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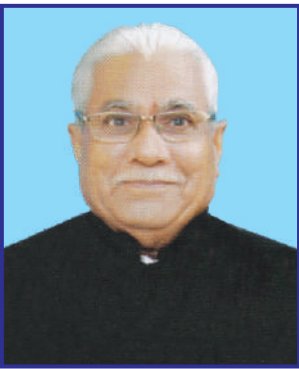
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## From the Desk of Editor



### Dear Subscribers and Railwaymen,

First of all I would like to express my gratitude to all of my comrades and well-wishers for organising blood donation camps in various locations to commemorate the 1st March, 2023 birthday of Late Com. Umraomal Purohit ji and Com. J.R.Bhosale. BRC division has celebrated this occasion one day earlier i.e 28-02-2023 when I was in BRC for the prize distribution of Umraomal Purohit Cricket Tournament.

AIRF Working Committee meeting was held at Jodhpur on 2nd and 3rd March, 2023 in which decision of making successful agitation for achieving Old Pension Scheme to all and organizing atleast one programme in each zone for celebrating Madhu Dhandvate Janm Shatabdi year. Mrs. Kamakshi Bagulvadikar first women President of NRMU was felicitated by women wing of Western Railway Employees' Union during the celebration of International Women's Day at Jagdish Ajmera Hall on 04-03-2023. The celebration of International Women's Day has been done by all divisions in important branches, workshops and Churchgate branch.

On 10-03-2023, a JCM meeting was held in the Health Ministry in NDLS. On 12-03-2023, General Secretary visited the C.S.Menon Memorial Cricket Tournament for closing ceremony and prize distribution which was held at Bhavnagar.

The Working Committee was held on 14-03-2023 and the first PNM of 2023 was held with the General Manager on 15/16th March, 2023. I had visited Indore to see Mr. Mukesh Acharya who underwent Bipass surgery.

The Protest meeting was held in all running staff lobbies on 20-03-2023 against harassment to the running staff. The demand of Old pension scheme to all, a grand meeting were held on all DRM office as per direction of JFROPS. The Western Railway Employees' Union gave a grand farewell to Shri Surendra Kumar, PCPO on 28-03-2023 in Conference Hall at Churchgate in which General Manager, Additional General Manager, all PHODs, President, General Secretary, Divisional Secretary, Divisional Chairman and all activists were present. The General Secretary attended running staff conference at Bhopal on 01-04-2023. The successful agitation by running staff of RTM division at Chittorgarh and Ujjain was done during the last week of March, 2023 and 1st week of April 2023 which was attended by General Secretary on 02-04-2023 at Ujjain. This issue was raised before the General Manager and finally resolved with DRM-RTM by cancelling transfer of postponing transfer of post of Loco running staff from Chittorgarh and Ujjain to Indore.

India Security Press Mazdoor Sangh, Nashik have celebrated completion of 75th year of Hind Mazdoor Sabha



VISIT WREU WEBSITE "WWW.WREUINDIA.ORG"

on 08-04-2023 which was organised in a very big way which was presided by Shri Sharad Pawar ji, President-NCP.

A Standing committee of AIRF was held on 10-04-2023 and in continuation Board PNM was held on 11/12th April, 2023. The Board have agreed to stop the recovery of MACP benefits given to railway employees in merged grade between 01-01-2006 and 31-08-2008. It was also agreed by Railway Board for advising General Manager's for forwarding the all pending Inter Railway transfer request by superseding earlier instructions and relieving the staff on IRT by taking the benefit of fresh recruitments. Railway Board orders are awaited.

WREU welcomed Shri S.K.Albela, PCPO Western Railway.

We conducted ONLINE meeting on 18-04-2023 for guiding and planning celebrations of AIRF's entry into centenary year on 24th April, 2023 all over Western Railway. WREU celebrated this occasion in grand way all over Western Railway by decorating and lighting the union offices, cake cutting, and attending celebrations done by AIRF from London ITF office through Youtube.

Western Railway Contractors Employees Union held Annual General Meeting at BRC on 16-04-2023 in grand way.

I am glad to inform you that Madhu Limaye Birth Centenary Celebration Committee felicitated me for completing 60 years of successful service in Labour Movement in a function held at the Constitution Club of India, New Delhi on 30-04-2023 by presenting me with a Shawl and a certificate.

Railway Sentinel wishes May Day greeting to all workers.

AIRF is making continuous efforts for filling up of all vacant posts on Indian Railways, as a result jumbo recruitment have been taken place and more than 50,000 employees have joined in Railway service in the month of April/May, 2023. Railway Sentinel welcomes all of them.

ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX				
(Base 2001 = 100)				
Month/Year	Base year 2001=100 Average	Total of 12 months	Twelve Monthly Average	% increase over 261.41* for DA
Apr-22	368	4297	358.08	36.98
May-22	371	4321	360.08	37.74
Jun-22	372	4343	361.91	38.44
Jul-22	374	4364	363.66	39.11
Aug-22	375	4385	365.41	39.78
Sep-22	378	4409	367.41	40.54
Oct-22	381	4430	369.16	41.21
Nov-22	381	4449	370.75	41.82
Dec-22	381	4469	372.41	42.46
Jan-23	382	4491	374.25	43.16
Feb-23	382	4513	376.08	43.86
Mar-23	383	4533	377.75	44.50
*Average Price Index for January 2001				

**MASS JOINT PROTEST MEETINGS BY CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS OF JFROPS (NJCA) ON 21st MARCH 2023**

**Mumbai:** In accordance with the decision taken by the steering Committee of JFROPS (NJCA), mass protest meeting/demonstration held on Western Railway jointly by the constituent organizations of JFROPS on 21st March, 2023. In Mumbai area the protest meeting held in front of Divisional Railway Manager Office, Mumbai Central was addressed by Com. J.R. Bhosale, General Secretary, WREU and working President AIRF, Shri Ajay Kumar Singh, Working President WRMS, Com. Prashant Kanade, Divisional Secretary and AGS-WREU, Shri Kiran Patil, Divisional Secretary, WRMS and Shri Pramod Kumar Singh, Divisional Chairman, WRMS. The meeting was attended by Com. Vikas Gupte, Treasurer, WREU, Com. Rajan P., AGS-WREU, Shri S.K. Mungekar, AGS-WRMS. Com. J.R. Bhosale in his address detailed the initiatives of JCM and NJCA as well as JFROPS and mobilization of Railway employees, their families, other Central Government organizations as well as the State Government employees and Teaching/Non-teaching Staff of State Government and various activities proposed. Largely gathered crowd was enthusiastically shouted slogan that "EK HI MISSION PURANI PENSION" each and every participant wear a Gandhi cap depicting "EK HI MISSION PURANI PENSION".



Similar protest meetings/demonstrations held in front of Collector Office at **BL** and **Surat** was addressed by senior leaders of WREU & WRMS thereafter leaders handed over the Memorandum to the Collector of **BL** and **Surat** District of Gujarat State. Another protest meeting/demonstration held in front of Collector Office of **NDB** and **Amalner** Districts of Maharashtra State which was addressed by leaders of JFROPS and they have handed over the Memorandum to District Collector of **NDB** and **Amalner** of Maharashtra State.

**Baroda:** Sanyukth Kamghar Samity of Central Trade Unions, Baroda, Gujarat State Karmachari Mandal, Teachers Karmachari Mandal, Axis Bank, Group-D Employees Union, National Bank Federation, leaders of WREU and WRMS held mass demonstration under the leadership of Com. Santosh Pawar, Convener and Assistant General Secretary WREU accompanied by Shri Tapan Choudhary, Divisional Chairman, WRMS, BRC division. The demonstration was addressed by Com. Santosh Pawar, Constituent organizations of JFROPS Baroda held a mass demonstration at the District Collectorate of Baroda, Gujarat State, leaders handed over the Memorandum to the Collector of Baroda District, Gujarat State. A mass demonstration held before the office District Collector of Panchmahal District Dahod by JFROPS **Dahod** handed over a memorandum to the collector by the leaders of Western Railway Employees' Union and JFROPS.

**Ratlam:** Mass joint protest/demonstration held at the Office of District Collector, Ratlam District, Madhya Pradesh State was addressed by Com. Manohar Barath, Divisional Secretary, Com.S.S. Sharma Divisional Chairman WREU, Senior leaders of Constituent Organizations of JFROPS, thereafter they handed over the Memorandum to the District Collector, Ratlam District, Madhya Pradesh State.

**ADI:** Mass protest meeting/demonstration held by constituent organizations of JFORPS at Ahmedabad was addressed by Com. R.C. Sharma, President WREU and Vice-President AIRF, Com. Dinesh Panchal, Vice President, Western Railway Employees' Union & Divisional Secretary, WREU and Zonal Secretary AIRF and other Senior leaders of JFROPS, thereafter leaders handed over the Memorandum to District Collector of Ahmedabad, Gujarat State handed over this memorandum to the Collector of **Banaskantha** and **Mehsana** Districts of Gujarat State by the comrades of PNU and MSH branch and JFROPS.



**RJT:** Protest meeting/demonstration held by the constituent organizations of JFROPS at Rajkot was addressed by Com. Nikhil Joshi, Vice President, WREU & Divisional Secretary and leaders of 10 Central/State Trade Unions, leaders of Municipal Corporation of Rajkot, Constituent organizations of JFROPS Gujarat. They have handed over the Memorandum to the District Collector of Rajkot District of Gujarat State. The Print and Electronic media has given a wide coverage of protest meeting/demonstration held by the JFROPS.

**BVP:** Mass demonstration held by the constituent organizations of JFROPS at District headquarters of **Junagadh, Amreli, Veraval, Porbandhar and Botad.** Leaders of JFROPS led by Com. S.K. Shrivastava, Divisional Secretary, Com. Ajayraj Gohil, Vice President, & Divisional Chairman, Western Railway Employees' Union and other Senior leaders of JFROPS, handed over the Memorandum to the District Collectors of Junagadh, Amreli, Veraval, Porbandhar and Botad Districts, Gujarat State.

### BHARAT RATNA DR. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR JAYANTI

132nd Jayanti of Bharat Ratna, Bodhisatva and Architect of Our Constitution Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's was celebrated by Western Railway Employees' Union in all Divisions and Units on 17th April, 2023. Com. Bhosaleji attended the function organized by Administration held in Godbole sabhagriha at Churchgate and Samyukt Jayanti Samaroh organised at CFO and Stores / MX in Mumbai area.

### 81ST BIRTHDAY OF COM. J. R. BHOSALE

Comrades of Mumbai Suburban area celebrated 81st birthday of Com. J.R.Bhosale on 01-03-2023 in Jagdish Ajmera Hall, Grant Road with zeal and enthusiasm. The beloved General Secretary was warmly welcomed by the comrades by presenting flower bouquet and wished him for healthy and long life. Com. R.P.Gupta, Vikas Gupte, Prashant Kanade, Rajan P, Vivek Kamble and others has praised the hardworking, dedication and devotion and time to time guidance to the cadre especially to the Youth and Women's wing. They wished best wishes to the beloved General Secretary. Com. J.R.Bhosale in his guidance thanked to the cadre for celebrating his birthday though which was a surprise to him. J.R.Bhosale told the cadre to strengthen the organization by inducting more youth and women in the main stream. In his words Com. J.R.Bhosale briefed the experience gained by him by working with stalwarts of WREU Com. Maniben Kara, Jagdish Ajmera, Umraomal Purohit, C.S.Menon etc.



On this occasion, Blood donation camps were organised at Dadar, Andheri and Valsad stations with the support of Blood Banks of JRH and KEM Hospital of Mumbai and Government hospital at Valsad. These blood donations camps were successfully organised by the Youth wing of WREU. Com.Bhosale was greeted by Western Railway Employees' Union comrades at DDR, ADH, BVI, BL, ST, BRC and ADI.

Com.Venu P. Nair, General Secretary-NRMU/KRCL and his team greeted Com.Bhosale by offering flower bouquet and shawl in Suryanagari Express on 1.3.2023 on the way to attend the working committee meeting of AIRF held at JU.

### WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING OF AIRF

Working Committee Meeting of All India Railwaymen's Federation held at Jodhpur on 2nd and 3rd March, 2023. The working committee was presided by Com. (Dr.) N. Kanaiah, President-AIRF. Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary-AIRF was presented the detailed reports of activities in the Working Committee. Com. J.R.Bhosale, working President-AIRF and Com. (Dr.) Shankar Rao, Treasurer of AIRF also addressed to the Working Committee. A decision for making successful agitation for achieving Old Pension Scheme to all and organizing at least one programme in each zone for celebrating Madhudhandvate Janm Shatabdi year was taken in the Working Committee meeting. A public meeting was held on 3.3.2023 at JU.

### PROTEST MEETINGS OF RUNNING STAFF ON WESTERN RAILWAY

On the clarion call of All India Railwaymen's Federation, mass Protest meetings held on all divisions on Western Railway on 20th March, 2023. Protest meeting of Running staff held at in the running lobbies at



Churchgate and Vasai Road were addressed by Com. J.R. Bhosale, General Secretary, Com. Prashant Kanade, AGS & DS and other leaders of Mumbai Division. Com. J.R. Bhosale in his address has explained about the initiatives of All India Railwaymen's Federation and informed about the representation addressed to the Chairman and CEO, Railway Board for advising respective DRMs and General Manager about the gross injustice to the Running staff of Indian Railways. Protest meetings of Running Staff held at Valsad and Udhna Lobbies of Mumbai division in which large numbers of Running staff were participated.

Mass protest meetings of Running staff held in Baroda division was addressed by Com. Santosh Pawar, AGS-WREU, Sanjay Pawar, DS-BRC, and other Senior leaders of Baroda division.

Protest meeting of Running staff held at Ratlam and Ujjain were addressed by Com. S.S. Sharma, DC - RTM, Com. Manohar Barath, DS - RTM, Com. Seema Kaushik, VP - WREU, Com. Shylesh Tiwari and other Senior leaders of Ratlam division.

Protest meeting held by Ahmedabad Division on various lobbies were addressed by Com. R.C. Sharma, President, WREU, Com. Dinesh Panchal, DS-ADI, Com. Ghanshyam Yadav, DC-ADI and other Senior leaders of Ahmedabad division.

Similar protest meetings of Running staff held at Rajkot was addressed by Com. Jitendra Satapara, DC-RJT and other Senior leaders of Rajkot division. Protest meeting held at Bhavnagar was addressed by Com. Ajayraj Gohil, VP-WREU & DC-BVP and other Senior leaders of Bhavnagar division. A Memorandum addressed to the Chairman and CEO, Railway Board was handed over to concerned DRMs/ADRM's of respective divisions by the delegates of WREU after protest meetings.

### **MISSION NARI SHAKTI**

Meeting of women activists of the National Co-ordinating Committee of the Indian ITF affiliates facilitated by Maritime Union of India (MUI) & National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) subject was "Mission Naari Shakti-2023" held at NUSI Resort, Lonavala from 24th-26th March 2023. Near about 60-70 women participants representing various transport sectors actively participated & shared their experiences. Inauguration of "Naari Shakti" was done by Bro. Stephen Cotton Gen. Sect. of ITF, Sis. Jodi Evan & Sis. Baker Khundakji.

"She Inspires" role of woman who have inspired, session by Principal Sis. Varsha Desai, MSTKS Sis. Sheela Naikwade, Kalpana Desai & hosted by Capt. Tushar Pradhan Gen Sect. MUI.

1. Creating awareness & atmosphere regarding convention 190C in Indian transport labour movement session by Sis. Kalpana Desai Trustee MbPT.
2. Just Transit in Transport Sector was represented by Com. Jaya Agarwal AIRF through Zoom Meeting.
3. Impact of New labor codes on trade union & women activism by Bro. Uday Bhat.
4. Nature of work done by Women in Lower Parel/Mx Railway Workshop PPT presentation given by Manisha Dhangar, WCM/AIRF.
5. Women's issues in workshop level was represented by Kavita Devlekar (WREU Youth Chairperson)
6. Women transport workers together for a gender equal new normal was represented by Bro. Anand Pawar.
7. 9 key points - presentation by Geeta Iyer, ITF & /sis Nirbhaya, MSTKS.
8. Resolution & adoption of resolution by ITF.



Conclusion of the event & felicitation of "NAARI SHAKTI PURASKAR" by Capt. Tushar Pradhan, Gen. Sect, MUI. Our comrades Manisha Dhangar and Kavita Devlekar, both from Parel Workshop was awarded the

"Best Participant Award".

## INDIA SECURITY PRINTING PRESS MAZDOOR SANGH –NASIK CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF HMS



HMS affiliated Union in Government Printing Press and Currency Printing Press namely India Security Press Mazdoor Sangh Nashik,

organized a Mass Meeting and celebrated the 75th foundation day (Amrit Mohatsave) on 8th April, 2023 at Nashik, Maharashtra. More than five thousand employees and their family members participated in the celebration. This is the single recognized Union in Nasik Currency Press affiliate of HMS.

Comrade Jagdish Godse, General Secretary, President Com. Bhosale and all office bearers, activists of Press Mazdoor Sangh, Nashik organized a wonderful Mass Meeting. While welcoming Chief Guest, GS-HMS and other dignitaries. Com. Godse narrated all achievements of the Union in favor of employees. Mr. Harbhajan Singh Sidhu, GS - HMS extended gratitude to the President, GS and all office bearers and activists of the Union for organizing Mass meeting and celebrating 75 years foundation day of the HMS. He further stated that HMS is a free, independent and democratic organization with the ideology that union should be free from all pull and pressure of Government, Employer and political parties. Union should work to protect the workers' rights and achievement of their legitimate demands. He explained the serious attacks on workers' and human rights and challenges of capitalism. He explained the achievements of HMS and appealed for joint unity of all unions of workers to fight against anti Labour policies of Central Government under the pressure of big Companies and MNC's. He thanked the Chief Guest Shri Sharad Pawarji, former Cabinet Minister and Chief Minister of Maharashtra for sparing his precious time to be with us along with Mr. Chhagan Bhujabal, former Dy. CM, Maharashtra, others important leaders of NCP and Shri Godse MP, Shiva Sena from Nashik and all CTU leaders attended and grace the function. Shri Sharad Pawar, Mr. Chhagan Bhujabal, Mr. Godse MP and Com. J.R. Bhosale, President of the Union addressed the gathering.

All of them congratulated HMS on 75 years celebrations and fully supported the demands of workers and given assurances for the struggle of workers against attacks on workers' rights. At the end GS-HMS appreciated the outstanding Industrial Relations in the both Govt. Press, appreciated the support extended by the both Press Management and local Administrations, thanked to all union leaders and employees and their family members for successful celebrations of 75 years of HMS. At the end of the meeting acting President thanked the Guests, GS-HMS and all others participated in the celebration of 75 years of HMS.

### THE AGM OF WRCEU

Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Western Railway Contractor's Employees' Union's held on 16.04.2023 at BRCP Union office hall. It was presided by Com. P. K. Walanj – President, WRCEU & General Secretary, Hind Mazdoor Sabha, Gujarat. Com. J. R. Bhosale Working President, AIRF & GS/WREU was chief guest inaugurated the AGM. Shri Sagar Pradhanji, Regional Labour Commissioner/Central and Com. Jayanti Panchal, President, HMS-Gujarat were the special guests. Com. Santosh Pawar GS - WRCEU & AGS/WREU, Com. Vikas Gupte, Treasurer, WREU, Com. Sanjay Kapoor, AGS/WREU and Com. Sanjay Pawar, DS-BRC, were on the dais. The Meeting was inaugurated by lighting lamp before the portrait of late com. Umraomalji. Com. Mahesh Vaghela, Com. Shawn Gohil & about 200 contract workers from Mumbai, Vadodara, Pratapnagar, Dahod, Ahmedabad, Ratlam and Kevadiya were present.



Com.J.R.Bhosale in his inaugural speech said that day by day contractarization is increasing and contract workers are exploited by the contractors which is a matter of concern. He further added that we all together should unitedly give moral support to contract workers and be always ready to help the contract workers whenever they are in need. Com.P. K. Walanj narrated how to make WRCEU effective and unity of contract workers strong. He said contract workers must not fear and maintain unity at working place. He appreciated the efforts made by General Secretary, WRCEU to make this AGM a grand success.

Com. Santosh Pawar in his speech told how he is managing the welfare work of Contract workers. He narrated some of the major achievements of WRCEU such as (1) Bonus paid to 107 contract workers of BRCP station (2) Settlement compensation amount of Rs.10,00,000/- to the widow of BDRCL staff (3) The efforts made to get the minimum wages to contract workers (4) Provision of I-Card, deduction of PF subscription, provision of ESI facility etc. He further added in his speech that WRCEU is always ready to fight for the rights & welfare of contract workers at any cost and will help them in the need of time whenever they are in trouble.

Three resolutions were placed in the AGM. 1) Payment of minimum wages 2) Continuation of same of set of employees although the contract changed 3) Adoption of honorary members in body. Few delegates took active part in deliberations and afterwards all the 03 resolutions were adopted unanimously. Election was held. 21 Office bearers and committee members were elected unanimously. Com.P.K.Walanj, President, Com. J.R.Bhosale, Working President and Com.Santosh Pawar, General Secretary. Com.Vikas Gupte, Sanjay Kapur and Sanjay Pawar as Secretaries. Com. Shri P. K. Walanj thanked all the dignitaries for attending the AGM and making it successful. The AGM was concluded with vote of thanks by Shri P. K. Walanj President/WRCEU.

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

### **BCT DIVISION**

International Women's day celebrated by the Women's wing of Mumbai division at their BAMY branch office. Com. J.R.Bhosale, General Secretary was the Chief Guest. Com. Prashant Kanade, Jitendra Singh also attended the function. Smt. Kumkum Dongre Convenor of women's wing has explained the activities carried out by the women's wing. Com. J.R.Bhosale in his speech motivated the participants for inducting more women's in Union activities and strengthen the women's wing. Large number of women employees participated in the celebration. Office Bearers and activists of BAMY branch worked hard for the successful celebration of International Women's Day held at BAMY.

**BL:** International Women's Day celebrated by Valsad branch on 11-03-2023 with co-ordination of Rotary Club – Vapi, which was addressed by Com. J.R.Bhosale in presence of Dr. Aditi Nadkarni, Com. Prashant Kanade and Jitendra Singh and Com.Prakash Savalkar. Com. J.R.Bhosale in his speech guided the women employees to bring more women's in the main stream of Union to strengthen the women's wing. Com.Bhosale, on behalf of Maniben Kara foundation has granted a cash award of Rs. 11000/- to the organizers as a token of appreciation. Dr. Aditi Nadkarni with her team of Rotary Club - Vapi shown a film on precautions for breast and various cancers. In her address she appreciated WREU for organizing such a gathering of women employees which would boost their morale and unity. The function was successfully organized by Com. Smita Patel attended by large numbers of women employees and took advantage of it. All Office Bearers of Valsad I & II branches worked hard for successfully organizing the women's day celebrations.

**CCG:** International Women's Day celebrated by the administration on 09-03-2023 at Godbole Sabagrah at General Manager's office in which General Manager Shri Ashok Kumar Misra was the Chief Guest and Smt. Misra President and other office bearers of WRWWO were attended the function. Com. J.R.Bhosale, General Secretary was the special invitee for the women's day celebrations. Large number of women employees working in Churchgate Area attended the function. Cultural team of Western Railway was organised beautiful events during the celebrations.

### **BRC DIVISION**

International Women's Day organized by the women's wing of division on 13-03-2023 at BRCP Union office which was graced by Smt. Manju Meena, Sr. DCM, Smt. Nupur Choudhari, Sr. DFM, , Com. Santosh Pawar,



AGS –WREU, Advocate Smt. Komal Patel, Com. Sanjay Pawar and Com. Aditya Morya, Divisional Chairman, Dignitaries has appreciated the Union for organizing such an events for motivating and empowering women employees. More than 200 women employees participated in the function. Com. Jayshree Rao, Convenor-Women's Wing, Anita Agnihotri, Neelam Mishra, Kala Gamit, Pearl Pardesi, Meenakshi Rathod and other women activists have made all arrangements for successfully organizing the function.

### ADI Division

International Women's Day organized by the Women's wing of ADI division on 8th March 2023 which was addressed by Shri. Dinesh Panchal Divisional Secretary and leaders of Women's Wing. On this occasion an event and discussion held for motivation and empowerment of women employees. Large numbers of Women employees participated in the function.

### RJT Division

International Women's Day celebrated by the RJT division in which large numbers of Women employees participated, who were addressed by the Divisional secretary Com.Nikhil Joshi and Divisional Chairman Com. Jitendra Satpara and other leaders of Women's wing Rajkot, they have arranged an interaction session for empowerment of women employees.

### BVP Division

International Women's Day organized by BVP Division. Large numbers of women employees participated in the function which was addressed by the senior leaders.

Inter National Women's day organized by the non divisional branches including **PL & MX workshop Branch and DHD workshop** in which large numbers of women employees were participated.

## HMS MAHARASHTRA CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On 4th March 2023 Women Wing of Hind Mazdoor Sabha, Maharashtra State Council celebrated in WREU Complex, Grant Road, Mumbai. Around 140 Women workers working in various Sectors participated enthusiastically. Prof. Smt. Sangeeta Thosar of Tata Institute of Social Sciences delivered lecture on "Current Situation of Trade Union Movement & participation of Women therein" and Smt. Rekha Deshpande, a Social Worker and activist of "Andhshradha Nirmlan Samittee" delivered lecture with some examples for explaining the science beyond miracles. The meeting presided by Com. Trishila Kamble.



During the function Com. Kamakshi Bagulwadikar was felicitated by the Women team of Western Railway Employees' Union on her elevation as President NRMU (C.Rly.) by offering flower bouquet and shawl. Com. Sanjyot Vadhavkar, Com. Kalpana Desai and other Women leaders of State HMS made all the arrangements for success of the meeting. Com. Kumkum Nagendra, Zonal Convenor of WREU was also on dais.

## RUNNING STAFF AGITATION AT UJJAIN AND CHITTORGARH-RTM DIVISION

Running staff of Loco and Traffic departments agitated for a period around one month on the issue of protesting transferring 33 posts of LP (M/E) from Ujjain to Indore and 12 posts of LP (Passenger) from Chittorgarh to Indore vide DRM-RTM letter No.EM/261/5/554 dated 20.3.2023 and 10 posts of Train Manager (Goods) from Chittorgarh to Shambupura on 23.3.2023. Running staff agitated continuously against transfer of above posts. J.R.Bhosale, GS - WREU visited Ujjain on 2.4.2023 (Sunday) and assured them for raising the issue at General Manager level. General Secretary met PCOM, CELE and General Manager and discussed the difficulties/ problems faced by Running staff on their transfer to Indore. A joint meeting with both the recognized Unions was held on 14.4.2023 and 20.4.2023 at DRM level. Revised schedule of working was submitted to the DRM and transfer order of 33 posts of LP (M/E), 12 posts of LP (P)



and 10 posts of Train Manager (Goods) were set aside.

### PROTEST MEETINGS HELD ON 21-04-2023 OVER WESTERN RAILWAY

On the call of JFROPS/NJCA, mass protest meetings for restoration of Old Pension Scheme was held by all Divisions and Non Divisional branches. These protest meetings were joined by all Constituents of JFROPS.

#### BCT DIVISION

Protest meetings were held at branch level in Mumbai division on 21.4.2023, which was addressed by the Divisional office bearers and senior leaders of the branches.

#### BRC DIVISION

Mass Protest meeting held by the constituents of JFROPS at BRC was attended by the leaders of WREU, WRCEU, HMS, AITUC, INTUC, CITU, MEU, AIUTUC, BKM, GMS, RRKS, JMK and Samyukt Kamdar Samiti etc. The Protest meeting was addressed by Com. Santosh Pawar (AGS-WREU and General Secretary-WRCEU), Sanjay Pawar (Divisional Secretary-WREU), Tappan Chaudhary (Divisional Chairman-WRMS), B.K.Walanj (General Secretary –HMS), Naim Shaikh (Sanyukt Trade Union Samiti), Rajkumar Singh(AITUC), Mahesh Solanki (INTUC), Dhanjibhai (CITU), Tappan Das Gupta(AIUTUC), Manoj Pandit(CUKS), Jagdish Solanki(CEU-Group'D'), Jigar Shah(GKM), D.L.Vyas(Bank Federation), Deepak Kumar(ABWU). More than 350 employees of JFROPS constituents participated in the protest meeting. After concluding the meeting a Memorandum was handed over to the Collector of Vadodra district by the delegation of leaders.

**Bharuch:** Protest meeting of JFROPS constituents held on 21-04-2023 at Bharuch station was addressed by Com. R.K.Parmar, Divisional office bearer, Com. Sanjay Macwan, Branch Secretary, Shri Ashish Desai, Branch Secretary-WRMS and other local leaders. A delegation led by the leaders of JFROPS handed over a Memorandum to The Collector of Bharuch district.

**Anand:** Protest meeting of JFROPS constituents held on 21-04-2023 at Anand station was addressed Com. Sohil Bohra, Branch Secretary-WREU, Com. Milind Bagul, Branch Chairman, Shri Milind Saparya. A delegation led by the leaders of JFROPS handed over a Memorandum to the Collector of Anand district.

#### RATLAM DIVISION

Protest meeting of JFROPS constituents held on 21-04-2023 in front of DRM office -Ratlam was addressed by Com. Manohar Barath, Divisional Secretary, Com. Seema Kaushik, Vice President/WREU and Sr. Leaders from WRMS. Large number of employees attended the protest meeting held during lunch hours. A delegation led by the leaders of JFROPS handed over a Memorandum to DRM-RTM.

Similar protest meeting of JFROPS constituents held on 21-04-2023 at Ujjain and Indore etc. Large number of Central and State Government employees participated in the protest meeting. A delegation led by leaders of JFROPS handed over a Memorandum to the appropriate government authority after the meeting.

#### ADI Division

Mass protest meeting was held at ADI by the constituents of JFROPS, which was addressed by Com. R.C.Sharma, President, WREU, Com.Dinesh Panchal and other senior leaders of Central and State Government employees. A delegation led by leaders of JFROPS handed over a Memorandum to the Collector of ADI, Palanpur and Mehasana Districts.

#### RJT Division

A mass protest meeting was held by the constituents of JFROPS at RJT on 21.4.2023, addressed by the senior leaders in Divisional Secretary and Divisional Chairman of JFROPS constituents. Large numbers of employees were participated in the protest meeting with vigor.

#### BVP Division

A mass protest meeting was held by the constituents of JFROPS at BVP on 21.4.2023, addressed by the senior leaders of JFROPS constituents. Large numbers of employees were participated in the protest meeting and shown strength and solidarity.

**WORK SHOPS:** Protest meetings by the JFROPS constituents were held on 21.4.2023 before the office of CWM - Lower Parel, Dahod etc. Senior leaders of JFROPS were addressed the protest meeting. Large numbers of youths were participated in the protest meeting and shown their strength and support to the Union.

### RAILWAY GLOBAL ACTION WEEK

As proposed by ITF and on the clarion call of AIRF campaign for safe and sustainable Rail, Railway Global Action Week was held from 27-03-2023 to 03-04-2023. During this period Gate meetings and Seminars organised across Western Railway. All Divisions and Non Divisional branches has held meetings and seminars which were addressed by Divisional office bearers and Sr. Leaders from the branches.

### C.S.MENON MEMORIAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT HELD BY BVP DIVISION

**Com. C S Menon memorial Cricket Tournament held from 26.2.2023 to 9.3.2023 at BVP**

Tournament was inaugurated by the DRM-BVP on 26.2.2023. The Chief Guest has appreciated the efforts of Western Railway Employees' Union for organizing such sports events for the employees which would be helpful for maintaining health and sportsman spirit of employees. Final match was played on 9.3.2023. Com.J.R.Bhosale General Secretary was the Chief Guest who has presented the trophies and cash prize to the Winner and Runner-up team. General Secretary on behalf of Maniben Kara foundation declared a cash award of Rs. 11,000/- to the organizers of the cricket tournament for its successful organization.

### 2ND UMRAOMAL PUROHIT CUP CRICKET TOURNAMANT-DAHOD

Comrades of Dahod Workshop under the leadership of Com. Sanjay Kapoor, Assistant General Secretary/Western Railway Employees' Union and Com. Dharmendra Singh, Branch Secretary organised 2nd Umraomal Purohit Cup Cricket tournament on Dahod Sports Ground. Com. J. R. Bhosale, General Secretary/Western Railway Employees' Union and Wkg. President AIRF arrived Dahod early morning from new Delhi. On his arrival he was given grand welcome reception at Dahod station by all the 4 branches of Dahod area. Afterwards General Secretary guided the activists in a organizational meeting. The final match was played between Wagon team and LRS team. Both the teams were lined up and players were introduced to the Guests.Prize Distribution was held in the evening in presence of Bhosaleji and Shri Vinaykumar, CWM/DHD . The winner team i.e. Wagon was awarded the Cup by Bhosaleji and runner up team was awarded by CWM. Prizes to the Man of the Match, man of the Series, best bowler and Beat Batsman and meals to the Winner and Runner up teams were given by Com. Bhosaleji, Shri Vinaykumar and office bearers of the branches. Com. Rizvan Jaki and entire youth team of the workshop branch took keen interest in conducting the tournament. Com. Bhosaleji appreciated the organizers and announced a cash prize of Rs. 5,000 from Maniben Kara Foundation.

### COM. J.R.BHOSALE FELICITATED BY SAMAJWADI SAMAGAM

Samajwadi Samagam and Madhu Limaye Birth Centenary Committee has felicitated Com. J.R.Bhosale , General Secretary–Western Railway Employees' Union, Working President-AIRF and Treasurer-HMS for his dedicated services to Independent Democratic Socialist Trade Union Movement for 60 years. Com. J.R.Bhosale was presented with a Memento by Shri Rama Shankar Singh, Convenor, Samajwadi Samagam in a function held on 30-04-2023 at Constitutional Club, NDLS.



### SHRI SURENDRAKUMAR, PCPO GIVEN GRAND FAREWELL



Today Shri Surendra Kumar PCPO who was retired on superannuation on 31.03.2023 was given felicitation in Conference hall of GM Building Churchgate Mumbai. General Manager was Chief Guest and all PHODs and Personnel Officer were present on this occasion. Shri.A.K.Mishra, General Manager expressed his pleasure towards WREU for arranging such a grand farewell function. Com R. C. Sharma, Com. J. R. Bhosale, Com. R. P. Gupta and Com. Prashant Kanade in their speeches praised the services rendered by

PCPO on Western Railway and mentioned about his positive attitude while resolving the issues within the rules and benefiting the employees. PCPO express his gratitude towards WREU and mentioned about the efforts of WREU in raising and resolving the issues of workers. Headquarter Office Bearers, Divisional leaders and branch Secretaries of local branches attended the function.

**CENTENARY YEAR CELEBRATIONS OF AIRF**



Beginning of Centenary Celebrations of AIRF was held in ITF House London in Bro.Umraomal Purohit Hall on 24.4.2023. Com.Shiva Gopal Mishra, GS-AIRF welcomed all distinguished Guests on the historical function. At the out-set Union Song was played and a short Video on the history of AIRF played. The function was addressed by Com. (Dr.) N.Kanniah, President - AIRF, Shri.Aswani Vaishnav, Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Shri.A.K.Lohati, CEO & Chairman Railway Board, Com.J.R.Bhosale, Working President - AIRF, Com.Shankar Rao, Treasurer – AIRF, Com.Jaya Agarwal

Women Chairperson – AIRF, Com.Preeti Singh, YC – AIRF, Shri.Anupam Srivastav, CEO – V4U RADio though video conference. Thereafter shown Glimpse on Centenary Celebrations of AIRF by affiliated Unions in India.

Bro. Stephen Cotton, General Secretary – ITF was the Chief Guest in the Centenary Celebrations held in ITF house, London, who was launched the Logo of Centenary Year of AIRF. Com. Praveena Singh, Women Convener – AIRF, Bro.David Gobe, Chair, Railway section – ITF, Bro. Paddy Crumlin, President – ITF were also addressed the function, in their speech Chief Guest and the distinguished Guests from the ITF were praised the activities of AIRF and its affiliated Unions for global solidarity under ITF and extended warm wishes to AIRF for the Centenary year and its future success. Com.Raja Shridhar, Vice President – AIRF gave vote of Thanks. The entire programme of Centenary Celebration held at London was shown live through You-Tube link.



WREU-HQ office at GTR and Jagdish Ajmera hall was well decorated with illuminations and

organized a grand celebration in Jagdish Ajmera Hall which was address by Com.J.R.Bhosale General Secretary, Com.R.P.Gupta, Com.Prashant Kanade and others. Hall full of participants/comrades were in Red attire with due enthusiasms. Entire function was shown on big screen in Jagdish Ajmera Hall from 18.00 hrs on 24.4.2023. Union offices on all Divisions and Non-Divisional Branches were illuminated beautifully and all arrangements were done in Union offices and equipped to show the live programme of Centenary Celebrations in big screen for the staff and families gathered in the Union office. It was a historical event and will be written in Golden letters in the history of trade Union movements in India.

Centenary Celebrations of AIRF held at London was displayed live on big LED screen by the BRC, RTM, ADI, RJT & BVP Divisions and also by major branches including PL & DHD workshops. The cadre of WREU enthusiastically celebrated beginning of centenary year of AIRF, beautifully decorated and illuminated Union offices with lights and placed flux banners all over Western Railway.

As a part of Centenary Celebration, AIRF has join hand with the V4U Radio to organize more effective campaign on the Social Media Platform. Launching Ceremony of the Centenary Year of AIRF was aired



through V4U Radio on 24.4.2023. A schedule of programs as well as Action Plan – “How to Work Together for Sustainable Relationship” as also campaign of AIRF is planned and would be communicated to the affiliated Unions.

### REFERENCE TO RAILWAY BOARD BY AIRF

GS-AIRF vide letter No.AIRF/56(104) dated 24.3.2023 addressed to the DG (HR) Railway Board on the Railway Board letter No.2022/E(LR)III/FAC/02 dated 16.3.2023 by which delegated the power GM to DRM's in regard to transfer of the Office Bearers of recognized trade unions. AIRF has strongly opposed the delegation of power to DRM in regard to transfer of the Office Bearers of recognized trade Unions as it would create disputes and jeopardize industrial relations with the Recognized Unions.

GS-AIRF vide letter No. AIRF/159 dated 28.3.2023 addressed to the DG (HR) Railway Board for providing resting facility for the AC Escorting staff in the Running Rooms all over the Indian Railways.

GS-AIRF vide letter No. AIRF/78(118) dated 7.4.2023 addressed to The Secretary € Railway Board on irregular imposition of conditions for implementation of cadre restructuring in the category of Track Maintainers.

GS-AIRF vide letter No.AIRF/PNM/1/2023 dated 17.4.2023 addressed to the Member (Traction & Rolling Stock) Railway Board has brought out the difficulties to be faced by the Train Managers due to provision of 900mm height Dog Box in the new Power Cars LWLRRM and retro-fitment of Dog Box in existing LWLRRM Power Cars.

GS-AIRF vide letter No.AIRF/PNM/55/2018 dated 20.4.2023 addressed to the PED (IR) Railway Board demanded for grant of three sets of Privilege Passes annually to all the Non-Gazetted Staff from the first day of their appointment in the Railways without any embargo of five year service. This issue is under discussion vide PNM Item No.55/2018 with Railway Board.

GS-AIRF vide letter No.AIRF/101 (28) dated 22.4.2023 addressed to The DG (HR) Railway Board has demanded for grant of Qualification Pay to Nursing Personnel with the approval of concerned Nodal Ministry (Ministry of Health & Family Welfare) with effect from 1.1.2016 from the date of implementation of 7th CPC recommendations.

### REFERENCE BY NC-JCM

GS-AIRF & Secretary –NC- JCM vide letter No. NC/JCM/2023 dated 29.3.2023 addressed to the Special Secretary (Personnel) Ministry of Finance, New Delhi has demanded for grant another chance for option for fixation of pay on promotion and financial up-gradation under MACPS from the date of increment under Rule 10 of the CCS(RP) Rules 2016.

GS-AIRF & Secretary –NC- JCM vide letter No. NC/JCM/2023 dated 1.4.2023 addressed to Hon'ble Minister of Labour & employment (Government of India) New Delhi has demanded for restoration of the defined Old Pension Scheme in place of NPS for the Government employees.

### RAILWAY BOARD ORDERS

Railway Board vide its letter No. E (GP) 2022/2/4 dated 6.3.2023 in continuation to its letter dated 28.6.2022 circulated that, 70% Selection & 30% LDCE for promotion to Group 'B' posts in organized departments shall be conducted by CBT. Further decided that for the viva-voce conducted as part of 30% LDCE held for promotion to Group 'B' posts candidates should be called to the extent of 5 times the number of respective vacancies.

Railway Board via its letter No.2023/H-1/19/01/AIRF dated 20.03.2023 has agreed to provide Railway Medical facilities to Quasi Administrative Office staff and other categories of staff who are eligible to take treatment as per IRMM 2000 but cannot be issued UMID card. It has been decided that these staff may continue avail Railway Medical facilities on old medical card under temporary registration in HMIS.

Railway Board vide RBE No.53/2023 dated 13.4.2023 have conveyed its decision and reiterated that, all transfer cases may be processed on priority wherever feasible and all mutual transfer cases pending for NOC

may be finalized on priority.

Railway Board vide RBE No.59/2023 dated 24.4.2023 has conveyed its decision that, Government employees serve as main care giver of dependent daughter / son / parents / spouse/brother/sister with specified disability may be exempted from exercise of routine transfer.

**GM PNM ACHIEVEMENTS**

Some of the achievements of GM PNM held on 15-16 March 2023

Item No.	Remarks
Item No. 57/2019	Delay in making payment of arrears Leave salary from 01.07.2017 to 30.06.2019 Payment was done in BCT, BRC, RTM & BVP Divisions and part payment has done in ADI division. In RJT division after receiving the details of 73 employees due & drawn will be prepared.
Item No. 19/2020	One Sr.SO & One JE-IT have been posted rest posting will be done as candidates from RRB resume.
Item No. 15/2021	Out of 18, 16 PPOs were issued. Others are under process.
Item No. 24/2021	Stepping up of pay of Loco Inspectors appointed before 01.01.2006. Instructions for stepping up of CLI issued to all divisions vide letter No. EM/B&A/773/8(LI BCT)Vol.I.
Item No. 17/2022	Shri Suresh Kumar switched over to Old Pension Scheme vide Memorandum No. E-891/1/2003/1, dated 04.01.2023.
Item No. 55/2022	Inducting Trackman under 10% Intake quota for Workshop and other department of BVP Division. The necessary guidelines in this regard are issued by HQ to all divisions.
Item No. 56/2022	Tender finalized for installation of two lifts in August Kranti Railway Residential Colony at GTR. Work allotted to M/s Omega Elevator for installation of two lifts.
Item No. 57/2022	Notification for conducting selection for filling of posts of CCTC, TNC against 16.1/3 and 33.1/3 % quota from Group-D to Group-C have been issued.

**RAILWAY BOARD PNM**

Some of the PNM Agenda items at Railway Board Level

Item No.	Subject
31/2022	Stepping up of pay of Chief Loco Inspectors at par with their juniors
32/2022	Training scheduled for Promotee JE (P.Way)
33/2022	Regulation of Financial Upgradation under MACPs to those staff who were promoted between 01-01-2006 and 29-08-2008 with the benefit of fixation of pay in the grades which stand merged and replaced with common grade pay pursuant to recommendation of 6th CPC.
35/2022	Consideration of the recommendation of the Committee constituted for formulating a new Safety related Retirement Scheme.
40/2022	Creation of posts and filling up of vacancies of Ticket Checking Staff
41/2022	Provision for Double Patrolmen and revision of conditions of duty of Trackman.

43/2022	Implementation of recommendations of the 7th CPC regarding grant of Hospital Patient Care Allowance/Patient Care Allowance to the employees.
45/2022	Revised Training Modules of Non-Gazetted staff of Electrical department.
46/2022	Revision of rates of damage for unauthorized occupation of Railway accommodation.
47/2022	Drastic action by Western Railway administration in SPAD cases against Loco Running staff.
51/2022	Rest rules for Running staff.
52/2022	Recovery towards wrongful/excess payments made to the Government servants.
55/2022	Conduct of Selections – Both Rankers and LDCE Quota.
56/2022	Grant of One Time Exemption for Promotion of the Appendix-II Qualified Accounts Clerks to the post of JAA against DR Quota.
58/2022	Inordinate delay in filling up of huge vacancies in Safety and Non Safety categories.
59/2022	Medical Invalidation of Railway employees on ground of Psychiatric Illness
60/2022	Violation of Principles of the Natural Justice in the matter of Appeal and revision in DAR proceedings.



**UDAY SHIVRAM KHOT** has been elected as Branch Chairman of PL/MX Workshop branch on . Born on 17.10.1968, he joined as Apprentice in Painter trade under 25% DR quota on 06.12.1993 and rose to the post of Senior Technician. Due to his sincere efforts the new technologies in painting are very well adopted in workshop. He joined Western Railway Employees' Union from day one. He become joint secretary of the branch in 2018. He is very popular amongst the railwaymen due to his helping nature. We wish him all success in marching ahead as branch chairman.

### VETEREN RETIRED

**Shyam Achrekar**, Chairman of Parel/MX Workshop branch retired from railway service on superannuation on 31.03.2023. He joined Western Railway Employees' Union from the day one of his service and worked in the various capacities in the branch. On the day of his superannuation arranged a procession through all shops and Com. Shyam was profusely garlanded by the employees at each shop floor. He was very popular amongst the cadre and helped railwaymen in the need of hour.

### ORBITURY

**Com. Bhupendra Bhatnagar**, Former Zonal President-AIRF and Ex. President/NWREU left for heavenly abode on 19-03-2023. He was a fighting leader and led the Union in Ajmer workshop for many years in various capacities.

**Com. Bhagwan Sawant**, Executive Committee Member of Parel and MX workshop branch left for heavenly abode on 19-03-2023.

**Com. Suresh Dopeshwarkar**, Vetran Trade Union Leader of AITUC who was leading All India Bank Employees' Federation for years together breathed his last on 08-04-2023 after a prolonged illness.

**Amit Prakash Savalkar**, s/o of Com. Prakash Savalkar, Ex-Divisional Secretary/Chairman expired on 21-04-2023 due to massive cardiac arrest.

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