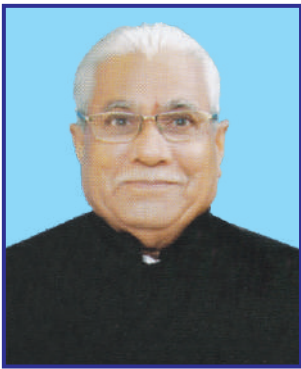


### From the Desk of Editor



Dear Subscribers and Railwaymen,



First of all, I congratulate all of you on 1<sup>st</sup> May International Labourers Day. Western Railway Employees' Union has celebrated Golden Jubilee of 1974 Railway Strike all over Western Railway by organizing Seminars, Meetings and honouring the railway employees who participated in 1974 historical strike. The Parliamentary Election was held during this period. I congratulate all of you once again for utilizing your rights for franchise in Parliament election. No single party could achieve the magic figure of majority. The BJP dominant National Democratic Alliance (NDA) touched at 294 seats and the Congress lead United Progressive Alliance (UPA) touched at 230. The number of seats State wise/Union Territory wise are being placed at Page No. 13 of this issue as Annexure-I.

During the period WREU-RTM has organized Divisional Conference at COR on 06-06-2024. The Baroda Division held Divisional conference on 07-06-2024. A largely attended gate meeting was held in Baroda TMC Depot. Regional Conference of Railway Employees in Saurashtra region was organized at Surendra Nagar on 08-06-2024 in Surendra Nagar Palika Hall. This conference was attended in large scale by all the office bearers and activists of WREU from RJT and BVP division. The issues related to staff grievances, functioning of CRC process, appointment of 8<sup>th</sup> CPC, Old Pension to all and other problems faced by the railway employees in summer season were discussed during this conference.

A PNM meeting with General Manager was held on 20-06-2024 and 21-06-2024. The number of achievements during the PNM were satisfactory. There is no outcome during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cadre Restructuring meeting held on 25-06-2024. The CRC meeting will be continued in future. The political atmosphere in the country is changed. All major 10 Central Trade Unions are demanding scrapping of 4 New Labour Codes. The AIRF and its affiliated unions are demanding Secret Ballot Election as per modalities issued earlier. WREU/AIRF strongly demands for filling up all vacant posts on Indian Railways on priority.

I hope WREU cadre will work hard for serving the railwaymen in a better way.

#### 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
Feb-23	382	4491	374.25	43.16
Mar-23	383	4533	377.75	44.50
Apr-23	386	4551	379.25	45.07
May-23	387	4567	380.58	45.58
Jun-23	392	4587	382.25	46.22
Jul-23	402	4615	384.58	47.11
Aug-23	401	4641	386.75	47.88
Sep-23	396	4659	388.25	48.52
Oct-23	399	4677	389.75	49.09
Nov-23	401	4697	391.42	49.73
Dec-23	400	4716	393	50.34
Jan-24	400	4734	394.50	50.91

\*Average Price Index for January 2016



# Retirement functions and felicitation functions



Retirement get-together of Com. Prashant Deshmukh, Branch Secretary, PL-MX Workshop.



Retirement Party and felicitation of Shri Datta Khese, Trustee Mumbai Port Trust.



Retirement function of Com. Panigrahi, Treasurer Grant Road Branch & felicitation of Com. Geeta Pandoria, newly elected AIRF Working Committee Member.



Retirement function of Com. Prashant Deshmukh and Com. N.K. Mistry, Chairman of EMU POH MX Branch.

## SABARMATI BRANCH HELD AGM



← Grand Procession

Various competitions for wards of Railway employees



Annual General Meeting – Releasing of Souvenir



**INTERNATIONAL LABOUR DAY**

International Labour Day celebrated on 01-05-2024 all over Western Railway enthusiastically with various programmes at Mumbai, Baroda, RTM, ADI, RJT, BVP and Parel and Dahod Workshop. Meetings and Seminars were addressed by senior leaders.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1974 HISTORICAL STRIKE.**

Western Railway Employees' Union celebrated Golden Jubilee year of 8<sup>th</sup> May 1974 historical strike enthusiastically in all divisions. Glimpses of the programme are as under:-

**Mumbai:-**A mass gathering was held in Jagdish Ajmera Sabhagrah on 08-05-2024. Com. J.R. Bhosale addressed the gathering and explained the history of 8<sup>th</sup> May 1974 strike, Com. J.R. Bhosale in his speech remembered the heroes of 1974 historical strike and the stalwart leaders of WREU/AIRF. He explained the struggle faced by the union activists during the course of strike and aftermath. He explained about the termination and the dismissal of employees under 14/2 from the service and subsequent court cases as well as the favourable actions initiated by the subsequent Central Government and especially by Prof. Madhu Dandavate the Hon'ble Minister for Railways which has helped for unconditional reinstatement of employees in service who were removed from service during the strike. Com. Rajan, R.P. Gupta, Prashant Kanade and Vikas Gupte addressed the gathering.

**ADI –** Com. R.C. Sharma, President/WREU and Vice President-AIRF has addressed the gathering of Railwaymen at ADI. Com. R.C. Sharma in his speech narrated the harsh actions faced by the striking employees from the railway administration as well as from State Police authority. He explained the Anti Strikers actions and instigations taken by the WRMS/NFIR affiliated unions. On this occasion Com. R.C. Sharma has felicitated some of the retired employees participated in the historical 1974 strike with Shawl and flower bouquet. Com. Dinesh Panchal and Ghanshyam Yadav also addressed the gathering. On this occasion a noble activity of blood donation camp was held in association with Prathma Blood Centre, Advanced Transmission Research Foundation, Ahmedabad at the venue and 53 units of blood collected.

**BRC:-**Com. Santosh Pawar, Sanjay Pawar, Aditya Morya and other senior leaders held meetings of employees at TRS Shed-BRC and Anand in which large number of employees including women and youth participated. The gathering was addressed by Com. Santosh Pawar and other senior leaders who explained the history of Railway Trade Union movements before and after 8<sup>th</sup> May, 1974 strike. They explained the hardship faced by the families of striking Railwaymen residing in railway colonies from the Police and RPF Personnels. During the gathering Com. P.K. Walunj a Veteran Socialist and Trade Union leader who participated in the historical 1974 strike was felicitated with Shawl and flower bouquet. P.K. Walunj also addressed the gathering and shared his experience and remembered the heroes of 8<sup>th</sup> May, 1974 strike and their actions.

**RTM:-**A mass gathering was held at Ratlam on 08-05-2024 in which large number of employees participated. The gathering was addressed by Com. Manohar Barath, Narender Solanki, Seema Kaushik and the Veteran Socialist leader and participant of historical 8<sup>th</sup> May 1974 strike and ex. AGS of WREU Com. Govindlal Sharma. In his vibrant speech Com. Govindlal Sharma remembered the dark 21 days of 1974 strike and its struggles. He narrated the Anti Labour actions of sister union and State and Central Government forces to break the strike. On this occasion Com. Govindlal Sharma was felicitated with Shawl, Flower bouquet and profusely garlanded him.

Similar gathering of employees and celebration of Golden Jubilee year of 8<sup>th</sup> May, 1974 strike was held on 08-05-2024 at Rajkot, Bhavnagar divisions and Parel and Dahod workshops in which large number of employees including retired Railwaymen were present. Gathering was addressed by senior and veteran leaders of WREU.

### **COM. SHIVA GOPAL MISHRA ADDRESSED UNION ACTIVISTS AT ADI**

Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra addressed gathering of union representatives on 11-05-2024 at ADI. Large number of union activists were present in the gathering. On this occasion Com. R.C.Sharma welcomed Com Shiva Gopal Mishra with Shawl and Flower bouquet. In his address Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra narrated various activities and meetings held at National level on the occasion of AIRF's 100 years programme.

### **SUMMER FOOTBALL TRAINING CAMP -RATLAM**

WREU/RTM organized Summer Football Training camp on 12-05-2024 for the children of railway employees aged 5 to 15 years. A total 122 children participated in the camp. The event was graced by Shri Rajnish Kumar, DRM-RTM, Shri Mahesh Kumar Gupta, Sr. DEE(Power)-RTM, Shri Govind Lal Sharma, Shri Narendra Solanki, Shri Manohar Singh Barath, Smt. Seema Kaushik and other officers.

### **ONE DAY IT SEMINAR HELD AT NDLS**

Com. Vikas Gupte and Com. Rajan attended one day seminar on IT on 26-05-2024 organized by NRMU-New Delhi under aegis of AIRF which was inaugurated by Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra. The seminar discussed on the subject about better and effective utilization of social media for union activities.

### **WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING OF HMS-GUJARAT HELD AT BARODA**

Working Committee Meeting of HMS-Gujarat was held at Baroda on 02-06-2024 which was addressed by Com. Santosh Pawar, Com. P.K. Walunj for strengthening the HMS-Gujarat.

### **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**

On the occasion of World Environment Day team WREU organized Tree Plantation on 05-06-2024 at various places in Mumbai, Baroda, RTM, ADI divisions. Senior leaders of WREU in divisions lead the tree plantation programmes.

### **PED/ COORD/SIGNAL WELCOMED AT SIGNAL WORKSHOP-SBI**

Shri Gautam Arora, PED/COORD/Signal, Railway Board welcomed by WREU -SBI team on his visit at Signal workshop-SBI on 05-06-2024. On this occasion team WREU also welcomed Shri K.N.Kherotia, PCSTE, Western Railway. Com. Rajeev Menon, Com. Dinesh Panchal and other branch officer bearers attended the occasion.

### **DEC MEETING OF RATLAM DIVISION**

Ratlam Division conducted a Divisional Executive Committee Meeting in the Community Hall at Chittaurgarh on 06<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 with lot of enthusiasm. Com. R. C. Sharma, President chaired the meeting and Com. J. R. Bhosale, General Secretary/WREU guided the participants on various issues. On their arrival at Chittaurgarh station accompanied by Divisional Secretary and Divisional Chairman they were given grand reception by office bearers and activists of local branches. The entire route was well decorated with pataka and red flags. After welcoming the guests by offering them Shawl, Shreephal, Turbon (Pagdi) and Garland, the President and General Secretary honored Com. Dineshchand Dashora, retired Station Master and ex Divisional Organizing Secretary, Shri Rajiv Joshi ex CTNL and ex Treasurer of the branch and Shri Pankajkumar Patwari retired CTNL and ex branch Joint Secretary for their selfless services rendered years together in WREU. They expressed gratitude towards the leadership of WREU and Com. Dineshchand Dashora voluntarily donated Rs.



21,000 to WREU Chittaurgarh branch. Com. Mahesh Sain, Track maintainer RTM sung a self scripted poem on the Glorious history of Mewad which was appreciated by the entire audience. Another Track maintainer of Gambhiri Road Station Shri Lakan S/o Durga by presenting the Stage Show explained the difference between OPS and NPS and ill effects of the NPS.

Com. Barath in his opening address thanked top leadership of WREU and AIRF for attending the DEC. he further emphasized the need of holding such meetings and highlighted the upcoming challenges. He then called the delegates to express their views one by one, which were noted by the President and General Secretary. All the divisional leaders and some of the delegates assured the top leadership that they will not left a single stone unturned to win the mandate of railwaymen in the coming Secret Ballot election to be held for the recognition of the trade union on Western Railway. Com. R. C. Sharma and Com. J. R. Bhosaleji threw light in detail on various achievements of WREU/AIRF in past and particularly since 2013, i.e., after the last Secret ballot election. They highlighted the pending demands including restoration of OPS for all and formation of 8<sup>th</sup> CPC. Com. Bhosalji appraised the participants about the issues raised in JCM forum and informed about the major achievements. He also appraised about the important role played by WREU at national level by participating in various meetings and foras by way of AIRF, HMS and JCM in making policy decisions in favor of Working class of the country in general and Railwaymen in particular. He also informed about the decision taken in the historical 100<sup>th</sup> AGM of AIRF and that of formation of pensioners wing at federation level. While concluding they appealed all to be more active and vigilant in the union for strengthening the labour movement and protecting our just and legitimate rights achieved through immense struggle and sacrifices. They also appreciated the efforts put up by local comrades in conducting a grand DEC meeting.

Com. Narayanlal Patwa delivered vote of thanks and meeting was concluded with thanks to the Chair amid shouting slogans WREU Zindabad- AIRF Zindabad – Workers Unity zindabad.

### **REGIONAL CONFERENCE – SAURASHTRA REGION**

Regional Conference of RJT and BVP as well as Joint DEC of both the divisions held at Surendra Nagar on 08-06-2024 in Surendra Nagar Palika Hall, in which large number of employees participated. The conference was addressed by Com. J.R.Bhosale, Com. R.C.Sharma, Com. Ajay Raj Singh Gohil, S.K.Srivastva, Nikhil Joshi, Jitendra Satapara and Mayur Gadhvi and other senior leaders. Com. J.R.Bhosale in his address explained about the agitational programmes being held at National level and meetings held at various forums at National level. Com. R.C.Sharma in his address narrated the need of strengthening the unity of railway employees to achieve the important goal of Old Pension Scheme to all railway employees and to organize Organizational meetings at Branch level and divisional level to strengthen the organization and preparedness for the ensuing Secret Ballet Election.

### **DIVISIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING- BARODA**

DEC meeting of WREU /BRC held on 09-06-2024 in Railway Auditorium at Pratap Nagar-BRC in which large number of employees including youth and women participated. The gathering was addressed by Com. J.R.Bhosale, Com. R.C.Sharma and Com. Santosh Pawar and discussed various problems faced by the employees and need of restoration of OPS in railways and other grievances of railway employees represented before General Manager and the Railway Board. The leaders also narrated the issues under discussion in JCM meeting Departmental Council and National Council. The DEC was successfully organized by the Youth and Women's wing of WREU/BRC.

### **GRIEVANCES CAMP HELD FOR HRMS AND UMID AT DAHOD WORKSHOP**

WREU-DHD branches held a grievances camp from 26-05-2024 to 02-06-2024 for redressal of grievances regarding HRMS and UMID. More than 300 employees benefited with the grievances camp organized by

union in Union office. The camp was successfully held with 8 Laptops, 1 Computer and 1 Printer and the camp ably organized by Krishna Sahu, Gaurav Mishra, Anoop Singh, Jackwan Saji, Pinakin Tiwari, Anurag Sharma and Mohit Gupta under the guidance of Com Sanjay Kapoor and Com. Dharmendra Singh.

### **WREU-DAHOD HELD A SEMINAR**

WREU-Dahod branches held a seminar of union activists on 07-06-2024 in Sr Railway Institute in which large number of activists including Youth and Women attended and discussed about ensuing Union Election Membership 2024 and other grievances of staff. Com. Sanjay Kapoor, Dharmendra Singh, Vinod Sinha and other senior leaders addressed and guided the participants.

### **PCEE WELCOMED AT RATLAM**

Shri Ranjan Srivastava, PCEE-Western Railway was welcomed by team WREU led by Shri Narendra Singh Solanki, Manohar Barath, Shailesh Tiwari, Smt. Seema Kaushik, and other senior leaders on his visit at Ratlam division on 25-05-2024 and submitted a Memorandum on staff grievances to PCEE, Western Railway.

### **MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO PCEE**

A delegation of WREU-ADI lead by Com. Dinesh Panchal, Ghanshyam Yadav and others met Shri Ranjan Srivastava, PCEE-Western Railway on his visit at ADI division on 08-06-2024, welcomed him with floral bouquet and handed over a Memorandum for staff grievances and discussed in detail.

### **MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO PCME**

A delegation of WREU-ADI lead by Com. Dinesh Panchal, Ghanshyam Yadav and others met Shri Uday Borwankar, PCME-Western Railway on his visit at ICD-SBI on 26-06-2024, welcomed him with floral bouquet and handed over a Memorandum for staff grievances and discussed in detail.

### **A RICH TRIBUTE TO COM. C.S.MENON**

WREU offered Shradhanjali to Com. C.S.Menon, Ex. General Secretary of WREU on his 14<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary on 12-06-2024 at Jagdish Ajmera Hall, Grant Road. Com. J.R.Bhosale, R.C.Sharma and all Working Committee Members of WREU paid rich tribute to the Stalwart Leader of WREU who was guiding force and inspiration to Youths. The leaders garlanded the portrait of Com. C.S.Menon lightened the lamp, poured rose petals on the portrait and paid Shradhanjali.

### **SBI BRANCH HELD AGM**

Sabarmati Branch held AGM on 16-06-2024 at Community Hall-SBI. A huge rally was taken out from Railway Hospital premises to the Community Hall. Large number of employees attended the AGM graced by Com. R.C.Sharma and J.R.Bhosale and addressed the gathering and revealed a beautiful Souvenir prepared by the branch. Com. Dinesh Panchal, Ganshyam Yadav and other divisional office bearers also present in the AGM. Com. Dinesh C. Thakur, Chairman of the branch welcomed the leaders and distinguished guests. Com. Dhananjay Dangi presented working report of the branch. On the occasion of AGM the branch organized a blood donation camp in association with Pratham blood bank and collected 45 units of blood. On this occasion the branch organized a family get-together and held Essay, drawing, musical chair and housie competitions for the employees, families and children in which more than 200 people are participated. Com. J.R.Bhosale, R.C.Sharma and other leaders distributed the prizes to the winners, runner-up and 3rd position of the



competitions. Comrades of SBI branch under the leadership of Dhananjay Dangi, Dinesh C. Thakor and other worked hard for the success of AGM and other allied programmes.

### **PROTEST GATE MEETING AT LOCOMOTIVE CARE CENTRE -RTM**

In protest of rude and anti-labour attitude of Sr.DME-RTM and to address local problems a spontaneous mass protest meeting was organized on the gate of Locomotive Care Centre (Diesel Shed) RTM by WREU in the early morning hours and before commencement of 1<sup>st</sup> shift on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

Com. Manohar Barath while addressing gathering strongly opposed the anti labour attitude and inhuman and rude behaviour of Sr.DME-RTM and warned him to do away with his practice of serving frequent charge-sheets thus mounting unwanted pressure on the staff. He reminded the administration that WREU has fought successfully against such type of Officers in past and protected the legitimate right of staff in past. He assured the staff that after consulting stake holders all due care will be taken for protecting promotional prospects of the staff through Cadre Restructuring Committee.

Com. Narendra Solanki, Shailesh Tiwari and Sunil Chaturvedi strongly criticized attitude of administration in implementing new work patterns and practices without proper training and without consulting organized labour which is creating confusion amongst the staff. Many other local issues were also addressed in the meeting. The Branch Secretary and Chairman and activists of local branches of RTM area participated in the meeting and demanded de-merger of Artisan seniority.

### **WREU-EMU-POH HELD A FAREWELL FUNCTION**

WREU-EMU-POH organized a farewell function on 22-06-2024 in the Conference Hall of EMU-POH Workshop in which large number of employees including Youth and Women participated. The function organized to give a farewell to Com. N.K.Mistry, Branch Chairman-EMU-POH and Com. Prashant Deshmukh, Branch Secretary -PL workshop both are retiring on superannuation on 30-06-2024. The farewell function was graced by Com. J.R.Bhosale, R.P.Gupta, Vikas Gupte, Rajan P. and Shri Abhishek Bhargava, AMM-Carriage Workshop, Lower Parel. Com. N.K.Mistry and Prashant Deshmukh were felicitated with Shawl, Flower bouquet and Memento by Com. J.R.Bhosale. Thereafter J.R.Bhosale and other senior leaders presented the trophies to the Winner and Runner up teams of Under Arm Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament organized by EMU-POH branch. The entire function was ably organized by Com. Shivaji Palve and other comrades of EMU-POH branch. The Maniben Kara Foundation awarded Rs.5000/- to branch for organizing Tennis ball Cricket Tournament. Com. Kannan has been unanimously elected as Chairman of the EMU-POH branch.

### **2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF CADRE RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE HELD AT NDLS**

Second meeting of Cadre Restructuring Committee was held on 25-06-2024 at Railway Board. Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, Com. N. Kannaiah, Com. J.R.Bhosale, Com. Mukesh Mathur attended the meeting on behalf of AIRF.

### **WARM WELCOME TO J.R.BHOSALE BY PENSIONERS FEDERATION AT RATLAM**

Pensioners Federation at Ratlam lead by Com.Prakash Vyas and other representatives welcomed J.R.Bhosale, General Secretary/WREU and Working President/AIRF with Shawl and Floral bouquet on 23-06-2024 at Ratlam. Com J.R.Bhosale narrated about the formation of Retired Railway Pensioners Welfare Federation (RRPWF) under aegis of AIRF at National level, Zonal and Divisional level in order to organize the Railway Pensioners and successfully addressing the grievances and demands of Pensioners at various level through Union and Federation.



### **TMC STAFF MEETING HELD AT BARODA**

WREU/BRC division held a meeting of TMC staff on 09-06-2024 at BRCY which was graced by Com. J.R.Bhosale, Santosh Pawar, Sanjay Pawar, Aditya Morya etc. All leaders in their address explained the efforts of WREU for redressing the grievances of TMC staff at various level. Large number of TMC staff attended the meeting.

### **TRADE UNION EDUCATION CLASS**

3 days Trade union education class was held by RJT division at Surendra Nagar from 06-06-2024 to 08-06-2024 in which 40 nominated union representatives participated. Com. Dinesh Panchal, Divisional Secretary-WREU and Sr. Educator/WREU gave lecture on history of union and leadership, Com. Abhijeet Shah gave lectures on DAR and Railway Conduct Rules. Education class was also addressed by Com. Mayur Gadhvi, Divisional Secretary, Com. Jitendra Satapara, Divisional Chairman and Nikhil Joshi, Zonal Secretary/AIRF.

### **ORGANISATIONAL MEETING AT ADI**

Com. J.R.Bhosale and R.C.Sharma attended organizational meeting of WREU-ADI on 30-06-2024 in which office bearers of various branches attended. Leaders guided the participants and advised for full preparation by holding local meetings at branch level and to be in readiness for the ensuing Union election. Com. Dinesh Panchal and Ganshyam Yadav also addressed the participants. Participants actively discussed on organizational matters and branch functioning.

### **S&T STAFF CONFERENCE AT BARODA**

WREU-BRC organized a conference of Signal & Telecommunication staff of Baroda division on 30-06-2024 in the BRCP Union office Hall in which around 100 S&T staff attended. Com. J.R.Bhosale graced the occasion and addressed the gathering. In his speech he narrated the details of second meeting of cadre restructuring committee held at NDLS on 25-06-2024 and advised the cadre to strengthen the union for solidarity. The conference was also addressed by Com. Santosh Pawar and Sanjay Pawar. Participants discussed on several issues including shortage of staff, non-implementation of yardstick, payment of compensation in lieu of extra hours of working and grant of risk allowance etc. The seminar ably conducted by Com. Trushant Desa, Sohil Vora and others.

### **GENERAL SECRETARY/AIRF/HMS & CTU REPRESENTATIONS ON VARIOUS ISSUES**

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/101(133) dated 17-04-2024 addressed to The DG(R.H.S) regarding Definition of Family for availing medical facilities – inclusion of dependent parent.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/129(145) dated 26-04-2024 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding Grievance of Stenographers/Private Secretaries regarding revising scales of stenographic assistance to offices on all Zonal Railways/Pus/CTIs i.e updating the pay structures and revising designation of steno graphers.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/44(151) dated 06-05-2024 addressed to Member (Finance) regarding Circulation of Gazette Notification dated 20-12-2021 (G.S.R.868(E) issued by Ministry of Personnel Public Grievances and Pension (Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare).

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/101(149) dated 06-05-2024 addressed to The Director General (HR), Railway Board regarding Full medical Re-imburement claim of Railway personnel and their family members who had taken the medical treatment from Private hospital during the Corona Pandemic.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/DC/JCM/27/2006 & 2013 (160) dated 09-05-2024 addressed to The Additional Member (Staff), Railway Board regarding Inordinate delay incurred in connection with absorption of Quasi Administrative Staff in Railways.

General Secretary-National Council(Staff Side) vide letter No.NC-JCM-2024/8<sup>th</sup> CPC dated 03-06-2024 addressed to the Cabinet Secretary, Govt. of India and Chairman National Council-JCM, New Delhi regarding immediate Constitution of 8<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission for revising the Pay/Allowances/Pension and other benefits of Central Government employees.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/MACPs(190) dated 05-06-2024 addressed to The Secretary, DOPT, NDLS regarding Implementation of ACP and MACP benefits to Railway Pharmacists as per DOPT letter dated 10-06-2015.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/405(7<sup>th</sup> CPC) dated 05-06-2024 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding enhancement in the rates of KMA of Running staff w.e.f. 01-01-2024.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/101(201) dated 07-06-2024 addressed to The DG(RHS), Railway Board regarding revision of Package rates applicable under CGHS.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/101(218) dated 18-06-2024 addressed to The DG(RHS), Railway Board regarding revised entitlement of Hospital Wards for Railway Medical beneficiaries in Railway empaneled hospitals.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/53(2970) dated 19-06-2024 addressed to The DG(HR), Railway Board regarding upgradation of Pay structure of Supervisory staff from Level-8 to Level-9 – reduction in residency period from the existing 4 years to 2 years.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/44(223)(212) dated 19-06-2024 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board revision of Pension with effect from 01.01.2006 of pre pensioners who retired from 5<sup>th</sup> CPC scale of 6500-10500 or equivalent scale.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/60 dated 21-06-2024 addressed to Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, Hon'ble Minister for Railways, New Delhi regarding consideration of important issues of Staff Side in the upcoming Budget 2024-2025.

Secretary NC/JCM(Staff side) vide its letter No.NC/JCM/2024 dated 21-06-2024 addressed to Smt. Nirmla Sitaram, Hon'ble Minister for Finance, New Delhi for consideration of important issues of Staff Side in the upcoming Budget 2024-2025.

General Secretary/HMS vide letter No.HMS/DEL/190/2024 dated 21-06-2024 addressed to the Advisor Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi regarding pre-budget in Person consultation for 2024-25 with different stake holders by Hon'ble Finance Minister.

Central Trade Unions and Sectoral Federations/Associations vide its letter dated 24-06-2024 has addressed to Hon'ble Minister of Finance, Government of India, New Delhi regarding CTU's 16 view points on issues to be considered for framing Budget for the year 2024-25.

Secretary NC/JCM(Staff side) vide its letter No.NC/JCM/2024 dated 25-06-2024 addressed to Finance Secretary, Ministry for Finance, New Delhi regarding consideration of the important issues of Central Government employees.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/01(229) dated 26-06-2024 addressed to The DG(HR), Railway Board regarding imposition of Penalty under Rule No.6(VI) of railway servants (Discipline & Appeal Rules

1968) revision of Pension with effect from 01.01.2006 of pre pensioners who retired from 5<sup>th</sup> CPC scale of 6500-10500 or equivalent scale.

### RAILWAY BOARD ORDERS

Railway Board vide its letter No.D-43/12/2018-F(E)III dated 09-05-2024 has issued guidelines Options for inclusion under Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993 in accordance with Board's instruction dated 10-03-2023 to those employees who have since been retired from service.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2024/TG-V/10 Vol.1 dated 27-05-2024 addressed to all PCCM of Zonal Railways has issued guideline for Manning of Coaches by Ticket Checking Staff.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2016/F(E)III/1/(1)/8 dated 31-05-2024 and RBE No.50/2024 regarding enhancement of maximum limit of gratuity up to rupees 25 Lakhs to Central Government employees on reaching the Dearness Allowance rates to 50% - Implementation of Recommendation of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC.

PED(IR) vide letter No.E(NG)II/2013/RC-1/Genl/1 dated 03-06-2024 addressed to the General Secretary/AIRF regarding Appointment on Compassionate Grounds of Wards/Spouse of medically decategorized staff on the railways on AIRF's PNM Item No.16/2013. The letter has conveyed the decision of Chairman/Railway Board & CEO that the policy contained in RBE No.78/2006 dated 14-06-2006 will continue.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(G)2024/Misc./5(CPGRAMS) dated 11-06-2024 addressed to All Zonal General Manager's regarding Complaints of existing provisions of leave reserved in respect of the category of Train Managers (Guards) on Zonal Railways.

Railway Board vide its letter No. E(NG)I/2018/PM8/1/Pt.I(E-3431465)dated 14-06-2024 and RBE No.52/2024 regarding Avenue of Promotion to the post of Technician Gr. III in S&T department.

Railway Board vide its letter No. E(GP)2019/2/25 dated 14-06-2024 regarding preparation of Integrated Seniority lists of Group 'C' cadres for promotion to Group 'B' posts on Indian Railways.

Railway Board vide letter No. PC-VII/2024/HRMS/13 dated 18-06-2024 conveyed to PCPOs of Zonal railways regarding measures and guidelines to streamline the implementation of HRMS.

Railway Board vide RBE No.54/2024 dated 20-06-2024 has conveyed to Zonal railways regarding upgradation of Pay structure of entry grade of Dressers Gr. III/Operation Theatre Assistance Gr. III the upgradation will be effective from 20-06-2024.

Railway Board vide its letter No.PC-VII/2024/HRMS/10 dated 24-06-2024 advised to call PCPOs regarding opening of window period for review and submission of representation in respect of APARs finalized through HRMS for the year 2022-2023.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2024/SBEC-III/Policy/02 dated 27-06-2024 regarding Preparatory work in connection with forthcoming Secret Ballot Election for recognition of Trade Unions.

Railway Board vide its letter No.F(E)III/2003/PF-1/1 dated 29-06-2024 advised all Zonal Railways about State Railway Provident Fund-Right of Interest during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of Financial year 2024-25 (1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024 to 30-June-2024)

**GM PNM ACHIEVEMENTS**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
105/2023	3 new IRHS Medical Officers have been posted in the Divisional Hospital -RTM including 1-Surgeon, 1-Respiratory Physician and 3-CMP have taken charge in the division hospital. Now the total strength is 23 Medical officers including 8 CMP in RTM division have been appointed in RTM division.
114/2023	Rs.205614/- have been paid in April, 2024 to Shri RamanbhaiMathabhai, PP working under SS(ANND).
27/2024	5 SSEs of Parel workshop working under PCME-CCG have been granted upgradation from GP 4600/- to 4800/- w.e.f. 01-12-2022 vide office order dated 27-02-2024 and 16-04-2024.

**WREU GAVE FAREWELL TO DY. CPO (IR)-CCG**

A delegation of WREU lead by Com. J.R.Bhosale, R.P.Gupta, Vikas Gupte, Prashant Kanade, Rajan P., Nasir Shaikh, Mahendra Rathore and other office bearers of GLO branch presented a Shawl and a flower bouquet and greeted best wishes to Shri M.L.Nagda, Dy. CPO(IR)-CCG on 28-06-2024 on his retirement on superannuation. Shri M.L.Nagda expressed his gratitude to the union for its co-operation during his service as Dy. CPO (IR).

**WREU GREETED GENERAL MANAGER -WR**

A delegation of WREU lead by Com. J.R.Bhosale, R.P.Gupta, Vikas Gupte, Prashant Kanade, Rajan P., Nasir Shaikh, Mahendra Rathore and other GLO branch office bearers greeted best wishes with a flower bouquet to Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager-Western Railway on his birthday on 28-06-2024.

**FAREWELL TO SHRI RAMNIWAS MEENA, SPO(W)-PL**

Com. J.R.Bhosale, Prashant Deshmukh, Uday Khot and other leaders of PL & MX branch presented a Shawl, flower bouquet and greeted best wishes to Shri Ramniwas Meena, SPO(W)-PL on 28-06-2024 on the occasion of his retirement from railway service.

**FAREWELL TO COM. DATTA KHESE, TRUSTEE-MPT**

Com. J.R.Bhosale and Vikas Gupte attended farewell party of Com. Datta Khese, Trade Union Leader and Trustee of Mumbai Port Trust on 28-06-2024 in Passenger Terminal Hall at Bhaucha Dhakka, Mumbai. Shri Rajeev Jalota, Hon'ble Chairman of Mumbai Port Trust was the Chief Guest. Com. J.R.Bhosale and Vikas Gupte presented a flower bouquet and offered Shawl to Mrs. and Mr. Datta Khese on behalf of WREU.

**WREU/GTR FELICITATED COM. GEETA PANDORIA**

WREU/GTR branch held felicitation programme on 29-06-2024 in Jagdish Ajmera Hall which was graced by Com. J.R.Bhosale, R.P.Gupta Vikas Gupte and Shri Saurabh Kumar, DCM-MMCT. Com. J.R.Bhosale felicitated Com. Geeta Pandoria by offering a Shawl and garland on her election to the post of Working Committee Member/AIRF. Large number of Ticket Checking staff including women and retired ticket checking staff attended the function. Leaders present in the function greeted Com. Geeta for her future endeavor.



### VETERAN RETIRED

**Shri Narendra Kumar Mistry (N.K.Mistry)**, SSE(EMU-POH)-MX and Branch Chairman EMU-POH workshop retired on superannuation on 30-06-2024, after completion of successful service of 38 years. He was appointed as a App.ELF-III in TRD in Kota division on 12-08-1986. He has joined WREU on 20-08-1986. He was transferred to EMU POH workshop at MX in June 1989 on own request and continued as a committee member in EMU POH branch and became Jt. Secretary from 2000 to 2016 and thereafter elected as Branch Chairman and continued till retirement. He was very active in union activities and organizing the staff of EMU-POH workshop. Railway Sentinel wishes him for a happy and healthy retirement life.

**Shri Prashant Deshmukh**, SSE and Branch Secretary-PL & MX branch retired on superannuation on 30-06-2024 after completion of successful service of 37 years. He was appointed as Chargeman 'B' (JE) on 22-10-1989 and rose up to the position of SSE. He has joined WREU in the year 1991, subsequently nominated as Working Committee member of AIRF. He has been elected as Secretary of the branch in October, 2022. He has achieved PCME and GM awards. He was very popular in the workshop as a Trainer of Basic Training Centre (BTC). Railway Sentinel extended sincere wishes to Shri Prashant Deshmukh for a happy and a prosperous retirement life.

**Shri R.R.Panigrahy**, CTI and Treasurer -Grant Road branch retired on superannuation on 30-06-2024 after a dedicated service of 35 years. Shri R.R.Panigrahy was appointed as a TC on 21-12-1988 and promoted up to the post of CTI. He has joined WREU in 1989 and elected as a Treasurer of the branch in 2019 and continued till his retirement. He was very popular amongst the cadre of Ticket Checking staff. Railway Sentinel extended best wishes to Shri R.R.Panigrahy for a happy and healthy retirement life.

**Shri Jitendra Jaiswal**, OS(Signal)-Indore & Divisional Vice Chairman-RTM division retired on superannuation on 30-06-2024 after completion of dedicated service of 25 years. Shri Jitendra Jaiswal was appointed in railway service on 04-01-1999. He was rose up to the position of OS. He joined WREU in 1999 and became Branch Secretary of DADN branch in the year 2016 and continued up to 2019 then became Divisional Vice Chairman in the year 2019 and continued as Divisional Vice Chairman till his retirement on 30-06-2024. Railway Sentinel wishes him a happy, healthy and prosperous retirement life.

**I.J.Ramwani**, SSE(Electrical) and Chairman E&M branch-DHD retired on superannuation on 30-06-2024 after a dedicated service of 40 years. He was appointed in railway service on 02-07-1984. He joined in WREU in the year 1998 and became Joint Secretary of E&M branch in the year 1999, thereafter elected as Branch Chairman in December 1999 and continued till his retirement. Railway Sentinel wishes him a happy, healthy and prosperous retirement life.

### OBITUARY

**Smt. Hanna Tejmal Kapoor**, mother of Shri Sanjay Kapoor, AGS and Branch Chairman-DHD workshop expired on 13-04-2024 after prolonged illness. Railway Sentinel paid homage to the departed soul.

**Shri Pradeep Khandelwal**, younger brother of Com. R.P.Gupta, AGS/WREU expired on 03-05-2024 due to cardiac arrest at Beawar, Rajasthan. Railway Sentinel paid homage to the departed and heavenly abode soul.

**Shri Sunil Gupta**, cousin brother of Com. R.P.Gupta expired on 06-05-2024 at Baroda after brief illness. Railway Sentinel paid homage to the departed soul.

**Shri Rajendra Prasad Meena**, elder brother of Com. Hari Ram Meena, Divisional Treasurer-ADI expired on 10-05-2024 at native place at Rajasthan. Railway Sentinel paid homage and condolence to the bereaved family.

**Annexure-I**

**State-Number of seats**

<b>ANDHRA</b>	<b>PRADESH</b>	Others	0	SHSUBT	9	BJP	2
<b>25</b>		<b>JAMMU &amp; KASHMIR</b>	<b>5</b>	Congress	13	Congress	0
BJP	3	BJP	2	NCPSP	7	IPFT	0
JNP	2	JKN	2	Others	9	Others	0
YSRCP	4	Independent	1	<b>NAGALAND</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>UTTARAKHAND</b>	<b>5</b>
TDP	16	Others	0	Congress	1	BJP	5
<b>ARUNACHAL PRADESH</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>JHARKHAND</b>	<b>14</b>	NDPP	0	Congress	0
BJP	2	BJP	8	NPP	0	AAP	0
Congress	0	Congress	2	Others	0	Others	0
PPA	0	JMM	3	<b>ODISHA</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>WEST BENGAL</b>	<b>42</b>
Others	0	Others	1	BJP	19	BJP	12
<b>ASSAM</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>KERALA</b>	<b>20</b>	Congress	1	Congress	1
BJP	9	BJP	1	BJD	1	TMP	29
Congress	3	Congress	14	<b>PUNJAB</b>	<b>13</b>	CPI (M)	0
UPPL	1	IUML	2	AAP	3	Others	0
AGP	1	Others	3	Others	2		
<b>BIHAR</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>KARNATAKA</b>	<b>28</b>	Congress	7		
BJP	12	BJP	17	SAD	1		
Congress	3	Congress	9	<b>RAJASTHAN</b>	<b>25</b>		
RJD	4	JDS	2	BJP	14		
LJP	5	<b>MIZORAM</b>	<b>1</b>	Congress	8		
JDU	12	BJP	0	CPM	1		
Others	4	Congress	0	Others	2		
<b>CHHATTISGARH</b>	<b>11</b>	MNF	0	<b>SIKKIM</b>	<b>1</b>		
BJP	10	ZPM	1	BJP	0		
Congress	1	<b>MANIPUR</b>	<b>2</b>	Congress	0		
Others	0	BJP	0	SKM	1		
<b>GOA</b>	<b>2</b>	Congress	2	<b>TAMIL NADU</b>	<b>39</b>		
Congress	1	Others	0	BJP	0		
BJP	1	<b>MADHYA PRADESH</b>	<b>29</b>	Congress	9		
Aam Aadmi Party	0	BJP	29	VCK	2		
Others	0	Congress	0	DMK	22		
<b>GUJARAT</b>	<b>26</b>	Others	0	CPI	2		
BJP	25	<b>MEGHALAYA</b>	<b>2</b>	Others	4		
Congress	1	BJP	0	<b>TELANGANA</b>	<b>17</b>		
Others	0	Congress	1	BJP	8		
<b>HARYANA</b>	<b>10</b>	VOTPP	1	Congress	8		
Congress	5	<b>MAHARASHTRA</b>	<b>48</b>	AIMIM	1		
BJP	5	BJP	10	Others	0		
AAP	0			<b>TRIPURA</b>	<b>2</b>		

**Union Territories- Winning Party**

ANDAMAN NICOBAR ISLANDS- BJP

PUDUCHERRY - Congress

DAMAN AND DIU - Independent

LAKSHADWEEP - Congress

DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI - BJP

CHANDIGARH - Congress



Regional Conference of Saurashtra Region comprising of Rajkot and Bhavnagar Divisions.



Spontaneous Gate meeting at Locomotive Care Centre – Ratlam



Celebration of 50 years of Historic Railway Strike on 8th May, 2024.



TUEP OF RAJKOT DIVISION AT SURENDRANAGAR



Com. Jitendra Satapara & Com. Dinesh Panchal educating WREU Comrades.





DEC Meeting of Vadodara division in PRTN Auditorium.



DEC Meeting of Ratlam division at Chittaurgarh.



COM. SHIVA GOPAL MISHRA GS/AIRF VISITED UNION OFFICE AT ADI

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