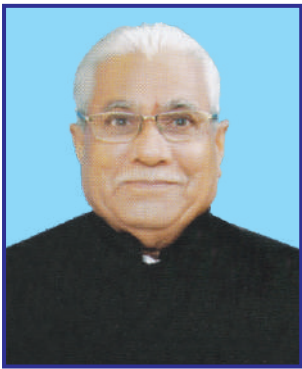


From the Desk of Editor



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Dear Subscribers and Railwaymen,



Women's wing of our organization has celebrated International Women's Day enthusiastically with various events all over Western Railway. We should empower the women to uplift and to bring them in main stream of union activities. Some of the divisions and non-divisional branches had successfully organized various activities for the women employees which helps to improve the solidarity. Our comrades of Dahod workshop has won the election for the 3 posts of Managing Committee Members of Sr. Railway Institute, Dahod with thumping majority.

Bhavnagar workshop and Ratlam division has held a spontaneous agitation against negative attitude of the administration. Large number of employees participated in the agitations held at both the places. The legislation regarding Validation of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 and Principles for expenditure on Pension liabilities from the Consolidated Fund of India was passed in Lok Sabha on 25.03.2025 as part of the Finance Bill, 2025. The legislation has been made effective from 1.6.1972 thereby validating all Rules made under Article 309 of the Constitution for CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021, CCS (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023 including all instructions issued thereunder as amended from time to time. This legislation will have a severe impact on the existing Pensioners on the revision of Pension on implementation of Pay Commission.

The HMS organized a National Convention of Workers on 18-03-2025 in Pyarelal Bhawan, New Delhi in which large number of workers from all over India attended. The convention has raised voice and demanded Withdrawal of Anti Worker, Anti Farmer and Anti People Policies of Government of India. Com. J. R. Bhosale presided over the convention from HMS side, it is proud for Western Railway Employees' Union.

Our union has held 1st PNM at HQ level on 4th & 5th March, 2025 and the Outset Items were discussed with General Manager on 04-03-2025. We have attained positive results in majority of the PNM items.

Joint Forum of Central and State Trade Unions in Maharashtra led by HMS Maharashtra has held a Mass Meeting on 28-03-2025 in Mumbai in protest of Anti Worker, Anti Labour Polices imposed by the Government of Maharashtra as well as Government of India. Com. Vikas Gupte, our Treasurer represented WREU with youth team.

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
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
Jan-25	412	4902	408.50	56.26
Feb-25	411	4912	409.33	56.58

*Average Price Index for January 2016

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Sabarmati Workshop



WREU J. A. Sabhagruh Grant Road



AIRF 101st Foundation Day



Vadodara Division



Ahmedabad Division



Mumbai Division

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WRWWO CELEBRATED INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day celebrated by the Western Railway administration on 10-03-2025 at Godbole Hall, Churchgate in association with WRWWO with various Cultural activities. The function was graced by Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager-Western Railway and Smt. Kshama Misra, President-WRWWO. All PHODs and HODs were present in the function and all Executive Committee Members of WRWWO also graced the occasion. Com. R.P.Gupta, AGS-WREU attended the function on behalf of Com. J.R.Bhosale. Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager-Western Railway presented a Memento to Com. R.P.Gupta for WREU.

WOMEN'S DAY AT JAGDISH AJMERA HALL

Women's wing of WREU celebrated Women's Day on 10-03-2025 at Jagdish Ajmera Sabha Grah, Grant Road, in which large number of women employees attended. Dr. J.P.Rawat, Chief Psychiatrist-JRH and his team gave lecture to the participants on various health issues and Mental Wellbeing and guided them how to maintain good mental health. The function was successfully conducted by Com. Geeta Pandoria, Anita Satpute, Smita Patel, Kumkum Nagendra and other women's leaders.

Ahmedabad Division celebrated International Women's Day on 11-03-2025 in Divisional Auditorium, DRM office Complex which was graced by Shri S.K.Sharma, DRM-ADI and other women officers. The function was gracefully held with various cultural events by the Cultural team of ADI division as well as WREU. Com. Parul Rajvi, Kamla Sharma and other women leaders successfully organized the function.

Mumbai Division organized a grand function in Rail Nikunj Auditorium at Mumbai Central on 12-03-2025 to celebrate International Women's Day. Large number of women employees participated in the function which was graced by Com. J.R.Bhosale, Smt. Kusum Bhosale, Dr.(Smt.) Mamta Sharma, MD-JRH, Dr.(Smt.) Savita Gangurde, ACHD-JRH, Dr. (Smt.) Joshna Chopra, CMS/BCT and other women officers of Mumbai division. Smt. Rita Shah, NLP Master Practitioner, Psychological Counsellor gave lecture on Rise above Stress with PPT to the participants. Com. Anita Satpute ably co-ordinated the function.

Rajkot Division - On the occasion of International Women's Day, Women's wing of Rajkot division visited "Sneh-Nirjar", a school for mentally retarded children on 07-03-2025. The team, led by Comrades Rupal Dholakiya, Bhumita Ben Vyas, Vikrama Boksha, Surbhiben, Ilaben Chavda, Urmila Shinde, Vaishali Goswami and others celebrated Women's day enthusiastically with the children at Sneh-Nirjar

Baroda Division- Women's team of Baroda celebrated International Women's Day on 08-03-2025 in Railway Auditorium at PRTN with great enthusiasm, large number of women employees participated in the celebration which was graced by Smt. Manju Meena-Sr. DCM, Smt. Deepali Tiwari-ACM, Smt. Komalben Patel-Advocate, Smt. Geetaben Raval-Director/Samarth Trust a prominent NGO. The guests in their inspiring speech appreciated the team WREU for organizing such beautiful events with maximum participation of women employees. Com. Santosh Pawar, Sanjay Pawar and Aditya Morya also addressed the gathering.

SBI Workshop Branch celebrated International Women's Day on 10-03-2025. Shri Nitin Chakraborty, CWM-SBI was the Chief Guest and graced by Com. Dinesh Panchal. The function was successfully conducted by Com. Beena Kori and Krishna Gaur. The women's leaders have provided valuable information to the participants as regard to Women's Rights and Empowerment. The whole function was ably held by the women's team under the guidance of Com. Rajeev Menon, Ramgopal Meena and other senior leaders.

WREU WON THE ELECTION OF SRI-DAHOD

Com. Dharmendra Kumar, Vineet Kumar and Ramesh Chandra won the election for the post of Managing Committee of Senior Railway Institute-Dahod with a thumping majority. Election was held on 06-03-2025 and the counting taken place on 07-03-2025. Com. Vineet Kumar secured 322 votes, Com. Dharmendra Kumar secured 308 votes and Com. Ramesh Chandra secured 287 votes.

COM. UMRAOMAL PUROHIT CRICKET TOURNAMENT HELD AT VALSAD

Valsad Branch of Mumbai division organized Com. Umraomal Purohit Memorial Cricket Tournament on 8th and 9th March, 2025 in Railway Institute Sports Ground-Valsad which was inaugurated by Com. Prashant

Kanade, Divisional Secretary & AGS/Western Railway Employees' Union in presence of Com. Prakash Sawalkar, Sanjay Singh, Smt. Smita Patel, Robinson James, Hussain Belim, and others. The final match played in between Loco Shed-Valsad and PWI Eleven-Valsad and won by Loco Shed and Runner Up was PWI team.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF WORKERS HELD BY HMS

HMS organized National Convention of Workers on 18-03-2025 in PYARELAL BHAWAN, NEW DELHI in which large number of workers from all over India attended. Com. J.R. Bhosale, Harbhajan Singh Sindhu and other senior leaders on the dais addressed the gathering. The leaders in their speech strongly demanded for Withdrawal of Anti Worker, Anti Farmer and Anti People Policies of Government of India. Com. Santosh Pawar led large number of comrades of WREU in the function.

BVP WORKSHOP A SERIOUS AGITATION

The Bhavnagar Workshop Staff seriously agitated due to sudden death of their 2 colleagues, one employee Shri Bhavesh Rathod, MCF of BVP Workshop expired on 11.03.2025 in BVP Railway Hospital on account of not getting timely medical treatment. Shri Ghanshyam Chauhan, OS, working in the Office of CWM-BVP succumbed to death at BVP Station on 20.03.2025 at about 11.30 hrs. due to harassment by APO (W) BVP and subsequent fear. This situation was developed and escalated due to these 2 deaths and all the workshop staff had spontaneously agitated in front of CWM's administrative office on 20th and 21st March, 2025. The main demand of the staff was transfer of APO from workshop. The CWM-BVP had a discussion with Trade Union leaders on 21st evening and restored normal working on 22nd April 2025. The administration suddenly issued notices to 5 employees under Rule 14 (ii) of the Railway Servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules 1968 and SF 5 to one employee. The workshop administration simultaneously filed FIR on 24.03.2025 against some of the employees. The General Secretary along with Divisional Chairman RJT and BVP, Branch Secretary and Chairman of Workshop Branch and Zonal Secretary/AIRF held a gate meeting on 28.03.2025 after 17.00 hrs. and protested against the application of Rule 14(ii). WREU approached the CWM-BVP, PCME and General Manager Western Railway and demanded review of administration's decision of imposing Rule 14(ii) and demanded that all the affected employees be taken back on the duty.

CELEBRATION OF JYOTIBA PHULE JAYANTI AND AMBEDKAR JAYANTI

WREU – ADI celebrated Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar on 14th April 2025 at ADI, MSH, PNU and GIM. A function organized in the campus of WREU – ADI was chaired by Com. Hariram Meena, Divisional Chairman in presence of Com. Dinesh Panchal, Com. Ghansyam Yadav, Com. Sanjay Suryabali, Com. Gour Dey and Branch officials of Local branches. While addressing the gathering Com. Dinesh Panchal, Ghanshyam Yadav and Hariram Meena stated that Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar both were great social reformer and they worked not only for the downtrodden but they contributed to the labour movement too. The function was conducted by Com. Sanjay Suryabali and vote of thanks was conveyed by Com. Gour Dey.

Similar functions were organized at PNU under leadership of Com. B. P. Gadhavi at GIM under leadership of Com. Suresh Bhanushali & Com. Rajesh Sharma and at MSH under leadership of Com. Harshal Jani and Vikram Singh, Branch Secretaries and at VTA under leadership of Com. Kamlesh Meena and their team.

HUGE PROTEST AGAINST REPORT OF MULTI-DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The recommendations on the grievances of Loco Running staff by the Multi-Disciplinary Standing Committee comprising of EDEE(RS)-II(Convenor), ED(Safety)/EE, ED/TT/S, EDE (N) & ED/Traffic/RDSO deliberations were issued vide Railway Board's Letter No. 2024/Elect.(TRS)/1138/7 (Com)(3476271), dated 04.04.2025 are retrogratory and without discussion with the organized labour. Therefore, AIRF is not in agreement with the Committee's recommendations. The Standing Committee of AIRF met on 15.04.2025 at J.P. Choubey Library, New Delhi. The Standing Committee after detailed discussions unanimously directed all affiliated unions to protest against these retrogratory recommendations and demanded its withdrawal. Western Railway Employees' Union vide circular No. 12/2025, dated 18.04.2025 directed to hold protest meetings on 28.04.2025. Accordingly, WREU cadre held large-scale protest meetings in all Running Staff Lobbies all over the Western Railway on 28.04.2025. Railway Sentinel congratulate all Loco Running Staff for showing their solidarity and demanding withdrawal of these retrogratory recommendations.

SUCCESSFUL TOKEN FAST AGITATION BY WREU – PNU

While executing DFCCIL project at PNU, years old asphalt pathway from 50-Quarters Railway Colony to PNU station was demolished and thereafter the same was closed. This caused hardships to the 50 families of the railway colony. In spite of repeated representations by Com. B. P. Gadhvi, Branch Secretary, PNU Branch, the administration took no action. Ultimately, the branch under guidance of Com. Ghanshyam Yadav, resorted the Gandhian Path and decided to launch 3 days token fast agitation in front of ADEN – PNU's office from 31st March to 2nd April 2025 and mobilized the railway employees of PNU and surrounding area.

The administration immediately swung into action, approached the DFCCIL authorities and immediately decided to reconstruct the pathway in its original position. They held meeting with the representatives of WREU and conveyed their decision and requested to call-off agitation. However, the mobilization was so intensive, large number of railway employees of different branches gathered under WREU's leadership. Vikram Singh, Branch Chairman, PNU and others on the first day of agitation convened decision of the administration to the gathering and finally the agitation was culminated into victory celebration. The agitation was successful and called off on 31st March 2025 with great achievement.

The employees of PNU branch appreciated the militant attitude of WREU for solving the grievances of their members. Railway Sentinel congratulate WREU PNU.

RUNNING STAFF AGITATION AT RTM

The Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) is functioning upto Dahanu Road. Some of the traffic originating from North India to JNPT has been diverted to DFC line. It has been resulted into reduction in number of freight trains on Mathura –Dahanu main line. Western Railway Employees' Union Ratlam raised this issue in DRM PNM Meeting and brought this situation in the notice of local administration. Since local administration failed to fulfill the assurances, they have started agitation daily between 05.00 pm. to 06.00 pm in front of DRM Office and on Saturday & Sunday in front of Crew lobby/Station since 24.03.2025. The agitation continued for more than a month. Western Railway Employees' Union raised this issue before PCOM-CCG who has assured that the available work load will be proportionately given at the ratio of 50-50 to RTM and BRC divisions. Western Railway Employees' Union again wrote to PCOM-CCG for calling joint meeting of administration of RTM & BRC divisions with both the recognized Unions for sorting out this issue. It is reliably learnt that due to delay in giving learning road between Godhra and Vatva to the Ratlam staff, adequate loco Staff are not available. This issue is discussed with the CFTM-CCG by General Secretary Western Railway Employees' Union. Western Railway Employees' Union hope PCOM and CFTM-CCG will sort out this as early as possible to the satisfaction of both the divisions crew staff.

MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO GENERAL MANAGER

PAREL Workshop: Com. Praful Jamsundekar, Sayyad Hussain, Uday Khot and other office bearers welcomed Shri Ashok Kumar Misra, General Manager, Western Railway with flower bouquet on his visit at Parel workshop on 20-03-2025 and handed over a Memorandum for staff grievances.

VALIDATION OF THE CENTRAL CIVIL SERVICES (PENSION) RULES

The legislation regarding Validation of the CCS (Pension) Rules and Principles for expenditure on Pension liabilities from the Consolidated Fund of India was passed in Lok Sabha on 25.03.2025 as part of the Finance Bill, 2025.

The validation legislation validates the principle that without prejudice to the Pension Rules, the Central Government has the authority to establish distinctions among pensioners as a general principle and that a distinction may be made or maintained amongst the Pensioners, which may emanate from the accepted recommendations of the Central Pay Commissions, and in particular the distinction may be made on the basis of the date of retirement. The legislation has been made effective from 1.6.1972 thereby validating all Rules made under Article 309 of the Constitution for CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021, CCS (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023 including all instructions issued thereunder as amended from time to time.

Secretary DoPT conducted an on line meeting on 27.03.2025 with JCM staff side and other Pensioners Association as per demand of staff side secretary which was attended by Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, Com. J.R. Bhosale, Com. Shankar Rao from AIRF/JCM Staff side and apprised the fear and unrest amongst the pensioners and demanded bringing one nation one pension for all. The DoPT Secretary explained in detail that this amendment passed by the parliament will not harm interest of pensioners and existing system will continue. Government will not use this amendment against the pensioners. The staff side secretary have demanded issue of the minutes of the meeting or some written assurances which is still pending.

REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF DTNBWED

Review meeting of Regional Advisory Committee of DTNBWED held on 27-03-2025 at ADI under the Chairmanship of Shri Jignesh Majumdar Co-ordinated by Shri Mohan Chand Sen, Regional Director,DTNBWED-ADI Centre, Miss Anita Patel-ALC, Shri Devendra Jain from Doordarshan, Miss Rekha from BMS, Shri Dinesh Pathak, Education Officer and Shri Gaurang Bhagat, President-Merchant Association of the Regional Advisory Committee were present in the meeting. Com. Dinesh Panchal, Education Director of WREU a nominated member in the Regional Advisory Committee from HMS also participated in the review meeting.

22nd AGM OF RAILWAY PENSIONERS FEDERATION AHMEDABAD

22nd AGM of Railway Pensioners Federation Ahmedabad was held on 04.04.2025. Large Number of Railway Pensioners - Retired Officers attended. Shri J.R.Bhosale General Secretary, WREU & Working President AIRF, Com. Vikas Gupte, Com. Ghanshyam Yadav, Com. Hariram Meena, all DOBs of WREU ADI, Siddharth Kumar Sr DPO ADI, Dharam Veer Tandi Sr DFM ADI , General Managers of CPPC SBI & BOB, Retired Officers of ADI Division attended the function. Com Dinesh Panchal, D. B. Tiwari, Ajit Gajjar, Anil Mehta, K.J.Trivedi, H.V.Parmar and Gurucharan Singh worked hard for successful conduct of AGM. An informative Souvenir was released by all the Guests. Com. Bhosale threw light on various pensioners related issues raised by All India Railway Pensioners Welfare Association in various foras. Com. P. M. Raval President of RPF presided over the AGM and vote of Thanks was conveyed by Com. Subhash Chitte, General Secretary.

CELEBRATION OF 101st FOUNDATION DAY OF AIRF

Western Railway Employees' Union celebrated the 101st foundation day of AIRF all over the Western Railway by organizing Seminars/meetings on 24th April, 2025. The main function was arranged at Jagdish Ajmera Sabhagrih, Grant Road, Mumbai at 17.00 hrs. which was addressed by Com. J.R. Bhosale, Working President, AIRF and General Secretary, WREU. He narrated about various meetings conducted at Railway Board level including Board PNM on 16th and 17th April, 2025 and 63rd Meeting of Standing Committee of NC-JCM on 23rd April, 2025. General Secretary in his speech highlighted the recently passed legislation regarding Validation of the CCS (Pension) Rules and Principles for expenditure on Pension liabilities from the Consolidated Fund of India passed in Lok Sabha on 25.03.2025 as part of the Finance Bill, 2025. He also explained the online meeting held with The Secretary (Pension) DOP&PW at New Delhi on 29-03-2025 by the leaders of JCM (Staff Side) led by Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, Secretary/JCM-Staff Side and assurance given by the Secretary (Pension) that a clarification will be issued to remove the fear and apprehension in the minds of Pensioners/Family Pensioners. He also briefed about the set-up of 8th CPC and the decision of the AIRF to conduct categorical conferences and to pick-up the names of the experts from all the departments and all the categories for effectively representing before 8th CPC. The Meetings at Divisions and Branches was addressed by the Divisional Leaders and Leaders of the Non-divisional units wherein they appealed the cadre for strengthening the organization. At many places cake was cut to celebrate 101st Anniversary of AIRF amid shouting slogans AIRF long live/WREU long live/Workers Unity Zindabad.

CELEBRATION OF FIRST FOUNDATION DAY OF AIRPWF

Western Zone of All India Railway Pensioners Welfare Federation (AIRPWF) has enthusiastically celebrated 1st Foundation Day of AIRPWF on 26-04-2025 in Jagdish Ajmera Hall. Largely gathered Pensioners/Family Pensioners were addressed by Com. J.R. Bhosale, Shri Satyaprakash, Ex DRM-BCT, Com. R.P. Gupta, Vikas Gupte and other leaders of AIRPWF. Guest lecturer Shri Desale, API- Lamington Road Police Station, Mumbai delivered an informative awareness lecture on Cyber crime/frauds and Do's and Do not's while using the Mobile Phones and other gazettes including the social media apps such as Google, X, WhatsApp, Facebook etc.

AIRF RAILWAY BOARD PNM

The 1st AIRF Railway Board PNM meeting of this year was held with Railway Board on 16th & 17th April 2025. Com. J.R. Bhosale Working President AIRF who presided the meeting from AIRF side, welcomed the Chairman and CEO of Railway Board, All Members, DG(HR), AM (Staff), PED(IR), EDPC and other officers, Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, all other Members of the Railway Board and representatives of AIRF from all the zones. This was also first PNM meeting since last Secret Ballot Election held on 4/5/6 Dec. 2024. The Chairman and CEO gave performance report of Indian Railways and details of the orders issued since last PNM Meeting on issues raised by AIRF in the outset item in last PNM Meeting. Com. J.R. Bhosale mentioned that today is an important day i.e., 172nd Foundation Day of Indian Railway and we are proud of it. While discussing the General Secretary

and President raised number of issues such as delay in giving exemption in payment on Kilometer allowance, non-functioning of CRC meeting, adding the leftover categories in upgradation of supervisors vide RBE No. 155/2022 and reducing the incumbency period of 4 years to 2 years from Level-7 to 8. He also raised the issue of implementation of unanimous recommendations of Dress Regulation and Risk Allowance Committee before 8th CPC and inclusion of T/man and other engineering staff for payment of break down allowance list. He has also demanded appointment in Compassionate Ground in Clerical and non-safety categories and withdrawal of Board's letter No. E(NG)I-2020 CFP/2 (e-3322378), dated 21.02.2025 from all Zonal railways other than South Central Railway. Com. S.G. Mishra raised number of issues which includes filling up of all vacant posts, creation of adequate man power for all new assets for operations and maintenance. Improvement in HRMS & HMIS for APAR, LEAVE, PASS, Medical benefit and all other subjects. He also demanded that the staff side and Railway administration should appear before the 8th CPC with common memorandum on staff matters.

WREU REPRESENTED THE CASES OF MOTORMAN

General Secretary-WREU represented a case of 57 Loco Pilots (Motorman) who were declared in-eligible for selection for the post of AEE & AME/AWM by the Mumbai Division. In relevance to the representation of General Secretary/WREU, GM (E) vide its letter No. E(G)1024/7 dated 17-03-2025 has advised to DRM(E) for corrective action. Accordingly, the DRM(E)-MMCT vide its letter No. E/L/839/2/5/1(AEE/AME-2024) dated 18-03-2025 has made all the above 57 employees eligible or the selection.

GS/AIRF'S REPRESENTATIONS

Addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board vide its letter No. AIRF/53(86) dated 24-02-2025 requested to grant one time exemption to promote eligible JEs to the Post of SSEs in Level-7 of the 7th CPC Pay Matrix against vacant earmarked DR posts against 20% DR Quota.

Vide letter No. AIRF/MACPS dated 06-03-2025 addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board for further clarification on the Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACPS) for Railway Employees – Station Master Cadre.

Vide letter No. AIRF/520(103) dated 06-03-2025 addressed to Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding Coverage under Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993, in lieu of the New Pension System for Railway employees recruited against posts/vacancies advertised/notified on or before 22-12-2003 but who joined service on or after 01-01-2004.

Vide letter No. AIRF/PNF Item No. 21/2021-(102) dated 06-03-2025 addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board regarding Mode of Filling Up Vacancies of Tower Wagon Drivers.

Vide letter No. AIRF/53 (104) dated 06-03-2025 addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board regarding Cancellation of Departmental Selections due to Irregularities and Proposal for Reforms.

Vide letter No. AIRF/MACPS(115) dated 07-03-2025 addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board regarding regulation of Financial Upgradation under MACPS for employees promoted between 01-01-2006 to 29-08-2008 with pay fixation benefits in merged grades as per 6th CPC recommendations.

Vide letter No. AIRF/101 dated 17-03-2025 addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board regarding Amendment of Recruitment Rules for Railway Pharmacists in line with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, CGHS, Government of India, as notified on 24th June 2024 and grant of financial upgradation benefit under MACPS.

Vide letter No. AIRF/517 (119) dated 17-03-2025 addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board regarding Implementation of Reservation in promotion for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD).

Addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board vide letter No. AIRF/82(132) dated 20-03-2024 requested for Provision of Privilege Ticket Order PTO facility for Retired Railway Employees/Pensioners.

Addressed to Additional Member (Mechanical), Railway Board vide letter No. AIRF/24(C) dated 22-03-2024 requested for Pay Upgradation and Resolution of Grievances of NG Staff (SSE/NC) under Neutral Control Organization.

Vide letter No. AIRF/503 dated 26-03-2025 addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board regarding Extension of timeline for completion and submission of APARs in online mode for the years 2020-21, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 through HRMS on onetime exemption upto 30-09-2025 i.e., atleast 6 months slot as a special measure to redress the grievances of Group 'C' and Group 'D' employees.

Vide letter No.AIRF/364 (7TH CPC) dated 27-03-2025 addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board regarding Cadre Restructuring of Stenographers in terms of RBE No.155/2022.

Vide letter No.AIRF/34 (141) dated 27-03-2025 addressed to DG(HR), Railway Board requested for Amendment in the method of calculating the age limit in recruitment Notifications issued by RRC/RRB for Railway Recruitments. Federation urged that the age limit cut-off date should be fixed either from the date of Notification issuance or from the start date of application submission and not from an arbitrary, future date.

RAILWAY BOARD ORDERS

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(NG)I/2025/PM1/3 dated 05-03-2025 addressed to General Manager's of Zonal railways regarding Irregularities in selections and reforms thereon.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2024-E(SCT)/1/49/20 dated 06-03-2025 addressed to General Manager of Zonal railways regarding Operation of revised pos- based Rosters in Direct Recruitment for Scheduled Castes(SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Weaker Sections(EWS), on introduction of 10% reservation for EWSs in Jobs.

Railway Board vide its letter No.PC-V/2016/A/Med/1(FMA)(E) dated 07-03-2025 (RBE No.18/2025) regarding Grant of Fixed Medical Allowance to Railway pensioners/family pensioners- change in option.

Railway Board vide its letter No.PC-III/2024/4/3(Re-designation) dated 10-03-2025 (RBE No.20/2025) regarding revision of designation of Staff of Accounts Department.

Railway Board vide letter No.2024/TG-I/01/SuperappPt. Dated 10-03-2025 addressed to The Principal Chief Commercial Managers of Zonal Railways regarding Launch of Super App-SwaRail on 31-01-2025. This is an official mobile application for railway ticket booking (reserved, unreserved and platform tickets), train enquiry, ordering food, complaint serves etc.

Railway Board vide letter No.PC-V/2020/M/1(NFIR)(E) dated 11-03-2025 (RBE No.21/2025) regarding regulation of MACPS in case of promotion taking place in the pre-revised pay structure between 01-01-2006 and the date of notification of CCS (R.P) Rules, 2008 and the subsequent merger of the pre-revised pay scales of the promotional and the feeder posts in a common Grade.

Railway Board vide letter No.IRTS Cadre/2025/1 dated 12-03-2025 addressed to General Manager of Zonal railways regarding Sensitive posts in Gazetted and Non-Gazetted cadre of Traffic Transportation and Commercial Department. The officers posted against these posts should be limited to 3 years. Accordingly, the Non-Gazetted staff working (formally & informally) as Traffic Inspector to PCOM, Commercial Inspector to PCCM and Traffic Inspector to Sr.DOM and Commercial Inspector to Sr. DCM in the divisions should also be rotate and the tenure should be limited to 3 years. The staff posted as PS to Sr.DOM, PS to Sr.DCM should also be rotated.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2025/TG-V/6/1 dated 13-03-2025 addressed to The Principal Chief Commercial Managers of Zonal railways regarding Duty Roster of Ticket Checking Staff.

Railway Board vide RBE No.21/2025 dated 11-03-2025 issued Regulation of MACPs in case of Promotion taking place in pre-revised Pay structure between 01-01-2006 and date of notification of CCS (RP) Rules 2008 and the subsequent merger of the pre-revised pay scales of the promotional and the feeder posts in a common grade in the light of above RBE Promotion earned by an employee during 01-01-2006 to 29-08-2008 even though in the same grade pay on account of both feeder grade and promotional grade carrying the same grade pay entail the benefit of pay fixation under Rule No.13 of CCS (RP) Rules 2008.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(W)/2021/UN-1/2 dated 11-03-2025 addressed to The General Managers of Zonal railways regarding Change in the colour of Uniform of C&W Staff. The colour of uniform of C&W staff changed to Sky Blue Shirt and Navy Blue Pant in replacement of the existing colour scheme. These instructions shall take effect from 01-07-2025 as Uniform Allowance is credited to the salary of entitled employees in the month of July.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2025/LMB-I/14/1 dated 12-03-2025 addressed to The General Managers of Zonal railways regarding Policy guidelines on occupation of ORH (Master Circular). Office bearers of both the federation may be allowed to book rooms in ORH as per extant guidelines from 30% HQ quota through offline

mode i.e via physical application to the concerned booking authorities as being done earlier.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2024/F(E)IINPS 1/5 dated 26-3-2025 issued guideline for refund of employee's share with returns thereon on availing benefits under Railway Services (Pension) Rules 1993 or Railway Services (Extra Ordinary Pension) Rules 1993 till the event of death of a Railway Servant covered NPS or his/her discharge on the ground of disablement or invalidation.

Railway Board vide its letter No.F(E)III/2024/Misc.3(R) dated 26-3-2025 issued instructions on Restoration of Commuted Portion of Pension before 15 years from the date of Commutation and advised Zonal Railways to take steps in defending Court Cases filed by Pensioners for restoration of Commuted portion of Pension before completion of 15 years from the date of commutation.

Under Secretary to the Government of India issued Office Memorandum vide No.28/03/2025-P&PW(B)/JCM dated 04-03-2025 of a Meeting of NCJCM(Staff Side) with Secretary (Pension) held on 25-02-2025 on the Pension related matters and applicability of DoPPWOM dated 03-03-2023 to the employees appointed on Compassionate Ground and extending the facility of Coverage under OPS to the Compassionate Ground appointees who had submitted their application before 01-01-2004 but were appointed after 01-01-2004 against Compassionate Ground.

Railway Board vide its letter No.PC-VII/2025/HRMS/13 dated 01-04-2025 conveyed that Compassionate Appointment Module, one of the sub-modules of Cadre Management Module has been completed. The Competent Authority to launch the Compassionate Appointment Module of HRMS across all units on pilot basis w.e.f. 01-04-2025.

Railway Board vide its letter No. PC-VII/2019/R-U/9(Part) dated 20-06-2024 RBE No. 54/2024 conveyed that the President has accorded his approval for upgrading pay scales of Dresser Gr. III/Operation Theatre Assistant Gr. III from the existing pay scale of level-2(PB-I/GP-1900, 6TH CPC) to level-3(PB-I/GP-2000, 6th CPC) subject to revision of the entry level qualification of Dressers Gr. III/ Operation Theatre Assistant Gr. III to Class XII with three years' experience of dressing of wounds. Further it is clarified that the existing incumbents i.e., those in service as on date of issue of this order and not possessing the revised qualification shall continue to work in level-2(PB-I/GP-1900) and shall be granted Level-3 (PB-I/GP-2000) only after acquiring the revised qualification or on completion of 5 years in the pay level corresponding to Grade Pay 1900, whichever is earlier. The date of effect of revised pay structure of Dressers Gr. III/Operation Theatre Assistants Gr. III will be from the date of issue of the orders.

GM PNM ACHIEVEMENTS

Item No.	Remarks
68/2023	Payment of Pension and Gratuity in the event of invalidation from service on disability – case of Shri Kirit K.Rathodiya, Fitter Gr. III under CWM-PRTN. Disbursement settlement dues and Pension to Shri Kirit K.Rathodiya medically invalidated employee working under CWM-PRTN will be made in relevance to RBE No.86/2024.
06/2024	Payment of Night Duty Allowance (NDA) to the staff working under GP 4800/- & above. Presently the staff working in GP 4800/- on MACP are paid NDA on the prescribed ceiling of Basic Pay ₹43600/- and reference has been made to Railway Board on 28-08-2024 and sent reminder on 25-02-2025 for grant of sanction for payment of NDA to the employees working in GP 4800/- and above.
31/2024	Incentive bonus to C&M staff in workshops. Matter referred to Railway Board vide GM(E)-CCG's letter No.M324/23/12 dated 05-07-2022 and reminder sent on 12-06-2023, 14-03-2024 and 24-02-2025.
40/2024	Issue of directives for releasing NPS Corpus deposited in NSDL to the employees removed from service. ADI division has advised for disbursement of NPS Corpus deposited in NSDL to Smt. Reshma Mishra, ex. Sr. Clerk under SSE(TMC)-SBI and others in relevance to Railway Board letter dated 13-02-2025.



43/2024	Supply of Water Bottles (2 litres) to the Track Maintainers. All divisions are advised to procure adequate number of Insulated water bottles (2 litres) for the Track Maintainers working in the divisions.
48/2024	Unwarranted enhancement of JE/SSE (Drawing cadre) by CWM-PL. – PCME has agreed to review the position within 2 months.
77/2024	Difficulties faced by the employees for forwarding Mutual transfer application on IRT through HRMS. Prescribed process flow is issued to all units and advised to follow up so as to mitigate the persisting problems.
10/2025	Denial of counting of past service for the staff recruited to NTPC in Western Railway- Case of 4 employees working as JAA in RJT division. Necessary orders have been issued for counting past service vide letter No.AHQ/SO/NO.175, 176,177 dated 17-02-2025 and AHQ/SO/NO.184 dated 27-02-2025.
14/2025	Inordinate delay in forwarding applications for IRT(Mutual transfer)- Cases of Assistants working in TMC organization in BVP division. Transfer orders have been issued by DRM(E)-BVP vide No.EE/172/2024 dated 23-10-2024.
25/2025	Filling up of post of Artisan category in EMU POH WS- MX CWM -EMU/MX has advised vide letter dated 24-02-2025 for filling up of vacancies of Artisan category expeditiously.

ACHIEVEMENT

Looking to the terrific heat wave and extreme humidity in the city of Mumbai, Western Railway Employees' Union GLO Branch raised the issue of provision of Centralized Air-Conditioning System or Tower AC's at Headquarter offices in Old and New Buildings, Churchgate. This item was discussed in the General Manager PNM vide item No. 61/2024. Our Branch Secretary vide his letter addressed to CPO(IR) on 22.04.2025, informed that it has been decided by WREU to hold "Demand Meetings" daily from 29th April, 2025 during lunch hrs. on every floor of both the buildings till our demands are fulfilled. Com. J. R. Bhosale and our leaders and activists of the branch had a discussion with DGM (G) on 28th April, 2025 and ultimately it has been decided that till such time the work of Centralized AC's or Tower AC's is get done, for providing immediate relief to the affected staff sufficient Nos of Dessert Coolers will be hired and be placed on various places. It is learnt that these temporary arrangements are welcomed by the staff and they are expressing gratitude towards the leadership of Western Railway Employees' Union.

BOX CRICKET TOURNAMENT BY EMU/POH-MX

WREU EMU POH MX branch organized a Late Comrade Umraomal Purohit Memorial Box Cricket Tournament on 11th & 12th April, 2025 in the Workshop premises for the successive second year. The Tournament was inaugurated by Com. Praful Jamsandekar, Branch Secretary of PL/MX Work shop Branch. 16 Teams participated. The final match was played between Brake-in Team and Break-out Team and Break-out Team won the Tournament. The prizes were given by Com. Shivaji Palve and Com. Kannan, Branch Secretary and Branch Chairman respectively. The Youth Team under the leadership of Comrades Piyush Kumar, Pankaj Dube, Avdesh Pal and others worked hard for successful conduct of the Tournament.

VETERAN RETIRED

Shri Rajeshkumar V. Mehta, SSE(Drg.) RJT and Divisional Vice Chairman Western Railway Employees' Union RJT retired on superannuation after putting 38 years' service on 31.03.2025. He joined Railway as Chargman in 1987. WREU RJT division organized felicitation function on 28.03.2025 at Union Office-RJT which was attended by Com. J.R. Bhosale. General Secretary highly appreciated his commendable service to the Railwaymen and specially mentioned about that he has donated blood more than 75 times. His wife Smt. Heenaben, Notary of Government of Gujarat was also present. All Divisional Office Bearers and Zonal Secretary AIRF Com. Nikhil Joshi attended the function and wished him happy and healthy retirement life.

Shri Nelson John Mosses, CTI/GTR, Chairman, Grant Road Branch of WREU Mumbai, President IRTCSA-Members Benevolent Fund, Retired Voluntarily from Railway Service on 17.04.2025. He joined railway service as Ticket checking staff at Bandra on 03.02.1992. He joined WREU from day one and worked as Organizing Secretary of Dadar branch during 1993-1998 and worked as Treasurer of GTR Branch. He was well versed with English language and was a good orator. He helped number of tickets checking employees in various capacities. Com. J. R. Bhosale, GS/WREU accompanied by HQ Office Bearers and Divisional Leadership attended his farewell function at J. A. Sabhagrih on 29th April, 2025 and wish him happy and healthy retirement life.

Shri Shrinivas Raju, SSE(W)I-BCT & Vice Chairman of WREU/BCT Station Branch retired on 30.04.2025 on superannuation after putting 43 years of service. He was appointed as Temporary status Khallasi on 25.02.1982 and actively worked in WREU since 1993 and elected as Vice-Chairman of Churchgate Station Branch. We in Railway sentinel wish him happy, healthy and prosperous retirement life.

OBITUARY

Pahelgam Terrorist Attack—Twenty-eight Tourists including a SSE of Central Railway, Parel Workshop Shri Atul Mone lost their lives in a Terrorist attack on 22nd April, 2025 at Pahelgam, Kashmir and left many injured. Western Railway Employees' Union and Railway Sentinel condemned the shocking and coward act of terrorism and pray Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed souls.

Adv. Sanjay Singhvi, Sr. Advocate and Labour leader breathed his last on 23rd April, 2025 after a prolonged illness in Mumbai. He represented and advocated many cases of labours effectively. Railway Sentinel mourns his death and paid tribute to the departed soul.

Com. Shashi Patel WREU Staunch activist working earlier at Carnac Bunder Goods Depot and thereafter in Mumbai Division expired on 14-03-2025 at JRH. He also served the union after retirement in CEG office Mumbai Central as well as Grant Road office. He was admitted in JRH due to prolonged illness. Railway Sentinel mourns his death and paid tribute to the departed soul.

WREU and Railway Sentinel wish all Railwaymen and their family members on the occasion of International Labour Day, i.e. on 1st May, 2025.

WREU and Railway Sentinel wish all Railwaymen and their family members on the occasion of Maharashtra State establishment Day, i.e. on 1st May, 2025.

WREU and Railway Sentinel wish all Railwaymen and their family members on the occasion of Gujrat State establishment Day, i.e. on 1st May, 2025



**22nd AGM of Railway Pensioner's Federation
Ahmedabad**



**101st Foundation day of AIRF,
Ratlam Division**



Huge Protest against Report of Multi-Disciplinary Committee, Rajkot & Ratlam Divisions



**Lecture on Cyber Crime- 1st Foundation Day
of AIRPWF**



Cricket Tournament held at Valsad



**Celebration of Jyotiba Phule Jayanti
and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Jayanti
Ahmedabad Division**



**Successful Token Fast Agitation by WREU
Palanpur**