



Editorial

AFFORDABILITY VS AFFORDABILITY

Nearly a month ago, Union Minister for Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia unveiled the new logo of BSNL and its seven citizen centric services representing BSNL's renewed focus on delivering secure, affordable and reliable connectivity to every corner of the country and stated that BSNL is the only telecom service provider in India to launch these seven indigenous services which from now on will always keep BSNL at the forefront of technological innovations in the country. He mentioned that *"under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BSNL has transformed itself from being a follower to now becoming a Leader"*. The seven initiatives unveiled are a Spam-free network, National WiFi Roaming, BSNL IFTV, Any Time SIM Kiosks, Direct-to-Direct Service, Public Protection & Disaster Relief and First Private 5G in Mines.

Launching of the new logo and the seven services by the Minister of Communications was heart-warming, as it once again showcased the fact that BSNL is still recognised as a Government owned PSU, although the Minister, on the same occasion, did not mince words in declaring that he is Minister for entire Telecom

Industry and not Minister for only BSNL.

Rebranding is an established strategy followed by companies to improve the company's image with change in brand mission, vision and values, to target a completely new customer profile and expand to a new Market. To gain attention and cover-up crisis are not to be reasons for rebranding. Logo rebranding is a part of this strategy. Many major companies have successfully rebranded their logo in the past, in order to stand out in a crowd, to suit today's customers and during product expansion. It is not known what prompted BSNL to rebrand its logo and whether detailed market research was conducted before launching the new logo or was it a move on extraneous considerations. We do not know what the cost of logo rebranding is and whether it was advisable to go for rebranding incurring huge costs at the time when BSNL's finances are in bad shape. Post-launch, whether there is any attempt to gauge the customer's reaction on the new logo through surveys?

And we should remember that a new logo alone can't mask underlying issues. Customers see through that pretty quickly if the products and services don't

match the brand's new look and promises. The foundation of any successful rebranding effort should always include tangible improvements in the quality of what's being offered.

BSNL has indeed capitalized on the opportunity presented by the tariff hikes from private telecom operators. Since the tariff increases by Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, and Vodafone Idea in June 2024, BSNL has seen a significant rise in its subscriber base. Though *"BSNL added 6.25 million mobile users during July, August, September 2024, revenue from cellular services fell 6.6 percent YoY (Year over Year) to INR 2522 crores due to delays in rolling out 4G services"*, says *Entrepreneur India* a monthly business magazine. This addition does not match the loss of mobile customers to the extent of more than 20 million during the past two years. Also, it is reported that those who migrated from other telecom operators to BSNL are those customers who do not contribute significantly to the ARPU (Average Revenue Per User), whereas Reliance Jio and Airtel have seen increase in their ARPU even after losing customers to BSNL. To attract back the higher value customers, BSNL needs to improve the speed and quality of its mobile services in which it is still lagging behind even after the reported 40000 4G towers going on-air.

Days after launch of the new logo, in a chat with The Indian Express, the Minister said, *"BSNL is making operational profit for the past two years... we have had a positive EBITDA. So we are*

not in the red on EBITDA," "While EBITDA is positive, its bottom line was still in red." All the talk about 'making operational profit' now and then by the present MoC as well as his predecessors Ravishankar Prasad, Manoj Sinha and Ashwani Viashnav are appalling as BSNL has been always making operational profit except during FY 2013-14, and then during FY 2017-18, FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20. While positive operating profit may express the overall health of a business, it does not guarantee future profitability. The key issue is that BSNL revenue has remained stagnant for the past several years. BSNL has also decided not to raise its tariffs in the near future, aiming to retain and attract more customers by offering affordable plans. Strangely, the affordability of telecom services, the goal of successive Telecom Policies, is applicable only to BSNL and no other operator.

Minister has also said, *"Even today it is only BSNL that is reaching the last village in our country in terms of telecom service. I believe that BSNL has tremendous capabilities... My BSNL worker --my family -- has tremendous potential, just needs to be triggered."* He will be aware that providing affordable services by BSNL in order to implement the social obligations of the Government, apart from Government policies and decisions thrust upon BSNL now and then, affects its profitability. Affordability of services negatively impacts the affordability to pay and grant of revised pay scales. The 'tremendous potential of the BSNL workers' needs to be triggered

by relaxing the affordability clause and granting them the revised pay scales, which is eluding them for the past seven years. BSNL employees' unions and associations should focus on getting the

affordability clause relaxed and devise their strategy accordingly, to ensure pay revision.■



Important Developments of the Month

✚ AGS AIBSNLREA Shri Rakesh Sethi visited BSNL Corporate office on 22.11.2024 and had discussions with concerned officers and the following is the outcome of the discussions:

1. Grant of promotion as per court orders - case of Shri M.N.Chavda: Copy of first page of service book has been received from Gujarat Circle and the case will be further processed.
2. Sanction of penal interest on late payment of gratuity - case of Shri B.M.Kolki: Requisite information called for from Maharashtra Circle is yet to be received despite a reminder. Specific instruction will be sent after waiting for some more time, for getting the desired information.
3. Dispensing with the requirement of submission of Life Certificate for concessional telephone provided to BSNL Retired employees: Our proposal for sharing the Life Certificate generated for pension through designated email has been examined and separate orders will be issued.
4. Implementation of CAT Chennai orders on stepping up pay of seniors on par with juniors: Tamilnadu Circle has been directed to file Writ Petition against the CAT Chennai orders, in accordance with the legal advice.
5. Vigilance Clearance for absorption in BSNL in respect of Shri H.S.Sutaria: DoT had wanted more details and the same have been sent on 14.11.2024.

✚ AGS AIBSNLREA Shri Rakesh Sethi visited BSNL Corporate office on 08.11.2024 and had discussions with concerned officers and the following is the outcome of their discussions:

1. Grant of promotion as per court orders - case of Shri M.N.Chavda: Copy of first page of service book is yet to be received from Gujarat Circle.
2. Sanction of penal interest on late payment of gratuity - case of Shri B.M.Kolki: Requisite information called for from Maharashtra Circle is yet to be received despite a reminder. We have requested that specific instruction be sent for getting the desired information.
3. Penalisation of Shri Madhusudhan Mukherjee by IT department due to non-remittance of TDS recovered by BSNL: We took exception to a non-serious response from CTD administration and wanted Corporate office to fix responsibility and further pursue the issue, keeping in mind a pensioner has been affected due to the fault of BSNL administration.

4. Release of funds for payment of long pending medical claims in respect of Shri R.N.Bhunia, Shri Md.Farooque and Shri P.K.Jindal: We were informed that for post-2022 cases funds will be released in December. For pre-2022, the Circles should send a special request mentioning Assignment Code for release of funds. In respect of Shri P.K.Jindal, we were told that there should be no difficulty in making fresh entry in SAP in respect of pensioners. The Circle should create vendor and send details with request for release of funds.
5. Dispensing with the requirement of submission of Life Certificate for concessional telephone provided to BSNL Retired employees: We were informed that Life Certificate is still necessary as the concession is available only up to the life time of the pensioner. However our proposal for sharing the Life Certificate generated for pension through designated email will be examined.
6. Implementation of CAT Chennai orders on stepping up pay of seniors on par with juniors and release of regular pension and other pensionary benefits to Shri P.S.Prasad could not be discussed as the concerned officers were in a meeting. AGS will visit BSNL CO again next week.

📌 The monthly virtual meeting of AIBSNLREA CHQ office bearers was held on 04.11.2024 under the Presidentship of Shri V.Chinnappiah, CHQ President. After welcome address by President, GS spoke about various developments during October 2024, including issue of instructions by DoP&PW on improvements suggested by AIBSNLREA in CPENGRAMS, DoP&T orders implementing interim orders of Supreme Court on notional increment, DoT OM restricting the benefit only to the Central Government employees, AIBSNLREA's immediate response requesting DoT to review and re-issue its OM and hectic organisational activities in the Branches despite the intervening festivals during the entire month. After presenting of reports by all the office bearers, GS summed up the discussions. It was decided to keep focus on formation of new branches and addition of members. CHQ will intervene and assist wherever Branches were not able to hold a meeting for whatsoever reasons. GS expressed satisfaction over the increasing significance of the association among not only BSNL pensioners but pensioners in general, presenting an email from a retired judge saying he has been following our postings since 2022 and requesting us to further pursue the matter of enhancement of FMA to Rs.3000 p.m. The meeting ended with the President thanking the participants.



Issues taken up

26.11.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO CMD BSNL REQUESTING ISSUE OF INSTRUCTIONS TO CIRCLES/UNITS TO PROVIDE SPACE IN BSNL OFFICE BUILDINGS FOR PENSIONERS ASSOCIATIONS TO HOLD MEETINGS:

AIBSNLREA has written to CMD BSNL drawing his attention to the fact that "While some Circles/Units/BAs willingly provide space for holding such meetings, even in the

Conference Halls, most of the other units are reluctant to provide any space. It is no secret that after implementation of BSNL VRS 2019 almost all BSNL buildings have a number of unused rooms gathering dust. It will be of use to both BSNL and the Pensioners if they are permitted to hold their periodical meetings for a nominal rent" and has requested him to cause issue of suitable instructions to all Circles/Units to allot some room/space in BSNL offices on request. [View the letter](#)

12.11.2024: AIBSNLREA SUBMITS PETITION TO HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA PRAYING FOR RESTORATION OF COMMUTED PORTION OF PENSION AFTER 12 YEARS:

Having exhausted all channels including representations to the Prime Minister of India and earlier to VII Central Pay Commission, AIBSNLREA has submitted a petition to the Chief Justice of India for consideration in a manner as deemed fit and with a prayer to direct the Union of India to restore the commuted portion of the pension after 12 years from the date of commutation instead of the current period of 15 years. [View the Petition](#)

11.11.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO CGCA DOT REGARDING UNDUE DELAY IN ACTING UPON THE REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF PENSION FROM CCA MH & GOA TO CCA MP CIRCLE:

AIBSNLREA has drawn the attention of CGCA, DoT to the undue delay in acting upon the request for transfer of pension from CCA MH & Goa to CCA MP, by Shri B.S.Rajput and has requested intervention for early action on his request. [View the letter](#)

08.11.2024: AIBSNLREA WRITES TO THE DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIM FOR FY 2022-23 IN RESPECT OF SHRI P.K.JINDAL, RETD DE, SANGRUR:

AIBSNLREA has written to the Director (HR) regarding non-payment of medical claim for FY 2022-23 in respect of Shri P.K.Jindal, Retd DE, Sangrur, pointing out that has been put into unwarranted difficulty for the fault on the part of BSNL , first by misplacing his claim and now by deleting the entry in SAP and has requested intervention of Director (HR) to get the issue resolved. [View the letter](#)



GOVERNMENT/BSNL ORDERS & LETTERS

21.11.2024: BSNL WILL ACCEPT LIFE CERTIFICATE GENERATED THROUGH JEEVAN PRAMAAN FOR BSNLMRS REVALIDATION:

AIBSNLREA had very recently conveyed, vide its letter dated 30.10.2024, the difficulties faced by pensioners in submitting Life Certificate for validation of Rent Free Telephone connection and while requesting dispensing with the requirement had suggested that BSNL retired employees may be permitted to send a copy of the Life Certificate generated for the purpose of pension to a designated email, during all months as and when it is generated, without forcing the aged pensioners to go through the hassles of visiting the BSNL offices. When our AGS met the concerned authority in BSNL CO on 08.11.2024, he was assured that our proposal for sharing the Life Certificate generated

for pension through designated email will be examined. BSNL has now issued an order vide No.BSNLCO-ADMN/61/13/2022-ADMN dated 21.11.2024 conveying the decision that "Medical Card issued to BSNL retirees shall be validated yearly on submission of digital Life Certificate issued by Jeevan Praman Portal, submitted electronically to the concerned authority, through email/messenger etc." [View the BSNL order](#)

14.11.2024: DOT ISSUES ORDERS FOR ENHANCEMENT OF MAXIMUM LIMIT OF GRATUITY FROM 20 LAKHS TO 25 LAKHS:

DoT vide its OM No.40-11/2024-Pen(T) dated 12.11.2024 has made DoP&PW OM dated 30.05.2024 on enhancement of maximum limit of gratuity from 20 lakhs to 25 lakhs applicable for BSNL absorbees who had opted for combined service pension and whose pension is governed by Rule 37 of CCS (Pension) Rules 2021. It may be recalled that AIBSNLREA had represented to DoT on 9th July 2024 requesting that orders may be issued without further delay, making DoP&PW O.M dated 30.05.2024 applicable to BSNL absorbed employees and DoT had responded on 16th August 2024 stating that "the matter is under examination in consultation with DoP&PW" [View the DoT OM](#)

02.11.2024: DOP&PW REITERATES ITS CLARIFICATION ON DELETION OF NAME OF DAUGHTER FROM THE FAMILY DETAILS OF A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT PENSIONER:

DoP&PW has issued an OM vide No.11/15/2022-P&PW(H)-8363 (II) dated 30.10.2024, reiterating its earlier clarification that the daughter is deemed to be a member of the family of Government Servant as and when intimated by the Government Servant in the prescribed proforma. Hence the name of the daughter shall remain included in the details of family members. The eligibility for family pension would be decided after the demise of pensioner/family pensioner in accordance with the existing rules. [View the DoP&PW OM](#)

RESPONSE/ACTION TAKEN ON



AIBSNLREA'S REPRESENTATIONS

22.11.2024: DPE RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 24.10.2024 REGARDING DELAY IN ISSUE OF IDA ORDERS:

AIBSNLREA had written to Secretary DPE regarding delay in issue orders for revision of IDA rate w.e.f. 1.10.2024 and requesting to ensure there is no delay in the future in view of the fact that the pension disbursing authorities start processing pension around the middle of the month and latest by 20th of the month. DPE has replied that "your suggestion has been noted." [View the DPE response](#)

19.11.2024: DOT RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 28.10.2024 ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY DOT REQUESTING TO REVIEW AND RE-ISSUE ITS OM DATED 18.10.2024 RESTRICTING THE BENEFIT OF NOTIONAL INCREMENT FOR THOSE RETIRING A DAY PRIOR TO THEIR DATE OF INCREMENT, ONLY TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES:

AIBSNLREA had conveyed the disappointment among the affected pensioners to Secretary DoT vide its letter dated 28.10.2024, over DoT OM restricting the benefit of Supreme Court interim order only to the Central Government employees, pointing out that "Nowhere does the interim order say that the "third parties" are only Central Government Employees" and had requested him to cause review of the DoT OM dated 18.10.2024 referred to above and re-issue it with instructions to implement the interim orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in respect of all pensioners including absorbed BSNL pensioners. DoT has now replied that "The matter is under examination in consultation with Nodal Departments i.e Department of Personnel & Training and Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare." [View the DoT reply](#)

07.11.2024: CGCA RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 07.10.2024 REQUESTING AUTOMATING THE PROCESS OF IDA CDA MAPPING CERTIFICATE:

AIBSNLREA had written to the CGCA, DoT, drawing his attention to the earlier reply that "the feasibility to incorporate such IDA/CDA mapping facility will be examined and will be taken for consideration in future development" and had requested to ensure that the facility is implemented at the earliest. CGCA has replied that "reply has already been given vide letter No. of even dated 03.04.2024. It is further to intimate that the feasibility to incorporate such IDA/CDA mapping facility is still pending as future developments are in progress." [View the CGCA reply](#)

01.11.2024: BSNL RESPONDS TO AIBSNLREA LETTER DATED 27.09.2024 ADDRESSED TO DIRECTOR (HR) BSNL REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF MEDICAL CLAIM, YEARS AFTER RECOVERY OF TDS ON THAT COUNT IN RESPECT OF SHRI MOHD. FAROOQUE, RETD.CAO (IFA), BRBRAITT, JABALPUR:

In response to AIBSNLREA letter dated 27.09.2024 addressed to the Director (HR) BSNL regarding non-payment of medical claim, years after recovery of TDS on that count in respect of Shri Mohd. Farooque, Retd CAO (IFA), BRBRAITT, Jabalpur, BSNL has replied that "the matter is under coordination between BSNL circle and BSNL corporate office for release of payment." [View the BSNL response](#)



BRANCHES IN ACTION

30.11.2024: AIBSNLREA COIMBATORE BRANCH HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The General Body Meeting of AIBSNLREA Coimbatore Branch was held under the Presidentship of Shri M. Ponnuswami, President on 28.11.2024 in the meeting hall of Hotel Krishna Vilas, Coimbatore. 49 members participated in the meeting. Shri R.Damodaran, Secretary delivered the welcome address and detailed several individual cases pursued by the Branch. In his presidential address, Shri M.Ponnuswamy expressed pride over functioning of the association. Shri M. S. Radhakrishnan, State Secretary explained about the cases taken up with CCA, Tamilnadu Circle and BSNL Circle Administration. In his special address Shri V. Chinnappaiah CHQ President narrated how and why AIBSNLREA stands tall among all BSNL pensioners associations. Shri R. R. Balasubramanian, General Secretary in his speech covered all important issues,

explaining our approach towards pay revision of BSNL employees, our pension revision, the need for BSNL to be allowed to pay pension contribution on actual pay, relaxation of affordability clause, provision of 4G services by BSNL, restoration of commutation in 12 years, the demands for additional quantum of pension after 65, 70 and 75 years of age, increase in FMA to Rs.3000 p.m., the unique way of functioning of AIBSNLREA and requested the members to go through the information being shared through WhatsApp groups. Shri K. Sivakumaran, Assistant Branch Secretary delivered the Vote of Thanks. Lunch was served after the meeting. [View the Photos](#)

30.11.2024: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA PRAYAGARAJ BRANCH (UP STATE) HELD:

The General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Prayagraj Branch was held on 29th November 2024 under the Chairmanship of Shri Ratnakar Srivastav Vice President. Secretary Shri S.M.Tiwari briefed about issue of Pensioner ID card, SAMPANN issues, pension revision and payment of medical claims. He gave details of the virtual meetings of CHQ office bearers and UP State Executive body. Meeting ended with the President thanking the participants.

29.11.2024: ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA VARANASI BRANCH (UP STATE) HELD:

The General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Varanasi Branch was held under the Presidentship of Shri C.K.Singh on 26/11/2024 in CTX Compound. 22 members attended the meeting. A warm welcome was given to the State Secretary Shri V.P.Singh. He addressed the meeting and shared information regarding CHQ/State level pensioners issues and cleared doubts regarding Pension and court cases. Shri R.S.Srivastav, Shri S.P Dube, Shri Keshar Singh, Shri Rajendra Tiwari and Shri T. D.Yadav participated in the discussions. Secretary Shri Yad Ali explained in detail on all agenda points. The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks by President Shri C.K. Singh. One New life member Dr. Rajendr Kumar was welcomed by house. [View the Photos](#)

29.11.2024: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA CHANDIGARH BRANCH HELD:

A General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Chandigarh Branch was held on 25-11-2024 at Pearl Hotel Industrial Area-2 Chandigarh under the Presidentship of Shri M D Bhasin, President. Shri MK Kalra Branch Secretary informed the house that this was 63rd meeting since the formation of Branch in November 2009. Senior member Shri Lokesh Chopra spoke on current pending issues. He clarified that the pension can only be revised after 3rd PRC is implemented which is held up due to profitability clause of Wage Revision Committee and therefore we can only wait. Shri MD Bhasin, President advised the members to seek treatment from hospitals providing cashless treatment. He expressed hope that our case on 78.2% will be resolved shortly. The meeting ended with delicious lunch.

27.11.2024: ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA MEHSANA BRANCH (GUJARAT STATE) HELD:

The Annual General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Mehsana Branch was held on 22-11-2024 at Senior citizen community hall under the Presidentship Shri D V Prajapati Branch President. Shri P B Parmar State President, Shri N P Patel, State secretary and shri B K Shah, State Asst secretary were present on the dais. Two minutes silence was observed in remembrance of departed members. All the office bearers were welcomed by garlanding and State office bearers were given shawl & memento. State Secretary Shri N P Patel and State President Shri P B Parmar spoke on status of pending cases of pensioners, pension revision, CGHS, Notional increment and replied to the queries raised by the members. Shri R M Dalwadi, Shri D H Patel and Shri D M Patel have been unanimously elected as President, Secretary and Finance secretary respectively. The meeting ended with vote of Thanks by Shri R M Dalwadi. After meeting lunch was served. [View the Photos](#)

27.11.2024: AIBSNLREA SANGRUR BRANCH (PUNJAB STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

A general Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Sangrur Branch was held on 25th November, 2024 in Shree Naina Devi Mandir Park under the Presidentship of Shri P.K.Jindal Branch President. Shri R S Sandhu Joint Secretary CHQ and Shri Balbir Singh Branch Secretary AIBSNLREA Patiala Branch were present. Secretary Shri Shiv Narain welcomed all. He explained how 27 retirees filed a case in CAT Chandigarh for stopping CVP recovery after 10 years and got an interim order to stop recovery after 10 year 11 months. Shri V K Mittal stressed over the need to be in contact with each other. Shri P K Jindal, President and members expressed their full satisfaction over the working of General Secretary and CHQ members and for giving immediate response to members' grievances. Status of other cases like pension revision, pay & pension arrears benefits wef 01.01.2007 to 09.06.2013 on 78.2% fitment, notional increment to those Pensioners who retired one day prior to date of increment, action taken by CHQ in these issues and response from the concerned departments were discussed. Shri P K Garg gave a lecture on GI(Glycaemic Index) & GL(Glycaemic load) in different foods and fruits, for the knowledge of diabetics. Shri Gurmail Singh FS gave a vote of thanks. Light refreshment was served after the meeting.

27.11.2024: AIBSNLREA TIRUNELVELI BRANCH (TAMILNADU STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Tirunelveli Branch was held on 23.11.2024 under the Presidentship of Shri S.A.Samsu Mohideen, Branch President. Shri S.Ganapathy welcomed the participants. Shri S.A.Samsu Mohideen in his Presidential address spoke about the activities and CHQ and State Association and the sustained action by General Secretary in resolving the pensioners issues. Secretary Shri S.Arumugam spoke elaborately about restoration of commutation in 12 years, CHQ's efforts to get the issue resolved by even writing to the Chief Justice of India, CHQ's letter pointing out delay in issue of IDA orders and DPE's response, continuous efforts to get the issue of notional increment settled, submission of DLC, accepting DLC generated by Jeevan Pramaan for MRS revalidation etc. It was decided that GB meeting be conducted every three months and efforts be made to add new members. Shri Arunachalam explained how he got his

MR bill settled through intervention by CHQ. Shri S.Ganapathy and Shri R.Ramesh joined the discussions. Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks by Finance Secretary Shri S.Muthukumar.

25.11.2024: NEW BRANCH OF AIBSNLREA FORMED AT MUZAFFARPUR (BIHAR STATE):

After ceaseless efforts by CHQ FS Shri A.K.Sharma, a new Branch of AIBSNLREA was inaugurated in Muzaffarpur (Bihar State) on 23.11.24 in the conference room of the GMTD office under the Presidentship of Shri Ram Nath Gupta. Shri Ram Nath Gupta was elected as President, Shri B.K.Chowdhary as Secretary and Shri Rambabu Mahto as Finance Secretary. Branch Secretary Shri B.K.Chowdhary addressed the meeting and emphasized upon having regular meetings and increasing the membership. Shri S.D.Yadav, Rtd. DE was inducted as a member in the meeting itself. CHQ FS Shri A.K.Sharma spoke on various pensioners issues and clarified the doubts raised by members. He also informed the members about the initiatives taken by CHQ on several pensioners issues and the success achieved. Tea and snacks were served in the meeting. Meeting ended on a very happy note with a vote of thanks by President Shri Ram Nath Gupta.

23.11.2024: AIBSNLREA VARANASI BRANCH HAS A MEETING WITH ADVISOR (F) DOT:

AIBSNLREA Varanasi Branch Secretary Shri Yad Ali, President Shri F.M.Ansari and Finance Secretary Shri S.P.Yadav met Advisor (F), DoT, camp at Varanasi on 22.11.2024. CCA UP (East) and PCCA, New Delhi were present. Problems faced in SAMPANN, difficulties faced in submission of DLC, timely credit of pension and corrections required in ID card were some of the issues discussed. Advisor (F) was quite receptive and said she can be directly contacted for any issues. [View the Photo](#)

23.11.2024: AIBSNLREA UP STATE HELD ITS EXECUTIVE MEETING VIRTUALLY:

AIBSNLREA Uttar Pradesh State executive meeting was held virtually on 17-11-24, under the Presidentship of Shri R B Singh. Two minutes silence was observed in memory of demise of Shri R S Arora State President and other deceased members. State secretary Shri V.P.Singh welcomed all participant office bearers and Branch Secretaries and CHQ Jt. Secretary Shri R K Sinha who handled the connectivity for the meeting. CHQ Jt. secretary Shri Sinha spoke on various issues taken up at CHQ level. State Secretary explained the status of pension, CGHS/BSNL medical matters along with pensioners ID cards and life certificate submission in detail. Shri R B Singh was elected as State President in the vacancy caused by the demise of Shri R.S.Arora. Vacancies in remaining posts were also filled up. Agra and Kashi Dham Branches offered to hold the next State Executive meeting. Branch secretaries shared their valuable points and views in the meeting. It was decided to boost up our strength by adding new lifetime members. The virtual meeting ended with vote of thanks proposed by the President.

21.11.2024: AIBSNLREA CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR (FORMERLY AURANGABAD) BRANCH (MAHARASHTRA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

General body meeting of AIBSNLREA Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (formerly Aurangabad) branch was held on 16.11.2024 at Meeting hall of Hotel 'LADLI' under the Chairmanship of Branch President Shri D K Shende. Secretary Shri V B Kaldeep

welcomed the members. Two minutes silence was observed in memory of members who had passed away. Shri S D Kawde joined the association as life member. He was welcomed by offering bouquet by secretary. Shri N B Kokane and Shri A P Lothe who have crossed 75 years were felicitated by offering Shawl and bouquet. Shri V P Joshi read out E-journal of Association and also replied to the queries of the members. PRO Shri Kadam from CGHS empanelled Eye hospital gave a speech on timely eye care in old age. Shri Jadhav Manager of Nj Wealth gave information regarding proper use of Mutual fund by opting for SIP and SWP. It was decided to hold meetings at regular intervals. Meeting ended with vote of thanks by Branch President and delicious lunch.

20.11.2024: AIBSNLREA BHOPAL BRANCH (MP STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

Monthly GB Meeting of AIBSNLREA BHOPAL Branch was held on 17th November 2024 at INDIAN COFEE HOUSE Gulmohar. President Shri Nagrajan, Vice President Shri O.P.Sharma, Asstt.Secretary Shri A.K.Balpande, Shri D.K.Verma, Shri Arvind Sinha were on the dais. Shri Diwakar Kotwal, explained in detail regarding the filing of CVP Case in CAT Jabalpur. 23 Members have given consent & completed all the formalities related to filing of the case. Branch Secretary Shri H.S.Saxena said the case will be filed by this month end. Members whose birthday falls in November 2024 were facilitated by Rosebuds & Sweets. Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks by Secretary. [View Photos](#)

18.11.2024: AIBSNLREA VADODARA BRANCH (GUJARAT STATE) HOLDS ITS ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The Biannual General Body meeting of AIBSNLREA Vadodara Branch was held on 16th November 2024 at Hotel Utsav. Welcome speech was given by President Shri Modi K A who wished all for Gujrati New Year. Secretary Shri R T Shah gave information about all issues. Detailed discussions were held on points raised by members. About 10 life certificates were generated during the meeting. About 20 life certificates were generated by volunteer members to help members in bed rest by visiting their houses. New office bearers were elected unanimously. President- Shri R T Shah Secretary- Shri A B Joshi Finance Secretary - Shri P J Modi. The meeting concluded with a delicious lunch. [View the Photos](#)

16.11.2024: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNLREA RAIPUR BRANCH (CHATTISGARH STATE) HELD:

General body meeting of AIBSNLREA Raipur Branch was held on 11/11/2024 at Collectorate garden Raipur. President Shri P.Choradia welcomed the members. Discussion on pay revision, submission of online life certificate and local issues were discussed and clarified by the Secretary Shri G.P.Pandey. It was also decided to meet at least once in three months. Shri A. K. Pande joined the association as lifetime member. Some members sang good songs to entertain members. Meeting ended with vote of thanks by the President and distribution of sweets and tea.

14.11.2024: AIBSNLREA AKOLA BRANCH (MAHARASHTRA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The General Body Meeting of AIBSNLREA Akola branch was held on 12/11/2024 at Hotel Center Plaza Akola under the chairmanship of Shri N.N.Ambatkar. Shri A.G.Nema,

Branch Secretary welcomed the participants. Two minutes silence was observed in memory of deceased members Shri R.P.Majhwar, Shri S.N.Korde, Shri B.C.Reghiwale and Shri Dr. S.M.Harale. Discussions were held regarding pension revision, medical bills, Sampann related issues, FMA, restoration of commutation & free RSTC issues. All issues were explained by the Branch Secretary. Queries raised by members on issues like migration to CGHS, online life certificate & how to enroll online in Sampann, were also replied. All the members appreciated CHQ for approaching the Hon'ble Supreme Court through a timely Petition for restoration of the commuted portion of the pension. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from Shri V.B.Deshmukh Finance Secretary and was followed by Lunch.

14.11.2024: AIBSNLREA INDORE BRANCH (MP STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

Monthly GB meeting of Indore branch was held on 09.11.2024 under the Presidentship of Shri I K Vyas at shankuntal Meghdoot park Exchange building. 37 members attended the meeting. Members were anxious about settlement of restoration of commutation. Secretary Shri N.C.Yadav replied to the questions raised by the members regarding the restoration of commutation. Secretary also informed regarding the association's action on notional increment order. He informed the house about the adjournment of the hearing of the review petition on notional increment case and the condition for grant of additional pension on 80 years and above. Meeting ended with the vote of thanks.

13.11.2024: AIBSNLREA YAMUNANAGAR BRANCH (HARYANA STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The general body meeting of AIBSNLREA Yamuna Nagar branch was held on 12/11/2024 at Gopal Restaurant Yamuna Nagar under the chairmanship of Shri MCK Mittal. Shri S.L.Purey, Branch Secretary welcomed the participants. Two minutes silence was observed in memory of Late Shri Raghbir Singh, ret'd SDE. Discussions were held regarding pension revision, medical bills, Sampann related issues, FMA, grant of notional increment case status and reduction in commutation period were explained by the Branch Secretary. Queries raised by members on issues like CGHS were also replied. All the members appreciated CHQ for approaching Hon'ble Supreme Court through timely Petition for restoration of commuted portion of pension. Two new members have also been enrolled in the Yamuna Nagar branch. The meeting ended with vote of thanks and tea/snacks served.

09.11.2024: AIBSNLREA DELHI CIRCLE TAKES PART IN DLC CAMP AT CCA DELHI OFFICE AT EASTERN COURT:

AGS AIBSNLREA Shri Rakesh Sethi and Delhi Circle Secretary Shri Devesh Kumar, along with Circle office bearers took part in the DLC camp conducted at CCA Delhi office at Eastern Court on 06.11.2024 and 08.11.2024 and helped pensioners generate Life Certificate through Face Authentication App.

09.11.2024: AIBSNLREA EAST GODAVARI BRANCH (ANDHRA PRADESH STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

The General body meeting of AIBSNLREA East Godavari Branch was held on 03-11-2024 under the Presidentship of Shri GV Rama Krishna. Shri M venkateswara Rao VP CHQ was also present on the dais. After prayer the house paid homage to the departed members and observed 2 minutes silence. Secretary Shri GSVSS Varaprasad invited all the members. Two new Family pensioners covered under PCCA Delhi were introduced to the house. Secretary explained as to how their family pension was restored after mobile, DoB correction just by correspondence through WhatsApp. [View Andhra Pradesh page of State News section for full report] [View the Photos](#)

09.11.2024: GENERAL BODY MEETING OF AIBSNREA SHIMLA BRANCH (HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE) HELD:

The monthly GB meeting of AIBSNLREA Shimla Branch was held on 6th November 2024 at Shimla. The meeting was presided over by Shri Dalwara Singh. Issues discussed in last meeting were reviewed. All the pensioners were apprised about the pension revision. Notional increment clarification was requested from HQ. Members wanted to know about the settlement of commutation period. Revision of fixed medical Allowance and change of option was also discussed as per DOPT Orders.

07.11.2024: AIBSNLREA SURAT BRANCH (GUJARAT STATE) HOLDS ITS GENERAL BODY MEETING:

General body meeting of AIBSNLREA Surat branch was held on 20/10/2024 at 10:30 AM at Kshatriya Mochhi gnati parishad Hall, Nanpura, Surat under the presidentship of Branch President Shri Baburam. Branch Secretary Shri N.J. Nakawala welcomed the members with greetings for coming festivals. He briefed the current branch activities and poor response by local administration for the case of Shri H.S.Sutaria and Shri M.N.Chavda. Branch President in his speech discussed latest position of burning issues of pension revision and pendency of Medical claims/medical allowance. He gave very helpful tips for health care. One new member was enrolled. Meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks and Lunch. [View the Photos](#)



STATEMENT OF AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2024

- 01. East Godavari Branch (Andhra Pradesh State)** deposited Rupees Nine Hundred (Rs. 900/-) only on 14.10.2024 towards CHQ quota for Three new Life members.
- 02. Lucknow Branch (UP State)** deposited Rupees Three Hundred (Rs.300/-) only on 05.11.2024 towards CHQ quota for One new Life member.

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