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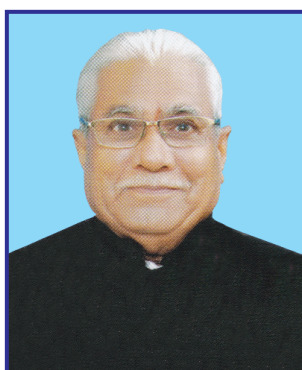
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## From the Desk of Editor



### Dear Subscribers and Railwaymen,

First of all I am sorry for not regularly publishing the Railway Sentinel after February/March 2022 issue. A big event of AIRF 97<sup>th</sup> convention, Working Committee Meeting, Women Activists Meeting with the co-ordination of ITF New Delhi office and WREU's 101<sup>st</sup> AGM was organized on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 at Mahankaleshwar's Nagari, Ujjain, Western Railway. All the above mentioned meetings were successfully held. I congratulate AIRF Office Bearers, President/General Secretaries and Office Bearers of Affiliated Unions, Working Committee members, Delegates, Women and Youth activists and visitors attended the Open Session, Delegate Session and other meetings for their co-operation. I also congratulate activists of Ujjain and of Ratlam Division for making all required arrangements for stay, transport, breakfast, lunch, dinner and Mahankaleshwar Darshan to all participants at Ujjain. I thank President, General Secretary and all Office Bearers of AIRF for smooth conduct of these meetings and gracing 101<sup>st</sup> WREU Convention. The WREU conducted demonstration on 28 and 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 for giving moral support to the common



program of "Industrial Bharat Bandh" of 10 CTU's. The threat of forth wave of Corona has started. We request all Railwaymen and their families for wearing the masks and taking other precautions as guided by Central and State Governments. All the Railwaymen are facing hardship on account of non-filling up of the vacancies by the Railway Ministry. We have protested on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 as per AIRF directives. WREU has decided to observe a "Demand Day" on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 on the pending issues of Railwaymen. I am sure, WREU activists will successfully observe the program of demand day.

## ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

(Base 2001 = 100)

Month / Year	Base year 2001=100 Average	Total of 12 Months	12 Monthly Average	%Increase Over 261.41* for DA
Feb. 2021	343	4044	337.00	28.91
Mar. 2021	344	4062	338.05	29.49
Apr-2021	340	4029	333.75	28.43
May-2021	347	4096	341.33	30.57
Jun-2021	350	4114	342.83	31.14
Jul-2021	353	4131	344.25	31.68
Aug-2021	354	4147	345.58	32.19
Sept. 2021	354	4161	346.75	32.64
Oct. 2021	360	4194	348.08	33.15
Nov. 2021	362	4194	349.05	33.69
Dec. 2021	361	4213	351.08	34.30
Jan. 2022	360	4233	352.75	34.94

\*Average Price Index for January 2001

97th AGM OF AIRF AND 101st AGM OF WREU, UJJAIN



Innagation of WREU 101st AGM at Ujjain



Com Shiva Gopal Mishra Innaugural Address



Hearty Welcome of Dignitaries Bro. Butch, Com Bhosaleji, Com Shiva Gopal Mishraji, Com N. Kanniah, Com R. C. Sharma



Huge Gathering in Well decorated Venue



## **THE 101<sup>st</sup> AGM OF WESTERN RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' UNION**

The 101<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of Western Railway Employees' Union was held physically at Madhav Seva Nyas, Ujjain from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 after a long gap of time. As is known, The Annual General Meeting of Western Railway Employees' Union could not hold physically after 99<sup>th</sup> Convention held at Ahmedabad in December, 2019 due to several restrictions and protocols to contain spread of Corona virus.

The auditorium of Madhav Seva Nyas was well decorated with Flex Banners, Patakas, Red Flags and decorated entry gate. The auditorium was full of delegates wearing red shirt and red cap.

As was decided by working committee, the delegate session was started at 10.30 hrs. on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Com. R.C. Sharma, President – WREU was in chair. Among the distinguished guests, who were present on the dais, were Com. Dr. N. Kanniah, President-AIRF, Com. Shiv Gopal Mishra, General Secretary – AIRF, Com. Shankar Rao, Treasurer-AIRF, Com. Ashis Biswas, General Secretary-NFRMU and AGS-AIRF, Com. K.L. Gupta, General Secretary NERMU and AGS-AIRF, Com. R.D. Yadav, General Secretary-NCRMU and Vice President-AIRF, Smt. Praveena Singh, Chairperson-AIRF, women wing, Ku. Champa Verma, International Women leader & Zonal Secretary-WCREU, Com. Venu P Nair, General Secretary-NRMU (C.Rly.) and AGS-AIRF and Brother Mahendra Sharma. The session was inaugurated by dignitaries jointly by lighting the Lamp.

Before start of proceedings, the condolence motion was moved and all the delegates paid homage to the comrades who left for heavenly abode since last AGM, by observing two minutes silence. Ratlam, the host division, welcome all the Distinguish Guests, Central Office Bearers, Divisional Secretaries & Chairman, Secretaries/Chairman of Workshops, Zonal Chairperson & Convener of Youth & Woman Wing present on the dais and felicitated them by garlanding, presenting shawl and a beautiful memento.

After welcome speech by Com. R.C.Sharma, President-WREU, Com. Shiv Gopal Mishra, General Secretary-AIRF in his inaugural speech, said that

WREU is important veteran affiliate of AIRF. He spoke on the recent developments on the pending demands and said that discontentment prevailing amongst Railwaymen on the issues which are already agreed by Railway Ministry and pending with Ministry of Finance for a considerable time. He expressed his serious concern on the government policy of Monetization of Railway assets. He mentioned about earlier attempts to privatize Railways and how the AIRF strongly protested and foiled the same. While speaking, Com. Mishra briefly mentioned about the recent achievements of AIRF and the pending issues viz. NPS, Secret Ballot Election, non-filling up of large number of vacancies, promotional avenue of the staff particularly staff in Level-1, LARSGESS, Absorption of Course Completed Act Apprentices, up gradation of supervisors, removal of ceiling limit for payment of Night Duty Allowance etc. However, he mentioned that all these issues will be deliberated in detail during open session of AIRF scheduled to be held at 15.30 Hrs. today at the same venue. He thanked WREU leadership and all members for serious implementation of all the programs/calls given by AIRF in recent past. General Secretary-AIRF appealed for all out preparation for decider struggle to achieve our legitimate pending demands and to meet with challenge ahead.

Com. N. Kanniah, President-AIRF addressed on the occasion. He spoke about present government policies particularly anti labour and privatization of public sectors including Indian Railways. He categorically mentioned for four Labour Codes which were passed by parliament and government is pressing hard to implement the same. The abnormal delay of Secret Ballot Election for recognition of Union in railway is the result of this, he added. Com. Kanniah appealed to be ready for struggle to save trade union movement in the country. Brother Mahendra Sharma, Ex-Secretary – ITF (Asia Pacific) also spoke on the occasion.

General Secretary Com. J.R.Bhosale, on being called upon placed his report. While placing his report, Com. Bhosale mentioned that despite of our decision to hold our 100<sup>th</sup> AGM physically, we could not conduct due to prevailing situation of COVID-19. However, we successfully hold the centenary convention virtually on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2020 and celebrated centenary year virtually followed by the 100<sup>th</sup> AGM through virtual

mode on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 first time in the history of WREU. He further mentioned that report is though brief, but includes all important events and activities of all divisions, workshops and non-divisional branches during the year. General Secretary briefly depicted about the topics and events mentioned in the General Secretaris Report. He thanked one and all for their total co-operation and support during entire period. Com. Bhosale categorically thanked all cadre rank & file of divisions, Workshops and Non-divisional branches for effectively organizing agitation programs throughout the western railway, on the call of AIRF & WREU. Com. Bhosale specially thanked to all for their support. He also thanked Com. Harkesh Meena, Com. Vivek Kamble and Smt. Sabana Shaikh and Smt. Kumkum Nagendra, Zonal chairperson and Convener respectively of Youth and Women wing for conducting various programs in the past year including Yuva Divas virtually and Zonal women conference physically at RTM.

In view of 97<sup>th</sup> AGM of AIRF being held alongside, Com. Bhosale mentioned that as decided by Working Committee no separate resolution is being placed before house. The resolutions so passed by AIRF convention will be adopted by WREU. At the end Com. J.R.Bhosale placed before the house, the working committee decision held on dated 19.12.2021 & 07.04.2022 wherein Com. Vikas Gupte was elected as honorary member of WREU and to be continuing as Treasurer and Further Com. Rajan P is proposed to be elected as honorary member of WREU and to be continuing as Asstt. General Secretary, from the next day of his superannuation i.e., 01.06.2022.

In the conclusion of convention, on being asked by Com R.C.Sharma, President, the house adopted the General Secretary Report unanimously. Further the house unanimously elected Com. Vikas Gupte as honorary member and to continuing him as Treasurer. Com. Rajan P was elected unanimously as honorary member and will continue as AGS after his retirement.

Com. President in his concluding address thanked all the guests specially President, General Secretary and other AIRF Office Bearers. He also thanked delegates, visitors and WREU activists for their active participation and co-operation. The convention also thanked administration in general and DRM RTM and his team in particular for their co-

operation in successful conducting of the Annual General Convention. The convention specially thanked Com. S.S.Sharma and Com. Manohar Barath Divisional Chairman and Divisional Secretary Ratlam respectively and their entire team of all divisional office bearers, volunteers from different branches in general and Ujjain branch in particular, Youth and Women Wings for their tireless services for making excellent arrangements for delegates and visitors and WREU activists for successful conduct of the Convention. Com. R.C.Sharma appealed WREU activist to continue in their respective work so as to ensure grand success of 97<sup>th</sup> AGM of AIRF scheduled to be held following to our AGM at the same venue. The meeting was concluded with vote of thank to chair and shouting slogans- WREU-AIRF-HMS-ITF Zindabad.

## 97TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF AIRF

The 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Working Committee of All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF) met simultaneously in Ujjain (Western Railway) on 11-12 April, 2022 as per pre-notified schedule. The Host Union - Western Railway Employees Union had made excellent arrangements for welcome, stay and meals etc. of the participants. Railway Station premises of Ujjain and nearby areas, along with streets and venue of the meetings, were beautifully decorated by the Host Union with festoons, wall-paintings, cut-outs, posters, hoardings and colourful light etc.

The Working Committee of AIRF met on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 from 12:30 hrs. in Madhav Seva Nyas, Ujjain, under the Chairmanship of Com. Dr. N. Kanniah, President AIRF. Com. J.R. Bhosale, General Secretary of the Host Union, Western Railway Employees Union, extended warm welcome to AIRF Office-Bearers, Zonal Secretaries and Working Committee Members attending 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of AIRF. General Secretary AIRF, Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, offered warm welcome to the participants of the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of AIRF and briefed the programme. Minutes of the last Working Committee Meeting of AIRF were unanimously confirmed.



General Secretary informed about the 101<sup>st</sup> AGM of WREU. He also talked about the Centenary Convention of the AIRF, slated to be held in 2024. Dr. N. Kanniah, President AIRF, spoke in detail on the Secret Ballot Elections in the Railways.

### **OPEN SESSION**

The Open Session of the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of AIRF started at 15:00 hrs. at the same venue wherein more than 1,000 participants took part, Dr. N. Kanniah, President AIRF, presided over.

Among the Dignitaries, who present on the dais, were Bro. Jose Raul Lamug – Butch, Regional Secretary(Asia Pacific Region) ITF, Bro. Mahendra Sharma, Ex. Regional Secretary(Asia/Pacific Region) ITF, graced the occasion as “Distinguished Guests” along with AIRF Office-Bearers. President/HMS Bro. Rajasridhar and Youth & Women leaders were also present on dais.

General Secretary AIRF, Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, offered warm welcome to all the Dignitaries. Thereafter, General Secretary, President, Working President, along with other Office-Bearers of AIRF as well as Bro. Butch and other Distinguished Guests, lighted-up the “Deep” to inaugurate the Open Session. Subsequently, Distinguished Guests, Office-Bearers and Zonal Secretaries of AIRF were felicitated. The President of the Host Union(WREU), Com. R.C. Sharma, then offered warm welcome to all.

Dr. N. Kanniah, President/AIRF, at the outset extended hearty welcome to all those present in the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of AIRF.

A Souvenir, taken out by the Host Union was then released. General Secretary read out the messages received from International dignitaries and *Hon'ble Minister for Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, Chairman & CEO, Railway Board, Shri Vinay Kumar Tripathi, Member(Finance), Railway Board, Member (O&BD), Railway Board & Director General(Health Health Service), Railway Board,*

Bro. Butch, read out Solidarity Message of the ITF General Secretary, Bro. Stephen Cotton, and wished the event a grand success.

Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, talked about the sacrifices made by the Railwaymen, while serving the Nation, facing the threat of the Corona virus Pandemic. He also talked about the significant issues of the Railwaymen,

### **DELEGATE SESSION**

The Delegate Session of the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of AIRF started immediately after the Open Session, on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2022, under the Chairmanship of Dr. N. Kanniah, President AIRF, and concluded on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 (in the afternoon).

At the outset, Condolence Motion was moved by the General Secretary AIRF, Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, by reading out names of the departed soul who left for heavenly abode since last AGM & Victims of the COVID-19 Pandemic across the globe, including our fellow Railwaymen and other people of our country, our brave soldiers who sacrificed their valuable lives in safeguarding our Nation, victims of the Natural Calamities and Other Accidents, etc. etc. Two-minute silence was observed to pay homage to the departed souls.

Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, on being called-upon, placed his report in the House. While placing his report; he narrated in brief about the activities held throughout the year as well as National and International Scenario. He also briefed the about the current situation prevailing in the Indian Railways and asked them to be prepared to face the future challenges, particularly in reference to Privatization, Corporatization of the Railways as also Monetization of the Railway Assets.

Thereafter, Com. Ch. Sankara Rao, Treasurer/AIRF, presented Accounts for the period 01.01.2020 to 31.12.2020 in the House.

After presentation of the General Secretary's Report and Accounts, the following Draft Resolutions were proposed and seconded.

Resolution No.1 - National Socio-Economic Scenario; Resolution No.2 – Major Pending Demands of The Railwaymen; Resolution No.3 – Withdraw Comprehensive Transfer Policy circulated by the Railway Board vide RBE No.28/2022 dated 10.03.2022; Resolution No.4 – Payment of Arrear of Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief for the period between 01.01.2020 and 30.06.2021; Resolution No.5– Restoration of the Old Pension Scheme scrapping NPS; Resolution No.6 – Stop National Monetization Pipeline Policy; Resolution No.07– Abnormal delay In conducting Secret Ballot among Railwaymen for the purpose of recognition of Trade Unions in Railways; Resolution No.08 – Campaign in favour of 100% Paid Child Care Leave; Resolution

No.09 – Formation of the National Federal Organization of the Retired Railway Employees and Resolution No.10 – Withdrawal of the Labour Codes.

Thereafter, Sr. leaders took part in the deliberation to discuss General Secretary's Report, Resolutions and other allied issues and made valuable suggestions.

Summarizing the deliberations, the General Secretary spoke briefly on various issues raised by the speakers, & also informed that, Separate National Level Youth Convention would be organised in Mumbai, which will be hosted by NRMU(CR), and National Women Committee Meeting shall be hosted by WREU, venue and date shall be decided within a couple of days and informed to all in due course.

The General Secretary also mentioned that, keeping in view various difficulties being faced by the Retired Railwaymen & their family members, AIRF has also decided to organise the Pensioners & Family Pensioners in a structured manner, right from the Branch to Zonal level as well as at the National level under the aegis of AIRF.

After detailed deliberations and discussions, General Secretary's Report and Accounts were unanimously adopted. Further, all the Draft Resolutions, placed in the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention were also unanimously adopted.

Elections of the AIRF Office-Bearers, Zonal Secretaries and Working Committee Members were held unanimously. From WREU, Com. J.R.Bhosale, R.C.Sharma & Com. Dinesh Panchal were elected as Working President, Vice President & Zonal Secretary respectively. Com. Santosh Pawar, Com. Prashant Kanade, Com. P.B.Bhargav, Com. S.K.Shrivastava, Com. S.S.Sharma and Abhijit Shah were elected as Working Committee Members.

Prior to commencement of the Delegate Session, a meeting was held, to discuss the issues related to the DFCCIL, with the ITF Representatives under the leadership of Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary AIRF, wherein General Secretaries of NWREU, WCREU, WREU, NRMU(CR), NCRMU, ECRKU and ERMU were present. Bro. N. Kanniah and Bro. C.A. Rajasridhar were present in the said meeting. ITF Representatives shared their views with AIRF Representatives present in the meeting.

The 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention was concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

## RALLY AND PROTEST MEETING BY HMS – MAHARASHTRA

On 28 and 29<sup>th</sup> March, Common Platform of CTU's called for 2 days Industrial Bharat Bandh. Under the leadership of Com. Shankarao Salvi and Com. Sanjay wadhavkar, President and general Secretary of HMS Maharashtra State Council, A grand rally of Workers was taken out from the platform No. 18 of CSMT, Mumbai which culminated in huge protest meeting at Azad Maidan on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

The rally started at 1 pm in which large number of Railwaymen participated under the leadership of Com Venu P. Nair/GS NRMU and other leaders of Railwaymen from Central and Western Railways. Workers from Port and Dock Sector, Members of Municipal Mazdoor Union, Seafarers and Officers of Merchant Navy under the banner of NUSI and MUI, BEST workers and workers from Unorganized sectors registered their protest by participating in large number. The rally was addressed by the leaders of all major affiliates of HMS Maharashtra as well as leaders of CITU. Com. Vikas Gupte and Com. D. Y. Mahale represented WREU. All the speakers criticized the present government for its anti labour and pro Industrialist policies.

Followed by this meeting a delegation of Senior Leaders of HMS comprising of Com. J. R. Bhosale, national Treasure/ HMS, Working President AIRF and GS WREU, Sanjay Vadhavkar, GS/HMS Maharashtra, Abdul Gani Serang, GS/ NUSI, Sudhir Pagar, Sr. leader, MUI, P.J. Shinde, President NRMU, Nivruti Dhumal, Treasurer State HMS and Kaviskar, Sr. leader of Municipal Mazdoor Union meet the Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra Shri Bhagat Singh Koshiyari at Rajbhavan on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. HMS leaders handed over a memorandum to the Governor and discussed the problems of Working Class thread bear. The Governor gave the delegation a patient hearing and interacted with Com. Bhosaleji on the burning issues of Railwaymen.

**The Team of WREU DRM / JRH Branch celebrated International Nurses day on .05.2022 by wishing the Nursing staff individually. Com Zulfical Labhiwala Br. Secretary took initiative**





## WREU – BRC PARTICIPATED IN PROTEST / DHARNA AGAINST GOVERNMENT'S ANTI LABOUR ATTITUDE

On 28 and 29<sup>th</sup> March, Common Platform of CTU's called for 2 days Industrial Bharat Bandh. Team WREU/BRC, Western Railway Contractors Employees Union, HMS and Sanyukt Kamdar Samiti jointly registered protest against the anti-labour attitude of Government. A joint rally was taken out from 10:00 hrs to 12:30 Hrs from Gandhinagar Gruh to Collector Office Kothi Kacheri. Com.P.K.Walanj – GS/HMS, Com.Sanjay Pawar, DS/WREU, Com. Santosh Pawar, AGS/WREU Com.Vincent Mendonca, Com.Jitendra Sinh, Com.Mahesh Vaghela, Com. Meenaben Solanki with Contract workers team of WRCEU attended this rally. More than 300 to 350 staunch WREU, WRCEU & HMS activist took part in this rally and made it grand success.

AGS/WREU Com. Santosh Pawar and leaders of Sanyukt Kamdar Samiti gave Memorandum to Hon. Collector of Vadodara City in his chamber containing the major demands, such as. New Labour Code should be abolished; Stop privatization; Start OPS and Stop NPS; Minimum wage of Rs.26000/- to all workers; Filling up of vacancies and Employment may be given to youth.

The Dharna was concluded at 12:30 Hrs with loud shouting of slogans, WREU- AIRF Zindabad, Com.J.R.Bhosale Zindabad.

## PROTEST DEMONSTRATION BY WREU - ADI

As per joint decision of all Central Trade Unions, Joint Forum of Gujarat state organized protest rally on 28 March 2022, Monday at 11.00 from Tilak Garden (Victoria Garden) to Labour Commissioner Office in support of Nationwide strike on 28-29 March 2022 against Labour Law Reforms, NPS, Monetization, Privatization, etc.

As per the instructions of All India Railwaymen's Federation and Hind Mazdoor Sabha, Comrades of Western Railway Employees Union, Ahmedabad Division under the leadership of Com R. C. Sharma, President WREU and Assistant General Secretary AIRF, Divisional Secretary Dinesh Panchal, Divisional Chairman Ghanshyam Yadav, Divisional

Treasurer Hariram Meena and Divisional Organization Secretary Dhananjay Dangi participated in the rally enmasse wearing red T-Shirts, holding banners and placards with rousing slogans in support of the strike.

## CRICKET TOURNAMENT AT RATLAM

Ratlam Division organized a Tennis Ball Cricket tournament from 23 to 27 Feb. 2022 on Railway sports ground Ratlam in which 16 teams from different departments participated. Com. J.R.Bhosale inaugurated the tournament by lighting lamp before the portrait of Late Com. Umraomalji in presence Chief Guest Shri Vineet Gupta, DRM Ratlam accompanied by Hon Sports Secy. & Sr. DOM Pravin Tiwari, Sr. DPO Harshad Vaniya. Com. Bhosale in his opening speech address elaborated the number of achievement for railwaymen under the able and matured leadership of Purohitji. DRM in his address praised WREU for contribution sport activities and promoting the sportsmanship spirit amongst the Railwaymen and define the terminology of Comrade. The final was played between teams of TRO Deptt. and RPF in which TRO's team emerged victorious. Prizes to the winner (TRO) Runner up (RPF) & man of the match (Manish Meena) and player of the tournament (Deepak Raichand) by DRM & other officers. The following trophies were also awarded to

Best Boller Hemant Yadav Best Batsman Dhani Singh Parihar & Best fielder Manish Meena Com. Manohar Barath, Div. Secy. & Com. S.S.Sharma, Div. Chairman congratulated all the Div. office bearers , office bearers of local branch and activists of youth and women wings for the successful conduct of tournament.

**National Safety Seminar for the young workers will be held on 17th - 18th June, 2022 from 14.00 hrs onwards at Sri Shanmukhananda Hall, King Circle, Mumbai-400022.**

**AIRF Working Committee Meeting will be held in Mumbai in CSMT ( V.T) auditorium on 16th – 17th June, 2022 at CSMT auditorium Mumbai (Central Railway) at 10.00 hrs. onwards.**

**Railway Board PNM will be held in New Delhi on 24th – 25th June, 2022.**

## CAROM TOURNAMENT ARRANGE BY KRCA BRANCH OF BRC DIVISION

Carom Tournament was organized by Shri Ravikant & his team i.e. KRCA Branch. DS/WREU inaugurated tournament on 04.04.2022 at KRCA staff canteen. In this tournament 60 employees participated. Final was organized on 30.04.2022, in which Shri Meghrajn – SSE/RSC/PRTN working under Sr.DEE/P won the game. DS/WREU & AGS/WREU presented Trophies & Certificates to the winners and runner up on 1<sup>st</sup> May, Labour Day at BRCP office. Shri Ravikant Branch Secretary/KRCA presented the Certificates of appreciation to other participants. Tournament was continued up to 27 days & same was nicely conducted by team of KRCA Branch.

## WREU – BRC REGISTERED STRONG PROTEST AGAINST SR.DOM/BRC.

Team WREU under the leadership of Com. Santosh Pawar, AGS – WREU and Com. Sanjay Pawar, DS-WREU organized a strong protest demonstration and Gheraved Sr. DOM/BRC on 22.04.2022 at 16:00 Hrs.

The officer by violating Railway Board's guideline issued transfer orders of Dy.SS who were not covered under Periodical Transfer policy. WREU represented at appropriate level but no reply was received from administration and Sr.DOM/BRC. On the contrary, Sr.DOM started threatening the concerned employees, namely, Shaileshkumar. D. Brambhatt – Dy.SS/BRCY & Shri Vijay Kadam – Dy.SS/BRCY.

DS discussed matter with Branch Officer in his chamber & AGS continued protest meeting outside PRTN Union office. Since SR. DOM refused to review the periodical transfer the matter was brought in the notice of GS Shri Bhosaleji. General Secretary raised the issue at PCOM and PCPO level & succeeded in revising the incorrect order.

## WREU OBSERVED RAILWAY GLOBAL ACTION WEEK

On call of AIRF & ITF, Railway Global Action Week programme was conducted on entire Western Railway. on BRC Divisions on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 on

Meetings of Track Maintainer, PP/P.Man, C&W staff, C & W Staff were organized at BRCP RRI Cabin on different times to discuss about the grievances faced by the staff at work places. Com. Sanjay Pawar, Div. Secretary noted grievances & assured to take up them at appropriate level. He also narrated about the details of achievements regarding Track Maintainer and PP/P.Man. Com. Santosh Pawar, AGS/WREU give details of achievements for the staff of Signal department & C&W department.

Another meeting of Loco, Running & Traffic Running staff was arranged at BRCP Lobby on 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 Hrs. More than 100 Loco Traffic Running staff attended this meeting. Their grievances were noted and it was assured by leaders of WREU that these issues will be taken at appropriate level. DS/WREU Com.Sanjay Pawar give details of achievements regarding Loco, Running and Traffic Running staff at Divisional level.

## INTERNATIONAL LABOUR DAY

On International Labour Day a Dharna was organized from 17:00 Hrs to 19:00 Hrs. at Gandhinagar Gruh under the Banner of Sanyukt Kamdar Samiti lead by Shri Santosh Pawar – AGS/WREU. All Central Trade Union Leaders attended the meeting. Shri P.K.Walanj – GS/HMS, Shri Santosh Pawar – AGS/WREU & GS/WRCEU, Shri Sanjay Pawar – DS/WREU attended meeting with their activists and addressed the gathering. In their respective speeches they oppose Labour Code, privatization of Railway, Bank etc.

On 1<sup>st</sup> May International Labour Day was celebrated by WREU all over the Western Railway. At BRCP Union office between 11:00 Hrs to 14:00 Hrs, Local Branch Chairman/Secretaries and about 80 to 100 staunch WREU workers attended meeting. Shri J. J. Patel – Educator CBWE delivered speech on “Importance of Labour and facilities for labour”.

Com. Sanjay Pawar, DS/WREU vehemently stated that the cadre has become sluggish in their attitude towards their demands which has resulted in Government neglecting the legitimate demands of employees. He stated that the employees have to become more vigilant and have to be united to get concrete results of their demands. He also explains



History of Union, Achievement of Union & requested to be united to maintain it.

AGS/WREU described the situation of Labours prevail at present at work place, change in labour laws & exploitation of labour. He stated that WREU is knows for its fighting spirit and we have to be united to maintain it. Election of Secret Ballot is alarming.

## **PROTEST AGAINST SURRENDER OF POSTS**

Railway Board vide their letter No. E(MPP)2021/1/4 dated 20.05.2022 instructed all the General Managers for surrendering the 50 % posts laying vacant of Non Safety Categories. General Secretary AIRF vide his letter no. AIRF/MPP dated 25.05.2022 directed all the General Secretaries of affiliated unions to protest against the action of Railway Ministry and instructed them to hold demonstrations on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 in front of General Manager/DRM and CWM's offices. Simultaneously General Secretary wrote to Chairman cum CEO Railway Board vide his letter dated 25.05.2022 for immediately withdraw the letter dated 20.05.2022.

WREU organized protest demonstrations all over the Western Railway and demanded for filling up all the vacant posts (Safety/Non-safety), to relieve all the employees promoted and posted in higher grades and not to surrender any vacant post on Western Railway. Demonstrations were held during lunch hours at all the important places. Com. Vikas Gupte, Zonal Treasurer and Shiakh Nasir, Branch Secretary, GLO- CCG addressed the demonstration at Churchgate. Com. J. R. Bhosale, Working President AIRF and GS / WREU, Com. Prashant Kanade, AGS and Divisional Secretary/WREU and Com. P. Rajan AGS and Divisional Chairman, BCT Division addressed the gathering in front of DRM Office BCT. Com. J. R. Bhosale, Com. Vikas Gupte and Com. P. B. Bhargava, AGS and Branch Secretary, PL/MX Workshop branch addressed the meeting at Parel Workshop. Com Santosh Pawar, AGS and Com. Sanjay Pawar, Divisional Secretary addressed the meeting at DRM Office BRC, Com. Sanjay Kapoor addressed the meeting at Dahod Workshop Gate. Com. Bharat

Makwana and Com. Jitendra Prasad, Chairman and Secretary of PRTN W/shop, Com Sujeet of AIOBCREA and Com. Vinod Manjrawla addressed the meeting at PRTN Workshop. Com. Manohar Barath, S. S. Sharma, Com Sushant Bharti, Com. Harish Chandvani, Smt. Seema Kaushik and Smt. Ranjita Vaishnav addressed the meeting in front of DRM Office Ratlam. Com. R. C. Sharma, Vice President /AIRF and President/WREU, Com. Dinesh Panchal, Zonal Secretary/AIRF and Divisional Secretry ADI and Com Ghanashyam Yadav, Divisional Chairman addressed the meeting at DRM Office Ahmedabad. The Protest meeting was held at Surendranagar station which was addressed by Com. Jitendra Satapara, Diviional Chairmn/RJT. The protest meeting was held at DRM Office Bhavnagar which was addressed by Com. Ajayrajsingh Gohil, Vice President and Divisional Chairman WREU/BVP and others. A protest letter was written to General Manager Western Railway by General Secretary/WREU on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2022 and on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2022 requesting him to advice to all concern not to surrender the posts on Western Railway. Since some of the units issued surrender memo, WREU decided to observe "Demand Day" on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 for demanding - 1) Filling up all the vacant posts immediately; 2) To relive all the employees on promotion; 3) Fill up the 10 % intake from Trackman; 4) Relieve all the employees on Inter Division and Inter Railway Transfer wherever the NOC is received; 5) Advice Railway Ministry for Scrapping the New Pension Scheme and Issuing orders for payment of NDA to all eligible staff; 6) Provide adequate infrastructure for providing UMID cards and 7) Allot adequate funds for maintenance of existing quarters and constructions of New Quarters.

## **DIVISIONAL CHAIRMAN BRC**

Com. Aditya Prakash Mourya working as a SSE (P.way) BRC in Level VIII was borne on 22-7-1968 in Haribuspur village of Zonpur district (UP). He is a civil engineer graduate. He was appointed as an APWI in BRC Division on 3/4/1992. Since joining the railway service he became a member of WREU and hold various positions in Anand & Daboi branches and as a Divisional Vice Chairman for last six years. Presently he is posted as an instructor DETC-BRC. We wish him all the success in his present assignment.

## DIVISIONAL SET UP OF BRC DIVISION

An organizational Meeting of Branch Secretaries and Chairman of WREU BRC was held in BRCP Union Office on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022. Meeting was chaired by Com. R C Sharma, President. Com. J.R. Bhosale, General Secretary, Com. Vikas Gupte, Zonal Treasurer and Com. Santosh Pawar, AGS were present. Total 38 participants were present in the meeting. The unanimous request/ recommendation of all activists present in the meeting was considered by HQ Office Bearers and following Divisional Setup was formed :

Name S/shree	Post	Design.	Wkg.Under
Aditya Prakash Maurya	Divisional Chairman	SSE/P-Way	Sr.DEN (Co) BRC
Rajesh.K.Parmar	Divl.Vice Chairman	Ch.OS	ADEN (N) BH
Dhiraj Singh	Divl.Vice Chairman	SSE/P-Way/GTE	SSE/P-Way/MHD
Sanjay.P.Pawar	Divisional Secretary	Ch.OS	SSE/P-Way/BRGY
Ravikant Singh	Divl.Jt.Secretary	SSE	SSE/C&W/KRCA
Nitinkumar Thakkar	Divl.Jt.Secretary	Ch.OS	Sr.DSTE/BRC
K.L.Meena	Divl.Jt.Secretary	OS	CTCC/BRCY
Sunil Kumar	Divl.Org.Secretary	CMS	Sr.DEE/TRS/BRCY
B.K.Dhanotia	Divl.Org.Secretary	SSE(Sig)GDA	SSE/SIG-I/GDA
Jayanti Kala	Divisional Treasurer	G/Guard	SD/BRCP

Railway Sentinel congratulates all comrades for their unity

## VETERAN RETIRED

**Com.Rajan P**, CSWLI-BCT and Divisional Chairman Mumbai Division retired from Railway service on 31.05.2022 on superannuation. He was recruited on Sports Quota (Football) in October' 1986. He was active in WREU - PL & MX branch and became Joint Secretary of the branch in 1997.

He was selected as a WLI and joined in Mumbai division in February 2004, achieved GM award in 2006 and DRM in 2008 for outstanding work. He was elected as Joint Secretary of DRM-JRH branch in 2009 and became Joint Divisional Secretary in 2009. He was on full time deputation with the Union since March 2010 to till retirement from service. He was elevated to the post of Divisional Chairman on 01.11.2020 and as AGS in April, 2021. He will continue as Hon. Member and AGS-WREU. He is very active in the cadre and popular amongst the retired and serving employees. Branches of Mumbai Division, PL/MX W/shop branch and CCG-GLO branches held his retirement functions since 24.05.2022. A grant farewell function and procession in a Chariot was taken out in front of DRM office on 31.05.2022 by Mumbai Division in which Com.J.R.Bhosale, accompanied by HQ Office Bearers, Divisional Office Bearers and Mrs.Roopa Rajan (wife), Aparna Rajan (Daughter) and large numbers of union activists and employees joined enthusiastically. Railway Sentinel wishes him for his healthy retirement life and future endeavors.

**Com. Abdul Hakim**, Vice Chairman of BVI branch retired on 31.05.2022. He was appointed as Trackman in P-way BVI on 24.12.1983, he has joined WREU from the day one and become Vice Chairman of the branch in 1997. He was very active in the category of Trackmen. Railway Sentinel wishes him all the best and happy and healthy retirement life.

**Com. S. M. Afzal** Ex. Branch Secretary of Ujjain Branch & Ratlam Division & Chief as working at Indore CTI Office retired from Railway service on superannuation on 31.05.2022 after putting 36yrs service.

## CONDOLANCE MESSAGE

It is shocking to learn about the sudden and sad demise of **Com. Jose Raul "Butch" Lamug**, ITF Asia Pacific Regional Secretary, at Manila Airport due to massive heart attack on . It is a very big loss to the trade union movement in this region and difficult to fill the void created due to his death. He attended AIRF's 97th Annual Convention at Ujjain, held on 11-12 April 2022. He was a gentleman to the core, very humble, sober always respectful and polite. His long association with the Associated Marine Officer's and Seamen's Union of the Philippines (AMOSUP) and then with the ITF was an advantage for the affiliates in the region. We express our heartfelt condolences on behalf of WREU.



**WREU OPPOSE SURRENDERING OF POSTS ON 27.05.2022 ALL OVER WESTERN RAILWAY**



WREU Registered Strong Protest against Surrender of Posts on 27th May 2022. at BCT



A Photo of Huge Demonstration at DRM Office, Mumbai



Com. Santosh Pawar, Sanjay Pawar addressing at DRM Office BRCP



Com.Panchal addressing at Ahmedabad with President R.C. Sharma & other DOB



Com. P.B. Bhargava addressing gathering at PL Workshop Gate



Commrades of CCG-CLO & Accounts Braches led by Com. Gupte, Com Nasir and Com. Rathod demostrating at GM Office CCG



Com. Aditya Prakash Mourya  
Divisional Chairman BRC



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Com Sanjay Kapoor addressing meeting at Dahod Workshope



Com Jitendra Satapara addressing meeting Surendranagar



Com Ajayraj Singh Gohil Demonstrating at DRM office BVP



Com Manohar Barath accompanied by S.S. Sharmaji, Seema Kaushik & others at DRM office Ratlam



Comrades of Grant Road Branch taken out procession of Mrs. & Mr. Rajan on 28.05.2022 before his felicitation at J.A.Hall - Grant Road



Com. J.R. Bhosale in Felicitation Cum. Retirement function of Com. Rajan at DRM office BCT on 31.05.2022

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