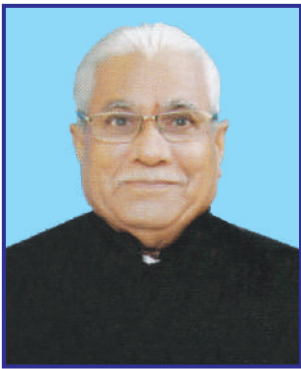




From the Desk of Editor



Dear Subscribers and Railwaymen,

First of all, I congratulate all Railwaymen for continuing the agitation programmes for scrapping New Pension and restoring Old Pension to all, after a wonderful rally on 10-08-2023 at Ramleela Maidan at New Delhi. Political situation became more confusing because in a Special Convention of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha 1/3rd Member of Parliament from females was passed by increasing seats in Parliament. A world youth rally of ITF was organized in Mumbai on 16th to 18th October, 2023. ITF Executive

Board meeting was also organized in Mumbai on 18th -19th October, 2023. WREU presented Centenary Souvenir wrist watches to all participants of youth rally and executive committee members in Mumbai.

HMS Working Committee was held at Kankyakumari on 16th-17th September, 2023. Tamil Nadu HMS State conference was held at Nagarcoil on 15-09-2023. NRMU's (Northern Railway) Annual Convention was held on 28th October at Lucknow. 78 days PLB was paid to Railwaymen for 2022-2023 before Durga Puja. AIRF demanded that the ceiling of Rs. 7,000/- for one month for payment of PLB should be enhanced to Rs. 18,000/-.



ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (Base 2016 = 100)

Month/Year	Base year 2001=100 Average	Total of 12 months	Twelve Monthly Average	% increase over 261.41* for DA
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
Apr-22	386	4551	379.25	45.07
May-22	387	4567	380.58	45.58
Jun-22	392	4587	382.25	46.22
Jul-22	402	4615	384.58	47.11

***Average Price Index for January 2016**



WREU observed 15th Death Anniversary of Com J. P. Choubayji on 03.09.2023 at Mumbai.



Late Com. J. P. Choubayji's 15th Death Anniversary observed by Ahmedabad Division



WREU Vadodara observed 15th Death Anniversary of late Com. J. P. Choubayji



Com J. R. Bhosale addressing trade union education program at Shujalpur Ratlam Division on 12th Oct. 2023



Innauguration of trade union education program at GTR Mumbai 30th Oct. to 1st Nov. 2023

PRESIDENT-WREU REPRESENTED GUJARAT HAMAL SABHA.

Com.R.C.Sharma, President-WREU and Com. Dinesh Panchal, DS-ADI met Sr. DCM-ADI on 15-09-2023 and discussed the severe problems faced by the Hamal's working at various stations on Ahmedabad division. Both leaders are organizing Hamal/Coolie working in Ahmedabad division and enrolled them under Gujarat Hamal Sabha affiliated to Hind Mazdoor Sabha, Ahmedabad.

GENERAL SECRETARY-WREU ADDRESSED HMS DELEGATES AT NAGARCOIL

Com. J.R.Bhosale, General Secretary-WREU and Working President-AIRF addressed a mass gathering of delegates of HMS, Tamil Nadu in a function held at Nagarcoil -Tamil Nadu on 15-09-2023 in presence of Com. Harbhajan Singh Sindhu, General Secretary -HMS and Com. CA.Rajasridhar, President-HMS and other National and State HMS leaders. Com. J.R.Bhosale also attended National Working Committee of Hind Mazdoor Sabha held at Vivekananda Kendra, Vivekananda Puram, Kanyakumari on 16th and 17th September 2023.

ENGINEER'S DAY CELEBRATED AT RATLAM

On the occasion of Engineer's Day on 15-09-2023 (the birthday of Bharat Ratna Sir, M Vishvesvaraya), WREU/RTM held a Seminar in Diesel Shed-RTM. During the seminar union felicitated the Engineers working in Loco Care Centre-RTM. The function was graced by Shri Manohar Singh Barath, Narendra Singh Solanki and Shailesh Tiwari. Large numbers of staff and supervisor attended the function hosted by Diesel Shed branch under the leadership of Shri Upendra Gujar, Ravendra Motgare and other leaders.

WREU-RTM MET SHRI R.N.SUNKAR, MEMBER INFRASTRUCTURE, RAILWAY BOARD

Delegates of WREU-RTM led by Com. Manohar Singh Barath, Divisional Secretary and Com. Narendra Singh Solanki, Divisional Chairman and other divisional leaders met Shri R.N.Sunkar, Member Infrastructure, Railway Board on his visit at Ratlam on 17-09-2023. The delegation welcomed Shri R.N.Sunkar and greeted him by presenting a flower bouquet. They have brought some vital issues pertaining to staff to the notice of Member Infrastructure during the discussion.

WESTERN RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' UNION-BVP SUBMITTED MEMORANDUM TO CPO(ADM.)

A delegation led by Com. S.K.Srivastava, Divisional Secretary, Ajayraj Singh Gohil, Divisional Chairman -BVP met Smt. Manjula Saxena, CPO(Admn.) on her visit at BVP division on 20-09-2023 and handed over a Memorandum on staff grievances and discussed in detail.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY ORGANIZED ON 10-10-2023**Ratlam division**

On the occasion of World Mental Health day on 10-10-2023, Com. Namita Kumayu, ALP and Well-Being Peer Trainer of AIRF and ITF Well-being project arranged Mental Wellbeing programme at Union office hall Ratlam in which large number of youth and women employees participated and learned how to get relief from Mental stress and working place stress. Com. Manohar Singh Barath, Narendra Singh Solanki and Smt. Seema Kaushik and other leaders and branch office bearers helped to organise Mental Wellbeing programmes successfully.

Mumbai division

On the occasion of World Mental health Day on 10-10-2023 a gathering was held by WREU -Mumbai Division at Carshed Branch Office in which large number of employees participated. Participants were guided by Com. Prashant Kanade, Divisional Secretary, Com. Sundar Virkar, Youth Coordinator-AIRF and Com. Anita Satpute, Divisional Coordinator -Well-being Project -AIRF. The gathering was attended by Com. Chandraprakash Upadhyay, Divisional Treasurer and Branch Secretaries and Chairman of CFO-Electrical-DRM-JRH-OHE-Open line and Carshed.

ADI division

On the occasion of World Mental Health Day Com. Harshad Barot, Divisional Coordinator Well-being Project-AIRF under the guidance of Com. Dinesh Panchal and Ghanshyam Yadav held meetings on 10-10-2023 at various places in ADI division and explained the need of Mental Health and how to reduce working place stress. Members of Youth Committee -ADI division accompanied Com. Harshad Barot on this occasion.

TRADE UNION EDUCATION CLASS HELD AT RATLAM

WREU -RTM division held Trade Union Education class from 10-10-2023 to 12-10-2023 at Shujalpur. Com. J.R.Bhosale inaugurated the Trade union educational class. During his inaugural speech Com. J.R.Bhosale appreciated the leadership of RTM division for organizing newly joined employees in Trade Union Education class, which would be beneficial for the organization to induct more youths in main stream of Trade union movement in railways. He urged the leadership to concentrate for imparting one day education programmes for the freshers in branch level to strengthen the organization and also to educate the youth about the history and struggle of Western Railway Employees' Union and AIRF. Com. Manohar Barath and Narendra Solanki and their team of Shujalpur branch ably made all arrangement for the class.

TRADE UNION EDUCATION CLASSES HELD AT BRC

WREU Zonal Education class held at Baroda from 25-10-2023 to 27-10-2023 in Union hall in which 20 participants (6 each from Mumbai & Ratlam, 8 from Baroda), all participants are newly recruited and below 35 years of age. Baroda division also conducted Divisional Trade Union class for 3 days in which 20 newly recruited clerical staff participated. The classes inaugurated by Com. J.R.Bhosale, General Secretary/WREU, Com. Prashant Kanade, Vikas Gupte, Santosh Pawar, Rajan P. gave lectures on various subjects to the participants. Com. Abhijeet Shah gave lecture on basic knowledge of DAR. Com. Sanjay Pawar extended thanks to the participants and lecturers for sparing their valuable time to educate the new entrants.

DIVISIONAL EDUCATIONAL CLASS HELD BY MUMBAI DIVISION.

Divisional education class was held by Mumbai division at Jagdish Ajmera hall from 30-10-2023 to 01-11-2023 in which 40 newly recruited employees from different departments of Mumbai division participated. Com. J.R.Bhosale inaugurated the class. Com Vikas Gupte, Rajan P., Prashant Kanade, Jitendra Singh, Abhijeet Shah and Anita Satpute gave lectures on various subjects to the participants. Youth wing of Mumbai division made all arrangements for successfully organizing the class.

ITF YOUNG TRANSPORT WORKERS'S CONFERENCE

International Conference of Young Transport Worker's organized by the ITF was held in Grand Hyatt Hotel in Mumbai from 16-10-2023 to 18-10-2023. Total 6 youth delegates from AIRF participated in

the conference. Com. Sundar Virkar, Youth Coordinator-AIRF represented WREU/AIRF. Total 150 delegates from 54 countries attended the 3 days conference which was inaugurated by Brother Steve Cotton, General Secretary/ITF. In his inaugural speech he emphasized the critical economic position of developed and developing countries. He stressed upon the need of inducting more youth and women in Trade Union movement for solidarity. He said the functioning of Trade union in India is far better than other European countries. He said the working condition of Transport workers in India as well as in Asian countries should be uplifted in comparison with European countries. It is noticed that the ruling governments always tried to privatize the transport sectors, in India just because of strong stand of AIRF and its affiliates the government is unable to attain their objectives. Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary/AIRF and J.R.Bhosale, Working President/AIRF addressed and guided the participants.

GENERAL SECRETARY/AIRF ADDRESSED A GATHERING AT PAREL WORKSHOP

Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary/AIRF, Com. J.R.Bhosale, General Secretary/WREU and Working President/AIRF and Com. Praveena Singh, Convenor, Women's wing/AIRF addressed a gathering of office bearers and activists of Western Railway Employees' Union at Union office premises, Lower Parel workshop on 17.10.2023. Com. Prashant Deshmukh, Branch Secretary and Com. Uday Khot, Branch Chairman welcomed all leaders with Shawl and Tulsi sapling. Com. Manisha Dhangar, Working Committee Member/AIRF welcomed Com. Praveena Singh with Shawl and Tulsi sapling. Com. Vikas Gupte, Treasurer, Com. Rajan P., AGS present in the function. Com. J.R.Bhosale in his speech welcomed Com. Shiva Gopalji and Praveena Singh in the motherland of Western Railway Employees' Union where the BB&CI Employees Union was established by Com. Raosaheb Chandrika Prasad and subsequently renamed it as Western Railway Employees' Union after formation of Western Railway. Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra in his speech urged the cadre to strengthen the union by inducting newly recruited youth in the cadre and to attain the sole target of Old Pension Scheme to all Central Government employees including Railways. Activists of Youth and Women Wing of Parel and MX branch made all the arrangements for the function and celebrated 55th birthday of Com. Uday Khot, Branch Chairman by cutting a cake on the occasion.

ITF GLOBAL YOUTH CONFERENCE AT MUMBAI

ITF Global Youth conference was organized by AIRF hosted by NRMU (C.Rly) at Shanmukanand Auditorium, Kings Circle, Mumbai. 3000 delegates and leaders attended this conference graced by the 150 young delegates from all over the World who were in Mumbai to attend International Conference of Young Transport Worker's held in Grand Hyatt Hotel in Mumbai from 16-10-2023 to 18-10-2023. On the dias Brother Stephen Cotton (GS/ITF), Brother Paddy Crumlin (President/ITF), Sister Baker Khundakji (Youth Officer/ITF), Brother Horacio Calculli (Youth Co-Chair/ITF), Brother Rob Johnson (AGS/ITF), Brother Ingo Marowsky (Union Building Director/ITF), Brother Jeremy Cordyn (Member of Parliament-UK), Brother Mahendra Gharat (Working President/INTUC), Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary/AIRF, Com. J.R.Bhosale, General Secretary/WREU and Working President/AIRF, Com. Rajasridhar, President-HMS, Com. Mukesh Mathur, General Secretary/NWREU, Com. Praveena Singh, (National Convenor Women's Wing/AIRF) Com. Priti Singh (Youth Coordinator/ITF Asia Pacific Region), Com. Kamakshi Bagalwadikar (President/NRMU) and Com. Venu P.Nair, General Secretary/NRMU CR & KR welcomed all leaders with Turban, Shawl, garland and flower bouquet. The Auditorium was filled with Red Volunteers who were enthusiastically shouting Slogans AIRF Zindabad, ITF Zindabad. More than 150 youth delegates from WREU -Mumbai division led by Com. Jitendra Singh, Chandraprakash Upadhyay, Milind Thakur, Vinod Morya and WREU Women's wing leaders Kumkum Nagendra and Anita Satpute participated. The event was concluded at 6 pm with Vote of thanks.

WREU FELICITATED DR. ASIF, INCHARGE- WELLBEING PROJECT OF ITF- AIRF

Western Railway Employees' Union, HQ office felicitated Dr. Asif, Incharge-Wellbeing project of ITF-AIRF on 18-10-2023 alongwith Peer trainers of Wellbeing project of ITF-AIRF namely, Shri Amrit Mishra, Zonal Youth Co-ordinator (ECoRSU), Ms. Harsha Shelke, Zonal Youth Co-ordinator (NRMU-Mumbai), Ms. Poonam Dabas, Zonal Youth Co-ordinator (NRMU-NDLS), Ms. Neha Tiwari, Zonal Youth Co-ordinator (NRMU-NDLS), Sundar Virkar, Zonal Youth Co-ordinator (WREU), Ms. Namita Kumayu, Zonal Co-ordinator Wellbeing programme. On this occasion Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary/AIRF and Com. Praveena Singh, Convenor, Women's Wing/AIRF were present. Com. J.R.Bhosale felicitated Dr. Asif with Shawl and flower bouquet, Com. P.Rajan, R.P.Gupta, AGS and Vikas Gupte, Treasurer felicitated Peer Trainers of Wellbeing project of ITF-AIRF and Zonal youth Co-ordinators with flower bouquet. Office Staff of WREU -HQ welcomed Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra and Com. Praveena Singh with flower bouquet. On this occasion Dr. Asif gave a brief lecture on the Wellbeing project and mentioned about co-operation of WREU and Zonal unions as well as AIRF. He also explained the response being given from all the corners and assured that the Peer Trainers from AIRF will give wide publicity of the project for the wellbeing and benefit of Railwaymen and their families. Com. Chandraprakash Upadhyay, Treasurer Mumbai division, Mandar Shette, Branch Secretary-BCT, Vivek Kamble, Branch Secretary-CFO-BCT, Ajit Kumar, Branch Chairman-DRM/JRH, Anil Konanti, Vice Chairman-DRM/JRH and Swapnil Hiwale, Youth Leader, CFO branch present on this occasion.

RUNNING STAFF AGITATION AT UJJAIN AND CHITTORGARH

Loco and Traffic Running staff agitated for a period around one month in protest of haphazard transfer 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. 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 restored the posts of LP (M/E), LP (P) and posts of Train Managers (Goods) as agreed.

GARBA PROGRAMME HELD AT VALSAD, RTM AND ADI

WREU/BL Branches arranged Garba programme at Union office premises on 20-10-2023 in which more than 50 women employees participated. Com. Smita Patel, Divisional Office bearers and other leaders of women's wing ably organised the programme. A garba program was organised on 28-10-2023 by Comrades of Ratlam division under the leadership of Com. Seema Kaushik and Com. Narendra Solanki and Manohar Singh Bharath. Large number of employees participated in the garba. A garba programme was organised on 28-10-2023 by Comrades of Ahmedabad division under the leadership of Com. Ghanshyam Yadav and Dinesh Panchal and other women comrades. Large number of employees participated in the garba programme.

GENERAL SECRETARY/AIRF'S REPRESENTATIONS

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/567(273) dated 04-09-2023 addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board regarding finalization of APAR through HRMS for the year 2022-2023 and relaxation of dead line for submission of self-appraisal.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/05(69) dated 05-09-2023 addressed to Member Finance, Railway Board regarding Offline holding of subjective type question paper in Appendix III-A-IREM examination.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/MACPS dated 06-09-2023 addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board regarding extending the benefit of MACP to Railway School Teachers.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/PREM(Policy)(162) dated 06-09-2023 addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board regarding Secretarial Assistance under PREM scheme to the recognized Federation/Unions and revision of Honorarium to Rs.25000/- p.m w.e.f 01-01-2016.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/55 dated 20-09-2023 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding Grievances of Women Asst. Loco Pilot of the Indian Railways.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/24(C)/292 (3/6) dated 20-09-2023 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding Non-redressal of long-pending genuine demands of the Railwaymen.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/55 dated 20-09-2023 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding Grievances of Women Asst. Loco Pilot of the Indian Railways.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/34 dated 20-09-2023 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding Recruitment of the Course Completed Act Apprentices on various posts in Ministry of Railway against Centralized Employment Notification No.RRC-01/2019.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/88 (339) dated 14-10-2023 addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board for grant of One time approval to go beyond 8 times of vacancies and also to conduct typing test for candidates from lower merit to fill up 91 vacancies of Junior Clerk cum Typist notified vide GDCE No.01/2019.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/32 dated 14-10-2023 addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board as regard to issue of Uniform and other accessories to Gangman (Trackman), Keyman, Mates, Petrolmen, Gatemen, Trolleyman etc. – Cash payment to the employees.

General Secretary/National Council (Staff Side) JCM vide its letter No.NC-JCM-2023/Pension(NPS) dated 16-10-2023 addressed to The Secretary, Government of India, Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare, New Delhi requested for extending the date of implementation of Coverage under CCS Pension Rule, 1972 (Now 2021) based on Option given by the employees upto 31-01-2024 instead of 31-10-2023.

General Secretary/AIRF vide letter No.AIRF/29 dated 17-10-2023 addressed to Hon'ble Minister for Railways, Govt. Of India regard to Manufacturing -cum-Maintenance agreement for Vande Bharat Train sets with private players within ICF premises – Serious repercussion thereof.

RAILWAY BOARD ORDERS

Railway Board vide RBE No.104/2023 dated 04-09-2023 given uniform guidelines to all Zonal General Manager's for filling up the posts of Instructors in recognized Training Institutes. According to new guideline maximum tenure of Inspectors in one consecutive spell should remain as 5 years. Cooling off Period between two tenures should be atleast one year. Upper age limit will be upto 58 years.

Railway Board vide RBE No.105/2023 dated 04-09-2023 has published Revised Combined Training

Modules for Induction and Refresher Training of Chief Loco Inspectors (Diesel/Electric).

Railway Board vide RBE No.106/2023 dated 12-09-2023 has directed to All Zonal General Manager's to launch a Special Drive to dispose-off pending mutual transfer cases and to finalize all these Mutual Transfer cases by 15-10-2023 and to furnish feedback report and outcome of the Special Drive to the Board.

Railway Board vide RBE No.107/2023 dated 14-09-2023 issued instructions on exemption from passing the Typing Test on alternative appointment for medically decategorized employees in the post of Ministerial categories.

Railway Board vide RBE No.110/2023 dated 21-09-2023 has issued guidelines on certificate courses (3 to 6 months) in basics of Railway Construction Project supervision (Civil).

Railway Board vide RBE No.111/2023 dated 05-10-2023 given instructions on Risk Allowance to eligible categories of railway employees.

Railway Board vide RBE No.117/2023 dated 18-10-2023 given orders for payment of 78 days Productivity linked Bonus to all eligible non-gazetted railway employees for the financial year 2022-2023.

OBITUARY

Late Shri **M.S. Swaminathan** (98) Indian Agronomist, Agriculture Scientist and Main Architect of Green Revolution of India passed away on 28.09.2023. Railway Sentinel and we in WREU pray almighty for granting eternal peace to the departed soul.

AGM OF WREU WILL BE HELD ON 08-12-2023 & 09-12-2023 AT VADODARA - GUJARAT

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF HMS WILL BE HELD FROM 03-01-2024 TO 05-01-2024 AT NAGPUR - MAHARASHTRA

STRIKE BALLOT WILL BE HELD ON 21-11-2023 & 22-11-2023



Com. Namita Kumaya ALP & wellbeing peer trainer delivering lecture on world mental health day on 10th Oct. 2023



Trade union education program at union office Vadodara on 25-27 Oct. 2023



Hearty welcome of Hon. MR. Ashvini Vaishnavji by comrades of Ratlam at Ratlam Station



Participants of "strategy discussion on well being project held in WREU GTR office on 18th Oct. 2023- all peer educators



Dr. Asif in-charge of well being project of ITF AIRF being felicitated by GS-WREU in presence of Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra GS-AIRF & Com. Praveena Singh- Convener, AIRF Women Wing



WREU's enthusiastic youth comrades gathered outside Shanmukhanande Hall Mumbai before participating in ITF Global Youth Conference on 17th Oct. 2023



Com S.G. Mishra GS-AIRF visited WREU PI-Mx Branch office of Lower Parel Workshop



National executive meeting of HMS at Kanyakumari on 16-17 Sept. 2023