere administrative lapses but are direct violations of statutory pension rules.

Earlier, DoT had accepted the advice of DoP&PW that, *“where a pensioner is acquitted by a Trial Court, judicial proceedings should, for the purposes of the relevant rules, be treated as concluded notwithstanding any appeal filed against the acquittal, and that appropriate orders may be issued subject to*

the eventual outcome of such appeal or revision petition.” Several cases in which an appeal remained pending after acquittal were resolved on the basis of this advice of DoP&PW. However, DoT has not followed this position in a specific case involving materially similar facts, where the pensioner has been acquitted by the lower court, but an appeal remains pending. Even the production of precedents in which DoT itself resolved identical cases in the same manner has not led to any reconsideration. The matter assumes greater significance in view of the fact that the appeal in the higher court has remained pending for more than fifteen years, causing prolonged uncertainty for the pensioner concerned.

There is a mistaken perception that DoP&PW is merely a “policy-making department” without any effective enforcement role. Government OMs and guidelines, however, clearly establish its central and authoritative role in pension matters. The DoP&PW OM dated 24.10.2025 states that *“Department of Pension & Pensioners’ Welfare (DoPPW) is the Nodal Department for Pension and pension related policy matters for Central Government employees. DoPPW has formulated and issued many rules like CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021, regulations / OMs / guidelines etc. The implementation of these rules is the responsibility of the concerned Ministry / Department / Office. Wherever any difficulty in interpretation / implementation in respect of any particular rule is found, they can seek advice / clarification from DoPPW.”* This makes it clear that Ministries and Departments are required to follow DoP&PW’s instructions in pension matters and cannot proceed on the basis of their own understanding. Where any difficulty of interpretation or implementation arises, they

are required to seek the advice or clarification of DoP&PW, rather than act unilaterally.

Behind every delayed pensionary benefit, every withheld gratuity, and every ignored OM, there is a human story. Pensioners, many in their seventies and eighties, are forced to run from pillar to post for what is legally theirs. Families suffer because authorities fail to follow the rules. Tragically, some pensioners pass away before receiving the benefits lawfully due to them, leaving their families to endure unnecessary hardship. In our letter to DoP&PW, we had pointed out that, *“DoP&PW, being the nodal authority for pension policy, cannot remain a silent spectator when its clear and unambiguous instructions are being openly flouted...”* Silence in such circumstances is not inability to intervene; it becomes complicity.

It is therefore imperative that DoP&PW call for an explanation from DoT on these issues: the violation of the OM dated 30.11.2021, the non-compliance with Rule 65(5)(c) of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021, and the selective application of its advice in cases where a pensioner has been acquitted but an

appeal remains pending. DoP&PW must then examine the explanation, issue binding directions, and instruct DoT to rescind its OM dated 30.01.2025, release all withheld pensionary benefits, and pay interest on delayed gratuity. Most importantly, DoP&PW must introduce a system of mandatory prior concurrence, ensuring that no Ministry, least of all DoT, issues pension-related orders that deviate from DoP&PW’s OMs/instructions without its explicit approval. This single reform will end decades of confusion, contradiction, and litigation.

DoP&PW is not a powerless spectator. It is the supreme authority on pension policy under the Government of India. Its OMs shape litigation outcomes, its interpretations guide Ministries, its rules protect pensioners, and its grievance platform has already demonstrated its capacity to enforce administrative discipline. What remains is for DoP&PW to believe in its own authority and act decisively whenever violations are brought to its notice. Pensioners have only one shield against administrative arbitrariness - DoP&PW. And that shield must not be allowed to lose its strength. ⊖



Important Developments of the Month

- AGS AIBSNLREA Com. Rakesh Sethi visited Sanchar Bhawan on 15.05.2026, met JS (A) and conveyed the deep anxiety among BSNL pensioners over the continued delay in issuing orders for revision of IDA w.e.f. 01.01.2026. JS (A) informed that the process is underway and that the orders will be issued soon. Later, Sr. DDG (Estt) also confirmed that the delay is purely procedural and assured that the orders will be released shortly.

Regarding the issuance of the Presidential Order to Com. H. S. Sutaria, we are shocked to learn that although the file had moved up positively, approval has been declined citing a Supreme Court judgment delivered in April 2026. We will obtain the details of the said judgment at the earliest, so that the further course of action can be decided.

In respect of release of pensionary benefits to ST community VRS retirees of

Maharashtra, we drew the attention of Sr.DDG (Estt) to the judgment by the High Court of Bombay Bench at Aurangabad in WP No.3961 of 2024. He assured that he will go through the judgment and if required he may discuss with us further.

✚ Com. Rakesh Sethi, AGS AIBSNLREA, had an extremely hectic schedule on 05.05.2026, moving between Bharat Sanchar Bhawan and Sanchar Bhawan throughout the day, meeting senior officers in both DoT and BSNL as and when they were available and discussing multiple pending issues. The key outcomes are as follows:

MEETING WITH SR.DDG (ESTT), DOT:

1. Issue of Presidential Order for Com. H. S. Sutaria:

Sr. DDG (Estt) reassured that the work is progressing and will be completed at the earliest.

2. Release of IDA revision Orders:

He stated that the orders would be issued within a few days and advised us to meet JS (A) for further details.

3. Release of pensionary benefits to ST Category VRS Retirees under CCA Maharashtra & Goa:

A detailed discussion was held covering DoP&PW instructions, the Supreme Court judgment, the Madras High Court judgment, and the necessity to rescind DoT's letter dated 30.01.2025. Sr. DDG (Estt) suggested that these pensioners could apply for validation. We firmly opposed this, pointing out that the Supreme Court has already held that caste verification after retirement is purely academic, making such an application meaningless. After further discussions, it was agreed that we would meet again with additional documents.

4. Review of DPCs Held during DoT period based on revised TES Group B seniority lists as per Supreme Court Judgment:

Sr. DDG (Estt) said he was not aware of the matter and agreed to obtain the details.

MEETING WITH OFFICERS IN BSNL:

We raised the issue of the undue delay in reviewing regular promotion of Com.M.N.Chavda as mandated by the Gujarat High Court judgment. We expressed our frustration over repeated replies that the matter is "under process." We specifically asked about the reason for the delay and requested that any shortcomings be pointed out so that we could help resolve them. However, the officials stated that the case is complete and that the delay is only procedural, assuring us that they would make every effort to issue the orders within this month.

MEETING WITH JS (A), DOT:

We conveyed the deep concern among BSNL pensioners regarding the prolonged delay in issuing DoT orders for payment of IDA w.e.f. 01.01.2026 and 01.04.2026. We questioned the relevance of BSNL Board approval, reiterating that BSNL's financial condition has no bearing on IDA to BSNL employees and Dearness Relief for BSNL absorbed pensioners. JS (A) stated that the DPE OM dated 27.02.2026 specifically mentioned financial implications, and DoT had to ensure full compliance with DPE requirements.

We explained that there was initially an impression that the reference to financial

implications in the DPE communication had originated at the instance of the Cabinet or the Ministry of Finance. However, after obtaining the relevant notesheet copies relating to the DPE OM dated 27.02.2026, it is now clear that DPE routed the OM through the Ministries/Departments only to ensure that the details it had asked CPSEs to upload in the PE Survey Portal were duly furnished.

JS (A) assured us that the orders would be issued shortly, after receipt of the BSNL Board's views. When we pointed out that the BSNL Board meeting is scheduled for 22 May 2026 and that any further delay would cause unrest among pensioners, he informed us that the CMD would be visiting DoT today and that efforts would be made to obtain the Board's resolution at the earliest.

He further added that the DPE OM dated 24.04.2026 revising IDA w.e.f. 01.04.2026 has already been sent to the Establishment Section of DoT for onward transmission to the CGCA for implementation, thereby putting to rest any concerns about withholding of IDA.

✚ The monthly virtual meeting of AIBSNLREA CHQ office bearers was held on 01.05.2026 under the Presidentship of Com. V. Chinnappiah, CHQ President. The President warmly welcomed all participants and emphasized that the resolutions adopted at the AIC are now the guiding policy decisions for the association. In the coming months, CHQ will focus on resolving the Maharashtra ST category issue, addressing DoT's violation of rules in denying penal interest on delayed gratuity, settling long-pending individual grievances, and strengthening member awareness on the issues we have placed before the VIII CPC. All CHQ office-bearers are expected to be fully familiar with the arguments we have advanced. As part of this effort, Com. Naresh Chauhan, AGS, briefly spoke on restoration of commutation, and Com. Rajan Rajopadhye, OS (W), explained the anomaly while granting additional pension on attaining 80 years of age. The General Secretary informed that in the upcoming meetings, other office-bearers will also be assigned topics to present, so that everyone can clearly explain the rationale behind our submissions to the VIII CPC during Branch meetings. The meeting also discussed the delay in release of IDA, the issue of IT exemption on ex-gratia paid to VRS retirees, and the request for opening a CGHS Wellness Centre at Mehsana. The association's "watchful wait" approach on the IDA matter was reaffirmed. The General Secretary explained the sequence of developments: DPE's decision not to publish IDA revision orders due to non-receipt of details from CPSEs, the DPE's note-sheet discussions which did not mention financial implications, the assurance from DDG (Estt), DoT that there is no cause for concern, DoT's recent letter to BSNL seeking Board recommendation, and DPE now publishing the IDA revision orders w.e.f. 1.4.2026. The meeting decided to continue to wait without creating unnecessary alarm. The General Secretary noted that 14 Branch meetings were held in April, reflecting the strength and resilience of the organization. Office-bearers shared updates on activities in their respective areas. The President concluded the meeting by stating that the organization is moving in the right direction as mandated by the AIC.



Issues taken up

18.05.2026: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE CMD BSNL REQUESTING RESTORATION OF SECOND ACP BENEFITS TO ALL SIMILARLY PLACED RETIRED SDE (CIVIL/ELECTRICAL):

Drawing attention of CMD BSNL to the issue conclusively settled by the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Ahmedabad Bench; the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat; and finally, by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India AIBSNLREA has requested him to issue instructions to CGMT, West Bengal Circle to restore the Second ACP to all diploma holder SDEs (Civil/Electrical) who completed 24 years of service and were earlier granted but subsequently denied the benefit. [View the letter](#)

14.05.2026: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DG CGHS REQUESTING INCREASING ONLINE APPOINTMENT SLOTS, AND EXPEDITING OPENING OF SECOND CGHS WELLNESS CENTRE AT AGRA:

Explaining the situation where the elderly pensioners are forced to remain awake at midnight and repeatedly attempt booking due to the slots getting booked within five minutes of the booking window opening at 0000 hrs, AIBSNLREA has requested that the number of online slots be suitably increased in proportion to the daily footfall of about 125 beneficiaries and that the proposal for opening a second CGHS Wellness Centre in Agra may be expedited. [View the letter](#)

12.05.2026: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE CMD BSNL REGARDING NON-IMPLEMENTATION OF CAT CHENNAI ORDER IN OA 310/00635/2019 - REFUND OF RS.72200 TO SHRI R.DAMODARAN RETD SDE, COIMBATORE:

AIBSNLREA has drawn the attention of CMD BSNL to BSNL reply vide letter No. BSNLCO COMN/12(11)/11/2021 PERS II Part (9) dated 15.12.2025, stating that "the matter is under examination for taking further course of action." However, five months have passed since this reply, and there has been no progress or communication thereafter. AIBSNLREA has requested his personal intervention to ensure that the Personnel Section issues immediate instructions for refund of Rs.72,200/- to Shri R. Damodaran, and payment of interest at GPF rate, as mandated by the Tribunal. [View the letter](#)

11.05.2026: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE SECRETARY, DOP&PW REGARDING PERSISTENT VIOLATION OF RULE 65(5)(C) OF CCS (PENSION) RULES, 2021 BY BSNL AND NON-INTERVENTION BY DOT - REQUESTS FOR IMMEDIATE DIRECTIONS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE IN THE CASES OF SHRI S.B.MOHARE, SHRI B.M.KOLKI AND SHRI PREM SHANKAR PRASAD:

AIBSNLREA has now drawn the attention of Secretary, DoP&PW to the continuing and serious violation of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021 by various BSNL units, and the reluctance of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to intervene despite our detailed representation dated 09.09.2025. Three pensioners—Shri S.B. Mohare of Karnataka Circle, Shri B.M. Kolki of Maharashtra Circle and Shri Prem Shankar Prasad of Jharkhand Circle—have been denied interest on delayed payment of gratuity even though each of them was fully exonerated and the delay in settlement was entirely administrative. The denial of interest is in direct contravention of Rule 65(5)(c) of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021, which is mandatory in nature and leaves no discretion to the administrative authority. AIBSNLREA has requested that DoP&PW call for the complete records of all three cases from BSNL and DoT, examine the

violations of Rule 65(5)(c), and issue specific instructions in these cases to DoT to ensure strict compliance with the CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021. [View the letter](#)

08.05.2026: AIBSNLREA SUBMITS THE RESOLUTION ON "ENSURING SMOOTH AND FAST ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE FOR ALL CGHS PENSIONER BENEFICIARIES", AS ADOPTED IN ITS ALL INDIA CONFERENCE HELD AT VARANASI, TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, REQUESTING TO ADVISE DOT TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE EXPEDITIOUSLY:

AIBSNLREA has now submitted to the Prime Minister of India the resolution adopted at its Fourth All India Conference held in Varanasi on 24th and 25th March 2026, urging him to advise the Department of Health & Family Welfare and the CGHS Directorate to consider extending similar relaxation as given to CGHS beneficiaries aged 70 years above vide its OM dated 05.08.2024, to all pensioner beneficiaries of CGHS, in view of increasing age related morbidity. [View the letter](#)

04.05.2026: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE SECRETARY, DOT REQUESTING HIS URGENT ATTENTION TO NON-IMPLEMENTATION OF GUJARAT HIGH COURT ORDER IN THE CASE OF SHRI M.N.CHAVDA, RETD. SDE (T), SURAT:

AIBSNLREA has now drawn the attention of Secretary, DoT to the DoT letter dated 15.01.2026 which had informed us that BSNL Corporate Office had stated that the matter was "under active consideration" and that the Gujarat Circle would process the time bound upgradation. However, more than four months have passed since this communication, and no progress whatsoever has taken place. BSNL officials continue to respond orally that "the case is under process", without any visible movement. AIBSNLREA has requested his personal intervention to bring this prolonged matter to a close. [View the letter](#)

01.05.2026: AIBSNLREA SUBMITS THE RESOLUTION ON "PAY REVISION OF BSNL EMPLOYEES", AS ADOPTED IN ITS ALL INDIA CONFERENCE HELD AT VARANASI, TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, REQUESTING TO ADVISE DOT TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE EXPEDITIOUSLY:

AIBSNLREA has now submitted to the Prime Minister of India the resolution adopted at its Fourth All India Conference held in Varanasi on 24th and 25th March 2026, urging him to advise DoT to immediately initiate a Cabinet Note seeking relaxation of the affordability clause for BSNL and ensure a just and dignified pay revision for BSNL employees with at least 5% fitment.



GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDERS & LETTERS

27.05.2026: EMPANELMENT OF PRIVATE HOSPITALS UNDER CGHS:

CGHS issued guidelines for the fresh empanelment of private hospitals under CGHS vide OM No. F.No.5-34/CGHS/HEC(HQ)/2025 (Comp. No. 8375449) dated 22.12.2025. Over the past three months, several private hospitals have been empanelled under CGHS, as reflected on the CGHS website. A list of these hospitals is enclosed for the information and benefit of CGHS beneficiaries. [View the list](#)

21.05.2026: DOT APPROVES REVISION OF IDA W.E.F 01.01.2026:

DoT has conveyed its approval for the revision of rate of IDA payable w.e.f. 01.01.2026 @ 236.7%, to BSNL with a copy marked to CGCA, DoT. [View the DoT OM](#)

14.05.2026: CGHS REITERATES THE PROVISIONS REGARDING FACILITY TO CHOOSE EITHER PARENTS OR PARENTS-IN-LAW AS DEPENDENT FAMILY MEMBERS:

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare vide its OM No.S.14025/15/2024-EHS(8270534)/I/3862000/2026 dated 13.05.2026 has clarified that a male Government employee shall be eligible to exercise a one-time option only for choosing either his parents or parents-in-law as dependent family members for the purpose of availing medical facilities. [View the MoH&FW OM](#)

RESPONSE/ACTION TAKEN ON



AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATIONS

28.05.2026: AFTER PROLONGED DELAY BSNL FINALLY RESOLVES THE GRIEVANCE OF SHRI M.N.CHAVDA, RETD SDE, SURAT:

BSNL finally resolves the long pending grievance of Shri M.N.Chavda, Retd SDE Surat by ante-dating his promotion to SDE grade as per the judgment of Gujarat High Court. BSNL has attached the copy of the order as ATR, in response to AIBSNLREA's latest letter dated 04.05.2026 addressed to the Secretary, DoT. [View the BSNL response](#)

25.05.2026: CGHS RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 13.04.2026 ADDRESSED TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, SUBMITTING AIC RESOLUTION ON URGENT NEED TO EXPAND CGHS COVERAGE ACROSS INDIA:

AIBSNLREA had submitted the AIC resolution on "Urgent need to expand CGHS coverage across India" to the Prime Minister of India requesting him to advise MoH&FW to Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to relax the restrictive norms for opening new CGHS centres and adopt a time bound plan to extend CGHS to all District Headquarters. DoH&FW has replied that "Establishment of new CGHS Wellness Centres is considered by the Government from time to time based on prescribed norms, feasibility, availability of resources and approval of competent authority. Presently, CGHS facilities are available in notified CGHS covered cities and beneficiaries residing in non-CGHS areas are entitled to avail medical facilities under CS(MA)Rules/Fixed Medical Allowance as applicable. Further, the beneficiaries are also eligible to avail treatment from the available public healthcare infrastructure across districts within the existing Government (Central/State) health facilities." [View the DoH&FW reply](#)

21.05.2026: DPE RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 20.04.2026 ADDRESSED TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, SUBMITTING AIC RESOLUTION ON CONCERN OVER DELAYED RELEASE OF ORDERS OF REVISION OF IDA:

AIBSNLREA had submitted the AIC resolution on "Concern over delayed release of orders for revision of IDA" to the Prime Minister of India requesting him to advise DPE to issue IDA revision orders within the first half of the month in which they fall due, as was the consistent practice for decades. DPE has replied that "The suggestion regarding delayed DA orders has been duly noted and shared with the Wage Cell, the division concerned with wage-related

matters of CPSEs. The Department will initiate action, as deemed appropriate." [View the DPE reply](#)

20.05.2026: BSNL RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 10.04.2026 ADDRESSED TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, SUBMITTING AIC VARANASI RESOLUTION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SUPREME COURT JUDGMENT ON TES GROUP B SENIORITY LISTS 1-17:

AIC Varanasi resolution requesting the Department of Telecommunications and BSNL to immediately initiate and complete Review DPCs for all DE promotions ordered prior to 01.10.2000, based on the revised Seniority Lists 1–17 issued on 04.06.2019, and to extend all consequential benefits including refixation of pensionary benefits, was submitted to the Prime Minister of India on 10.04.2026. BSNL has now replied that "With regards to the review of DE(T) promotions prior to 01.10.2000, it is conveyed that 17 seniority lists in SDE (T)/TES Group B grade were drawn in the year 1993 by applying the principle of DQE laid down by the Hon'ble Allahabad High Court judgment dated 20.02.1985 in the case of P.N.Lal & Anr, which was subsequently upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 08.04.1986. Thereafter, in compliance with Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 26.04.2000 in case of Union of India Vs Madras Telephone SC & ST Social Welfare Association, the aforesaid seniority lists 1 to 17, prepared based on DQE, were revised and replaced then by issuing new seniority list No.1 to 5, prepared based on Recruitment Year, in the year 2001. Accordingly, prior to issuance of the revised seniority lists nos. 1 to 5 in the year 2001, the seniority lists 1 to 17 prepared based on DQE were in operation before 01.10.2000. Therefore there is no need to review DE(T) promotions ordered prior to 01.10.2000." [View the BSNL letter](#)

19.05.2026: CGHS RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 09.04.2026 ADDRESSED TO DG CGHS REQUESTING EARLY COMMISSIONING OF CGHS WELLNESS CENTRE AT BHARATPUT, ALWAR, RAJASTHAN:

In response to AIBSNLREA letter dated 09.04.2026, CGHS has conveyed that "this office is trying its best to start the new wellness (centre) at the earliest." [View the CGHS response](#)

16.05.2026: AIBSNLREA KOLHAPUR BRANCH (MAHARASHTRA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

AIBSNLREA Kolhapur Branch held its quarterly GB meeting on 10-05-2026 in the Conference Hall, Telephone Bhavan Kolhapur under the Presidenship of Com.P S Kulkarni, President. 44 members attended the meeting travelling from Sangli, Ichalkaranji and Gadhinglaj. Silence was observed in memory of late Com. U R Gaikwad. Com. Supriya Vivek Bhavsar joined the association in the meeting. Senior members who had attained the age of 75 were felicitated. Com.Rajan Rajopadhye who has been re-elected as CHQ OS (W) was felicitated. Branch Secretary Com.C.S.Walke spoke on the subjects covered in the General secretary report of AIC Varanasi. Com. D K Joshi & Com. Rajan Rajopadhye spoke on the resolutions passed in the AIC. Com. J G Kulkarni, Financial Secretary presented the Statement of Accounts for 2022-2026. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Com. S M Vaidhya, Asst. State Secretary. [View the Photos](#)

15.05.2026: DPE RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 13.03.2026 REQUESTING TO RESTORE THE PRACTICE OF UPLOADING IDA REVISION ORDERS ON THE DPE WEBSITE TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND TIMELY IMPLEMENTATION:

AIBSNLREA, vide its letter dated 13.03.2026 had requested DPE that the recent decision may kindly be reviewed and the earlier practice of uploading IDA revision orders on the DPE website immediately upon issuance be restored. DPE has replied on 26.04.2026 (received by us today) that "The suggestion regarding DA orders has been duly noted and shared with the Wage Cell, the division concerned with wage-related matters of CPSEs. The Department will initiate action, as deemed appropriate." It may be recalled that DPE uploaded its order dated 24.04.2026 for IDA revision w.e.f. 01.04.2026 on its website on 28.04.2026. **View the DPE reply**

13.05.2026: DOP&T FORWARDS AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 08.04.2026 ADDRESSED TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, SUBMITTING AIC RESOLUTION ON ENHANCEMENT OF FIXED MEDICAL ALLOWANCE FROM RS.1000 TO RS.3000, TO MOH&FW AND DOP&PW FOR ACTION AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE:

AIBSNLREA had submitted the AIC resolution on "Enhancement of Fixed Medical Allowance from Rs.1000 to Rs.3000" to the Prime Minister of India. DoP&T has now forwarded the letter to Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, for action as deemed fit. **View the DoP&T letter**



BRANCHES IN ACTION

26.05.2026: TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF AIBSNLREA LUCKNOW BRANCH (UP STATE) HELD:

The Fourth Triennial Conference of Lucknow Branch of AIBSNLREA was held on 22-05-2026 at Hotel Babian-Inn, Lucknow under the Presidentship of Branch President Com. B L Mishra. Com. R K Sinha Joint Secretary CHQ participated as Chief Guest. Com. V P Singh, State Secretary and Com. R S Prasad State Financial Secretary were State Representatives. A Shehnai Dhun recitation was re-played in honour of Chief Guest Com. R K Sinha. Forty members participated in the meeting. Two minutes' silence was observed in the memory of departed members. Branch Secretary Com. A K Sharma presented his report and the same was passed by the House. Com. Ram Manohar Branch Financial Secretary presented Financial report from 28-12-2022 till 15-5-2026 which was also passed with some corrections. Five Members of the Branch of 80 + years of age were honoured by Chief Guest. Com. R K Sinha explained in detail about 8th CPC, CGHS and other issues and action taken by CHQ. He also replied to the queries of members. Com.V P Singh, State Secretary explained the activities and developments at State level. Com. A K Sharma, Branch Secretary addressed the House with current status of pending Medical bills of members. Election of new office bearers was unanimous. Com. S P Singh, Com. A K Sharma and Com. Ram Manohar were elected as Branch President, Branch Secretary and Branch Financial Secretary respectively. During the day-long meeting, breakfast, lunch and tea were served to the participants.

22.05.2026: AIBSNLREA YAMUNANAGAR BRANCH (HARYANA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The general body meeting of AIBSNLREA Yamuna Nagar Branch was held on 20/5/2026 at Gopal Restaurant Yamuna Nagar under the Presidentship of Com. Sudhir Chadha. Branch Secretary Com.S.L.Purey welcomed the participants. Two minutes' silence was observed as mark of respect to Late Com. M C K Mittal, Branch President. Com. Sudhir Chadha was elected as President unanimously. Com. S L Purey spoke on the subjects covered in the General

Secretary report of AIC Varanasi and also apprised the house about the Resolutions passed in AIC. The house appreciated the quick action taken by CHQ for submission of Resolutions to Prime Minister and other concerned authorities. The latest status of various issues like 78.2% IDA fitment from 1/1/2007, Revision of pension, restoration of commutation value of pension in 12 years. IDR etc were discussed. All the participants appreciated the CHQ for the editorial regarding delay in release of IDA. After vote of thanks light refreshment was served.

16.05.2026: AIBSNLREA KOLHAPUR BRANCH (MAHARASHTRA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

AIBSNLREA Kolhapur Branch held its quarterly GB meeting on 10-05-2026 in the Conference Hall, Telephone Bhavan Kolhapur under the Presidentship of Com.P S Kulkarni, President. 44 members attended the meeting travelling from Sangli, Ichalkaranji and Gadhinglaj. Silence was observed in memory of late Com. U R Gaikwad. Com. Supriya Vivek Bhavsar joined the association in the meeting. Senior members who had attained the age of 75 were felicitated. Com.Rajan Rajopadhye who has been re-elected as CHQ OS (W) was felicitated. Branch Secretary Com.C.S.Walke spoke on the subjects covered in the General secretary report of AIC Varanasi. Com. D K Joshi & Com. Rajan Rajopadhye spoke on the resolutions passed in the AIC. Com. J G Kulkarni, Financial Secretary presented the Statement of Accounts for 2022-2026. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Com. S M Vaidhya, Asst. State Secretary. [View the Photos](#)

09.05.2026: ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA PUNE BRANCH (MAHARASHTRA STATE) HELD:

Annual General Body Meeting of AIBSNLREA Pune Branch was held on 22.04.2026 in "Varradshri Sabhagruha", Pune, under the Presidentship of Com.Prakhad Vitthalrao Deshmukh. Dr Sanjiv Tukaramrao Kendre, CMO, CGHS Pune, addressed the House and informed that our request for cashless treatment in NIN Pune was under process. He gave general guidance about CGHS Facilities. Com.Amrut Mahotsavi Varsh was honoured on his attaining the age of 70 years. 40 members whose birth date fell in the first 3 months of 2026 were felicitated. Secretary Com.G.K.Patil presented the report of activities of the Branch during the interim period. Asst.Financial Secretary Com. Sanjay Kulkarni submitted Financial Report. A few queries raised by members were answered by the Branch Secretary. 80 members were present in the meeting. DLC submission was going on parallelly. Election of new office bearers was unanimous. Com.D.S.Sonawane, Com.Ramesh Vyawahare and Com.Bharat R Kumbhar were elected as President, Secretary and Financial Secretary respectively. President concluded the meeting thanking the participants. Meeting was followed by sumptuous lunch.

07.05.2026: AIBSNLREA PATIALA BRANCH (PUNJAB STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The general body meeting of Patiala Branch was held on 28.04.2026 at Gopal Sweets, Urban Estate, Patiala under the presidentship of Com. Mewa Singh. After welcome address by the President, Com. Balbir Singh, Branch Secretary, briefed the house in detail about the All India Conference held at Varanasi, especially the discussions over various topics covered by the General Secretary Report. He also listed the various resolutions passed in the AIC, and mentioned that these resolutions have been submitted by CHQ to the Hon'ble Prime Minister and other authorities. The Branch Secretary further apprised the House of the status of local

issues and requested the members to enroll new members in AIBSNLREA. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Com. Balbir Singh Branch Secretary Patiala.

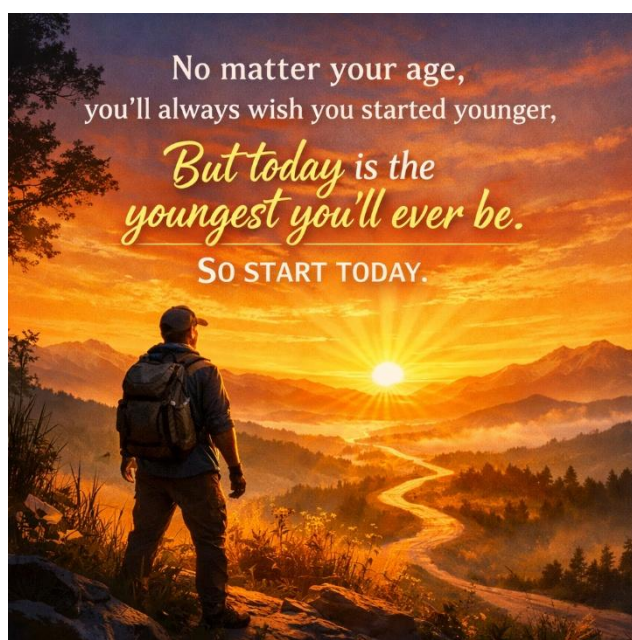
05.05.2026: AIBSNLREA KURUKSHETRA BRANCH (HARYANA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

A General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Kurukshetra branch was held on 30.4.2026 at Neelkanthi Yatri Niwas of Haryana tourism Kurukshetra under the Presidentship of Com. S K Verma Branch President. 25 members attended the meeting. The House expressed condolences over the death of Shri Ram Rattan, brother of Com. Bhagwan Das. The meeting wished speedy recovery of Com. Rajvir Chodhary and Com. Jeet Ram who had been hospitalised. A team headed by Mrs Neeru Arora of PH Wellness and Fitness Center Chandigarh briefed the gathering about medical conditions that can develop in old age due to nutritional deficiencies. They also conducted free tests of vital physical parameters of all the members present. Shri Jasmer Singh and Lokman Singh stressed about the need and role of Yoga for everyone. Com. D S Sandhu briefed the members about Pension revision and 78.2% fitment case status. Com. Jogi Ram, State Secretary briefed about the deliberations and resolutions passed in the 4th AIC held at Varanasi. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks and was followed by lunch. [View the Photos](#)



STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING MAY 2026

- 01. Kolhapur Branch (Maharashtra State)** deposited Rupees Four Hundred (Rs.400/-) only on **13.05.2026** towards CHQ quota for One new life member.
- 02. Chennai Branch (Tamilnadu State)** deposited Rupees Six Hundred (Rs.600/-) only on **13.05.2026** towards CHQ quota for Two new life members.



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