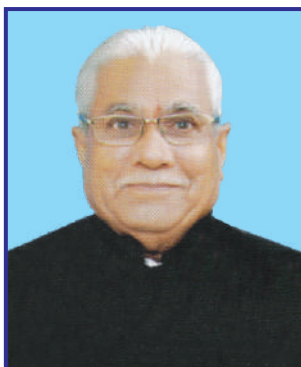




**WE WISH YOU & YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS A VERY HAPPY &
PROSPEROUS DIWALI & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025**



From the Desk of Editor



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Dear Subscribers and Railwaymen,

The Railway Ministry have decided to conduct Secret Ballot Election (SBE-III) for recognition of Trade Unions on Indian Railway. Western Railway Employees' Union have filed a nomination on 03-10-2024. We have requested **WREU'S FLAG** as our Symbol for Secret Ballot Election. The Modalities circulated by SBEC vide their Notification 2024/SBEC-III/Elections dated 09-09-2024 and subsequently notified by Returning Officer & PCPO Western Railway vide letter No.EU1160/SBE/2024 dated 09-10-2024. All details have been covered under circular No.22/2024 dated 03-10-2024 issued by me such as information in regard to eligibility to contest, eligibility of voters, Code of Discipline in the election period, necessary valid authorities for exercising voting right, eligibility for Postal

Ballot, duties of Polling Agents, Counting Agents, responsibility of Branches during the election process and everything is covered under the circular. All concerned should go through WREU's circular No.22/2024 and act accordingly for successive victory of Western Railway Employees' Union in Election to be held on 4th, 5th & 6th December, 2024. It is once again reiterated that general voting will be held on 4th & 5th December, 2024 between 08.00 to 18.00 hrs and there will be voting of left-over running staff on 06-12-2024 from 08.00 to 18.00 hrs. The last date for publishing the voters list was 18-10-2024. We have requested the Returning Officer and PCPO-CCG for providing Booth wise Voter's list of all the Units. All concerned should ensure that they have received the Booth wise Voters list. In case of any discrepancy or short comings should bring to our notice immediately for taking necessary action for your help. The last date for filing the nomination was 25-10-2024. Final list of contesting unions will be issued after final scrutiny on 11-11-2024 by the Returning Officer and PCPO-CCG. It is reliably known that 6 to 7 Unions have filed nominations. On finalization of list of contesting Unions by the Returning Officer-CCG, names of contesting unions will be advised to all through a special circular. We have conducted two Working Committee Meetings, i.e., on 24-10-2024 Online and physical Working Committee Meeting held on 27-10-2024 at BRC and discussed strategies and actions to be taken by branches, divisions and HQ office for a very good performance and for emerging victorious as No.1 in the SBE-III.

I hope that WREU cadre will dedicatedly work day and night with consistency for our victory in the coming Election to be held on 4th, 5th & 6th December, 2024

I earnestly appeal to all serving railwaymen to vote in favour of Western Railway Employees' Union by stamping on our election symbol "Flag of WREU" and allow this union to continue its 104 years dedicated services in same manner in future also.



WREU FILED NOMINATION FOR SBE-III



MEETING AT PAREL W/SHOP &
J. P. CHOUBEYJI DEATH ANNIVERSARY



SANJAY KAPOOR'S
FAREWELL FUNCTION AT DAHOD

WREU FILED NOMINATION FOR SBE-III

Com. J.R.Bhosale accompanied by Vikas Gupte, Prashant Kanade, Rajan P., Jitendra Singh, Shaikh Nasir, Mahendra Rathore, Rajshekhar Menon, Praful Jamsandekar, Shivaji Palve, Geeta Pandoria, Manisha Dhangar and other leaders of Mumbai division, GLO & Accounts Branch-CCG, Parel w/shop and EMU-POH w/shop filed nomination of WREU for the Secret Ballot Election to be held on 4th, 5th & 6th December, 2024. Thereafter a huge gathering of comrades held in the premises of General Manager office was addressed by Com. J. R. Bhosale and other senior leaders and flag off the election campaign. Com. J. R. Bhosale advised the cadre to work hard with proper planning and to concentrate on man to man contact in the field to attain the target of maximum votes in favour of WREU.

WREU STARTED ITS FULL-FLEDGED CAMPAIGNING FOR SBE-III

Leaders of all divisions and non-divisional branches has started campaigning, meetings and gatherings for the SBE-III to be held on 4th, 5th & 6th December, 2024. Divisional Secretaries, Chairman and other senior leaders have visited branches and the field and held planning meetings with branches. The entire cadre enthusiastically and actively continuing the campaigning for the election. Youth and Women's wing of all divisions are actively participating in the campaigning.

GS/WREU VISITS PAREL W/Shop, MUMBAI DIVISION AND CHURGHGATE

Com. J. R. Bhosale after his meeting with Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modiji on 24TH August, 2024 visited Parel Workshop and addressed mass gathering of Youth at on 03-09-2024. He addressed the gathering of Mumbai division on 05.09.2024, a mass gathering at Churchgate old building and new building in Godbole Hall on 07.09.2024. Employee appointed after 01.01.2004 have shown their interest in attending and participating in these meetings due to important issues of NPS/UPS. Com. Bhosale ji explained in detail how social security of the employees improved since 1920. The Provident Fund was started in 1920. Pension Scheme was introduced in Indian Railway in 1950, Pension Scheme was further improved with w.e.f. 01.04.1957, Family Pension introduced in 1964, CCS Pension Rule introduced in 1972. Payment of Dearness Allowance @ Rs 5 to 25 with effect from 01.01.1973 as per the recommendations of 3rd CPC. Payment of Dearness Allowance @ 50 % of the serving employees to the pensioners. Full payment of DA on Family Pension and salary of CG appointees w.e.f. 01.01.1996. Revision of Pension and Family Pension as on 01.01.1986, 01.01.1996, 01.01.2006 and 01.01.2016, increase in pension and family pension after attaining the age of 80, 85, 90, 95 and 100 w.e.f. from 01.01.2016. Family Pension to handicapped son and daughters beyond the age of 25 years, Family Pension to unmarried, divorced and widow daughters, medical facilities, passes and Family Pension to them after the demise of both the beneficiaries were achieved. Com. Bhosale explained in detail the benefits of provisional Family Pension in case of death in service for NPS beneficiaries, payment of Gratuity to employees covered under NPS. He also narrated in detail about continuous fight of AIRF against the NPS and PFRDA since 01.01.2004. The AIRF's pivotal role in formation of JFROPS on 28.01.2023 & briefly mentioned about the agitations on the call of AIRF, submission of petition to Hon'ble President of India in the month of February, 2023. Agitational Programmes on 21.02.2023, 21.03.2023, 21.04.2023, 21.05.2023 'Mashal Julus' in Railway Colonies, 21st June 2023 memorandum handed over to Hon'ble Governor's in all states and rally of more than 2 lacs railwaymen at Ramlila maidan in New Delhi for demanding OPS were explained in detail. While concluding the meetings at all the places he explained about the approval of UPS by the Cabinet. Details of UPS will be available after the Gazette notification is issued by Government. It has been assured that the WREU/AIRF will study and take all corrective actions required for bringing labour friendly Pension/Family Pension Scheme. Com. Venu P. Nair, General Secretary, Central & Konkan Railways attended and guided the participants of Mumbai area in 5th September, 2024 meeting. Prashant Kanade, Rajan.P, Vikas Gupte, Uday Khot, Prafull Jamsandekar, Shivaji Palve, Shaikh Nasir, Mahendra Rathore, Rajshekhar Menon, Jaidev Vagaria and all activists of WREU at all these 3 places have taken lot of pain for making these meetings a grand success.

MEETING OF YOUTH AND SUPERVISORS AT BRC DIV. & PRTN W/Shop

Com. J. R. Bhosale addressed a gathering of Youth at Baroda in Union hall on 12-09-2024 in which large number of youths attended. Gathering was also addressed by Com. Santosh Pawar, Sanjay Pawar and Aditya Morya. Com. Ramkesh Meena, Tech-II/TRS Shed and Hitesh Parmar, Tech-I/TMC depot were unanimously elected as Secretary and Chairman of Youth Committee, Baroda division. He also addressed a meeting of Supervisors at the same venue. Com. Bhosale in his address in both the meetings narrated the improvements achieved through negotiations in OPS from time to time. He further explained about AIRF's pivotal role in formation of JFROPS on 28.01.2023 and briefly mentioned about the agitations held on the clarion call of AIRF since submission of Petition to the Hon'ble President of India in the month of February, 2023 and subsequent agitational programmes on 21st of every month from February to May of each month and a huge rally of more than 2 lacs railwaymen at Ramlila maidan in New Delhi for demanding OPS. In the supervisors meeting he mentioned about Upgradation of Supervisory cadre w.e.f. 01-12-2022 to GP 4800/- and thereon to GP 5400/-. He narrated the efforts of WREU and AIRF for grant of upgradation to the left-over categories. Com. Bhosale emphasized about the meeting held at National level and the decision of Government of India for introduction of UPS (Unified Pension Scheme) for the Central Government employees. He also narrated the pros and cons of NPS and UPS and advised the gathering to wait till the notification is issued by the Government on UPS to decide upon further course of action. The gathering was also addressed by Com. Bharat Makwana and Jitendra Prasad at PRTN.

GENERAL SECRETARY VISITED RATLAM & DAHOD

Com. J. R. Bhosale visited Ratlam division and Dahod workshop on 30-09-2024 and addressed the branch and divisional office bearers of Ratlam division in the morning hours in Union hall. He addressed the gathering of comrades at Dahod in Sr. Railway Institute in the evening hours and discussed various organizational matters. He also attended the retirement function of Com. Sanjay Kapoor, AGS & Branch Chairman-DHD workshop.

GENERAL SECRETARY VISITED AT SURENDRANAGAR, RAJKOT & HAPA

Com. J.R. Bhosale visited at Surendranagar on 25-10-2024 and addressed a mass gathering of employees in presence of Com. Nikhil Joshi, Mayur Gadhavi, Jitendra Satapara and other leaders of division and branches. Com. Bhosale ji narrated the details of NPS viz a viz UPS and its pros and cons. He has requested the cadre to strengthen its solidarity for future struggle to achieve the demands. He asked to improve man to man contacts for the ensuing Union election to be held on 4th, 5th & 6th December, 2024. Large number of Youth especially NPS employees participated in the meeting held at Surendranagar, Rajkot and Hapa.

GENERAL SECRETARY VISITED AT PORBANDER AND VERAVAL

Com. J.R. Bhosale visited Porbandar and Veraval on 26-10-2024. He has addressed mass gathering of NPS employees at both the places in presence of Com. S. K. Srivastava, Ajayrajsingh Gohil and other office bearers of BVP division and branches. Com. Bhosale in his address asked the cadre for organizing pocket meetings and man to man contacts with proper planning for the Union election to be held on 4th, 5th & 6th December, 2024. Com. Bhosale ji narrated the details of meetings held at National Level with AIRF and JCM National Council with the nominated Committee for Pension review chaired by Shri T. V. Somanathan, Secretary Finance. Com. Bhosale ji asked the Youths to keep faith on WREU and strengthen its Unity for struggle and achieving the demands.

WREU PAID RICH TRIBUTE TO COM. J. P. CHOUBEY JI

Shradhanjali Sabha held by WREU in all divisions over Western Railway on 03-09-2024 and paid rich tribute to Com. J. P. Choubey ji on his 16th Death Anniversary by lighting a lamp before the portrait of Com. J. P. Choubey ji and pouring rose petals. Com. J. R. Bhosale and other Zonal and Divisional Office bearers paid a rich tribute to late Com. Choubey ji in a meeting held at Lower Parel workshop-Mumbai on 03-09-2024. Large number of railwaymen attended the Shradhanjali Sabha, Com. J. R. Bhosale has remembered the achievements attained by the AIRF during the leadership of Com. Choubey ji.

CABINET APPROVED 78 DAYS PLB TO RAILWAYMEN

As a result of continuous persuasion of AIRF, THE Union Cabinet chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji has approved payment of PLB of 78 days to the railway employees amounting to Rs. 17951/- for the year 2023-2024.

GATHERING OF TICKET CHECKING STAFF

A gathering of Ticket Checking staff of Mumbai division held on 25-09-2024 at PREM office-Mumbai Central and discussed various grievances and increasing manhandling cases of Suburban section with Division Secretary and Division Chairman in which large number of male and female Ticket Checking staff working in Suburban section were present. Com. Nelson Moses, B. P. N. Nair and Geeta Pandoria explained various problems faced by Ticket Checking staff working in Local squads on Suburban section. Com. Prashant Kanade and Jitendra Singh assured the gathering to bring the matter to the notice of Sr. DCM and DRM for earlier redressal.

NATIONAL PHARMACIST DAY HELD BY MUMBAI DIVISION

On the occasion of National Pharmacist Day on 25-09-2024, Comrades of Mumbai division felicitated the Pharmacists working in Jagjeevan Ram Hospital, Mumbai Central and Health Units at Churchgate, Mumbai Central, Lower Parel, Bandra, Borivali, Valsad, Surat, Udhana, Nadurbar and Amalner with flower bouquets.

WREU CELEBRATED NATIONAL ENGINEERS DAY

WREU-BVP held a gathering of Supervisors on the occasion of National Engineers Day on 15-09-2024 which was addressed by Com. S. K. Srivastava, Ajayrajsingh Gohil and others. Similar gathering was held by WREU-PRTN workshop branch in the union office premises in which large number of supervisors attended.

PROTEST MEETING HELD BY HMS-GUJARAT

On the call of Joint Forum of Central Trade Unions, a protest meeting held by HMS-Gujarat on 23-09-2024 at Sardar Bhag, Lal Darwaza, Ahmedabad in protest of Anti-Labour policies of Central Government. Com. Dinesh Panchal, R. C. Sharma and other leaders of WREU/ADI joined the protest.

PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION – SURAT HELD ITS AGM

Pensioners Association, Surat affiliated to WREU and Railway Pensioners Welfare Federation of AIRF held its AGM at Hotel Yuvraj, Opp. Railway Station Surat on 26-10-2024. Large number of Pensioners/Family Pensioners attended the conference. Com. I. L. Patel, President of the Association welcomed all the distinguished guests and participants. The organizers felicitated Pensioners/Family Pensioners of 80 years of age and above with Shawl and Floral bouquet. Com. R. P. Gupta and Rajan P. attended the conference and addressed the gathering. In their speech they have narrated the achievements attained for the Pensioners/Family Pensioners by WREU and AIRF. Organizers felicitated Com. Ashwin Rana, SSE (C&W) ST, Branch Secretary, Surat and Joint Divisional Secretary, Mumbai Division superannuating from service in October 2024. Com. R. A. Sharma, Vice Chairman of Surat branch has beautifully anchored the meeting. The organizers thanked the leadership of WREU and AIRF for its continuous struggle for redressal of grievances of Pensioners/Family Pensioners.

COM. DINESH PANCHAL NOMINATED AS MEMBER OF RAC OF DTNB

Com. Dinesh Panchal, Zonal Vice President and Education Director of Western Railway Employees Union is nominated as member of the Regional Advisory Committee of Dattopant Thengadi National Board for Labour Education and Development (Ministry of Labour) from Hind Mazdoor Sabha on 03-09-2024 in the meeting held by the Regional Director, National Board for Labour Education and Development (Ministry of

Labour) at ADI conducted by Shri Mohan Chand Sen, Regional Director and the meeting was chaired by Shri Jignesh Majumdar of Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh. Com. Dinesh Panchal has been assigned to organize Awareness programmes especially for the Contract workers working in the railways. Railway Sentinel greets him.

WORKING COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF WREU

A preparatory **Online** Meeting of Working Committee of WREU held on 24-10-2024 through Google Meet. During the meeting Com. J. R. Bhosale, R. C. Sharma has guided all divisions and non-divisional branches for a proper preparation and planning for the ensuing SBE-III to be held on 4th, 5th & 6th December, 2024. **Physical** Working Committee Meeting of WREU held at Baroda on 27-10-2024. The meeting was chaired by Com. R. C. Sharma. All Working Committee Members were present in the meeting and discussed in detail about the preparations and planning made at Branch level as well as booth level. Com. Bhosale ji and R. C. Sharma ji guided all the participants and advised them to speed up the field work and man to man contacts and also to activate the branches. All the Working Committee member actively participated for planning campaigning programmes all over Western Railway.

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON TECHNOLOGY AND WORKERS RIGHTS

Com. Santosh Pawar, General Secretary, HMS Gujrat State, AGS-WREU and Com. Anita J. Satpute, National Working Committee Member HMS attended 3 days training programme from 15.10.2024 to 17.10.2024 on Technology and Workers Rights and the role of trade unions in a changing landscape organized by ITC-ILO in Singapore. The programme focused on three key areas (1) The impact of digital transformation on workers, (2) Emerging challenges for trade unions in addressing these changes, (3) Strategies for unions to advocate worker's rights in the digital age. The programme was highly informative and inspirational, fostering awareness among workers about their rights and adapting to digital transformation, Mr. Rafael Mapalo, Mr. Michel & Mr. Ravi delivered insightful lectures.

HMS/FES TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR YOUTHS

Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS) and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) jointly conducted a “Training Programme for Young Trade Union Leaders for Tomorrow on contemporary Labour Issues” on 26th and 27th October, 2024 at NUSI Resort, Lonavala (Maharashtra). Com. Harbhajan Singh Sidhu, National General Secretary HMS inaugurated the programme in presence of Shri Anup Srivastav, Sr. Programme Adviser, FES, Smt. Christine Nathan, Member, HMS Executive Committee, Smt. Champa Verma, Secretary, HMS & Chairperson, HMS National Women Committee, Com. Sanjay Vadhavkar, General Secretary, HMS Maharashtra State Council, Com. Ravinder Reddy, Jt. General Secretary, All India Defence Employees Federation, Bro. Mahendra Sharma, Ex ITF India Co-Ordinator, Com. Amandeep Singh Sidhu, President, HMS National Youth Committee and Com Milind Kandalgaokar, General Secretary & Treasurer of NUSI, the host union. Topics such as, Overview of Socio-Economic Perspectives in our Country, Future of Work and its implications at the Workplace, Increasing Women Participation in Work, Trade Unions and Improving Care infrastructure, Young Trade Unionists Priorities and Developing Leadership Skills for Better Tomorrow, Understanding the Climate Implications on Labour, Need for a New Social Contract etc., were discussed. A Panel discussion on “Increasing Unemployment & challenges in the changing Scenario before Youths of India” was held. Western Railway Employees' Union had nominated Com. Kavita V. Deolekar, Youth Chairperson, PL/MX Workshop Branch & Com. Rajendra M. Deore, Youth Convener, Coach Care Centre, BCT who have participated and express their views and also effectively were involved in Buzz Discussion and Group Work. Com. Vikas Gupte, Zonal Treasurer attended the same on the first day and motivate the participants. In the evening of 26th NRMU (C.Rly.) Lonavla Branch organized a grand Youth Rally which was addressed by the Sr. HMS leaders and Com. Venu Nair, General Secretary, NRMU – CR/KR.

GENERAL SECRETARY/AIRF'S REPRESENTATIONS

General Secretary/AIRF vide letter No. AIRF/97(XV)-(257) (294) dated 05-09-2024 addressed to Chairman & CEO, Railway Board in continuation of earlier letter dated 31-07-2023 regarding Payment of Night Duty Allowance (NDA) to Railway employees upgraded to GP Rs.4800/- (Pay Level 8 of the 7th CPC).

General Secretary/AIRF vide letter No. AIRF/382(296) dated 08-09-2024 addressed to Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding Provision of one/two month pay as “Advance” as flood relief or relief for other natural calamities to the staff affected with flood or other natural calamities.

General Secretary/AIRF vide letter No. AIRF/05 dated 09-09-2024 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding Extension of benefits of Delhi High Court's order dated 18-12-2019 in WP (C) No.1523/2016 to all Members of AIRASA as clarified by the High Court Order dated 11-01-2024.

General Secretary/AIRF vide letter No. AIRF/517(399) dated 28-10-2024 addressed to The Director General (HR), Railway Board regarding Reservations to PwBD employees in promotion.

General Secretary/AIRF vide letter No. AIRF/30(342) dated 21-10-2024 addressed to The Member (Infra.), Railway Board regarding Revision of Incentive Bonus for SSEs in workshop and PUs.

General Secretary/AIRF vide letter No. AIRF/163(338) dated 21-10-2024 addressed to The Member (O&BD), Railway Board regarding Critical Issues Pertaining to Running Staff -Assistant Loco Pilots, Loco Pilots, Chief Loco Inspector and Train Managers etc. on Indian Railway.

General Secretary/AIRF vide letter No. AIRF/PNM/16/2021(340) dated 21-10-2024 addressed to The Director General (HR), Railway Board requesting for enhancement Lateral Induction Quota of Track Maintainers from existing 10% to 20%.

REPRESENTATION BY SECRETARY NC-JCM (STAFF SIDE)

Secretary-National Council (Staff Side) vide letter No.NC/JCM/2024 dated 04-09-2024 addressed to The Cabinet Secretary, Govt. of India & to the secretary, DoPT regarding Coverage Under Railway Services (Pension)Rules, 1993 in place of National Pension System, to those employees appointed against compassionate ground against vacancies existing on or before 22-12-2023.

Secretary -National Council (Staff Side) vide his letter No.NC-JCM-2024/DOPT(Inc.) in the month of September, 2024 addressed to the Secretary(Personnel), DOP&T and The Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India has requested to issue necessary orders in the light of the Judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court for grant of Notional Increment for the purpose of Pensionary benefits to the employees retired on the last working day of June/December.

Secretary -National Council (Staff Side) vide his letter No.NC-JCM-2024/DOPT(Inc.) in the month of September, 2024 addressed to the Secretary (DOP&T), Government of India and requested to issue clarification with amendment in the CCS(Leave) Rules 1972 and also to withdraw the DOP&T's OM dated 27-06-2017 and to facilitate the re-employed retired staff for encashment of earned leave while on retirement from re-employed service.

Secretary-National Council (Staff Side) vide his letter No.NC-JCM-2024/CS/PM in the month of September, 2024 addressed to Shri Narendra Modi ji, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Government of India and requested for extension of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (ABPM-JAY) as an additional benefit to the beneficiaries of CGHS and ECHS. He also requested to convene a meeting with the

Staff Side of NC-JCM to discuss and to take a favourable decision which will benefit the Senior Citizen who are members of CGHS and ECHS.

RAILWAY BOARD ORDERS

Railway Board vide letter No.2023/LMB-I/9/Misc/PH-51 dated 04-09-2024 has issued clarification regarding Allocation of sufficient funds for Western Railway's staff quarters maintenance and construction under Plan Head 51 for 2024-25.

Chairman/CEO, Railway Board vide letter No.2024/EnHM/06/07 dated 05-09-2024 addressed to General Manager regarding Monitoring of stations cleanliness activities in all Divisions/Zones of Indian Railways.

Railway Board vide RBE No.101/2024 dated 24-10-2024 has issued guidelines for Conferring the power to relax the spells of Child Care Leave (CCL) to the leave Sanctioning Authority.

Railway Board vide its letter No. 2024/E(W)/01/08/6 dated 25-10-2024 addressed to all Zonal Railways regarding revised validity of Privilege passes/PRCP/Widow Passes and PTOs from 120 days to 60 days w.e.f. 01-11-2024.

Railway Board vide its letter No. PC-VII/2024/HRMS/38 dated 17-10-2024 addressed to General Manager/HRMS for Launch of Duty Pass Module in HRMS on pilot basis.

Railway Board vide its letter No. E(W)2020/PS5-1/7 dated 15-10-2024 regarding Grant of Notional higher pay level to Running Staff for the limited purpose of Pass/PTO entitlement.

Railway Board vide its letter No. PC-VII/2018/I/7/5/6(Part) dated 28-10-2024 has issued clarification regarding revision of two additional increments (non-absorbable) granted to Nursing Staff on 7th CPC Pay Structure.

VETERAN RETIRED

1. **Com. Sanjay Kapoor**, MCF, Branch Chairman-DHD workshop and AGS/WREU retired on superannuation on 30-09-2024. He has joined WREU as a Member on his joining in Railways and became Branch Secretary and thereon Branch Chairman and subsequently elected to the post of Assistant General Secretary-WREU. He was a member of Working Committee of AIRF. Com. Bhosale attended his retirement function arranged by his family members on the day of his superannuation and praised his selfless services in WREU. Railway Sentinel wishes him for a happy and healthy retirement life.
2. **Com. Ashwin Rana**, SSE(C&W) Surat, Branch Secretary-Surat and Joint Division Secretary-Mumbai division retired on superannuation on 31-10-2024. He was very active in organizing the staff at C&W-Surat and other departments. He was Centre Pivot in organizing various Agitational programmes, Protest Meetings and Dharnas cordially with Udhana – Surat branches. He was very popular amongst the cadre at non-suburban sections. Railway Sentinel wishes him for a happy and healthy retirement life.
3. **Com. Perin Sophiya Harsh**, ANO, Ex AGS of Western Railway Employees' Union & Ex Branch Secretary of Dahod E & M Branch superannuated on 31.10.2024 after putting 37 years meritorious service in railways. She got opportunities for representing Indian Labour issues and particularly of

Women Workers being nominated by AIRF/HMS at the International Level in the seminars and conferences of ITF/ITUC in various countries. Railway Sentinel wishes her for a happy and healthy retirement life.

OBITUARY

Shri Ratan Tata left for heavenly abode on 09.10.2024. He was the son of Naval Tata, who was adopted by Ratanji Tata, son of Jamshedji Tata, the founder of the Tata Group. He graduated from Cornell University College of Architecture with a bachelor's degree in architecture. He joined the Tata Group in 1962. He later succeeded J. R. D. Tata as chairman of Tata Sons upon the latter's retirement in 1991. During his tenure, the Tata Group acquired Tetley, Jaguar Land Rover, and Corus, in an attempt to turn Tata from a largely India-centric group into a global business. His death is great loss to the nation. Railway Sentinel and Western Railway Employees' Union paid homage to the departed soul.

Shri. Sitaram Yechury, left for heavenly abode on 12.09.2024. He joined the CPI(M) in 1975 and was arrested during the emergency for his political activities. He was elected as the General Secretary of the CPI (M) in 2015. Mr. Yechury was elected to the Rajya Sabha for two terms from 2005 to 2017 from West Bengal. He served as the leader of the CPI(M) group in the Upper House of Parliament. In both the period of the United Front government and later the UPA government, Sitaram Yechury was one of the key interlocutors for the CPI(M), which was supporting these coalitions. Railway Sentinel paid homage to the departed soul.

Shri Dave Bappa, ex-chairman of WREU RJT, A veteran leader and a guiding personality for the railway men in their difficult time by providing assistance in DAR left for heavenly abode on 12-10-2024. He continued to help railway men even after his retirement till he breathed last. He was settled at Surendranagar Railway Sentinel paid homage to the departed soul

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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
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
Jun-24	407	4805	400.41	53.17
July-24	411	4814	401.16	53.46
Aug-24	410	4823	401.91	53.74

*Average Price Index for January 2016

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संबद्ध: AIRF - HMS - ITF - ITUC

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WREU

कामगार साथियों:

- ◆ 8वाँ वेतन आयोग 01/01/2026 से लागू करने हेतू;
- ◆ रेल्वे का निजीकरण रोकने हेतू;
- ◆ कैंडर रिस्ट्रक्चरिंग, LDCE, GDCE तथा विशेष कमिटी के माध्यम से सभी कर्मचारियों के पदोन्नति के अवसर बढ़ाने हेतू;
- ◆ रिक्त पदों को भरने के साथ नये कार्यों के लिए नए पदों का सृजन करने हेतू;
- ◆ OPS का संघर्ष जारी रखने हेतू;
- ◆ PLB की भुगतान सीमा बढ़ाने हेतू;
- ◆ काम का समय 6 या 8 घंटे सिमीत करने हेतू;
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