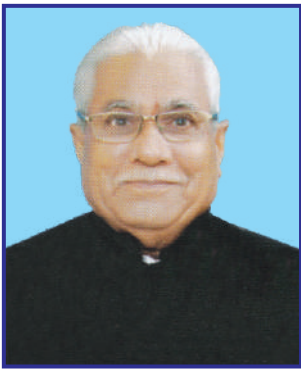


### From the Desk of Editor



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Dear Subscribers and Railwaymen,

The period from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2024 was very hectic and WREU has organized number of activities. The 12-07-2024 was observed as a Protest Day all over the country. WREU has organized number of Protest programmes all over Western Railway I have visited Dahod and observed Martyr's Day in the morning of 12-07-2024 by organizing Prabhat Pheri in Railway colony-Dahod and paid tribute to five Martyr's in Shahid Bhavan, Godhra Road, Dahod. I have also attended 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with Pension Improvement Committee on 15-07-2024 at New Delhi. I have visited Ratlam for attending Late Radhe Shyam Tiwari's Punya Tithion 16-07-2024 and thereafter addressed largely attended activists

meeting held in Union office Ratlam. The 3<sup>rd</sup> GM PNM meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2024 at Churchgate. The Working Committee Meeting of WREU was held on 20-08-2024 at Grant Road. Membership for the year 2024, Collection of Special Fund for Celebration of AIRF's Century programme, achievements, other activities and organization's future programme keeping in view the Secret Ballot Election 2024 were also planned and finalized in the Working Committee Meeting. The Standing Committee Meeting of JCM (Staff Side) with Prime Minister of India was held on 24-08-2024 in which Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra ji, Dr. N. Kannaiah, Com. J.R.Bhosale, Com. Shankar Rao represented the Railwaymen. The outcome of the discussion is published in this issue. We are demanding for cancellation of NPS and restoration of Old Pension Scheme for last more than 20 years which has not been accepted by the Government. The Cabinet have introduced UPS on 24-08-2024 w.e.f 01-04-2025. The details of which are also published in this issue. The UPS is welcomed by the Railwaymen due to increase in government contribution by 4.5% and payment of guaranteed Pension @50% of last 12 months average pay with DA after 25 years of service and Rs. 10,000/- p.m with DA after 10 years of service to the retired/retiring employees.

The employees governed by NPS are demanding restoration of OPS and benefit of 4.5% increased Government's contribution. The UPS optize are demanding for not to transfer 60% Annuity to UPS fund. WREU have guided the masses to wait for issue of notification on UPS by the Government, after which the future course of action will be decided. The Railway Sentinel feels that AIRF Standing Committee and JCM (Staff Side) will consider the above expectation of the NPS employees and negotiate accordingly.



#### 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
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
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

\*Average Price Index for January 2016



GS/WREU & GS/AIRF visited DFCCL Control Room, Ahmedabad.



### 12th July – Shahid Din & Protest Meetings



## ORGANISATIONAL MEETING AT INDORE

Com. J.R.Bhosale addressed organizational meeting of WREU-RTM division at Indore on 01-07-2024 in which office bearers of MHOWand IND branches attended. Com. J.R.Bhosale in his address advised the participants for concentration and readiness with preparation for the forthcoming union election. Com. Manohar Barath and Narendra Solanki also addressed the gathering. Participants actively discussed on organizational matters and branch functioning.

## OBSERVED SHAHID DIN AND REGISTERED PROTEST FOR ABOLITION OF NPS & RESTORATION OF OPS

On the occasion of 64<sup>th</sup> year of Martyr's day of 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1960 WREU-DHD branches held a Prabhat Pheri at 5.30 am from Saat Rasta enroute to the entire colony and concluded at Martyr's Memorial at Shaheed Bhavan at Main Road (Godhara Road)-DHD. Large number of employees on two wheelers with Union flags and enthusiastically shouting slogans "Dahod ke Shahido Amar Raho", "San 1960 ke Sahido Amar Raho" participated in the Prabhat Pheri. Com. J.R.Bhosale was leading the Prabhat Pheri along with Comrades of all 4 branches of Dahod. The rally culminated in a gathering at the Martyr's Memorial and paid homage to the Martyr's by placing flower petals on the Martyr's Memorial. Com. J.R.Bhosale addressed the gathering at the Martyr's Memorial. In his speech he remembered the situation of 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1960 Central Government Employees strike and harassments and torturing faced by the employees and their families from the Gujarat Police. The gathering has observed 2 minutes silence and paid Shradhanjali to the Martyr's Com. Kripashankar, Com. Sakharam, Com. Khaderan, Com. Sitaram and Com. Ranjit.

A tree plantation programme was organized at Senior Railway Institute. Com. Bhosaleji planted saplings followed by other local leaders. Saplings were distributed to the family members of railwaymen residing in the railway colony.

General Secretary addressed a meeting of office bearers and committee members of DHD workshop, Electrical & Medical, Stores and station branches in senior institute DHD at 11.00 am and held a public meeting at the same venue in the evening. In both the occasions he apprised them about ongoing struggle of restoration of OPS, demand of constitution of 8<sup>th</sup> pay commission, Secret ballot election to be held soon, issues raised before the cadre restructuring committee and proposed meeting of staff side NC-JCM with committee to review pension system to be held on 15-07-2024 (Monday).

## PROTEST MEETING FOR RESTORATION OF OPS

Protest meetings for restoration of OPS to all and abolition of NPS were held on 12-07-2024 on entire Western Railway at all the divisions at DRM Offices, Major Workshops and Western Railway's HQ office. HQ office bearers and Divisional leaders addressed the meetings at all places and apprised the railwaymen about struggle laid by AIRF for achieving OPS. At all the places, rich tribute was paid to the Martyr's of the DHD of 1960 strike. Large number of railwaymen attended these meetings.

**Churchgate:** Protest meeting held at Churchgate was addressed by Com. Vikas Gupte, Nasir Shaikh, Mahendra Rathod and Nagbhushan in which large number of youth and women participated. The leaders in their address have explained the present scenario of NPS and the need of restoration of OPS for all employees. Meeting was concluded by paying Shradhanjali to the Martyr's of Dahod.

**Parel Workshop:-** Large gathering of employees was addressed by Com. Rajan P., Uday Khot and Sayyed. They have explained the agitational programmes so far held by the WREU and AIRF at Zonal and National levels and the meeting to be held with JCM by the Pension Review Committee. At the conclusion of meeting all the participants paid rich tribute to the Martyr's of Dahod.

**Mumbai:-** A protest meeting was held in COACH CARE DEPOT, Mumbai Central, the gathering was addressed by Com. Prashant Kanade, Chandraprakash Upadhyay, Vivek Kamble and others. The speakers highlighted the need of restoration of OPS to all employees. After the meeting all paid Shradhanjali to the Martyr's of 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1960 Railway Strike. Similar protest meeting was held at TRS Shed-**Valsad** in which large number of employees participated. The protest meeting was addressed by Com. Sanjay Singh, Hussain Belim, Robinson and others. The participants paid homage to the Martyr's of Dahod. Protest meeting held at **AMALNER** was addressed by Com. Pravin Kale and other leaders of the branch. All participants paid Shradhanjali to the Martyr's of 1960.

**BRC:-** A protest meeting was organized at Union office-**BRC** in which large number of Youth and Women gathered. It was addressed by Com. Santosh Pawar, Sanjay Pawar, Aditya Morya and others. The leaders have narrated to the gathering about various protest and struggles held by WREU/AIRF for restoration of OPS. After the meeting leaders and participants have paid tribute to the Martyr's of Dahod. Similar protest meeting was held at **PRTN workshop** in which large number of employees participated. The protest meeting was addressed by Com. Bharat Makwana, Jitendra Prasad and Sanjay Pawar. All employees participated in the protest meeting paid Shradhanjali to the Shahid of Dahod.

**RTM:-** A mass protest meeting held at DRM office- Ratlam was addressed by Com. Narendra Singh Solanki, Manohar Bharath, Seema Kaushik and other leaders. Large number of Youth and Women participated in the protest meeting with Play Cards "Abolish NPS and Restore OPS". The leaders addressed the gathering expressed the need of Solidarity of Youth and Women to strengthen the struggles as to put pressure on the Government for restoration of OPS.

**ADI:-** On the call of WREU/AIRF observed Martyrs' Day and a Mass Protest meeting on 12 July 2024. A mass gathering held at ADI was addressed by Com. R.C.Sharma, Dinesh Panchal, Ganshyam Yadav, Hariram Meena and other leaders. Similar protest meetings were held at **VTA Diesel Shed, VTA ZMC, SBI ROH Depot, DRM office, GIM, PNU, BLDI, MSH** and other places. All these meetings were addressed by Divisional Office bearers and respective Branch Secretary and Chairman. All the leaders in their speech strongly demanded for restoration of Old Pension Scheme for all Central government employees including Railwaymen. All these places participants paid Shradhanjali to the Martyr's of 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1960 strike.

**RJT:-** Mass Protest meeting and a Rally held by WREU-RJT on 12-07-2024 at **Rajkot, Happa, MVI, KMBL, SUNR** etc. These protest meetings and mass gatherings addressed by Com. Jitendra Satapara, Mayur Gadhavi, Nikhil Joshi and other Divisional Office bearers and leaders of respective branches. The leaders strongly demanded for restoration of Old Pension Scheme for all employees. Participants paid rich tribute to the Martyr's of Dahod.

**BVP:-** On the clarion call of WREU/AIRF Protest meeting held at BVP workshop and DRM office was addressed by Com. S.K.Srivastava, Ajayraj Singh Gohil and other leaders of Division and workshop. Large number of employees and activists from the local branches participated in the Protest meetings at both the places. The leaders explained about the long pending demand of restoration of Old Pension Scheme to all railway employees and the protest held at various levels to achieve the goal. After the meeting the crowd paid Shradhanjali to the Martyr's of Dahod.

### GENERAL SECRETARY VISITED NDB

Com. J.R.Bhosale visited Nandurbar branch on 13-07-2024. Office bearers and activists gathered at the railway station and received Com. Bhosale ji with garland and flower bouquet, enthusiastically shouting slogans WREU Zindabad Hamara Neta Zindabad. Com. Bhosaleji addressed a meeting of office bearers and activists of Nandurbar and Amalner branches in the Union office. In his speech he expressed his desire to strengthen the organization by inducting new faces in the main stream and also increasing the members. He explained about various activities and meetings held at Zonal and National level on various issues. Com. Chandrakant Choudhary, Praveen Kale and others assured General Secretary that they will increase the strength of union by inducting more numbers of newly recruited employees in WREU.

**GENERAL SECRETARY VISITED RTM**

Com. J.R.Bhosale visited at Ratlam division on 16-07-2024, attended Punya Tithi of Late Com. Radheshyam Tiwari at Ratlam and paid tribute. Com. Bhosale ji addressed a meeting of office bearers and activists of WREU-RTM. In his speech he emphasized about the union election to be held within a short period and advised one and all to be ready with full preparation for the Election and to start pocket meetings at work places in order to strengthen the organization and speed up the activities in full fledge. Com. Manohar Bharath and Narendra Singh Solanki also addressed the gathering.

**GENERAL SECRETARY VISITED ADI**

Com. J.R.Bhosale visited at Ahmedabad division on 19-07-2024, leaders of ADI division given a warm welcome to Com. J.R.Bhosale at the railway station. He addressed a meeting of Office Bearers and Activists of WREU/ADI. The meeting was also graced by Com. R.C.Sharma, President-WREU. In their speech, leaders advised the cadre for readiness for the ensuing Union Election. Com. J.R.Bhosale in his speech narrated about recently held meeting between NC-JCM(Staff Side) and Pension Review Committee at NDLS on 15-07-2024. Com. J.R.Bhosale and R.C.Sharma visited WDFC (Western Dedicated Freight Corridor) Control Room at Ahmedabad and met the staff and officers of DFCCIL at Sabarmati and understood functioning of the Centralized Control system of WDFC.

**TRADE UNION EDUCATION CLASS****AHMEDABAD DIVISION**

Ahmedabad division organized 3 days Trade Union Education class for Senior leaders from 19-07-2024 to 21-07-2024 in the Divisional Training School- Sabarmati in which 40 senior comrades participated and discussed about the functioning of branches, achievements of Union, government policies and future planning. Com. Dinesh Panchal and Ghanshyam Yadav gave lectures to the participants on history of union and functioning of various grievances forums in Indian Railways. Com. J.R.Bhosale and R.C.Sharma addressed the participants, in their speech leaders stressed upon the need of strengthening the organization and solidarity to face Anti Labour policies of Central Government and reminded all participants for readiness for the ensuing Union Election to be held shortly.

**BARODA DIVISION**

Baroda division organized 3 days Trade Union Education class from 12-08-2024 to 14-08-2024 in the Sanskritik Sabha Gruh in Railway colony-Ratlam which was inaugurated by Com. J.R.Bhosale in presence of Com. Santosh Pawar, Sanjay Pawar, Aditya Morya and other senior leaders. 40 nominated participants attended the class. Com. J.R.Bhosale has discussed on various subjects on Regional and National issues dealt by WREU, AIRF, HMS and JCM(Staff Side), he narrated the present scenario of NPS/OPS as well as 8<sup>th</sup> CPC. He also narrated the formation of All India Railway Pensioners Welfare Federation and its progress in Zone and Division on Western Railway. Com. J.R.Bhosale asked all the participants and union leaders for preparation and readiness for the ensuing Union election. He appreciated the leaders and cadre of Baroda division for enrolment of Membership of 2024. Com. Santosh Pawar explained the functioning of Contract Workers Employees Union and its importance for inducting more and more Contract workers in the union. The participants actively discussed on various subjects during training period from 12-08-2024 to 14-08-2024. The trainers obtained feedbacks from the participants on the concluding day.

**NEW SETUP OF PAREL WORKSHOP BRANCH**

Parel and Mahalaxmi branch of WREU unanimously elected Com. Uday Khot as Branch Chairman, Praful Jamsundekar, Secretary, Ashok Dabre, Treasurer, Eknath Rane and Vijay Kadam, Vice Chairman, Sayyed Jishan Hussain, Pramod Birje and Manoj Yadav, Joint Secretaries, Ajay Singh and Anand Panchal, Organizing Secretaries. The branch held a felicitation function for the newly elected body at the branch office on 24-07-2024 which was graced by Com. Rajan P. and addressed the gathering. Large number of employees including youth and women gathered in the Union office. Com. Rajendra Shukla and other comrades organized the function gracefully.

### WREU WON INSTITUTE ELECTION AT RTM

Candidates of WREU/RTM won the election of Junior and Senior Railway Institute at Ratlam. Com. Ashish Yadav elected as Secretary and Bhupendra Singh Gurjar elected as Treasurer of Junior Railway Institute. Com. Ashok Tiwari elected as Secretary and Kapil Gurjar elected as Treasurer of Senior Railway Institute-Ratlam. Com. Pravin Joshi elected as Treasurer of Railway Institute-Ujjain in the election held on 19-07-2024. All these candidates elected with thumping majority. Com. J.R.Bhosale and R.C.Sharma appreciated the leadership of Ratlam division and the candidates for their large scale efforts for winning the Institute election.

### SBI BRANCH FELICITATED COM. DINESH PANCHAL

A grand farewell function arranged by SBI workshop Branch on 27-07-2024 and felicitated Com. Dinesh Panchal, Branch Chairman of SBI workshop branch, DS/ADI, Zonal Vice-President WREU, WC member AIRF, in the Sabhagruh of Engineering Workshop - SBI. Com R C Sharma, President WREU, Ghanshyam Yadav DC/WREU ADI, Hariram Meena, Treasurer WREU-ADI, other DOBs Com. Baldhari Mahor, Gour Dey, D K Dangi, Youth Convenor, Com. Harshad Barot and other leaders attended the farewell function. Officers of both EW and SW also attended and admired Com. Dinesh Panchal's mode of leadership for welfare and justice for staff. Mrs Minaxi Dinesh Panchal was felicitated by Com Bina Kori, Vice Chairman of the branch by presenting bouquet and shawl. Com Dinesh Panchal felicitated with bouquet and Shawl office bearers of workshop branch team. Com. Dinesh Panchal gave a glimpse of his service in rlys, association & activities with WREU and expressed his sincere thanks to everyone for making his association with the branch a more fruitful. Large number of Engineering workshop and Signal workshop gathered in the function.

### NEW DIVISIONAL BODY-ADI

DEC meeting of WREU/ADI division held on 31-07-2024 which was chaired by Com. R.C.Sharma and graced by Com. J.R.Bhosale, R.P.Gupta, Vikas Gupte, Rajan P., Santosh Pawar, Nikhil Joshi, AjayRaj Singh Gohil, Jitendra Satapara, S.K.Srivastava, Narendra Solanki, Manohar Barath and Sanjay Kapoor. Chairman and Secretaries of all branches of ADI division present in the meeting. The gathering was addressed by Com. J.R.Bhosale and R.C.Sharma. The DEC has discussed various organizational matters including selection of New Divisional Body in which number of Chairman and Secretaries have been participated and expressed their opinion. On conclusion the DEC unanimously recommended the following as Divisional Office bearers which was accepted by President & General Secretary. The DEC concluded with the Vote of thanks to the chair and participants.

Name	Designation	Post
Hariram Meena	Dy. SS(Commercial)	<b>Divisional Chairman</b>
B.P.Gadhavi	OS	Vice Chairman
Suresh Bhanushali	CPC	Vice Chairman
Ghanshyam Yadav	DCWI-C&W	<b>Divisional Secretary</b>
Sanjay Suryabali	LPM	Joint Secretary
Baldhari Mahaur	COS	Joint Secretary
Misbahul Hassan	MCF	Joint Secretary
Dhananjay Dangi	SSE(P.Way)	Joint Secretary
Rajesh Sharma	CCCR	Joint Secretary
Gour Dey	MCF	Treasurer

**E-INCOME-TAX RETURN FILLING CAMP HELD BY MUMBAI DIVISION**

CFO-Electrical branch of Mumbai division organized e-Income Tax return filling camp in Coach Care Depot, Mumbai Central on 24-07-2024 which was graced by Shri Deepak Gupta, Sr. CDO, Shri Shakil Ahmed, Sr.DEE(Coaching)-Mumbai Central in presence of Com. Prashant Kanade, Milind Thakur and others. The camp was well organized by Com. Shafi Sheikh, Parvez Sheikh, Melwin Dhabre, Amit Mistry, Swapnil Hiwale under the guidance of Com. Vivek Kamble and Alpesh Rathod. Large number of employees benefitted from the camp.

**JRH HOSPITAL FELICITATED WREU**

On the occasion of World Blood Donation Day, Jagjeevan Ram Hospital held a felicitation programme on 29-07-2024 in the Convocation Hall of Mumbai University. The programme was graced by Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager-Western Railway as Chief Guest, Prof.(Shri) Ravindra Kulkarni, Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University, Dr. (Smt.) Konda Anuradha, PCMD-Western Railway and Dr. (Smt. ) Mamta Sharma, MD-JRH as Guest of Honor. Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager-Western Railway felicitated with Memento to the major blood donation camp organisers, NSS and Voluntary Blood donors who have been donated blood more than 100 times. On behalf of WREU, Com. Prashant Kanade, Vikas Gupte, Milind Thakur, Ajit Kumar, Prashant Deshmukh and Alpesh Rathod received a Memento from Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager-Western Railway being a major blood donation camp organizer who have conducted number of blood donation camps in association with JRH Hospital Blood Bank in Suburban Stations on various occasions. Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager-Western Railway appreciated WREU for organizing blood donation camps and other non-bargaining activities in all divisions as a part of its Welfare activities.

**PENSIONERS GATHERING AND MEETING OF AIRPWF****BHAVNAGAR**

WREU-BVP division held a mass gathering of Pensioners/Family Pensioners in Railway Community Hall at Bhavnagar on 01-08-2024. The function was graced by Com. J.R.Bhosale, R.P.Gupta, Rajan P. and other former Leaders of WREU. On this occasion organizers felicitated Com. D.R.Trivedi, Ex. Divisional Chairman-WREU/BVP, Com. Nathwar Singh Mali, Maganbhai and A.G.Pandey who have participated in the 1974 Historic Strike in Bhavnagar division. Com. J.R.Bhosale in his inspiring speech remembered the Stalwart Leaders of 1974 Historic Strike and its repercussion, subsequent major achievements. Celebrated the 105<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of WREU, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AIRF and 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of AIRPWF. Com. Rajan P., R.P.Gupta, L.R.Patel (ex. Divisional Secretary-BVP) and others addressed the gathering. Com. Ajayraj Singh Gohil and S.K.Srivastava made necessary arrangements for the grand success of function and celebrations.

**ADI**

A gathering of Pensioners/Family Pensioners held at ADI on 01-08-2024 in Union hall which was addressed by Com. R.C.Sharma, R.P.Gupta, Rajan P. Leaders explained about the formation of Indian Railway Pensioners Welfare Federation affiliated to AIRF and its formation on Western Zone. Large number of Pensioners participated in the gathering.

**BCT**

On the occasion of 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day a mass gathering of Pensioners/Family Pensioners and first meeting of AIRPWF held in Jagdish Ajmera Sabhagraha on 15-08-2024 under the aegis of WREU and AIRPWF affiliated to AIRF. More than 250 Pensioners/Family Pensioners attended the function which was graced and addressed by Com. R.C.Sharma, J.R.Bhosale, Vikas Gupte, Rajan P., Ramnath Patil, President/AIOBCA and Niketan Sahu-Project Manager-CRIS, Mumbai. The meeting also addressed by

Com. Geeta Pandoria, Chandraprakash Upadhyay, Prashant Deshmukh and Praful Jamsundekar. Activists of RRPA made all arrangements for the grand success of the function and Com. Ramsevak gave thanks to all leaders, participants and organizers.

### **BRC**

A mass gathering of Pensioners/Family Pensioners and first meeting of AIRPWF held at Anand in Baroda division on 25-08-2024, in which large number of Pensioners/Family pensioners participate and the gathering was graced and addressed by Com. J.R.Bhosale, Santosh Pawar, Sanjay Pawar and other divisional leaders. Com. Pillai and other leaders of Pensioners Association-BRC ably organized the gathering.

### **FAREWELL TO COM. DINESH PANCHAL**

WREU-ADI felicitated Com. Dinesh Panchal, Divisional Secretary-ADI on 01-08-2024. The function was held in Railway Community Hall-SBI-ADI which was graced by Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, Com. J.R.Bhosale, Com. R.C.Sharma, R.P.Gupta, Vikas Gupte, Rajan P., Manohar Bharath, Narendra Solanki, Jitendra Satapara, Ajayraj Singh Gohil, S.K.Srivastava, Com. Jayanti Panchal-President-HMS-Gujarat and other prominent Trade Union Leaders from ADI. Leaders and activists of ADI division profusely garlanded Mrs. and Mr. Dinesh Panchal. Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, J.R.Bhosale, R.C.Sharma and all HQ leaders felicitated Com. Dinesh Panchal and Smt. Panchal with Shawl, Flower bouquet and a Ganesh Idol. All leaders praised the contribution of Com. Dinesh Panchal as a Trade Union Leader of WREU and as an Educator of WREU. Com. Dinesh Panchal in his thanks giving speech remembered the guidance he attained from the great leaders of WREU Com. Umraomal Purohit, Jagdish Ajmera, C.S.Menon etc. and extended sincere gratitude for immense support of Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, J.R.Bhosale and R.C.Sharma during the service as a Trade Union leader.

### **GENERAL SECRETARY/AIRF VISITED CENTRALIZED CONTROL ROOM OF WDFCCL AT ADI**

Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary-AIRF visited Centralized Control office of Western Dedicated Freight Corridor on 01-08-2024 during his short visit at ADI. WDFCCL Control Room at ADI is unique having equipped with latest technology. It's a world class and the unique control office in Asia. During the visit officials explained functioning of control room to Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra who have discussed the details with General Manager and other officers of WDFCCL. Com. R. C. Sharma, Vikas Gupte and other senior leaders accompanied Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, during his visit at WDFCCL.

### **NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING OF HMS HELD AT NDLS**

National Working Committee of HMS held on 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at Umraomal Purohit Bhavan, HMS National Centre at Saket, New Delhi. Com. Raja Sridhar, President-HMS presided. The Working Committee had a detailed discussion on the present Political Scenario and the Anti-Labour decisions of Central Government. The Committee also had deliberation on various aspects to strengthen the organizations and to improve functioning of Youth and Women Committees at Regional and National level. Com. Rajan P., Vikas Gupte and Anita Satpute represented WREU in the National Working Committee and Com. J.R.Bhosale, Rajan P. and Anita Satpute addressed the Working Committee and narrated the activities carried out by WREU for organizing Youth, Women and Contractor Workers over Western Railway.



## **MEETING OF TECHNICAL SUPERVISORS AND YOUTH HELD AT BARODA**

A Mass meeting of Technical Supervisors and Youth held in Union Hall at BRCP on 25-08-2024 in which large number of Technical Supervisors attended. It was addressed by Com. J.R.Bhosale, Santosh Pawar, Sanjay Pawar and Aditya Morya. In his inspiring speech Com. J.R.Bhosale narrated various activities held by the AIRF and its affiliates at National level and details of National Working Committee, meeting of HMS and meeting with Hon'ble Prime Minister held at NDLS. He briefed about the meeting held by JCM (Staff Side) with the Pension Revision Committee headed by Shri Somanathan, and its details and also AIRF's demand for implementation of upgradation of cadre w.e.f 01-12-2022 of left out supervisory categories and formation of 8<sup>th</sup> CPC. Participants also expressed their views and support to WREU/AIRF to strengthen its solidarity.

## **DEC OF RTM**

Division Executive Council Meeting of WREU/RTM held in Union hall on 29-08-2024 which was inaugurated by Com. J.R.Bhosale, in presence of Com. Seema Kaushik, Com. Narendra Solanki, Manohar Bharath and all divisional office bearers. The meeting was chaired by Com. Narendra Solanki and attended by Secretaries and Chairman of all branches, Youth and Women's wing leaders and activists. They have discussed various organizational matters. Com J.R.Bhosale in his speech explained the details of meeting held with Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji on 24-08-2024 at his residence by the Standing Committee members of National Council JCM (Staff Side). Com. J.R.Bhosale explained the details of newly introduced UPS in comparison with NPS and OPS and advised to wait for details of UPS till notification is issued for giving any option for UPS. He advised the cadre to be ready for the ensuing Union election. Com. Manohar Singh Bharath, Narendra Singh Solanki and other leaders addressed the gathering. DEC concluded with Vote of thanks to the participants.

## **HELPING HAND BY WREU/ADI**

During the Torrential rain and Inundation occurred at various places in Adi division on 26-08-2024, large number of employees and passengers stranded without food and water. Team WREU under the leadership of Com. Ghanshyam Yadav, Hariram Meena, Sanjay Suryabali and other Divisional Office bearers and branch leaders distributed food packets and water bottles at MALB'A Cabin, LC 98 MALB, MALB station, medical, Signal and TRD staff. On this difficult situation DRM-ADI and the entire team of administration has made all possible steps for helping the flood affected employees and their families by providing adequate aid from the available source.

Railway Sentinel congratulate team WREU/ADI, DRM and the administration for its helping hand and noble work at the difficult situation for the people badly affected with inundation.

## **HELPING HAND BY WREU/BRC**

Due to the heavy rain on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 the city of Baroda and the neighbouring areas flooded with 5ft to 9ft water level. Due to the unprecedented torrential rain and the flood badly damaged the households and foodgrains lead to scarcity of food and water to the people living in Railway colonies and adjacent areas. The team WREU lead by Com. Santosh Pawar, Sanjay Pawar, Sunil Kumar, Sunil Bhagat, Ravikant, K.L.Meena, Govind Vivek and others has arranged food packets, milk, water and other requisite aid to the Railwaymen and their families residing in Railway colonies at VS, PRTN, DJW, KRCA, RNO, BRCP and BRCY 'D' Cabin. Team WREU in coordination with SSE(W) has drained out the flood water with mechanised system. They also helped to restore the electricity in railway colonies with the help of Electrical department and Local Political leaders. DRM-BRC, Sr. DPO and the whole administration has assured to the union for providing all sort of help to the needy people. Administration ordered to conduct a survey of flood

affected railway quarters by a nominated team to take a stock of the situation so as to provide requisite aid from Staff Benefit Fund or any other source.

Railway Sentinel congratulates the team WREU/BRC, DRM, Sr. DPO and the whole administration for timely help to the people affected with flood and arranging requisite aid to them.

### AWARENESS MEETING ON UPS HELD AT ADI

Com. R.C.Sharma, Dinesh Panchal held a meeting on Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) and its awareness on 28-08-2024 at ADI division. Com. Ghanshyam Yadav, Sanjay Suryabali and Gaur De were present along with a large number of NPS employees. Com. R.C.Sharma has narrated the details of OPS, NPS and UPS and also the ever first meeting held by the Standing Committee members of NC-JCM (Staff Side) with Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modi ji at his residence. Com. R.C.Sharma told the gathering that after issuance of detailed notification on UPS by the Government of India further course of action shall be decided by WREU/AIRF and JCM.

### CABINET APPROVES UNIFIED PENSION SCHEME (UPS)

You all are aware that AIRF have formed JFROPS on 19-01-2023 for cancellation of NPS and restoration of OPS. It has held a signature campaign during January and February 2023 and submitted to President of India. JFROPS held agitational programmes on 21-01-2024, 21-02-2024, 21-04-2024, 21-05-2024, 21-06-2024 and 21-07-2024 and held a Mass Protest Rally in Ram Leela Maidan, New Delhi on 10-08-2024.

The Government of India looking to the demand of Railwaymen and other Central Government employees have constituted a Committee headed by Shri T.V.Somnathan, Secretary Finance for improvement of NPS. The Standing Committee-AIRF met thrice the Committee on 09-06-2023, 05-07-2023 and 15-07-2024. The Joint Forum (JFROPS) decided to go on an indefinite strike from 01-05-2024 for abolition of NPS and restoration of OPS to all Central and State Government employees. The T.V. Somanathan Committee had a meeting with Standing Committee of NC(JCM) on 15-07-2024 and briefed the draft proposal for improvement in NPS and assured for submitting its report to the Central Government very soon. The Cabinet have accepted the recommendations of the Committee which are as under:-

- (i) **Assured Pension** - 50% of the average basic pay drawn over the last 12 months prior to superannuation for a minimum qualifying service of 25 years. This pay is to be proportionate for lesser service period up to a minimum of 10 years of service.
- (ii) **Assured Family Pension** @ 60% of pension of the employee immediately before her/his demise.
- (iii) **Assured Minimum Pension** @ 10,000 per month on superannuation after minimum 10 years of service.
- (iv) **Inflation Indexation** on Assured Pension, Family Pension and Assured Minimum Pension.  
**Dearness Relief**, based on All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (AICPI-IW), as in case of serving employees.
- (v) Lump sum payment at Superannuation in addition to gratuity 1/10th of monthly emoluments (pay + DA) as on the date of Superannuation for every completed six months of service this payment will not reduce the quantum of assured pension.

Completed six months of service this payment will not reduce the quantum of assured pension. Western Railway Employees' Union have circulated the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) for awareness to all employees and advised for waiting till issue of notification by the Government of India.

**NOTIFICATION FOR SECRET BALLOT ELECTIONS (SBE-III) FOR RECOGNITION OF TRADE UNION ON INDIAN RAILWAYS**

Railway Board issued Notification vide No.2024/SBEC-III/Elections dated 30-08-2024 for holding the Secret Ballot Elections for recognition of Trade Union on Indian Railways.

<b>STAGES IN ELECTION PROCESS</b>	<b>TIMELINES</b>
Uploading of Final Modalities	09-09-2024
Issue of Election Notification by Zonal Railways	10-09-2024
Issue of Uniform Draft Voters List (DVL) (As per provisions and Format given in Final Modalities)	23-09-2024
Last Date for submission of Representations against Draft Voters List	01-10-2024
Last Date for Uploading Final Voters List	18-10-2024
Last Date for Filling of Nominations	1-10-2024 To 25-10-2024
Last Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	11-11-2024
Last Date for Display of Nominations	11-11-2024 (post 18.00 hrs)
Last Date for Withdrawal of Nominations	14-11-2024
Last Date for Display of Final list of Nominations	14-11-2024 (post 18.00 hrs)
Polling Dates	04, 05 & 6 <sup>th</sup> December, 2024
Re-Polling (if to be held on)	10-12-2024
Counting of Votes and Declaration of Results	12-12-2024

**GM PNM ACHIEVEMENTS**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
89/2023	Adequate accommodation provided
106/2023	NDA have been granted to the Health Inspectors of RTM division
107/2023	Compassion under WC Act have been approved by the Competent Authority
112/2023	APARs have been updated by ADI division
20/2024	Advised to upgrade the IPAS System as regard to Classification of cities.
34/2024	Vacant post of JE/SSE(Drawing)-RJT division will be filled up
38/2024	Requisite Safety Tool kits provided to the Assistants- TMC-BVP division.
40/2024	JPO drawn in between PCPO and PFA issued vide No.E(S)1054/NPS/2024/JPO dated 08-08-2024
41/2024	On receipt of applications for Financial Assistance on account of serious ailment twice a year will be decided.
52/2024	All pending cases of AFS Awards have been granted in Rajkot division.
53/2024	Vacant post of Lab Technician (HQ control post) at RJT will be filled up.
57/2024	Vacant post of Officers will be filled up
66/2024	Air condition provided in TT Rest Room at KOTA and action initiated for MAO
80/2024	Selection proceedings will be expedited
81/2024	Mutual transfer applications will be forwarded
87/2024	JPO drawn in between PCPO and PFA issued vide No.E(S)1054/NPS/2024/JPO dated 08-08-2024

## GENERAL SECRETARY/AIRF'S REPRESENTATIONS

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/MACPS (234) dated 02-07-2024 addressed to Director General (HR), Railway Board regarding Regulation of Financial I upgradation under MACP's to those staff who were promoted between 01.01.2006 and 29.08.2008 with the benefit of fixation of pay in the grades which stand merged and replaced with common grade pay pursuant to recommendation of the 6<sup>th</sup> CPC.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/263 (240) dated 03-07-2024 addressed to Director General (HR), Railway Board regarding Extension of timeline for completion of APAR for the years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-23.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/64(248) dated 08-07-2024 addressed to Director General (HR), Railway Board regarding Provision of replacement panel for recruitment against Cultural (level-2) and Scouts & Guides (level-1 & 2) quota.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/88(278) dated 31-07-2024 addressed to Member (Infrastructure) regarding Allocation of Sufficient Funds for Western Railway's Railway Quarters Maintenance and Construction under Plan Head 51 for 2024-25.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/55(280) dated 01-08-2024 addressed to Director General (HR), Railway Board regarding provision of Trolley Bags to Loco Pilots and Train Managers (Guards) in lieu of Line Boxes.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/7(Policy)(295) dated 14-08-2024 addressed to Director General (HR), Railway Board regarding Extension of facilities granted to Office Bearers of Recognized Union in SBF.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/101(283) dated 30-08-2024 addressed to The DG(R.H.S) regarding Grant of Medical facility to Quasi-Administrative Staff and other categories of the staff in the absence of UMID Card.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/116(166)(284) dated 31-08-2024 addressed to Director General (HR), Railway Board regarding Allotment of Railway Quarters on the basis of HRA of couple who occupied the Railway Quarters on sharing basis.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/44(43)(285) dated 31-08-2024 addressed to The Member (Finance) regarding Grant of Invalid Pension – Ref-Clarification.

## RAILWAY BOARD ORDERS

ED Finance (Exp.), Railway Board vide letter No.F(X)I/2012/23/9 dated 20-05-2024 addressed to the Chairman Central Board of Direct Taxes, New Delhi regarding exemption of TA portion of Kilometrage allowance from the purview of Income Tax in the case of running staff in railways.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(D&A)2019RG6-1 dated 16-07-2024 issued orders regarding Railway Servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1968- Choice of retired Railway servant as Defence Helper – Conditions regarding

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(GP)2022/2/4 dated 22-07-2024 regarding Promotions to Group 'B' posts on Indian Railways – Centralized Computer Based Test (CBT) in all departments having Organized Services – 30% LDCE (Special Drive)

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(RB)I/2024/23/41 dated 11-07-2024 constituted a Multi-Disciplinary Committee to deliberate, engage with Federations and submit Holistic Recommendations on the issue/grievances of Loco Running staff raised by the Federations

Railway Board vide its letter No.PC-VII/218 dated 19-07-2021 (RBE No.66/2024) issued orders regarding provision for RELHS and FMA to widow/unmarried/divorced daughters in receipt of Family Pension after demise of both the parents.

Railway Board vide its letter No.22024/TT-IV/12/16 dated 19-07-2024 issued regarding Provision of Trolley Bags to Loco Pilots and Guards.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2022/F(E)II/6/3 dated 24-07-2023 (RBE No.93/2023) regarding Waiver of recovery of excess payment made to Government Servants-General instructions for Ministries /Departments-reg.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(NG)I/2024/Treasurer/15 dated 25-07-2024 issued order regarding Deployment of female ALP/LP and other female staff during advanced stage of pregnancy.

Railway Board issued guidelines vide its letter No.2023/F(E)III/PN 1/1 dated 26-07-2024 regarding Amendment of Rule 9 and 10 of Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993.

Railway Board issued order vide its letter No.PC-VII/2020/R-U/9 dated 29-07-2024 regarding issues related to Paramedical Staff of Railways.

Railway Board issued guidelines vide its letter No.F.No.2024/E(LL)HER/30 dated 30-07-2024 regarding Hours of work and rest of Running staff.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(NG)I/2021/Treasurer/16 dated 02-08-2024 have issued guidelines on Inter-Railway Transfer – Hardships being faced by the staff – Reg.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(NG)I/2023/PM1/15 dated 02-08-2024 issued order regarding General Department Competitive Examination for filling up of 25% to 50% of Direct Recruitment Quota Vacancies in Group 'C' Categories.

Railway Board issued guidelines vide its letter No.E(NG)I-2023/CR/4 dated 02-08-2024 regarding Consideration of representation against “Adverse Remarks' recorded in the APAR (previously known as ACR) communicated to Group 'C' employees on Indian Railways- Review of extant procedure.

Railway Board issued guidelines vide its letter No.E(MPP)2024/AIRF//12 dated 02-08-2024 regarding Manpower issues raised by AIRF.

Railway Board issued clarification vide its letter No.F(E)I/2022/AL-28/38 (PNM/NFIR) dated 06-08-2024 (RBE No.74/2024) regarding Policy for payment of Travelling Allowance, Contingent expenses etc. to retired Railway Personnel for attending DAR inquiries.

Railway Board issued clarification vide its letter No.2024/E(W)/01/08/4 dated 06-08-2024 regarding Clarification for issuance of only fresh Passes after expiry of validity period.

Railway Board issued clarification vide its letter No.2024/E(Sports)/1/116/BBG (EF 3453001) dated 08-08-2024 (RBE No.75/2024) regarding De-recognition of Indian Body Builders Federation (IBBF).

Railway Board vide letter No.E(G)2024/LE1-2 dated 13-08-2024 issued regarding System Improvement suggested by CVC for prevention of false OTA Claims and Swapping of duty by the station staff.

Railway Board vide letter E(NG)I/2024/DP/07 dated 14-08-2024 has issued guidelines on tenure of deputation of Non-gazetted railway employees with PSU's/organizations.

Railway Board vide RBE No.80/2024 dated 16-08-2024 issued clarification regarding promotion/seniority/transfer of staff of Commercial department after merger of 3 categories i.e CC,TC and ECRC.

Railway Board vide its letter No.PC-VI/2023/Misc./03 dated 21-08-2024 has issued clarification regarding Grant of Notional Increment (as due on 1<sup>st</sup> July/1<sup>st</sup> January) for the Pensionary benefits to those employees who had retired on 30<sup>th</sup> of June before drawing the same.

Railway Board vide RBE No.81/2024 dated 21-08-2024 has issued a clarification regarding norms for recruitment of Sports Persons in Indian Railways in Cricket Game Discipline.

Railway Board vide its letter No.RBE 82/2024 dated 23-08-2024 has issued revision of designation of Supervisory staff of Accounts department.

Railway Board vide letter No.PC-VI/2023/Misc./03 Vol. II dated 27-08-2024 has issued clarification regarding Grant of Notional Increment (as due on 1<sup>st</sup> July/1<sup>st</sup> January) for the Pensionary benefits to those employees who had retired on 30<sup>th</sup> of June before drawing the same.

Railway Board vide letter No.2024/E(GR)I/38/1 dated 29-08-2024 issued guidelines regarding Re-engagement of Retired Railway Officers as Consultant.

Railway Board vide letter No.2024/I & Trans. Cell/Healthcare/P dated 29-08-2024 issued guidelines regarding Railway Healthcare Policy.

Railway Board vide letter No.2024/SBEC-III/Elections dated 30-08-2024 issued notification for Secret Ballot Election (SBE-III) for Recognition of Trade Union on Indian Railways and Timeline for the proceedings. According to the Notification polling for Secret Ballot Election will be held on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.

### NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMEN/SECRETARIES



**PAREL & MX BRANCH COM. PRAFUL JAMSUNDEKAR, BRANCH SECRETARY:** He was appointed in Railways on 15-10-1997 after completion of 1961 Act Apprenticeship and became member of WREU and rosed to the position of SSE(Electrical). He was elected as Treasurer of the Branch in 2020 thereafter elected as Branch Secretary on 23-01-2024. He is very active and popular in the cadre of 1961 Act Apprentices of batch 1993-1996 recruited in Parel and MX workshop. Railway Sentinel wishes him for his future endeavor.



GM PNM Meeting 21st & 22nd August, 2024



Com. R.C. Sharma addressing Meeting in Ahmedabad Union Office.



HMS National working committee meeting at New Delhi.



12th July, 2024 – Tree Plantation and Meeting.



GM/Western Railway felicitated WREU on World Blood Donation Day



Warm Welcome to Bhosaleji at RTM Station.



Bhosaleji addressing gathering at Bhavnagar Station.



DEC Meeting at Ratlam



WREU won Sr. & Jr. Institute Election at Ratlam





**COM. HARIRAM MEENA, DIVISIONAL CHAIRMAN - ADI** A Post Graduate in M. A. (History) from Rajasthan University. Joined as a Assistant Commercial Clerk in Mumbai Division on Western Railway in May 1991. He has been availed transfer to ADI division thereafter rosed to the position of Deputy SS (Commercial) in ADI division. He has joined WREU from the very first day of his appointment and shouldered the responsibilities of Joint Secretary of KKF Yard and ADI Commercial branch. He was elevated to the Post of Divisional Treasurer in 2016 and continued till July 2024. He has been unanimously selected as Divisional Chairman. Railway Sentinel wishes for his future endeavour.



**COM. GHANSHYAM YADAV, DIVISIONAL SECRETARY - ADI** He has done B. E. (Electrical) from Lucknow and joined Western Railway as JE in BRC division. Subsequently on formation of ADI Division he became a part of ADI division as a DCWI. He joined WREU from the day of his appointment and shouldered the responsibility of Joint Secretary of ADI-II Branch and elevated to the post of Joint Divisional Secretary from 2016 to 2021 and became Divisional Chairman in February 2021. He has attended Oral evidence on behalf of AIRF before the 7<sup>th</sup> CPC. He was unanimously elevated as Divisional Secretary on 31-07-2024. He is very good organizer and popular amongst Technical Supervisors. Railway Sentinel wishes for his future endeavour.

### VETERAN RETIRED

Com. Dinesh Panchal, Divisional Secretary-ADI and Vice President-WREU retired from service on superannuation on 31-07-2024 as Train Manager-Mail/Express after successful completion of 36 years of dedicated service. Com. Dinesh Panchal was appointed as a Goods Guard in BVP division. He immediately joined WREU and subsequently rose to the position of Joint Secretary, Treasurer of DOK branch-BVP division. He was elevated to the post of Joint Divisional Secretary of BVP division in 1995. On formation of ADI division he has been transferred to ADI and became Joint Divisional Secretary of ADI division and unanimously selected as Divisional Chairman in the year 2016 and became Divisional Secretary in 2021 and became Zonal Secretary of AIRF. He was elected as Vice President of WREU. He was a member of WREU Election Tribunal during the period 2019-2021. He has also shouldered the responsibility as Branch Chairman of Sabarmati workshop since 2010. He has successfully catered the assigned duties as Editor of Gujrati and Hindi Railway Sentinel since 1998. He wrote biography of Com. Umraomal Purohit and Com. C.S.Menon in Gujrati language. He was the In-charge of team of Educators of WREU since last 30 years and immensely contributed in the field of training for cadre building and development of youngsters. WREU/AIRF/HMS has nominated him for International Voyage and he successfully participated in various forum/seminars held by ILO/ITUC/ITF at Singapore, Bangkok, Turin, Italy, London and South Korea. Shri Dinesh Panchal is highly devoted and dedicated Union activist and leader. Railway Sentinel wishes him for a happy and healthy retirement life.

### OBITUARY

Shri Nizamuddeen Shaikh, Ex. Station Manager-Andheri and Former Chairman/WREU-ADH branch expired on 30-08-2024. Almighty may give strength and courage to the bereaved family to overcome the difficult situation. Railway Sentinel paid homage to the departed soul.