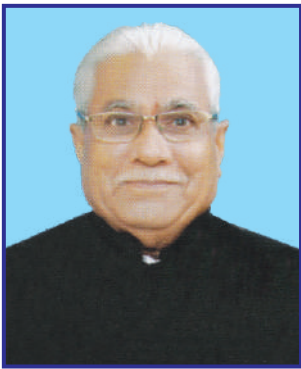




### From the Desk of Editor



#### Dear Subscribers and Railwaymen,

First of all, I congratulate you Labour Day on 1st May, 2023. I also congratulate all of you for organizing the Mashal Julus in all major Railway colonies on 21-05-2023 for the demand of application of Old Pension Scheme to all.

On the occasion of the AIRF's 100th anniversary, the Western Railway Employees' Union organized seminars in almost all branches. While organizing these seminars the efforts of All India Railwaymen's Federation for achieving Old Pension to all were also highlighted amongst the railway men and rank and file. Western Railway Employees' Union organised two rallies on 21-06-2023, one in front of General Manager, Western Railway, Churchgate office and another at CDO-Ahmedabad, with the help of Defense, Income-Tax, Postal and other Central Government employees. Memorandums were given to Prime Minister of India through Governors of Maharashtra and Gujarat.

As a result of the Jumbo recruitment on Indian Railway, the WREU welcomed all new recruits on Western Railway in the month of April, May, and June 2023. WREU also welcomed the candidates qualified in GDCE examinations. The issue of training for all Rankers, GDCE, and Open Market candidates has been brought before Western Railway administration on several occasions and candidates in the categories of ASM, Guards, Sr. CCTC, and CCTC have been sent to Zonal Training School, Udaipur for required training. The union is constantly raising this issue at the General Manager level to ensure that all selected candidates receive the necessary training as soon as possible. The union will raise this issue again before the General Manager in the PNM meeting to be held on 19th July, 2023.

Friends you know that the Government of India has formed a Committee for improving the benefits under the Chairmanship of Finance Secretary & Secretary (Expenditure) and Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Special Secretary (Pers), Department of Expenditure Ministry of Finance, Chairman, Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA) are the members of this committee. The Committee have hold two meetings with the members of Standing Committee for knowing the expectations of Central Government employees while reviewing the present New Pension Scheme. The Staff Side members attending the meeting on 09-06-2023 and 05-07-2023 have demanded scrapping of New Pension Scheme and demanded that all the Central Government employees be covered under Old Pension Scheme.

Since there is no specific assurance from Government, it has been decided by NJCA-JFROPS to have a massive demonstration in front of Parliament i.e Ram Leela Maidan from 10'o clock onwards on 10-08-2023. All Railwaymen are requested to join the demonstration in Ram Leela Maidan, New Delhi on 10th August, 2023.



**MASHAL JULUS**



**PRESS CONFERENCE & GRAND MEETING**



**J.R.Bhosale, Convenor -JFROPS (Maharashtra & Gujarat), Working President-AIRF and General Secretary -WREU addressing the mass meeting of Central Government employees in front of General Manager's office, Western Railway, Churchgate on 21-06-2023**



**Com. J R Bhosale addressing Press Meet on 20th June, 2023**



**Com. R C Sharma-President addressing Central Government Employees Meeting at Ahmedabad on 21st June, 2023**





## INTERNATIONAL LABOUR DAY

**AHMEDABAD:** A seminar was organized in the Board Room of Ahmedabad on the occasion of Labor Day on 1st May, 2023. At the beginning a rich tribute was paid to martyrdom of brave comrades who laid down their lives for labor interests. The seminar was presided by Com. Ghanshyam Yadav. Com. Dinesh Panchal gave various information about labor movement and called for making WREU more powerful. Com. R.C. Sharma, President/WREU highlighted the contribution of AIRF/WREU in the labor movement in India. He urged for a commitment, dedication and devotion in union activity. During the occasion Mrs. Kiran Verma, Mr. Dinesh Dudrecha, Mr. Alex Lobo, Shri Murari Lal Sivasia, Shri V.V. Chauhan and Shri Pankaj Kumar who were selected as Group 'B' officers in Western Railway were felicitated by the union.

**RATLAM:** On the occasion of International Labour Day on 1st May, 2023 a seminar was organised by WREU-RTM. At the beginning flag hosted at Union office in the morning at 08.30 am and the seminar started with union song. Large number of union activist participated in the seminar which was addressed by Com. Manohar Singh Barath and Smt. Ranjeeta Vaishnav. The speakers elaborated the present condition of the Labour Movement in India and importance of Free Independent Democratic Trade Union movement. Similar programmes were organized at Ujjain, Indore, Chittorgarh, DADN, Nagda and other branches in Ratlam division.

**MUMBAI -** On the occasion of International Labour Day on 1st May, 2023 a seminar was organised at Valsad and Udhana Branch offices. Large number of employees participated in the function which was addressed by Senior leaders from the division and branches and other prominent personalities.

**BARODA-** On the occasion of International Labour Day on 1st May 2023 a Seminar of Railway employees and contract workers was organised by the division in Union office which was addressed by Com. Santosh Pawar and Com. Sanjay Pawar. Large number of staff participated in the seminar.

**BHAVNAGAR-** International Labour Day celebrated on 1st May 2023 in the union office. The gathering was addressed by Com S.K.Srivastava, Ajayraj Singh Gohil and other senior leaders.

**DAHOD:** On the occasion of International Labour Day Electrical & Medical Branch organised a Seminar in the Electric Main office-Dahod on 1st May 2023. Com. Perin Sophiya Harsh, briefed on the Labour movement of various countries including India. Com. Sanjay Kapoor and Com. Dharmendra Singh, addressed the gathering and appealed to be united for achieving demands placed by WREU/AIRF at various levels including Old Pension Scheme to all Central government employees. Com. I.J. Ramvani, in his address stated that the workers should be united for struggles to achieve legitimate demands. Large number of workers from Dahod workshop attended the seminar which was successfully organised by the youth and women's wings of the branches.

## HMS MAHARASHTRA JOINED MAY DAY RALLY & MEETING

On 1st May, 2023, Affiliates of Hind Mazdoor Sabha, Maharashtra in Mumbai joined in a mass rally and meeting called by "Kamgar Karmachari Samyukt Kruti Samiti", a joint forum of Trade Unions" in Mumbai. The Rally was taken out from Parel (C.Rly.) Station and marched through Parel Area and reached "Mahatma Gandhi Sabhagrih", Rastriya Mill Mazdoor Sangh Complex at Parel Village. The Rally was culminated in a Meeting which was presided by Presidium consisting of Com. Sanjay Vadhavkar, Com. Shankarrao Salvi and Com. Nivruti Dhumal and Sr. leader of CTU's. The speakers strongly criticized the anti labour/anti farmer policies of Central Government and ongoing rampant privatization and contractorization in organized labours. They also criticized the Government's policy of introducing 4 labour codes favoring employer's by abolishing existing pro labour acts. All leaders

stress on the need of forging consolidated unity for protection of hard earned Labour rights through sacrifices of years together struggle. WREU & WRCEU comrades led by Com. Vikas Gupte remain in forefront of Rally.

### INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

WREU E&M DHD celebrated International Nurses Day on 12/05/2023 in the Conference Hall at Railway Hospital- DHD. CMS/DHD was the Chief Guest. Large number of staff of Railway Hospital including retired Nursing staff as well as other departments attended the function. Com. Perin Sophiya S Harsh addressed the gathering, explained about the importance of Nurses Day and nobility of this profession.

### WOMEN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AIRF AND NATIONAL WELLBEING SEMINAR

Women Executive Committee of AIRF was held on 11/12-05-2023 in TN Bajpayee Memorial Hall, New Delhi. Agenda of the meeting was (1) Role of Women Leader in Well Being Project of AIRF (2) Organizational Structure (3) Role of Women in OPS Campaign of AIRF & (4) Role of Women in Centenary Ceremony of AIRF. The meeting was addressed by Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary/AIRF, Dr. Sugandha Raha, DG(RHS), Railway Board, Smt. Pramila Bhargav, PCPO, Northern Railway, Com. Jaya Agarwal, Chairperson-Women's Wing, AIRF, Smt. Praveena Singh, Convener, Women's Wing/AIRF, Com. C.A. Rajashridhar, Vice President/AIRF, Com. Mahendra Sharma, Ex.Regional Secretary-ITF (Asia Pacific Region), Brother Scott Mac Dive, Sydney Office Head, ITF, Miss. Geeta Iyer, Regional Gender and Financial Manager, Asia Pacific-ITF & Kum. Preeti Singh, Youth Convenor/AIRF. WREU was represented by Com. Shabana Shaikh, Zonal Chairperson, Women's wing, Com. Kumkum Nagendra, Zonal Convenor, Women's Wing and Com. Kavita Devlekar, Chairperson, Women's Wing-PL Workshop.

### MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO PCE, WESTERN RAILWAY

A delegation of WREU-SBI branch led by Com. Rajeev Menon, Com. Ramgopal Meena & Com. Mukesh Parmar submitted a Memorandum to Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, PCE, Western Railway on 13th May, 2023 on his visit at Engineering Workshop-SBI. PCE discussed the issues with the delegation and given assurance to look into it.

### PROTEST MEETING AT BL

A protest gate meeting was held in front of the office of ADEN-TTM at Valsad in protest of his Anti Labour attitude and actions on 15th May, 2023 by Valsad I & II branches of Mumbai division. The meeting was addressed by Com. Sanjay Singh, Robinson James, Hussain Belim and others.

### NEW ENTRANTS OF LEVEL-1 WELCOMED

WREU-BRC division organised a function on 14th May, 2023 in the union office. Large number of newly appointed employees in Level-1 through RRC-Mumbai attended the function. All new entrants in level – 1 are welcomed by Com. Sanjay Pawar, DS-BRC and other leaders. Com Santosh Pawar, AGS –WREU addressed the gathering and narrated the struggles and achievements of WREU and AIRF and the need of enrolment of new entrants in union. Com. Sunil Kumar, Rajesh Maurya, Sonu Kumar, Bharat Bariya, Ashish Verma, Sunil Bhagat and others worked hard for successfully organizing the function.

### TORCH LIGHT PROCESSION (MASHAL JULOOSE)

As per the programmes of JFROPS at National level all divisions of Western Railway held Torch light rallies in Railway colonies on 21-05-2023. WREU -Mumbai has organised Torch Light Rallies in Railway colonies at MRU, Bandra (W), STC, KILE, BVI, DIC, BSR, BL, ST, NDB and AN. In BRC division Torch Light

rallies held in Railway colonies at PRTN, 'D' cabin and at Sunder Nagar which was addressed by Com. Sanjay Pawar, Bharat Makwana and other leaders. Constituents of JFROPS at RTM held a rally from Railway Hospital to Railway station via Do Batti Naka in which more than 500 employees and family members have participated. Com. Manohar Bharat and other senior leaders of RTM division led the procession and addressed the participants at Railway station before concluding the procession. In ADI Torch light rally organised in Railway colonies at ADI, SBI, GIM and other colonies. Senior leaders of the division addressed the rallies. Torch light rally organised in Railway colonies at RJT, SUNR and other colonies. Large number of employees and family members were participated in the procession. Participants of processions were addressed by leaders from division and branches.

### SEMINAR HELD ALL OVER WESTERN RAILWAY

General Secretary/AIRF Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra issued directives to all the General Secretaries of all affiliated unions for conducting Seminars/Workshops at branch level throughout the centenary year and to highlight sacrifices and contributions of veteran leaders of AIRF including the glorious history and major achievements. Com. J. R. Bhosale during the online meeting held on 30th May, 2023 reiterated the directives of AIRF and appealed for chalking out the programmes.

WREU held seminars in all divisions with full zeal and enthusiasm. Headquarter Office Bearers and Divisional leaders in co-ordination with the leadership of branches attended the programmes. Com. Bhosale, Working President of AIRF and General Secretary/WREU attended programmes in each division/important workshops and shared his vast experience in Trade union movement.

**Dahod Branches-** On the occasion of centenary year celebrations of All Indian Railwaymen's Federation, a seminar was organized by WREU -DAHOD on 10-06-2023 in Senior Railway Institute. The seminar started at 06.00 pm. Com. Sanjay Kapoor in his address detailed about the struggle and achievements of AIRF since its inception. He also remembered 1960 Strike Martyrs of Dahod and paid homage. Com. Perin Sophia Harsh discussed about the achievements of AIRF as well as WREU since last 100 years. She further expressed the need of strengthening the organisation and induction of more Youth and Women in the union. Com. Sushant Bharti narrated the assistance provided by the union to the newly appointed employees in Level-1 during their screening to placement/posting. Com. Dharmendra Kumar briefed about the delay in salary related issues of newly recruited employees and resolved it in time by the union. On behalf of the newly recruited employees Shri Nishant Kumar expressed his gratitude for the helping hand of WREU and he urged all new recruits to stay connected with Western Railway Employees' Union forever. Com. Vinod Sinha threw light on the situation when the union was formed and the attained achievements through struggles and sacrifice by the comrades. Com. Mahendra Morya, Saji Jekwan, Rajeev Trivedi also addressed the gathering.

**Ratlam Division** - Seminars held at Dewas on 03-06-2023, Ujjain on 05-06-2023 and Shujalpur on 09-06-2023. Com. Manohar Barath and S.S.Sharma addressed the participants. Com. Perin Sophiya Harsh and Sushant Bharti addressed the participants in a seminar held at Piplod and Dahod on 13-06-2023. Com. Jitendra Jaiswal addressed the seminar held at Dr. Ambedkar Nagar (Mhow) on 15-06-2023. Com. Manohar Barath and Dinesh Dasora addressed the gathering of activists of Chittourgarh, Nimuch and Mandsore on 17-06-2023 at Chittorgarh, Com. Shabana Shaikh, Zonal Chair Person alongwith other senior leaders addressed a seminar held at Indore on 10-06-2023.

### GRAND MEETING OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN MUMBAI

As per decision of JFROPS(NJCA) for holding rallies in state capitals on 21st June, 2023. a grand mass meeting of Central Government employees working in Mumbai and surrounding area was held in the

Lawn of General Manager's office, Western Railway, Churchgate in the evening. Earlier a Press Conference was held on 20-06-2023 in Mumbai Marathi Patrakar Sangh for giving wide publicity about the agitational programmes being conducted by the constituents of JFROPS. Leaders of JFROPS constituents of Mumbai were present in the Press Conference which was addressed by Com. J.R.Bhosale, Convenor-JFROPS and Com. Pravin Bajpayee, Co-Convenor-JFROPS. Large number of reporters of National and Regional T.V. Channels and News Papers attended the Press Conference.

Before the mass gathering at Churchgate -Mumbai on 21-06-2023, a delegation consisting leaders of JFROPS-Mumbai have submitted a Memorandum addressed to Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to the Governor of Maharashtra State regarding Restoration of Old Pension Scheme to all Central Government and State government employees appointed on or after 01-01-2004.

The mass gathering was consisting of large number of employees especially youth and women from Western & Central Railway, Defense, Income Tax, Audit, CGHS, Postal, Customs and all other Central Government establishments in Mumbai. The gathering was enthusiastically shouting slogans "Unite all Central Government Employees" and "Government should consider genuine demand of Restoration of Old Pension Scheme without any delay". They have participated in the meeting with Banners and Flags of respective organizations like AIRF, AIDEF, Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers. Meeting was chaired by Com. J.R.Bhosale, Convenor-JFROPS-Maharashtra and Gujarat State, Working President/AIRF and General Secretary – WREU. Around 25 leaders of the JFROPS constituent organizations were on the dais. Com. Gagan Singh, Vice President-AIDEF, Com. Santosh Nair-General Secretary, Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers, Deepak Gupta-President- Income Tax Officers Association, R.P.Bhatnagar-Working President -NFIR, Com. P.J.Shinde-Zonal Secretary/AIRF(NRMU), Mrs. Poonam Jena-Women leader- AIDEF, Mrs. Anita Satpute-Women's leader- WREU and Com. J.R.Bhosale, Convenor, Working President/AIRF and General Secretary -WREU addressed the gathering. All the speakers have demanded with one voice for cancellation of New Pension Scheme (NPS) and Restoration of Old Pension Scheme (OPS) and Government Provident Fund to all Central Government and State Government employees. While addressing the meeting, the leaders emphasized that the payment of Pension to the employees serving to the State is 161 years old system started in India since 1862 by the then British government as per the law prevailing in United Kingdom. The Pension in UK is still continuing whereas Government of India has withdrawn the benefit of Old Pension Scheme which was upgraded and extended to all Central Government employees as per Pension and Gratuity Act 1972 w.e.f 01-01-2004. The demand of the employees is that the Pension is a payment of deferred wages and the pension is also a part of wages in lieu of services rendered to the State, defined and guaranteed Pension is Social and Old age Security for the employees. It is the responsibility of the respective Government to make it to their employees. The Government of India and State Governments being employer of Government employees should shoulder this responsibility. The PFRDA Act and investment of New Pension Fund to the equity market is against the interest of workers serving to the Central and State Government.

Com. Prashant Kanade-Divisional Secretary and AGS-WREU thanked all the workers who participated in mass and making the meeting a grand success. He also thanked Western Railway administration for permitting for holding the meeting in the lawn of General Manager's office at Churchgate. The mass gathering was concluded with slogans "Workers Unity Jindabad and Long live Workers Solidarity".

In Ahmedabad Division protest meeting held by JFROPS constituents was addressed by Com. R.C.Sharma, Com. Dinesh Panchal and other senior leaders of JFROPS constituents. On this occasion a mass meeting held in BG-Carriage Depot-ADI which was addressed by Com. R.C.Sharma, Dinesh

Panchal, Ghanshyam Yadav and other leaders. Large numbers of youth participated in the protest meeting.

### **MEETING OF NC-JCM WITH THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW PENSION SYSTEM**

A committee under Chairmanship of Finance Secretary was constituted by the Finance Ministry vide OM No. 1(4)/EV/2023 dated 06-04-2023 for review Pension system. The Committee has invited Staff Side of National Council (JCM) for a meeting to discuss upon the proposed issue. Members of Staff Side National Council (JCM) led by Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, Secretary Staff Side met the Committee on 09-06-2023 in Room No.72, North Block, NDLS. Com. J.R.Bhosale has attended the meeting along with other Senior leaders and Staff Side members.

### **GENERAL SECRETARY ADDRESSED MASS GATHERINGS IN ALL DIVISIONS**

Com. J.R.Bhosale visited Ratlam division on 23-06-2023. He was warmly welcomed, profusely garlanded and brought to Union office in a procession by team WREU -RTM. Com. J.R.Bhosale has addressed a meeting of Branch Secretary, Branch Chairman and other senior leaders. He also addressed a mass public meeting and briefed about the struggles and achievements of AIRF/WREU since its inception.

Com. J.R.Bhosale visited Ahmedabad on 24-06-2023. Large number of comrades of ADI received him at the Railway station with garland, flower bouquets and union flags. Com. J.R.Bhosale addressed a meeting of Branch Secretaries, Chairman and Senior leaders of WREU. Com. J.R.Bhosale urged the leaders and activists to educate the youth about the history and achievements of the union and to induct and empower, strengthen the cadre and unity to achieve Old Pension Scheme to all Railwaymen.

General Secretary visited Surendranagar in Rajkot division on 24-06-2023. He was welcomed by Divisional Secretary, Divisional Chairman and other senior leaders of RJT division. Com. J.R.Bhosale addressed a public meeting near Surendra Nagar Railway station in which large number of Railwaymen attended the meeting. In his speech he explained the struggles of railwaymen led by WREU/AIRF and time to time achievements. He urged the cadre to unite and strengthen the union to protect the achieved rights through struggles and sacrifice of comrades and to fight against the Anti-Labor polices of government. Com. A. N.Dave (86) was felicitated in this meeting which was attended by Large number of youth and women.

A mass meeting held in Community Hall at Bhavnagar on 28-06-2023 at 17.00 hrs was addressed by Com. J.R.Bhosale, General Secretary in presence of Comrade S.K. Shrivastava and Ajay Raj Singh Gohil and other senior leaders. Com J.R.Bhosale in his address strongly protest the Anti-Labor polices of the government. He explained steps taken by NC-JCM and JFROPS for restoring Old Pension Scheme for all Railwaymen and further informed about various protest programmes organised by WREU on the clarion call of AIRF/NC-JCM/JFROPS. Large number of youths and women from nearby branches attended the meeting which was concluded by Shouting slogans enthusiastically "WREU Jindabad, AIRF Jindabad".

On the occasion of Centenary celebration and on the clarion call of AIRF a seminar was held by Mumbai division on 27-06-2023 at 17.00 hrs in Jagdish Ajmera Hall, WREU Complex, Grant Road. Large number of Youth and activists participated in the seminar. Com. J.R.Bhosale, R.P.Gupta, Vikas Gupte, Prashant Kanade, Rajan P. and Jitendra Singh briefed the achievements of AIRF as well as WREU and its various struggles for the Railwaymen. Com. J.R.Bhosale before addressing the gathering, invited some of the participants to say few words about their experience in the union. Com. Keshav Kapdoskar, B.P.N.



Nair, Kumkum Nagendra and Vivek Kamble shared their experience in the union. Com. J.R.Bhosale urged to the cadre for strengthening the organisation by inducting more youth and women in the main stream and also to ensure more participation of youth and in the struggle for achieving Old Pension Scheme for all Railwaymen. A Seminar concluded with a Slogan "Workers Unity Jindabad" "Long Live WREU/AIRF".

### GENERAL SECRETARY VISITED AMALNER.

Com. J.R.Bhosale visited at Amalner station on 01-07-2023, he was given a rousing welcome at the station by the comrades of Amalner branch under the leadership of Com. Praveen Kale, DOB of Mumbai division and others. Com. J.R.Bhosale addressed a meeting of Office Bearers and activists of Union in the branch office. In his address he asked the leaders and activists to induct and enroll more youth and women in the cadre from the newly recruited employees in Level-1 and to strengthen the branch. He explained the activities being carried out by the union on the clarion call of AIRF and JFROPS for restoration of Old Pension for all employees.

### ROUSING WELCOME TO GENERAL SECRETARY AT NANDURBAR

Com. J.R.Bhosale accompanied by Com. Prashant Kanade, Jitendra Singh and other divisional office bearer on their arrival at NDB station on 02-07-2023 were given a warm welcome by officer bearers and activist of NDB branch by presenting them flower bouquet and garlands. Com. Bhosale addressed a meeting of office bearers and activists including youth and women in which office bearers of AN, NDB and VYA branches attended. In his address Com. J.R.Bhosale urged the cadre to strengthen the branches and its activities and also to implement and follow the action plan issued by JFROPS, AIRF and WREU to strengthen the struggles to achieve old pension for all railwaymen. The meeting was addressed by. NDB branch office bearers and activists made all arrangements for success of meeting.

### COM. HARBHAJAN SINGH SIDHU ELECTED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMONWEALTH TRADE UNION GROUP

Com. Harbhajan Singh Sidhu, General Secretary -HMS was elected as Vice President of Commonwealth Trade Union Group in the Annual meeting of Commonwealth Trade Union Group held in Geneva, Switzerland at the ILO Headquarter on 09-06-2023. Railway Sentinel congratulate Com. Harbhajan Singh Sidhu on his election in an International Forum and extend best wishes for his future endeavor for the Well-Being of working class.

### ALL INDIA HMS WOMEN'S COMMITTEE MEETING AT KOTA

All India HMS Women's Committee Meeting held at Kota on 20th June, 2023. Com. Harbhajan Singh Siddhu, General Secretary, HMS, chaired the meeting. Com. Seema Kaushik, Shabana Shaikh and Smt. Indu Lohia represented WREU. Topics for the meeting was role of women in HMS, formation of women committees in each and every state, forming separate funds for state women committees, elevating women leaders on important decision-making posts in the organization and 75th National Convention of HMS.

### WARM BIRTHDAY WISHES TO GENERAL MANAGER

Senior leaders of WREU meet Shri Ashok Misra, General Manager, Western Railway to greet him on his birthday on 28-06-2023 and express best wishes for his future endeavor.





### DOCTOR'S DAY

On the occasion of Doctors Day on 01-07-2023 a delegation under the leadership of Com. Jitendra Singh alongwith other branch leaders of Borivali branch met the Doctors at Borivali Health Unit and presented flower bouquet to them and greeted best wishes on the occasion of Doctor's Day. The Doctors thanked to the Union for the greetings.

### WREU PAID RICH TRIBUTE TO LATE COM. C.S.MENON

Sharadhanjali Sabhas were held on 12-06-2023 in Grant Road office, Dahod Union Office and many other places for paying rich tribute to Late Com. C.S.Menon, Ex. General Secretary/WREU on his 13th death anniversary. Com. J.R.Bhosale, R.P.Gupta, Vikas Gupte, Rajan P. and other senior leaders paid homage to the great leader by offering garland and rose petals on his portrait. Com. J.R.Bhosale has remembered Com. C.S.Menon and shared his experience with him during the era. 2 minutes silence was observed in his memory. At Dahod senior leaders and large number of activists of Dahod workshop and E&M branches paid homage to great leader by offering garlands and flowers on the portrait of Late Com. C.S.Menon.

### WREU COMRADES OF SABARMATI HELPED THE STRANDED PASSENGERS

Due to Biparjoy cyclone and its impacts at Kutch area, about 150 passengers including children were stranded at Gandhidham station without food and water. The difficulties of these passengers were brought to the notice of Com. Suresh Bhanushali, Divisional Vice Chairman. The team of WREU comrades provided food packets and water to these stranded passengers on 15-06-2023 and 16-06-2023. The passengers extended their gratitude to team WREU for their timely help. Railway Sentinel appreciates noble work done by Com. Suresh Bhanushali and others of ADI division and wishes them for their future endeavor.

### HOMAGE TO VICTIMS OF RAIL ACCIDENT NEAR BAHANAGA BAZAR AT BALASORE

The whole nation was shocked with the most horrible rail accident which took place in the evening of 2nd June at a place around 26 Km away from Balasore in Orrisa. When 12841 Coromandal Express carrying 1257 reserved passengers and around 1500 other wait listed and those travelling in general coaches running with the speed of 120 Km/hour on main line turned on loop line where a Goods train was stationed and dashed. Some boggies of Coromandal express jumped over Goods train and finally fell on the 3rd line, 13 coaches damaged. Unfortunately, train No. 12864 Yashwantpur Howrah Super Fast Express was running at a speed of 110 Kmph on that line clashed with the fallen coaches of Coromandal Express. This train was carrying 1039 reserved passengers and was running 3 hours late. The accident took place near Bahanaga Bazar Railway Station about 25 km from Balasore. Due to the tragic accident 300 people lost their life and more than 1000 injured out of which more than 50 passengers are grievously wounded.

Railway Sentinel respectfully pay homage to all those died in the unfortunate rail accident and pray for speedy recovery to all those who injured.

**ACHIEVEMENTS OF CPO-INFORMAL MEETING DATED 23-05-2023**

Sr. No.	Item No.	Nomenclature	Remarks
1	84/2017	Grant of Benefit under MACPS- Case of Mrs. NilaMacwan Matron- JRH-BCT	MACP granted vide MD-JRH letter No.E/MD/839/2(MACP) dated 16-11-2022. Accordingly settlement dues will be revised and paid.
2	15/2017	Non-Relieving of Trackman from BVP to RTM	Own request transfer of Trackman from BVP to RTM has been considered vide order No.E/E 1140/Misc/2019 dated 17-10-2019
3	50/2019	Non-Grant of FMA to Eligible Pensioners/Family Pensioners	Instructions has been issued vide HQ office letter no. E/1054/WREU/FMA/Option dtd 16.02.2022.
4	57/2019	Creation of 205 additional NG posts in DHD workshop	Railway Board has further instructed vide letter dated 25.03.2021, circulated vide PS No.12/2021, to explore possibilities for redistribution of posts at their end taking into account existing vacancies on the Railway.
5	60/2019	Payment of difference of overtime allowance due to promotion – case of Shri Vivek Bhauraokamble, Fitter Gr. II working under CWS/BCT, BCT division.	AFA(ENG) vide letter dated 30/9/2022 addressed to Sr. DFM-BCT has advised to make the payment.
6	21/2021	Undue delay the Payment of One Increment To Shri Mahadev Karoo Ranpise.	Arrears of pay & allowance as per 6 CPC, Drawn & Due statement of arrears for Rs. 11,577 has been vetted by Associate Accounts of PL-WS, payment of this arrears is being arranged in favour of Shri Mahadev Karoo Ranprise."
7	33/2021	Undue delay for Sanctioning Due & Drawn of MACP- Case Of Shri Pankaj Singhi, Retd SSE(M)-CCG	The due and drawn statement in favour of Shri Pankaj Singhi retired SSE (Diesel Shed) Mahu of RTM div is prepared and vetted by Associate Account.
8	34/2021	Non-payment of deducted amount in NPS of Shri Babulal Jain, Ex. Cleaner	Payment of Rs. 224093,45/- dated 10.04.2023 has been made as NPS withdrawal.
9	2/2023	Inordinate delay for holding Selection to the post of Accounts Clerk in GP 1900 against 25% & 8.33% LDCE quota	The written examination to the post of Accounts Clerk (25% quota) was held on 18.02.2023 and results for the same was declared on 17.03.2023.

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10	9/2023	Allotment of Para medical staff to BVP division- Additional Panel Allotted under CEN 02/19.	3 pharmacists have joined out of 5 allotted.
11	18/2023	Creation of 1120 posts to attain the target of 160 Electric Loco of 9000 HP per year	Case is under process with mechanical department.
12	22/2023	Induction of Trackman, GP 1800/- to the post of Helper/Khalasi/GP1800/- in TMC organization- Engineering department.	PCE has accorded approval for change in educational qualification in eligibility criteria for lateral induction of Trackman into as Helper/ Khalasi, in Track Machine Organisation. The revised memorandum has been issued vide memo no. E/E/1025/5/19 (khalasi) Vol.III dated 11/05/2023.
13	25/2023	Incorrect surrender of posts of Running Staff - Ujjain Lobby under Annual Cadre Review.	The proposal of redistribution of Running staff under Annual Cadre Review, was worked out as per crew requirements received from RTM division vetted by DivisionalAccounts and approved by DRM. The same was issued by HQ with recommendation of PCEE/PCOM & approvedby AGM.
14	28/2023	Promotion to the post of JE (Bridge)- Case of Shri Sanjeev Kumar Paswan, MCF (Ftr)-ADI.	Shri. Sanjeev Kumar Paswan MCF(Fitter) ADI has already been promoted as JE vide office No. E/E/1025/5/1/JE(Bridge) dated 13-01-2023
15	39/2023	Undue delay in issuing promotion orders to the post of Tech. Gr. III in GP 1900/- in TMC organization – Engineering Department.	The promotion orders issued in favor of 134 employees for the category of Technician Grade-III vide office Order No. E/E/839/5/19 (Artisan)(TMC).
16	45/2023	Promotion of Artisan Gr. III to Gr. II in TMC-BL/BCT division.	The promotion orders issued from Gr-III to II vide No. E/E/839/5/19(Artisan)(TMC) dated 05-01-2023 and 63 employees have already joined.

**GENERAL SECRETARY/AIRF'S REPRESENTATIONS**

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/78 (179) dated 01-06-2023 addressed to The Chairman and CEO, Railway Board and brought out abnormal delay in providing uniform and protective gears to the eligible staff and its poor quality. He urged to decide and pay the cost of uniform and protective gear in cash to the employees so that they can buy good quality of items without any delay.

AIRF vide its letter No. AIRF/101 dated 6th June 2023 addressed to DG (RHS) Railway Board regarding to Grant of medical facility to the Quasi-Administrative staff and other categories of staff in the absence of UMID card and urged that, validity of temporary registration in HMIS should be valid for a year and annual renewal can be done by the staff.

AIRF vide its letter No. AIRF/05 dated 6th June 2023 addressed to the Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding Chain of acceptance of APAR of the Supervisory staff of Accounts Department in relevance to RBE No.46/2023 dated 24.03.2023.

AIRF vide its letter No. AIRF/829162)(198) dated 9th June 2023 addressed to PED (IR) Railway Board regarding simplification of procedure for issue of School Passes and urged to issue necessary instructions for online issuance of School Passes and sought necessary changes in the software so as to become staff friendly.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/520 dated 5th June 2023 addressed to the DG (HR) Railway Board regarding MACP entitlements of Pharmacists (Entry scale PB-1 with GP 2800) in PB-II with GP 4200 – consequent up on Fast Track Committee recommendations.

AIRF vide its letter No. AIRF/PNM/22/2021 dated 3rd June 2023 addressed to PED (IR) Railway Board regarding Fixation of pay of the employees who got promoted to the post of higher pay level after being granted the benefit of pay fixation on grant of financial up-gradation under MACP.

AIRF vide its letter No. AIRF/PNM/01/2023 dated 3rd June 2023 regarding Stepping-up of pay of CLI's at par with their juniors promoted after 01.01.2006, similarly those who was promoted to the post of CLI before 01.01.2016 at par with their juniors promoted after 01.01.2016.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF /24 (C) (156) dated 11th May 2023 addressed to DG (RHS) Railway Board regarding grant of special casual leave for the purpose of blood donation and urged to issue instructions to all concerned in relevance to DOPT's OM No. 13020/1/2017-Estt.(L) dated 29.12.2017 for grant of special leave for the purpose of blood donation or apheresis over the Indian Railways.

AIRF vide its letter No. DC/JCM/03/2021 dated 5th April 2023 regarding modification of existing IREM provisions regarding transfer of Gangman /Track Maintainer to other departments against 10% and 40% intake.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/226(213) dated 22-06-2023 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding appointment on compassionate ground- Consideration of Step son/step-daughter for the same.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/05(214) dated 22-06-2023 addressed to The Member (Finance), Railway Board regarding Introduction of new examination pattern of Objective Type Questions in Appendix-III (A) IREM examination for the posts of Sr. SO(A/Cs), Sr. T/A and Sr. ISA in Accounts and urged for inclusion of Subjective Paper for Appedix-III(A) examination is not justified. Hence urged for dispense Subjective Test and system of conducting CBT only by MCQs be adopted as being done in other selections of all departments.

### REPRESENTATIONS BY NC/JCM

General Secretary NC/JCM (Staff Side) vide its letter No. NC/JCM/2023 dated 29th March 2023 addressed to the Special Secretary (Personnel) Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Expenditure), New Delhi regarding option for fixation of pay on promotion and financial up-gradation under MACP's from the date of increment under Rule 10 of CCS (RP) Rules 2016.

General Secretary NC/JCM (Staff Side) vide its letter No. NC/JCM/2023 dated 1st April 2023 addressed to Hon'ble Minister for Labour & Employment, Government of India, New Delhi regarding restoration of the defined Old Pension Scheme in place of NPS for the Government employees.



**RAILWAY BOARD ORDERS**

Railway Board has issued clarification regarding Compassionate Ground Appointment (CGA) to Spouse/Ward/Dependent of Railway employees vide RBE No.35/2023. As per clarification General Manager is empowered to consider and decide CGA in post of Level-7 (GP 4600/-) of 7th CPC Pay Matrix. DRM/CWM/HODs may consider appointment on Compassionate Ground upto Level-6 (GP 4200/-) of 7th CPC Pay Matrix.

Railway Board vide RBE No.66/2023 dated 10-05-2023 has clarified that Level-I employees (erstwhile Group 'D') who are now classified as Group 'C' are also eligible for the selection to the post of Publicity Inspector in Level-5 subject to fulfilling requisite qualifications and service conditions.

Railway Board has issued Correction Slip No.2 to the relevant para of Indian Railway Track Machine Manual (IRTMM) 2019 vide Correction Slip No.2021/Track-III/TK/12 dated 17-05-2023. Accordingly, Annexure-7.7 (Page No.225 – 232) of IRTMM September-2019 shall be replaced.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2022/E(W)/01/08/1 dated 17-05-2023 has issued clarification on Travel entitlement on Passes/PTOs integrated Class and Booking Codes issued by Commercial Directorate. "Travel entitlement in Humsafar, Special Trains on Special Charges and Suvudha Special Trains will be of Rajdhani Express type of Trains. In case CC/FC Coach is attached to such trains, the entitlement of CC Class of Shatabdi Express type train will be applicable".

Railway Board vide its letter No.2018/TG-V/1/3(Part-III) dated 17-05-2023 addressed to PCCM of Zonal Railways has sought feedbacks in regard to provisions and facilities (including Catering facilities) in TT Rest House at par with Running rooms of Guard and Loco Pilots.

Railway Board vide RBE No.74/2023 dated 08-06-2023 has issued guidelines for exemption from the routine exercise of transfer/rotation transfer of persons with disabilities. "As far as possible, the persons with disabilities may be exempted from the rotational transfer policy/transfer and be allowed to continue in the same job, where they would have achieved the desired performance. Further, preference in place of posting at the time of transfer/promotion may be given to the persons with disability subject to the administrative constraints.

The practice of considering choice of place of posting in case of persons with disabilities may be continued. To the extent feasible, they may be retained in the same job, where their services could be optimally utilized".

Railway Board vide RBE No.79/2023 dated 13-06-2023 addressed to General Manager's of Zonal Railways and conveyed Amendment to Para 122 of IREM Vol. I.

**(i) Station Masters**

Existing para 122 (1)(iii) is amended to read as under:-

25% by General selections from amongst the employees detailed below, possessing the qualification of Matriculation with upper age limit of 45 years (50 years in the case of SC/ST). Shortfall if any, against the quota being made good by LDCE as per Para 122(ii).

(a) Shunting Jamadar, Shunting Master, Cabinman Gr. 1, Switchman, Sr. Signallars and Sr. Train Clerk, All in Level-4, and Liverman, Gr.-1, Pointsman-Gr. 1, Shuntman, Gr. 1, Cabinman Gr. 2 and Train Clerk all in Level-2.

(b) Shunting Master/Jamadar and TNC in Level-6 also eligible for promotion to the post of Station

Master in Level-6 against 25% general selection quota. This will be treated as later transfer and not entitled for fixation of pay in same level of Station Masters.

(c) Staff in level-1 (erstwhile 6th CPC, GP 1800) of the Operating department who are matriculates and have 5 years of regular service in Operating department are allowed to appear.

Railway Board vide RBE No.80/2023 dated 20-06-2023 has issued guidelines for holding GDCE for filling up 25% of the Direct Recruitment Quota vacancies in Critical Safety Categories such as Assistant Loco Pilots, Technicians, Junior Engineers and Train Managers. As per schedule published by the Railway Board vide RBE No.80/2023 all RRCs will publish a single notification on their websites by 15-07-2023. Opening Date and Time for ONLINE registration and Filling of applications will be 15-07-2023. Closing Date and Time for Online registration and filling of applications will be 14-08-2023 at 23.59 hrs. All Zonal Railways are directed to ensure that the time line for notifications and invitation of applications are adhered without fail.

Railway Board vide RBE No.82/2023 dated 21-06-2023 addressed to all General Manager's and issued guidelines for engagement of Retired Para Medical Staff (in Group 'C') on Contract basis in Group 'C' category and hiring of Para-Medical staff (in Group 'C') on Contract basis.

Ministry of Finance and Department of Expenditure vide office memorandum No. TA-3-602/I/2020-TA-III/CS-902/231 dated 01-06-2023 has issued instructions to ensure timely payment of retirement benefits to the retiring employees and pension/family pension cases are processed within the prescribed time lines so as to ensure that the pension/family pension is invariably credited in the accounts of pensioner/family pensioner on the due date.

### VETERAN RETIRED

1. **Com. Rajesh Choudhary**, Tower Wagon Driver and Branch Secretary -OHE/Open Line Branch of Mumbai division retired on 30-06-2023 on superannuation after successful completion of 39 years of service. He is one of the senior most Union leader in Mumbai division fondly known as Aabaa amongst the cadre. On the eve of his retirement from service a felicitation function was held in Rail Nikunj near DRM office. Com. J.R.Bhosale attended the function and praised the activities and participation of Shri Rajesh Choudhary for strengthening the branch and induction of youth and women in main stream.Sr. DEE(Suburban), AEE(Suburban), Headquarter and Divisional Leaders were present along with large number of union representatives from Suburban branches. Railway Sentinel greets best wishes for his future endeavor.
2. **Com. S.R.Patil**, SSE(C&W) NDB and Branch Secretary -NDB of Mumbai Division retired on 30-06-2023 on superannuation. A farewell function held on 02-07-2023 at NDB which was attended by Com. J.R.Bhosale as a Chief Guest, Prashant Kanade (Divisional Secretary-BCT), Jitendra Singh (Divisional Chairman -BCT, other senior leaders Vinod Kumar Morya, Milind Thakur, Ajit Kumar, Praveen Kale and large number of union activist from AN, NDB and VYA branches were gathered.Com. S.R.Patil was cordial, very popular amongst Railwaymen and locals of NDB. Railway Sentinel greets best wishes for his future endeavor.
3. **Com. Yogesh Prajapati**, MCF(Carpenter) and Vice Chairman, Parel and Mahalaxmi Workshop branch retired from service on superannuation on 30-06-2023. A felicitation function was held in Sr. Railway Institute, Lower Parel on 21-06-2023 which was attended by Com. J.R.Bhosale, Vikas Gupte, Rajan P., Prashant Kanade and other senior leaders. All leaders greeted best wishes to Com. Yogesh Prajapati for his healthy retirement life. Railway Sentinel greets best wishes for his future endeavor.

**Com. Ajay Raj Singh Gohil-Vice President WREU addressing a Seminar organized at Bhavnagar on occasion of AIRF Centenary Celebration**



**A Group Photo of National Wellbeing Seminar at New Delhi.**

**Com. Santosh Pawar-AGS WREU addressing a Seminar organized at Vadodara on occasion of AIRF Centenary Celebration**



**All India HMS Womens Committee Meeting held at Kota, Rajasthan on 20th May 2023.**

## ORBITURY

1. **Kamlakar Potdar**, Office Secretary, HMS-Mumbai Office expired on 13-06-2023. He was Senior Comrade and served as Office Secretary in HMS-Mumbai since long. On his death HMS-Maharashtra has lost a senior comrade. Railway Sentinel paid a homage to the departed soul.
2. **Harish Kumar Sharma**, SSE(W)-BVI and Office Bearer, BVI Branch expired on 21-06-2023 in Melon City, Italy where he went along with family to attend family function. He was very active in the branch and popular amongst the cadre. He retired from Railway service on 30-05-2023. Railway Sentinel paid a homage to the departed soul and pray to the almighty to give courage and strength to the bereaved family to overcome the difficult situation.
3. **Smt. Radha Rani Sharma** w/o Com. Govindlal Sharma, ex. Assistant General Secretary/WREU, Ex. Divisional Secretary -RTM and Sr. Leader of HMS-Madhya Pradesh. Smt. Radha Rani expired on 08-06-2023. Large number of comrades and railwaymen attended the funeral and paid Shradhanjali to the departed soul. Com. J.R.Bhosale visited at the residence of Com. Govindlal Sharma and conveyed condolence to the bereaved family. Railway Sentinel paid homage to the departed soul.
4. **Com. Y.G.Joshi**, ex. President-NRMU-Mumbai was expired on 02-07-2023 at his native village in Aurangabad district of Maharashtra State. Com. Y.G.Joshi has actively worked in NRMU as well as AIRF and part in all struggles for achieving Rights and Demands of Railwaymen. He was the President of NRMU for a longer period and very popular amongst the cadre of Railwaymen in all Zones. Railway Sentinel paid homage to the departed soul.
5. **Com. Sampath Prakash**, Veteran Trade Union Leader of HMS expired on 01-07-2023. He was 87 years old. Com. Sampath Prakash is a senior most leader of HMS and served the people of Kashmir relentlessly for decades. He was the Chief Patron of HMS Jammu and Kashmir council. HMS has lost a true warrior, honest, fearless, selfless and dedicated missionary. Railway Sentinel paid homage to the departed soul.

HMS-Maharashtra State Council is holding its 32nd Triennial Conference at Kolhapur, Maharashtra on 26th & 27th August, 2023

99th Annual Convention of All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF) will be held in Mumbai on 8th & 9th November, 2023 and will be hosted by NRMU (Central Railway).

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				