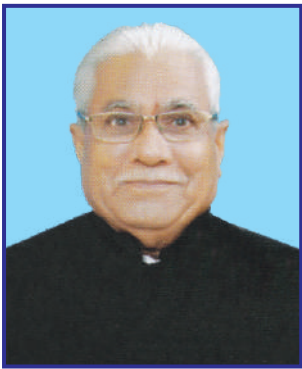


From the Desk of Editor



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Dear Subscribers and Railwaymen,

Railway Sentinel wishes its readers and well wishers a Happy & Prosperous New Year 2025.

I have visited all divisions and non-divisional branches during the campaign for SBE-III. The entire cadre including youth and women enthusiastically campaigned and worked hard for the elections which was held on 4th, 5th & 6th December, 2024 and the counting of votes was held on 12-12-2024. WREU has secured 37% of total polled votes and attained recognition for next tenure.

I whole heartedly appreciate and congratulate the entire cadre for organizing mass meetings, bike rallies etc. during SBE-III campaigning and especially all Divisional Secretaries, Chairman of all divisions, all office bearers of divisions and branches in the division, youth and women's wing leaders in the branches for their active campaigning in the branches and squad work in their respective branch and divisional jurisdiction as well as man to man contacts and pocket meetings and preparatory work. Similarly, I congratulate all office bearers of non-divisional branches and active members as well as women and youth team for their hard work and active contribution in the election campaign through man to man contacts during the campaign. I congratulate all comrades for their hard work and active participation in the SBE-III.

I extend sincere gratitude to the employees of all divisions and non-divisional units over Western Railway who have voted for WREU in SBE-III and helped to attain the recognition. I assure you that we will improve our solidarity and strength to further struggle and to do our level best to achieve the pending demands.

National outcome of SBE-III election, in 13 Zones AIRF Affiliates got recognition, viz. ERMU, NRMU (N. Rly.), SCRUMU, SERMU, SWRMU, SRMU, MRM (Meto Kolkata) NRMU (C. Rly.), WREU, NCRMU, NWREU, NFRMU and ECORSU.



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
Dec-23	400	4716	393	50.34
Jan-24	400	4734	394.50	50.91
Feb-24	401	4753	396.08	51.51
Mar-24	400	4770	397.50	52.05
Apr-24	401	4785	398.75	52.53
May-24	403	4801	400.08	53.04
Jun-24	407	4815	401.25	53.49
Jul-24	411	4824	402.00	53.78
Aug-24	410	4833	402.75	54.06
Sep-24	412	4840	403.33	54.29
Oct-24	416	4862	405.17	54.99
Nov-24	416	4877	406.42	55.47

*Average Price Index for January 2016



Com. J. R. Bhosale, GS WREU and Working President AIRF inaugurated the 76th AGM of NRMU/Northern Railway



CWM PL/MX Workshop inaugurated TUEP in Presence of Com. Bhosaleji



TUEP of Mumbai Division at Valsad



WREU's Newly Elected Vice President Com. Saiyed Jishan Husain



Victory Celebration By WREU/RJT

WREU ATTAINED RECOGNITION

The SBE-III election was held on 4th, 5th December, 2024 and exclusively for Running staff on 6th December, 2024. The SBE-III election was held in 17 Zones and 2 Production Units in Kapurthala and CLW. WREU FLAG was Election Symbol of Western Railway Employees' Union. The counting was done on 12.12.2024. WREU attained recognition with total votes of 25822 which is 37% of total polled votes (70210). The Returning Officer and PCPO, Western Railway has handed over the letter for recognition of WREU on Western Railway vide letter No.EU1160/SBE/2024 dated 12-12-2024 to Com. J.R.Bhosale, General Secretary. National outcome of SBE-III election, in 13 Zones AIRF Affiliates got recognition, viz. ERMU, NRMU (N. Rly.), SCRUMU, SERMU, SWRMU, SRMU, MRM (Meto Kolkata) NRMU (C. Rly.), WREU, NCRMU, NWREU, NFRMU and ECORSU.

MASS GATE MEETING AT BCT ADDRESSED BY GENERAL SECRETARY -AIRF

A Mass gathering held before DRM office, Mumbai Central on 06-11-2024 was addressed by Com. Shiva Gopal Misha, General Secretary-AIRF. In his speech he narrated about OPS-NPS-UPS and advised the NPS holders to wait till the government notification issued on the matter so as to plan further. He advised the youth to strengthen the solidarity under the banner of WREU and AIRF so as to achieve all pending demands. He said that AIRF affiliated unions are strongly campaigning for the ensuing Election (SBE-III) to be held on 4th, 5th & 6th December, 2024. Com J.R.Bhosale in his address advised the comrades to concentrate in campaigning and meetings at branch level for the ensuing union election. The gathering was very enthusiastic and energetically shouting slogans WREU Zindabad AIRF Zindabad. Com. Prashant Kanade, Jitendra Singh and other division office bearers welcomed Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra and J.R.Bhosale with flower bouquet and Shawl. Com. R.P.Gupta, Vikas Gupte, Rajan P, Uday Khot and Chandraprakash Upadhyay were on the dais. Large number of youth, women and retired employees from Mumbai division, GLO-Accounts-Churchgate, Parel, EMU(POH) and Stores branch were gathered in the meeting. At the conclusion of meeting Com. Jitendra Gajbhiye gave thanks to all leaders and participants.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN VISIT OF GENERAL SECRETARY

Com. J.R.Bhosale visited at Ratlam division on 12-11-2024 and addressed a mass election campaigning gathering at Ratlam in which large number of employees including women were participated. In his inspiring speech Com. J.R.Bhosale asked the cadre to strengthen the unity and accelerate campaigning activities at branch/Booth level for the election to be held on 4th, 5th & 6th December, 2024. In the morning Com. J.R.Bhosale was received by Com. Manohar Baroth, Narendra Solanki and other leaders of Ratlam division at the railway station with flower bouquet and garland. Com. J.R.Bhosale ji also addressed the officer bearers of division and branches and discussed the preparations and got field feedbacks from the leaders about the election work.

Com. J.R.Bhosale addressed a Election Campaign meeting at PRTN workshop on 19-11-2024 in presence of Com. Bharath Makwana, Jitendra Prasad, other office bearers and activists in which large number of employees gathered.

Com. J.R.Bhosale addressed an Election campaign on 19-11-2024 at Miyagam in Baroda division in presence of Com. Santosh Pawar, Sanjay Pawar and other office bearers of division and branches. Large number of employees attended the meeting.

Com. J.R.Bhosale addressed Election campaign meeting on 21-11-2024 at Valsad station, TRS Shed, C&W etc. He also addressed a meeting of Union activists in Union hall at Valsad.

Com. J.R.Bhosale has addressed meeting at Indore and Ujjain during his election campaign. It was also addressed by Com. Shabana Shaikh, Com. Manohar Singh Baroth, Com. Narendra Singh Solanki and others. Large number of Youth and Women attended the meeting.

Com. J.R.Bhosale addressed a mass gate meeting at EMU POH-MX on 25-11-2024. Com. Prashant Kanade, Rajan P., Uday Khot, Praful Jamshundekar, Shivaji Palve, Ravindra Jadhav of Bhartiya Kamghar Sena also addressed the meeting. The election campaign meeting was ably and successfully organized by EMU POH branch.

A mass election campaign meeting held at Carriage Workshop, Lower Parel on 27-11-2024 was addressed by Com. J.R.Bhosale, Rajan P., Ravindra Jadhav of Bhartiya Kamghar Sena, Sayyed, Uday Khot, Praful Jamshundekar etc. The meeting was attended by large number of youth and women.

A mass gathering and a concluding election campaign meeting was held at DRM office, Mumbai Central on 29-11-2024 in which large number of employees from various Suburban branches, GLO-CCG, GLO-Accounts, Parel and MX branches have been attended. The gathering was addressed by Com. J.R.Bhosale, R.P.Gupta, Prashant Kanade, Rajan P., Jitendra Singh, Chandraprakash Upadhyay, Anita Satpute, Geeta Pandoria and others. Large number of union activists in red attire with red cap enthusiastically shouting slogans were gathered in the meeting.

A Bike rally by union activists was held at Gandhidham on 01-12-2024 in which large number of union activists were participated. The bike rally was addressed by Com. J.R.Bhosale, R.C.Sharma and other senior leaders in Gandhidham union office compound

TRADE UNION EDUCATION CLASSES

MUMBAI DIVISION held three days Trade Union Education classes for the youths for a period of three days from 19-12-2024 to 21-12-2024 at Valsad. Com. J.R.Bhosale inaugurated the class on 19-12-2024 in presence of Com. Prashant Kanade, Jitendra Singh, Chandraprakash Upadhyay and Dr.(Smt) Simi Gupta, CMS-BL. In his inaugural speech he has narrated the history and achievements of WREU since its inception in 1920. Total 40 youngsters attended the class, they were guided and educated by Com. Jitendra Singh, Rajan P, Dinesh Panchal, Abhijeet Shah and others.

PAREL & MX WORKSHOP BRANCH held Zonal Trade Union Education classes for workshop staff from 20-12-2024 to 21-12-2024 in which 20 youths from various Workshops attended. The educational class was inaugurated by Com. J.R.Bhosale and graced by Shri Parvesh Sahu, CWM-PL and Shri B. Upadhyay, Dy. CPO(W)-PL on 20-12-2024. The participants were guided by Com. Vikas Gupte, Rajan P, Prashant Deshmukh, Praful Jamsandekar, Uday Khot and other educators.

RATLAM DIVISION: The division has held Trade Union Education Class for the new comers for three days from 19-12-2024 to 21-12-2024. A total of 40 new comers participated. Senior leaders have been guided the participants.

BVP DIVISION: Organised three days Trade Union Education classes for the youngsters from 19-12-2024 to 21-12-2024 at BVP. 40 youths attended the class. Nominated educators, Com. S.K.Srivastava and AjayrajSingh Gohil guided and educated the youths.

ZONAL TRADE UNION CLASS: Held at Baroda from 26-12-2024 to 28-12-2024 in which 40 new entrants participated. The Trade Union Class was inaugurated and addressed by Com. J.R.Bhosale and R.C.Sharma. Senior leaders of the division and the nominated educators have guided the participants.

104TH AGM OF WREU

104th Annual General Body Meeting and General Council of WREU held at Patkar Hall, Churchgate in Mumbai on 24-12-2024. Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary-AIRF and Secretary Staff Side-JCM Online and J.R.Bhosale Working President physically inaugurated the conference. Smt. Pramila Singh, CPO(IR), Shri Sachin Sharma, Secy. To GM, Com. P.J.Shinde, Zonal Secretary(NRMU)-AIRF and Shri

Ramnath Patil, Zonal President All India OBC Railway Employees Association graced the occasion. Com. J.R.Bhosale, Working President-AIRF/General Secretary-WREU and Com. R.C.Sharma-President-WREU along with distinguished guests lighted the lamp and inaugurated the Open Session.

All Zonal office bearers, Divisional Secretaries/Chairman, Chairperson/Convenors of Youth and Women's wing were on the dais. Com. Prashant Kanade, Divisional Secretary-Mumbai, Nasir Shaikh, Branch Secretary-GLO/CCG, Praful Jamshundekar, Branch Secretary-PL WS, Shivaji Palve- Branch Secretary-MX-POH, J.S.Vagariya, Branch Chairman-CCG/Accounts branch and their teams welcomed all Central Office Bearers and other distinguished guests with shawl and floral bouquets. More than 800 delegates and visitors attended the AGM. Smt. Pramila Singh and Shri Sachin Sharma appreciated the leadership of WREU for their full co-operation with the administration in resolving staff matters in time. Com. J.R.Bhosale and R.C.Sharma extended their gratitude to the cadre for their active campaigning in SBE-III and attaining recognition for WREU. Com. P.J.Shinde and Ramnath Patil has thanked to the WREU for inviting them for the AGM.

The Open session and Delegate session was presided by Com. R.C.Sharma. General Secretary report was presented by Com. J.R.Bhosale, Audited Accounts was presented by Com. Vikas Gupte, Zonal Treasurer before the house. Two resolutions were placed in the house (1) SBE-III-Gratitude to the cadre presented by Com. S.K.Srivastava and seconded by Com. Ghanshyam Yadav (2) Major pending demands presented by Com. Sanjay Pawar supported by Com. Jitendra Satapara. General Secretary report, both the resolutions and the Audited statement of Accounts was unanimously passed in the delegate session. Chartered Accountant M/s.A.H.Dalal and Co. was appointed as auditor for further period of one tenure. The following have been elected as Honorary Members unanimously:-

1. Com. R.C.Sharma
2. Com. J.R.Bhosale
3. Com R.P.Gupta
4. Com. Santosh Pawar
5. Com. Rajan P
6. Com Vikas Gupte

Thereafter following office bearers were elected unanimously:-

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Working under	Designation in Union
1	R.C. Sharma	Hon. Member	-	President
2	Jitendra Satapara	CLI-SUNR	Sr.DEE(TRD)RJT	Vice President
3	Ajayrajsinh Gohil	SSE(P.Way)	Sr. DEN-BVP	Vice President
4	Smt. Seema Kaushik	OS	DPO-RTM	Vice President
5	Saiyed Jishan Hussain	SSE(FIT-II)PL	CWM-PL	Vice President
6	J.R. Bhosale	Hon. Member	-	General Secretary
7	R.P. Gupta	Hon. Member	-	Asst. Gen. Secy
8	Santosh Pawar	Hon. Member	-	Asst. Gen. Secy
9	Prashant Kanade	SSE	Sr.DEE (P)-BCT	Asst. Gen. Secy
10	Rajan P.	Hon. Member	-	Asst. Gen. Secy
11	Vacant	-	-	-
12	Vikas Gupte	Hon. Member	-	Treasurer

It has been unanimously decided to continue Election Tribunal consisting of Smt. Manisha Dhangar-JE-PL workshop as Convenor, Com. Santosh Pawar-Honorary Member and Com. Jitendra Satapara as its members.

DEC OF MUMBAI DIVISION

Divisional Executive Council of Mumbai division held on 28-12-2024 at newly constructed Union office at Surat, which was inaugurated by Com. J.R.Bhosale, General Secretary in presence of Com. Prashant Kanade, Jitendra Singh, Chandraprakash Upadhyay and other divisional office bearers. Com. J.R.Bhosale in his inaugural speech thanked and congratulated leaders and cadre of Mumbai division for its hard work in SBE-III which has helped to continue the recognition of WREU for next tenure. He has guided the cadre to prepare for future struggles to achieve pending demands. Com. Jitendra Singh presided the meeting. Com. Prashant Kanade and other senior leaders also addressed the participants. The DEC concluded with vote of thanks.

Branch committee meeting of Surat branch was held wherein Com. R.A.Sharma, Guard Counsellor-Surat elected as Branch Chairman, Com. Sanjay Jha, Station Manager-Surat elected as Branch Secretary and 8 other office bearers were unanimously elected.

DEC OF BARODA DIVISION

Divisional Executive Council of Baroda division held on 30-12-2024 at Railway Auditorium, Pratap Nagar and was graced by Com. J.R.Bhosale, R.C.Sharma, Vikas Gupte, Santosh Pawar and other senior leaders. The DEC have discussed about the functioning of branches and the divisional body for further improvement. Com. J.R.Bhosale and R.C.Sharma appreciated the cadre of Baroda for their active campaigning and performance in SBE-III and attaining the recognition for next tenure.

GENERAL SECRETARY/AIRF'S REPRESENTATIONS

General Secretary/AIRF vide letter No.AIRF/PNM/23/2018(403) dated 06-11-2024 addressed to The Director General (HR), Railway Board regarding Grant of MACP to SOMs and Sr. PWSs of the Civil Engineering Department.

General Secretary/AIRF vide letter No.AIRF/MACPS(402) NO.AIRF/101 dated 06-11-2024 addressed to The Director General (HR), Railway Board regarding Implementation of ACP & MACP benefits to Railway Pharmacists as per DOPT Letter dated 10-06-2015.

General Secretary/AIRF vide letter No.AIRF/55(401) dated 06-11-2024 addressed to The Director General (HR), Railway Board regarding Grant of Stagnation Increment to Medically Decategorized Running Staff upon Absorption in Non-Running Category.

General Secretary/AIRF vide letter No.AIRF/78 dated 11-11-2024 addressed to The Director General (HR), Railway Board regarding Urgent Need for a Comprehensive Review of Trackmen Working Conditions on Indian Railways-Manifold Increase in Assets and Multi-Tracking of Existing Network.

General Secretary/AIRF vide letter No.AIRF/55(410) dated 18-11-2024 addressed to Addl. Member (Traction), Railway Board regarding Issues regarding Carrying of Fog Safe Device (FSD) by Loco Running Staff (LP/ALP)

General Secretary/AIRF vide letter No.AIRF/58(i) dated 26-11-2024 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding Request for rescheduling Refresher Course for Supervisory Staff of Accounts Deptt. (Sr. SSO(A)/Sr. TIA/Sr. ISA) scheduled from 02.12.2024 to 07.12.2024 at the Indian Railways Institute of Financial Management(IRIFM), Secunderabad.

General Secretary/AIRF vide letter No.AIRF/86(418) dated 26-11-2024 addressed to The Director General (HR), Railway Board regarding Consideration of Inter-Railway Transfer cases of Sr. Commercial Cum Ticket Clerk (GP 2800/Level-5) on Spouse Ground, in line with instructions for the discontinuance of Direct Recruitment to the post of Senior Section Engineers (SSEs).

Secretary-JCM (Staff Side) vide its letter No.NC/JCM/2024/VIIIth CPC dated 03-12-2024 addressed to the Cabinet Secretary, Government of India regarding immediate constitution of VIIIth CPC for revising the pay/allowances/pension and other benefits of Central Government employees.

NEWLY ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF WREU

Com. Saiyed Jishan Husain, SSE (Incharge) in fitting shop Parel Workshop and Joint Secretary of PL-MX Workshop branch is elected as Vice President of WREU in the 104th AGM held at Patkar Hall, Churchgate on 24-12-2024. He joined railway on 01-08-1991. He joined WREU from the day one and was elected as Joint Secretary of the branch in 2015. From last 10 years he is a local SBF member. Due to his exemplary work, he was awarded GM Level Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar. Railway Sentinel wishes him for his future endeavour.

RAILWAY BOARD ORDERS

Railway Board letter No.E(NG)II/2021/RC-4/9 dated 31-12-2024 addressed to General Manager regarding Re-engagement of retired Railway staff on contract basis.

OBITUARY

Shri. Zakir Hussain, a world famous and prominent Tabla player, Musician and Composer left for heavenly abode on 15-12-2024. He was known for bringing Indian classical music to global audience. Won Sangeet Natak Akadami Award in 1990, Padma Shri in 1988, Padma Bhushan in 2002 and Padma Vibhushan in 2023 and won four Grammy awards. Railway Sentinel deeply mourn and paid rich tribute to the departed soul.

Dr. Manmohan Singh, Ex. Prime Minister of India breath his last on 26-12-2024 at the age of 92. He obtained his doctorate in economics from the University of Oxford and worked for the United Nations during 1966–1969. He served as the Chief Economic Advisor of Government of India from 1972 to 1976. He served as Governor of Reserve Bank of India from 1982 to 1985. He was the head of the Planning Commission during 1985 to 1987. He served the Nation as Finance Minister in 1991. He became Prime Minister of India for two terms from 2004 to 2014 during the tenure of UPA government lead by Congress Party. Railway Sentinel deeply mourn and paid rich tribute to the departed soul.

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