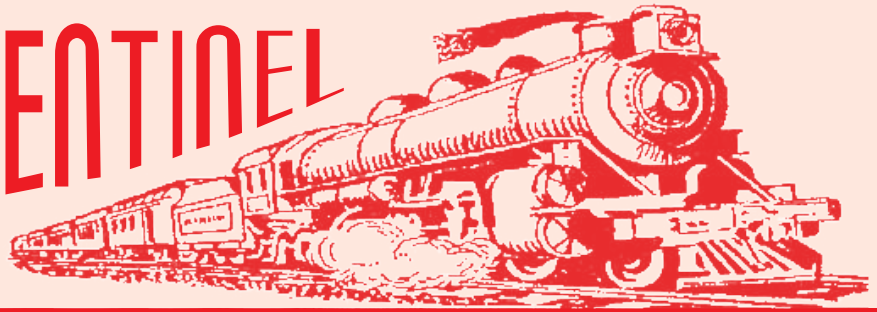


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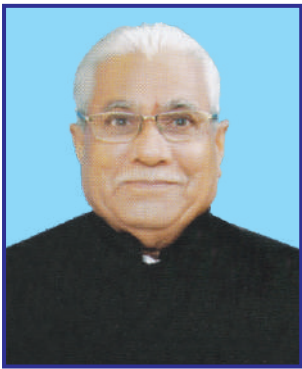
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Dear Subscribers and Railwaymen,

First of all, I wish Happy, Healthy & Prosperous 2025 to all railway employees, members and their families of Western Railway Employees' Union and well-wishers of Railway Sentinel. I wholeheartedly extend my sincere gratitude to the entire cadre of WREU for attaining recognition through the SBE-III held in 4th 5th & 6th December, 2024. As a result of continuous struggle by the affiliates of AIRF and other Central government organizations, the Government of India has announced 8th CPC. Now the Chairman and Members of the 8th CPC and its terms and reference has to be announced. We have to

organize Seminars of different categories in order to prepare an effective Memorandum relevant to all factors pertain to different categories of Railwaymen so as to submit it to the AIRF in time. We have organized Shrandhanjali Sabha and Kamgar Ekta Diwas with a discussion on a topic of Social Security and Retirement Benefits to the Central Government Employees on 27-02-2025 in Jagdish Ajmera Sabhagrah on the occasion of 11th Death Anniversary of Com. Umraomal Purohit ji the Stalwart of WREU, AIRF, HMS and ITF. Smt. Shalini Darbari, PFA and Shri Rajesh Choudhary, CPO(Adm.)-WR addressed the participants on Retirement Benefit and Social Security on 27-02-2025. Large number of employees participated in the Shrandhanjali Sabha and discussion held on the eve of Kamgar Ekta Diwas organized in Jagdish Ajmera Hall. Similarly, most of the divisions and non-divisional units organized Cricket Tournaments and other sports activities such as Carrom, Shuttle badminton Chess etc. during the month of February and March, 2025 on the 11th death Anniversary of Com. Umraomal Purohit ji. Cricket tournaments also held in Baroda, Ratlam, Dahod, Bhavnagar and GLO. Some of the divisions and independent units has held other sports activity like Badminton, Carrom and Chess etc. No doubt sports activities at all level ensures physical endurance of the employees thereon solidarity of the cadre the detailed report are published in this issue. Smt. Nirmala Sitaraman-Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs presented the Union Budget 2025-26 on 01-02-2025 in the Parliament. The Hon'ble Finance Minister announced Revised Tax rate structure in the new tax regime.

Youth Wing of divisions and non-division branches celebrated National Youth Day on the occasion of Swami Vivekanand Jayanti



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
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
Dec-24	413	4890	407.50	55.88

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with Seminars and other programmes. Blood donation camps was also held by Rajkot on 27-02-2025 and Ratlam on 01-03-2025.

Women's wing of Mumbai division, Headquarter, PL workshop and EMU(POH) workshop celebrated Til Gud Samarambh on the occasion of Makar Sankranti at Churchgate and different units in Mumbai division, AIRF Working Committee was held at Chennai on 27/28-01-2025 in which it has been decided to organize Demand Day on 21-02-2025 for creating pressure on Government. Accordingly our cadre staged National Demand Day on 21-02-2025 with Seminars, Dharna and Gate meetings etc. at divisional and branch level with due enthusiasm.

All of you should concentrate on enrolment of Membership for the year 2025 and ensure to complete it before the end of April, 2025 so as to submit the enrolment forms to the concerned offices of respective divisions and non-divisional units for necessary deduction of membership subscription from the Salary of enrolled members.

Once again, I wish you all a Prosperous New Year. We should strengthen our cadre by inducting more youth and women in mainstream in order to struggle for the progress and prospects of Railway employees and families.

National Youth Day & Swami Vivekanand Jayanti

On the occasion of National Youth Day and Swami Vivekanand Jayanti, PL and MX workshop branch organized a blood donation camp in association with JRH Blood bank on 11-01-2025 which was inaugurated by Com. J.R.Bhosale in presence of Shri Parivesh Sahu, CWM-PL, Rupesh Malkhede, Dy. CEE, B.P.Upadhyaya, Dy. CPO(W) and Shri Prasad, Dy. CME(P)-PL. Shri Katavkar, CSS-JRH, Shri Parivesh Sahu, CWM-PL in his speech encouraged the blood donors and appreciated the noble cause done by WREU. Com. J.R.Bhosale also appreciated the leaders and activists including youth and women team for actively conducting the blood donation camp. On this occasion Com. Vikas Gupte, Sayied Jishan Hussain, Prashant Kanade, Milind Thakur, Manisha Dhangar were also present. WREU/PL workshop set a new record by donating 350 units of blood as the highest blood collection in a single camp held in the history of JRH Blood bank. The pathology team from JRH, led by Dr. Yoganand Patil, efficiently collected 350 units of blood and highly appreciated WREU and its efforts.

Youth and Women's team of PL-MX branch successfully organized the blood donation camp under the guidance of Com. Uday Khot, Com. Praful Jamsandekar and Sayyed Hussain. Blood donation Camp held in PRTN (W) where in 80 Blood Unit Collected.

WREU – RTM- celebrated Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary. On this auspicious occasion they have organized a function in which more than 150 youth and women participated. They have been guided by Com. Manohar Barath, Hradish Pandey, Seema Kaushik and Namita Kumayu. Com. Beni Prasad Meena gave thanks to all the participants.

WREU-PRTN Workshop- National Youth day celebrated on 12-01-2025 by the branch and on this occasion held a Blood donation camp which was inaugurated by Shri B.V.S.Prasad, Dy. CME-PRTN workshop in presence of Shri Amit Dhanaware, AWM/PRTN, Dr. Arvind Prasad, ACMS-DRH, Dr. Parag, Sr. Physician-DRH and large number of youth and women participated. The blood donation camp was organized with Dhvani Blood Bank-BRC and 80 units of blood collected from

the camp. The function was successfully organized by the youth team under the guidance of Com. Bharat Makwana and Jitendra Prasad.

KRANTI JYOTI SMT. SAVITRI BAI PHULE JAYANTI

Women's team Parel workshop branch has celebrated Kranti Jyoti Smt. Savitribhai Phule Jayanti on 03-01-2025. Smt. Namrata Arekar, Yoga Trainer inaugurated the function in presence of Com. J.R.Bhosale, Prashant Kanade, Rajan P. Sayied Hussain and other leaders. Women's team leaders Com. Kavita Devlekar and Com. Manisha Dhangar ably organized the function in which large number of women employees of Parel and MX workshop participated.

MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO GENERAL MANAGER

BARODA:- Com. Sanjay Pawar, Com. Aditya Morya and other divisional leaders met Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager -Western Railway on 10-01-2025 on his visit at Baroda division and handed over a Memorandum for staff grievances and discussed in detail.

PRTN workshop: Com. Bharat Makwana, Jitendra Prasad and other office bearers welcomed Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager, Western Railway with flower bouquet on his visit at PRTN workshop on 11-01-2025 and handed over a Memorandum for staff grievances.

RAJKOT:Com.Nikhil Joshi, Mayur Gadhi, Jitendra Satapara and leaders of Rajkot division welcomed with flower bouquet and handed over a Memorandum to Shri Ashok Misra, General Manager -Western Railway on his visit at Rajkot division on 17-01-2025 and discussed.

RATLAM:Com. Manohar Barath, Hradesh Pandey, Seema Kaushik and other senior leaders of the division welcomed Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager-Western Railway with flower bouquet on 24-01-2025 on his visit at Ratlam and handed over a Memorandum for staff grievances and discussed at a length.

BCT- Com. Smita Patel, Sanjay Singh, Hussain Belin, Robinson James, Patel and other leaders of the branches at Valsad welcomed Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager-Western Railway on his visit at Valsad on 11-02-2025 and handed over a Memorandum for staff grievances.

EMU-MX: A delegation led by Com. Shivaji Palve, Kannan and other leaders of the branch welcomed Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager-Western Railway with a floral bouquet on 27-02-2025 on his visit at EMU(POH)-MX and handed over a Memorandum for staff grievances.

TIL-GUD SAMARAMBH

EMU-POH workshop- Women's team of the branch organized Til-Gud Samarambh for women employees on 16-01-2025 in the workshop Auditorium. The function was graced and addressed by Smt. Bhavna Yerne wife of Shri Ram Yerne, ADEE-EMU/POH and Smt. Sweta Gambre, Sr. Manager, State Bank of India -Lower Parel branch, Com. Kavita Devlekar and Com. Manisha Dhangar also addressed the gathering. Com. Prashant Kanade, Vikas Gupte, Uday Khot, Praful Jamsandekar and other leaders of PL-MX branch attended the function.

Women's team of EMU-POH under the guidance of Com. Kannan, Shivaji Palve and others successfully organized the function.

PL Workshop-Women's team held Til-Gud Samarambh with various Cultural programmes in the Canteen hall on 18-01-2025 which was graced by Dr. Sandhya, ACMS-PL, Smt. Pushpalatha, Sr.FA-Parel workshop and Shri Vikas Gupte. On this occasion Cultural team of Parel workshop performed various cultural events.

GLO-CCG-Women's team of the branch organized Til-Gud Samarambh on 28-01-2025 at Godbole Hall. All Women officers of GLO have been participated in the function and exchanged pleasant wishes between all participants with flowers and Til-gud.

BCT division

Women's team of BVI branch led by Com. Suma Murli Rao and others organized Til-Gud Samarambh on 03-02-2025. Com. Geeta Pandoria who was the Chief Guest in the function and large number of women employees of suburban area have participated in the function.

8TH CENTRAL PAY COMMISSION

Central Government has announced formation of 8th Central Pay Commission on 16-01-2025. In reciprocation of announcement Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary/AIRF and Secretary JCM (Staff Side) met Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, Hon'ble Minister of Railways with a floral bouquet and conveyed the gratitude of railwaymen and central government employees to Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on the announcement of 8th CPC.

HIGHLIGHTS OF UNION BUDGET 2025-26

Smt. Nirmala Sitaraman-Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs presented the Union Budget 2025-26 on 01-02-2025 in the Parliament.

The key highlights of the budget are as follows:

Budget Estimates 2025-26

- The total receipts other than borrowings and the total expenditure are estimated at ₹ 34.96 lakh crore and ₹ 50.65 lakh crore respectively.
- The net tax receipts are estimated at ₹ 28.37 lakh crore.
- The fiscal deficit is estimated to be 4.4 per cent of GDP.
- The gross market borrowings are estimated at ₹ 14.82 lakh crore.
- Capex Expenditure of ₹11.21 lakh crore (3.1% of GDP) earmarked in FY2025-26.

Expansion of Capacity in IITs: Additional infrastructure to be created in the 5 IITs started after 2014 to facilitate education for 6,500 more students.

Centre of Excellence in AI for Education: A Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence for education to be set up with a total outlay of ₹ 500 crore.

Expansion of medical education: 10,000 additional seats to be added in medical colleges and hospitals next year, adding to 75000 seats in the next 5 years.

Day Care Cancer Centres in all District Hospitals: Government to set up Day Care Cancer Centres in all district hospitals in the next 3 years, 200 Centres in 2025-26.

Strengthening urban livelihoods:A scheme for socio-economic upliftment of urban workers to help them improve their incomes and have sustainable livelihoods announced.

Urban Challenge Fund:An Urban Challenge Fund of ₹ 1 lakh crore announced to implement the proposals for 'Cities as Growth Hubs', 'Creative Redevelopment of Cities' and 'Water and Sanitation', allocation of ₹ 10,000 crore proposed for 2025-26.

Revised tax rate structure

In the new tax regime, no tax upto 12 lakhs. The revised tax rate structure is as under:

0-4 lakh rupees	Nil
4-8 lakh rupees	5 percent
8-12 lakh rupees	10 percent
12-16 lakh rupees	15 percent
16-20 lakh rupees	20 percent
20- 24 lakh rupees	25 percent
Above 24 lakh rupees	30 percent

- o TDS/TCS rationalization for easing difficulties
- o Rationalization of Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) by reducing number of rates and thresholds above which TDS is deducted.
- o The limit for tax deduction on interest for senior citizens doubled from the present Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh.
- o The annual limit of Rs 2.40 lakh for TDS on rent increased to Rs 6 lakh.
- o The threshold to collect tax at source (TCS) on remittances under RBI's Liberalized Remittance Scheme (LRS) increased from Rs 7 lakh to Rs 10 lakh.
- o The provisions of the higher TDS deduction will apply only in non-PAN cases.
- o Decriminalization for the cases of delay of payment of TCS up to the due date of filing statement.

DEMAND DAY – PROTEST MEETING OVER WESTERN RAILWAY

As per the decision taken in the AIRF Working Committee Meeting held at Chennai on 27th and 28th January, 2025, the “All India Demand Day” was observed all over the Western Railway on 21stFebruary, 2025 by all the Divisions and Workshops. The leaders while addressing the Railwaymen briefly explained about the major pending demands as mentioned on the posters issued by AIRF and Western Railway Employees' Union.

MUMBAI

Meetings held at Carshed, BCT, P.Way Units at Andheri, Borivali, C&W Depot at BCT and BDTS, Loco Shed Valsad, Billimora, Surat, Nandurbar, Vyara and Amalner branches which were addressed by Com. Prashant Kanade, Com. Jitendra Singh and other Divisional Office Bearers' and Youth and Women Leaders.

RATLAM

Huge demonstration was held at the Locomotive Care Centre at 07.30 am and the gathering was addressed by Com. Manohar Barath, Com. Hradesh Pandey, Com. Shailesh Tiwari and other Divisional Office Bearers'. Large number of employees participated in the demonstration.

RAJKOT

A rally of activists was taken out in the DRM Office Complex led by Com. Nikhil Joshi, Com. Mayur Gadhvi and other office bearers which culminated in a protest meeting. The gathering was addressed by the leaders.

BRC

A Mass gate meeting was organized before DRM office at PRTN which was addressed by Com. Santosh Pawar and Com. Sanjay Pawar. Large number of employees participated in the meeting.

BVP

Protest meetings held at DRM Office and at BVP Workshop were addressed by Com. Ajayrajsingh Gohil, S. K. Shrivastava and other divisional and workshop leaders. Large number of employees of division and workshop gathered at both the places.

SHRADHANJALI SABHA

On the occasion of 11th death Anniversary of Com. Umraomal Purohit a Shradhanjali Sabha held at Jagdish Ajmera Hall on 27-02-2025 at 16.00 hrs in which large number of employees participated. Lighted a lamp before the portrait of Com. Umraomal Purohit ji by Smt. Kusum Bhosale and other leaders, Com. J.R.Bhosale garlanded on the portrait and all senior leaders poured flower petals and paid rich tribute to the stalwart leader. Com. J.R.Bhosale, Com. R.P.Gupta, Prashant Kanade and other senior leaders shared their experience and guidance gained from Com. Umraomal Purohit ji. Shradhanjali Sabha held in all divisions and workshops and paid tribute to Com. Umraomal Purohit ji

KAMGHAR EKTA DIWAS

On the occasion of Kamghar Ekta Diwas a discussion held on the Social Security and Retirement Benefits to the Central Government Employees. Smt. Kusum Bhosale and women leaders of WREU welcomed Smt. Shalini Darbari, PFA-WR with Shawl and Tulsi saplings, Com. J.R.Bhosale welcomed Shri Rajesh Choudhary, CPO(Adm.)-WR with Shawl and Tulsi saplings. Smt. Shalini Darbari and Shri Rajesh Choudhary addressed the participants about the details on Social Security and Retirement Benefits admissible to the Railwaymen and their families. Large number of youth and women employees from Mumbai area participated in the function.

Com. Umraomal Purohit Memorial Cricket Tournament

CCG- Com. Umraomal Purohit Memorial Cricket Tournament organized by Churchgate branch in Oval Ground, Churchgate on 13/14-02-2025 which was inaugurated by Com.J.R.Bhosale, in which 16 Teams participated. The tournament won by Accounts-11, team S&T Yodha is Runner up, Man

of the tournament is Shri Saurabh Pawar of S&C Rangers. The tournament was successfully organized by Youth team of Churchgate under the able guidance of Com. Mahendra Rathore, Nasir Shaikh and others.

RTM-Com. Umraomal Purohit Memorial Cricket Tournament organized by Ratlam division from 23-02-2025 to 27-02-2025 in Railway Sports ground-Ratlam which was inaugurated by Com. J.R.Bhosale on 23-02-2025 in presence of senior leaders of WREU/RTM. Before the final match observed two minutes silence and paid rich tribute to Com. Umraomal Purohit. Final match played between GRP and Engineering department and won by Engineering department. Trophies to the winners and runner-up team gave away by Shri Ashwini Kumar, DRM-RTM in presence of Shri Piyush Pandey, Sr. DME(Co.), Shri Mahesh Kumar Gupta, Sr. DE(Power), Shri Pradeep Upadhyay, President-BJP-Ratlam, Shri Mayank Jath, Vice President-Congress-Ratlam, Shri Yash Dave, Leader Youth Congress-Ratlam. Youth team of Ratlam division ably organized the cricket tournament under the guidance of Divisional Chairman, Divisional Secretary and other senior leaders of Ratlam.

BCT-Com. Umraomal Purohit Memorial Cricket Tournament organized by Mumbai division at Mahalaxmi Sports ground from 24-02-2025 to 27-02-2025 in which 40 teams from Mumbai Area and Division were participated. The tournament was inaugurated by Shri V.A. Malegaonkar, PCOM-WR in presence of Com. J.R.Bhosale, Shri Swapnil Walinjkar, CCM(PM)-WR, Shri Akash Sharma, Sr. DPO-BCT and Zonal and Divisional leaders of WREU. Before the inauguration the portrait of Com. Umraomal Purohit was garlanded and paid rich tribute by observing two minutes silence. The Trophy of the tournament was revealed by the Chief Guest Shri V.A. Malegaonkar, PCOM-WR. The final match played on 27-02-2025 in between PWSA-11 and Carshed-Virar. The tournament won by Carshed-Virar team. An exhibition match of women's team of DRM-11 and JRH-11 held which won by women's team of DRM office. The trophies, medals, prize money to the Winner and Runner-up presented by Shri V.A. Malegaonkar, PCOM-Western Railway, Com. J.R.Bhosale, Shri Swapnil Walinjkar, CCM(PM), Shri Pankaj Singh, DRM-MMCT and other officers of Mumbai division. Shri Vijay Purohit and other senior leaders of WREU. Youth team of Mumbai area successfully organized the tournament under the guidance of Com. Prashant Kanade and other divisional leaders.

BLOOD DONATION CAMPS ORGANIZED BY WREU

RAJKOT: Blood Donation Camp at WREU office, Koti Compound – Rajkot in association with Voluntary Blood Bank-Rajkot on 27-02-2025 on the occasion of 11th death anniversary of Late Umraomal Purohit and 115 Units of blood collected. Blood donation camp at Surendra nagar held in association with C.U.Shah Medical College on 27-02-2025 and collected 72 units of blood.

RTM- Blood donation camp organized by Ratlam division on 01-03-2025 on occasion of birthday of Com. Umraomal Purohit and Com. J.R.Bhosale. 101 units of blood collected from the camp

MUMBAI: Blood donation camp organized in association with JRH blood bank at Churchgate station on 03-03-2025 which was inaugurated by Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager and graced by Smt. Anuradha Konda, PCMD, MD-JRH and other dignitaries. Com. J.R.Bhosale welcomed General Manager and other dignitaries with floral bouquets. 76 units of blood collected from the camp. Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager-Western Railway has donated blood on this occasion. Youth team of GLO-CCG, Accounts-CCG, Parel and MX workshops and Mumbai division were successfully conducted the

blood donation camp.

GENERAL SECRETARY/AIRF'S REPRESENTATIONS TO RAILWAY BOARD

- 1) General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/60 dated 10-01-2025 addressed to Hon'ble Minister for Railways, Railway Board regarding Consideration of important issues of the Staff Side in the upcoming Budget 2025-2026.
- 2) General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/86(444) dated 19-12-2024 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding Consideration of Inter-Railway Transfer cases of Sr. Commercial Cum Ticket Clerks (GP 2800/Level-5) on Spouse Grounds etc., in line with instructions for the discontinuance of Direct Recruitment to the post of Senior Section Engineers (SSEs).
- 3) Letter No.AIRF/78(22) dated 30-12-2024 addressed to The Member (Infrastructure), Railway Board regarding revision of policy regarding Patrolling Duty of Trackmen over Indian Railways.
- 4) Letter No.AIRF/405(7th CPC) dated 03-01-2025 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding Enhancement of Kilometrage Allowance (KMA) rates for Running Staff, effective from January 1, 2024 and payment of arrears.
- 5) Letter No.AIRF/Sub-Committee 302(02) dated 03-01-2025 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding Implementation of the recommendations of the committee constituted to formulate a policy on rationalization of Ayush and Ayurvedic/Homeopathic Consultants paid from the SBF.
- 6) Letter No.AIRF/101(74) dated 20-02-2025 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board for formation of Health care services Standing Committees by including Union/Federations representatives along with the railway officers.
- 7) Letter No.AIRF/58(i)(25) dated 02-01-2025 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board requesting for providing Office accommodation to our affiliated Unions who could not secured required percentage of votes in the Secret Ballor Elections-III 2024 (SBE-III 2024).
- 8) General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/271(03) dated 03-01-2025 addressed to The Member (Infrastructure) regarding Redressal of the burning issues of S&T staff working over the Indian Railways.
- 9) AIRF/63(43) dated 23-01-2025 addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board for issuing clarification on Training Period in Technician category.
- 10) AIRF/134(24) dated 14-01-2025 addressed to The Director General (HR), Railway Board requesting for Age relaxation for recruitment of Teachers in Railway Schools across Indian Railways.
- 11) AIRF/163 dated 18-02-2025 addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board regarding amendment in General and Allied Rule Books for revised designation of Guard to Train Manager.
- 12) AIRF/MACPs(75) dated 20-02-2025 addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board requested for further clarification on MACP for railway employees-SM cadre.

- 13) AIRF/34(73) dated 20-02-2025 addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board requested for revision in NCVT weightage policy for Railway Act Apprentices (CCAA) in CEN 08/2024 Level-1 recruitment.
- 14) General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/05(64) dated 13-02-2025 addressed to Member (Finance), Railway Board requested for redesignation of posts in the Accounts Cadre on Indian Railways.
- 15) AIRF/520-A dated 13-02-2025 addressed to Additional Secretary (Finance), Ministry of Finance, New Delhi regarding Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (UPS) regulations-2025-Suggestions of NC(JM)(Staff Side) on the preliminary draft of Proposed regulations.

RAILWAY BOARD ORDERS

Railway Board vide its letter No.2015/H/6-4/Policy dated 01-01-2025 regarding reimbursement claim settlement to Railway beneficiaries for treatment of cancer in emergency.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2024/E(Trg)/41/19 dated 01-01-2025 regarding providing training facilities for persons with disabilities - guidelines.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(NG)II/2024/RR-1/41 dated 02-01-2025 (RBE No.01/2025) regarding Minimum Education Qualification for recruitment from open market in Level-1 of the pay matrix of 7th CPC.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2023/11/28/1/RELHS/Empanelled (CGHS) dated 02-01-2025 provision of OPD consultation and related investigation for RELHS Beneficiaries from specialist of Private Hospitals empanelled by Railway-As a pilot project for next 03 years from 01-11-2024 to 31-10-2027.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(NG)II/2024/RR-1/42 dated 03-01-2025 (RBE No.02/2025) regarding increasing Vacancy Recruitment CEN 08/2024 for Various post in level-1 of 7th CPC Pay Matrix. Community wise/category wise position of revised 58242 vacancies of Level-1 advised to all RRBs.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2024/E(Trg)/41/15 dated 06-01-2025 issued order for Periodicity of Refresher Course of Chief Loco Inspectors (CLI). Accordingly, Refresher Courses for CLIs shall be held once in 3 years.

Railway Board vide RBE No.15/2025 dated 13-02-2025 issued orders regarding the effect of Compulsory retirement or dismissal or removal from railway service on the accumulated Pension Corpus under New Pension Scheme in respect of railway servant covered under the NPS.

Railway Board vide its letter No.PC-VII NO.222 dated 16-01-2025 (RBE No.04/2025) regarding Upgradation of pay structure of certain cadres under RBE No.155/2022 dated 17-11-2022. Accordingly, the mode of upgradation in page 2 has been modified to the extent that after completion of 4 years of service in level -8 all incumbents in Level-8 are to be upgraded to Level-9 on non-functional basis and it is to be done for incumbents and not for the post.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2024/E(TRG)/43/4 dated 27-01-2025 issued regarding revision of training period of Technician category. Accordingly, the CGA recruits (having Non relevant ITI Trade), appointed before 09-10-2024 subjected to 3 years training shall be categorized and their training period will be shortened subject to the minimum prescribed period without affecting the training content. Further the earlier batch will be allowed first followed by the subsequent batch after successfully completing their

training as per the existing procedures and practices providing them the benefit of seniority and pay fixation.

Railway Board vide its letter No.PC-VII/2025/HRMS/2 dated 28-01-2025 conveyed that the CRIS has developed a Module for Training and Skill Development it will be incorporated in HRMS on Pilot basis and shall be launched on Pan India basis.

Railway Board vide RBE No.09/2025 dated 30-01-2025 has issued clarification on deletion of name of daughter from the family details of Railway Pensioner. Accordingly, the railway servant/pensioner shall submit details of all members of family whether or not eligible for family pension. The daughter is deemed to be a member of the family of railway servant as and when intimated by the railway servant in the prescribed proforma. Hence, the name of the daughter shall remain included in the details of family members. The eligibility for family pension would be decided after demise of pensioner/family pensioners in accordance with the existing rules.

Railway Board vide letter No.2025/TG-V/12/1 dated 06-02-2025 addressed to PCMM-Zonal Railways regarding checking of ID cards and travelling authority of OBHS, catering, AC Attendant etc. in prescribed forms. Persons without proper authority will be taken up as per the provision of Railway Act 1989.

Railway Board vide letter No.2024/E(W)/13/8 dated 06-02-2025 (RBE No.12/2025) has issued clarification regarding the facility of substitution for Staff Benefit Fund Committee (SBFC) Meetings/Camps.

Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Pensioners Welfare vide its Office Memorandum No.04/07/2020-P&PW(D) dated 07-02-2025 issued directives as regard to grant of Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) to Central government employees covered under NPS. They have to fill up FMA form N-1 and give life certificate every year.

Railway Board vide its letter No.PC-VI/2020/CC/13 dated 19-02-2025 issued clarification regarding grant of Notional increment (as due on 1st July/1st January) for the Pensionery Benefits to those employees who had retired on 30th of June/31st of December before drawing the same as per court order.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2007/ELECT(TRS)225/7 dated 19-02-2025 addressed to General Manager, South Central Railway regarding clarification for medical standard of Loco Pilots running high speed Mail/Express trains.

OBITUARY

Com. T.N.Ippan, Guard, Ex. Branch Secretary-CCG branch expired on 27-01-2025 at the age of 84 years. Railway Sentinel paid rich tribute to the departed soul.

Shri Deepak Pardesi, Dy. CPO(IR) expired on 30-01-2025 at the age of 59 years due to massive heart attack. Railway Sentinel paid rich tribute to the departed soul.

Com. R.Mani, Ex. Catering Inspector and Ex.Branch Secretary of Catering branch-CCG expired on 30-01-2025. Railway Sentinel paid rich tribute to the departed soul.

Com. N K Mistry, Ex. Chairman WREU MX & SSE expired on 14-02-2025 due to massive Heart Attack. He was joined as a Artisan in KOTA workshop and transferred to EMU-POH thereon reached to the post of SSE at the time of his retirement on Superannuation. Railway Sentinel paid rich tribute to the departed soul.



Vivekanand Jayanti – RTM Division.



Umaraoal Purohit Memorial Cricket Tournament – BCT Division.



Vivekanand Jayanti – RTM Division



WREU PRTN Work-shop – handing over Memorandum to GM.



Til Gud function and get-together – GLO Branch, Churchgate.



Inauguration of Blood Donation Camp in presence of GS/WREU & CWM-PL.



Vishist Rail Seva Puraskar Samaroh – General Manager handing over Memento to Shri J.R. Bhosaleji.



Til Gud Samarambh – PL Workshop.



Til Gud Samarambh – EMU/POH Workshop.



Megha Blood Donation Camp at Churchgate Station on 3rd March, 2025.



WREU-BRC celebrated Birth-day of Com. Bhosaleji on 1st March, 2025.



Working Committee Members of WREU & NRMU (C.Rly.) with top leadership of AIRF.



WREU observers Mazdoor Ekta Divas on 27.02.2025 at Mumbai.