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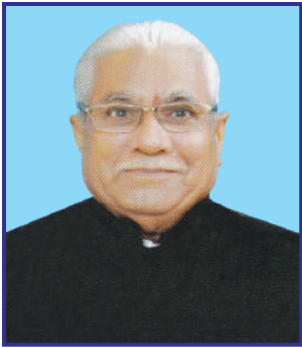
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## From the Desk of Editor



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Dear Subscribers and Railwaymen,

First of all, I wish Happy, Healthy & Prosperous 2026 to all railway employees, members and their families of Western Railway Employees' Union and well-wishers of Railway Sentinel. Our branches in Suburban section have celebrated Kranti Jyoti Savitribai Phule Jayanti on 03-01-2026 enthusiastically. Our branches have organized various functions on the occasion of National Youth Day on 12-01-2026 in which large numbers of youth and women participated. Similarly, our branches in Suburban section celebrated Til Gud Samarambh in which large number of Women employees participated and exchanged greetings and Til Gud amongst

themselves.

Our branches over Western Railway have vigorously held Protest meetings/Dharnas etc. on the clarion call of AIRF for organizing All India Demands Day on 02-02-2026. Similarly, our branches held Protest meetings in support of All India Strike held by Central Trade Unions on 12-02-2026.

Hon'ble Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitaraman has presented the union budget 2026-2027 in the Parliament on 01-02-2026 which has introduced to new Income Tax slabs which may give little bit relief to the tax payers. As regard to Budget allocations for Railways Rs.1.20 lac crore have been allocated to Safety related expenditure and declared that the focus areas include enhanced Track Locomotive, Wagon and Coach maintenance, Rapid deployment of Kavach, automatic TRAI protection system, installation of CCTV Cameras, upgradation of OHE and Station redevelopment including improved customer care and passenger facility.

Standing Committee of AIRF held at NDLS on 15-02-2026 for the preparation of JCM Departmental Council meeting which was held on 16th & 17th February, 2026. We have given a warm felicitation to Smt. Manjula Saxena, PCPO-Western Railway on her retirement on 28-01-2026. Similarly, we have welcomed Shri Saharsh Bajpai, new PCPO-Western Railway on 13-02-2026 with floral bouquet.

All divisions have organized Com. Umraomal Purohit Cricket Tournament in the month of January & February, 2026. Youth of Mumbai area organized Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament in Mahalaxmi Sports Ground from 24-02-2026 to 27-02-2026 in which 40 men's team and 6 women's team participated. The tournament was inaugurated by Shri Pankaj Singh, DRM-MMCT and the final match played on 27-02-2026 which



### 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
Feb-25	411	4912	409.33	56.58
Mar-25	412	4924	410.33	56.96
Apr-25	413	4936	411.33	57.35
May-25	415	4948	412.33	57.73
Jun-25	418	4959	413.25	58.08
Jul-25	422	4970	414.17	58.43
Aug-25	424	4984	415.33	58.88
Sep-25	424	4996	416.33	59.26
Oct-25	425	5005	417.08	59.55
Nov-25	427	5016	418.00	59.90
Dec-25	427	5030	419.17	60.34
Jan-26	428	5046	420.50	60.85

\*Average Price Index for January 2016



Unveiling of Trophy by DRM-MMCT



Prize distribution by PCOM, PCPO, GS/WREU, Shri Vijay Purohit and other dignitaries.



Group Photo of Winner Team – Lokadhikar Samiti-XI – EMU/POH/MX



Shradhanjali Sabha & Mazdoor Ekta Diwas at PL Workshop



Umraomal Purohit Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament-RTM from 23rd to 28th Feb. 2026.



Kranti Jyoti Savitribai Phule Jayanti observed in PL Workshop



Swami Vivekanand Jayanti & National Youth Day observed by RTM Division.

have been graced by Shri V.A. Malegaonkar, PCOM-CCG, Shri Saharash Bajpai, PCPO-CCG & Shri Vivek Dixit, CELE-CCG. Kamghar Ekta Diwas was organized at Parel and MX branch and discussion was held on a topic of Four Labour Codes and its impacts. Main speaker was Com. Nivrutti Dhumal, President-HMS-Maharashtra and Com. J.R.Bhosale, Working President/AIRF and Treasurer/HMS, who threw light on the adverse impacts of newly enacted Four Labour Codes and its effects on employees in organized and unorganized sector and need for one Central Trade Union Organization in India is today's prevailing situation. Large number of employees participated in the function.

We should strengthen our solidarity further by including more youth and women in the main stream of union.

### **MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO GENERAL MANAGER**

Team WREU/ADI lead by Com. Ghanshyam Yadav and G.R.Verma submitted a Memorandum to Shri Vivek Kumar Gupta, General Manager, Western Railway on his visit at SBI on 07-01-2026 for redressal of staff grievances.

Team WREU/NDB branch lead by Com. Chandrakant Choudhari and other office bearers submitted a Memorandum to Shri Pradeep Kumar, General Manager, Western Railway on his visit to NDB on 12-02-2026 for redressal of staff grievances.

### **KRANTI JYOTI SAVITRIBAI PHULE JAYANTI**

Women's team of WREU/PL & MX branch organized a gathering of women employees at the branch premises on 03-01-2026 on the occasion of Kranti Jyoti Savitribai Phule Jayanti in which large number of women employees participated in the function which was addressed by Com. Uday Khot, Praful Jamshundekar, Manisha Dhangar and others.

### **NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO CEO & CRB, RAILWAY BOARD**

Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra and other senior leaders of AIRF met Shri Satish Kumar, CEO & CRB, Railway Board, Member Finance and Member (Traction & Rolling Staff), Railway Board presented floral bouquets and conveyed warm wishes of New Year 2026.

### **NATIONAL YOUTH DAY**

On the occasion of National Youth Day, Parel and MX Branch organized blood donation camp on 10-01-2026 at the union office premises in association with JRH blood bank and collected 292 units of blood. The camp was opened by CWM/PL and Com. J.R.Bhosale, General Secretary/WREU.

WREU/PRTN workshop organized blood donation camp on 12-01-2026 in association with Dwani Blood bank and collected 93 units of blood.

BVP division organized blood donation camp on 12-01-2026 in Railway Community Hall in association with Indian Red Cross Society-BVP. It was inaugurated by DRM-BVP in presence of ADRM-BVP, DPO-BVP and senior leaders of WREU.

Mumbai division organized a gathering of Youths and Women at Andheri branch office hall on 12-01-2026 on the occasion of National Youth Day in which divisional office bearers, Youths and women of suburban

branches participated. Com. J.R.Bhosale inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp before the portrait of Swami Vivekanand and addressed the function. Com. Rajan P., Prashant Kanade, Jitendra Singh, Vinod Morya, Ajit Kumar addressed the gathering. Com. Vivek Pawar, Branch Secretary-Andheri gave thanks to all the participants.

WREU/RTM celebrated Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary. On this auspicious occasion they have organized a function in which more than 200 youths and women participated. Shri Piyush Pandey, Sr. DEN was a Chief Guest of the function graced by Com. Seema Kaushik, Vice President, Manohar Barath, Divisional Secretary and Shri Arpit Jain, Director-JC Bank. The gathering was successfully organized by the Women and Youth team of Ratlam lead by Smt. Kanta Tiwari, Beni Prasad Meena, Indu Maheshwari and Namita Kumayu.

### COM. UMRAOMAL PUROHIT MEMORIAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT

DHD workshop branch organized 5th Com. Umraomal Purohit Memorial Cricket tournament on 10-01-2026 at DHD workshops Sports Association ground which was inaugurated by Shri Manish Kumar Goyal, CWM-DHD in presence of Shri Rao, Dy. CME-DHD, Shri Dinesh Beniwal, SEE/DHD, Shri Ravi Dey, AWM/DHD.

MUMBAI Division organized Com. Umraomal Purohit Memorial Cricket Tournament at Western Railway Sports Complex-MX from 24-02-2026 to 27-02-2026. Before the inauguration of the tournament the gathering paid rich tribute to Late Com. Umraomal Purohit by observing 2 minutes silence and offering floral petals to the portrait of the Stalwart leader. The tournament was inaugurated by Shri Pankaj Singh, DRM-MMCT in presence of Shri Ram Yerne, ADEE/EMU(MX), Com. Ashok Jadhav, President-Municipal Mazdoor Union- Mumbai and Working President/HMS-Maharashtra Council, Com. J.R.Bhosale, R.P.Gupta, Prashant Kanade, Rajan P., Jitendra Singh etc. on 24-02-2026. Total 46 teams have been participated in the tournament and the final match played between Sai-11-Mumbai Central and Lokadhikar Samiti Eleven, EMU(POH). The tournament won by Lokadhikar Samiti Eleven-EMU(POH)-MX workshop. Four women's team also participated in the Cricket tournament separately and the final match was won by Parel Workshop-11 beating EMU(POH) women's team. Trophy's to the Winners and Runner Up presented by Shri V. A. Malegaonkar, PCOM-CCG and President/WRSA, Shri Saharsh Bajpai, PCPO-CCG, Shri Vivek Dixit, CELE and Secy./WRSA, Com. J.R.Bhosale, Shri Vijay Purohit s/o Com. Umraomal Purohit and Smt. Mangala Jathar, APO-Parel Workshop. Com. Prashant Kanade, Divisional Secretary gave thanks to all the participants and administration for its support for successfully organizing the tournament. The whole tournament was ably conducted by the Youth team of Mumbai division, Parel workshop, EMU(POH), GLO and Accounts branch-CCG.

AMALNER Cricket Tournament held at Amalner on 01-02-2026 at Pratap College ground which was inaugurated by Com. J.R.Bhosale, General Secretary & Working President/AIRF and graced by ADEN/Amalner, IPF(RPF)-Amalner, Com. Sunder Veerkar, Zonal Co-ordinator, Youth Committee/AIRF. Total 10 teams participated in the tournament. SNK Eleven won the Championship and RPF Eleven was the Runner-Up.

Valsad – Cricket tournament held on 21-02-2026 and 22-02-2026 by the Valsad branches at Railway Institute Ground, Valsad. In which 8 teams participated and played the matches in round-robin pattern. Final match won by Electrical Loco Shed team and Runner-Up was C&W/Valsad. Trophies to the winner and Runner-Up and others were presented by Com. Ajit Kumar, Chairman/JC Bank. Youth team of Valsad branches successfully organized tournament supported by Senior leaders.

Car Shed-Mumbai Central- Organized Khel Mahotsav from 17-02-2026 to 21-02-2026. They have held Box Cricket, Badminton, Chess and Carrom Board. Large number of women employees also played

Badminton, Chess and Carrom Board. Prize distribution was done by Com. J.R.Bhosale on 21-02-2026 in presence of Smt. Sonu Agarwal, DEE(RS)-Carshed, Com. Prashant Kanade, Rajan P., Jitendra Singh, Ajit Kumar, Milind Thakur and other senior leaders. Youth team of Carshed ably organized the tournament under the guidance of senior leaders.

### **KAMGHAR EKTA DIWAS**

A Shradhanjali Sabha and Kamghar Ekta Diwas held on the occasion of 12th Death Anniversary of Com. Umraomal Purohit at Parel workshop on 27-02-2026 at 16.00 hrs. Com. Nivrutti Dhumal, President-HMS Maharashtra, Com. J.R.Bhosale, Vikas Gupte, Prashant Kanade, Rajan P., Shri Vijay Purohit s/o Com. Umraomal Purohit, Com. Manisha Dangar light the lamp and garlanded on the portrait of Starwalt leader Late Shri Umraomal Purohit and poured rose petals and paid rich tribute to the great leader. All leaders present in the function shared their experience and education gained from Com. Umraomal Purohit. Com. Nivrutti Dhumal has explained about the negative impacts of Four Labour Codes in detail and asked the employees to strengthen their solidarity to fight for the right of working class. Com. J.R.Bhosale shared the details of the meetings of Cadre Restructuring Committee, JCM and the 8th CPC Memorandum Draft Committee held at NDLS. The team WREU Parel workshop under leadership of Com. Uday Khot and Praful Jamsundekar and others have made all the arrangements for ably conducting the Shradhanjali Sabha and Kamgar Ekta Diwas.

Shradhanjali Sabha held in Baroda, Ratlam, Rajkot, Bhavnagar divisions and paid rich tribute to Com. Umraomal Purohit ji the Stalwart leader and observed 2 minutes silence and gave shradhanjali by pouring rose petals on the portrait of the great leader. Office bearers of the divisions, branches and retired Railwaymen present in the function gave Shradhanjali to Com. Umraomal Purohit ji. Senior leaders shared their experience and knowledge gained from Com. Umraomal Purohit on various occasions and training sessions.

### **PENSIONERS CONFERENCE**

WREU/PRTN branch held a meeting of Pensioners at the PRTN branch office on 11-01-2026 in which large number of pensioners of BRC and PRTN workshop attended. Com J.R.Bhosale and Com. Santosh Pawar addressed the gathering. Com. Bharat Makwana, Jitendra Prasad and their team made all the necessary arrangements for successfully organizing the meeting.

### **MUSHAIRA KAVI DARBAR**

A Mushaira and Kavi Sammelan in memory of Late Shri T.N.Bajpai held on the evening of 17-01-2026 in Iskon Hall, Juhu in which famous Artists from all over India participated. Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary, AIRF was the Chief Guest. Com. J.R.Bhosale, General Secretary, WREU, Venu P. Nair, General Secretary/NRMU-CR/KR and Prashant Kanade, AGS/DS-WREU were present in the function. Leaders paid rich tribute to Late Shri T.N.Bajpai, Ex. President of NRMU and a prominent Trade Union Leader.

### **TIL-GUD SAMARAMBH**

EMU-POH workshop- Women's team of the branch organized Til-Gud Samarambh for women employees on 16-01-2026 in the workshop Auditorium. Smt. Bhavna Yerne wife of Shri Ram Yerne, AEE(EMU) was the Chief Guest. Smt. Kiran Dwivedi wife of Shri Anilkumar Dwivedi, AEE(EMU), Smt. Sheela Nakhare, wife of Shri Sujit Nakhare, APO(EMU) and Smt. Shweta Gamre, Chief Manager-SBI, Kum. Trisha Shetty renowned Classical dancer and singer, Smt. Bhagashree Bhurke of INTUC Maharashtra, Smt. Suhas Thite,

Yoga Trainer, Smt. Pranali More, Shiv Sena Vibhag Pramukh, Kalyan, Com. J.R. Bhosale, Prashant Kanade & Ajit Kumar graced the occasion. Large number of women employees participated and exchanged greetings and Til Gud among themselves.

PL Workshop- organized Til Gud Samarambh on 17-01-2026 in Cultural Hall of Parel Workshop. Com. J.R.Bhosale was the Chief Guest. Com. Manisha Dangar with entire team of ladies ably conducted the function.

BCT Division-Til-Gud samarambh was held by CFO branch BCT on 31-01-2026 and exchanged best wishes and greetings amongst the women employees. Com. Prashant Kanade, Vivek Kamble, Alpesh Rathod and Ramesh Jangid graced the occasion.

Bilimora branch- Organized Til-Gud Samarambh on 21-01-2026 at union office in which large number of women employees participated and exchanged pleasant wishes among each other with rose flowers.

### NEW CHAIRMAN FOR JCCS

Com. Ajit Kumar, Director-JCCS and Chairman-DRM JRH branch have been elected as Chairman-JCCS on 06-01-2026 in a Secret Ballot held in Mumbai amongst the Director Board Members of JCCS under the supervision of Returning Officer and District Collector-Mumbai. Com. Ajit Kumar secured 12 votes against his opponent who secured 8 votes. Shri Subhash Meena has elected as Vice Chairman by securing 11 votes against his opponent Shri Rohitash Meena who secured 9 votes. Elected Directors of WREU, NWREU, SC/ST were met the General Manager at his chamber on 06-01-2026 and presented Shawl and Floral bouquet. Shri Vivek Kumar Gupta, General Manager-Western Railway has appreciated one and all, he advised the elected directors to give fruitful results with transparency to the Shareholders of JCCS. Com. Ajit Kumar has taken over the charge of Chairman-JCCS on 20-01-2026 in presence of Com. J.R.Bhosale, Vikas Gupte, Prashant Kanade, Jitendra Singh and other senior leaders in the Board room of JC Bank Ltd.,

### SENIOR LEADERS MET GENERAL MANAGER

Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary/AIRF accompanied by Com. J.R.Bhosale, General Secretary/WREU and Working President/AIRF, Com. Venu P. Nair, General Secretary/NRMU-CR/KR, Vikas Gupte, Prashant Kanade, Rajan P. and Office bearers of GLO and Accounts-CCG met Shri Vivek Kumar Gupta, General Manager-Western Railway and felicitated him with a Shawl and Flower bouquet on his promotion as Member (Infra)-Railway Board. In his reciprocation Shri Vivek Kumar Gupta, General Manager has thanked the leaders for its sincere co-operation during his tenure.

### WARM FELICITATION TO PCPO-WESTERN RAILWAY

Western Railway Employees' Union gave a warm farewell to Smt. Manjula Saxena, PCPO-Western Railway on 28-01-2026 in Samvad Hall which was graced by Shri Vivek Kumar Gupta, General Manager-Western Railway and all PHODs, HODs and All Personnel Officers, Shri Ramnath Patil, Zonal General Secretary/AIOBC Association and his team also associated with WREU in the Board room and gave farewell to Smt. Manjula Saxena. On this occasion Com. J.R.Bhosale presented a flower bouquet, Shawl and photo frame of Lalbaughcha Raja to Smt. Manjula Saxena. Com. J.R.Bhosale presented a flower bouquet and a shawl to Shri Vivek Kumar Gupta, General Manager. The General Manager in his speech appreciated the matured leadership of WREU and its sincere co-operation with the administration at all level. Com. J.R.Bhosale thanked General Manager for gracing the occasion in a short notice, appreciated PCPO and the Personnel department for its cooperation, extended gratitude to Smt. Manjula Saxena for her sincere efforts

for resolving staff grievances in time. Smt. Manjula Saxena in her speech thanked to WREU and its leadership for its support and co-operation in redressing the staff matters during her tenure on Western Railway.

### ALL INDIA DEMANDS DAY

The 101st Annual General Meeting of AIRF held in Lucknow from 22-12-2025 to 24-12-2025 has unanimously decided to observe All India Demands Day on 02-02-2026 at Branch level at the length and breadth of the Indian Railways for achieving long pending demands of Railwaymen. WREU observed All India Protest Day at branch level on 02-02-2026 by organizing meetings, Dharna etc. Senior leaders addressed the gathering all over Western Railway and briefed the demands.

Com. J.R.Bhosale addressed the gathering at Andheri. Com. Prashant Kanade addressed the gathering at Mumbai Central Carshed and other branches of Mumbai Suburban area. Com. Vikas Gupte addressed the Railwaymen at Parel workshop. Meeting was held in EMU-POH/MX was addressed by Com. Shivaji Palve. Com. J.R.Bhosale in his speech at ADH explained the efforts being made by leadership of AIRF and its affiliates for pursuing the pending demands and strongly demanded the implementation of 8th CPC from 01-01-2026 along with allowances. He also explained the proposal submitted by AIRF for cadre restructuring.

A huge demonstration was held in front of DRM office Pratapnagar, Vadodara division which was addressed by Com. Santosh Pawar, Sanjay Pawar, Com. A.P. Maurya, Ranvir Pandey, Nitin Thakur etc. All the leaders narrated briefly about the pending demands.

Similar protest meetings organized at Ratlam was addressed by Com. Manohar Singh Barot, Shailesh Tiwari, Kanta Tiwari, Namita Kumayu and Beni Prasad Meena. Protest meetings held at branches addressed by Chairman/Secretary and senior leaders of branches.

Protest meetings held at Ahmedabad was addressed by Com. R.C.Sharma, Ghanshyam Yadav, G.R. Verma and other senior leaders.

Protest meetings held at Rajkot was addressed by Com. Nikhil Joshi, Mayur Gadhvi, Jitendra Satapara and other senior leaders.

A mass gathering held at BVP was addressed by Com. S.K.Srivastava, Ajayraj Singh Gohil and other senior leaders.

### CENTRAL BUDGET 2026

#### Compare current Income tax slabs under old tax regime vs new tax regime

New Tax Regime		Old Tax Regime	
Income Tax slabs (Rs)	Tax rate (%)	Income Tax slabs (Rs)	Tax rate (%)
From 0 to 4,00,000	0%	From 0 to 2,50,000	0%
4,00,001 to 8,00,000	5%	2,50,001 to 5,00,000	5%
8,00,001 to 12,00,000	10%	5,00,001 to 10,00,000	20%
12,00,001 to 16,00,000	15%	10,00,001 and above	30%
16,00,001 to 20,00,000	20%		
20,00,001 to 24,00,000	25%		
24,00,001 and above	30%		

Sitharaman on February 1, 2026, represents a key fiscal intervention following the assessment laid out in the Economic Survey.

Prepared for the first time in Kartavya Bhawan, the budget outlines the government's economic priorities amid global uncertainty and domestic growth imperatives.

With total expenditure estimated at 53.5 lakh crore and a fiscal deficit estimated at 4.3% of GDP, the budget seeks to sustain GDP growth while adhering to fiscal discipline. It reflects the Indian government's effort to balance public investment, social spending, and macroeconomic stability.

The budget is anchored around three kartavyas: accelerating economic growth, building human capacity, and ensuring inclusive development. These pillars align with the broader objective of transforming India into a developed economy by 2047.

### **Infrastructure Development at Scale**

Public capital expenditure (capex) has been increased to 12.2 lakh crore in FY 2026-27 from 11.2 lakh crore in the previous year. This sustained emphasis on infrastructure investment reflects the government's view of capex as a growth multiplier, a theme consistently highlighted in the Economic Survey.

Seven high-speed rail corridors have been announced to connect major economic and urban centres, including Mumbai-Pune, Pune-Hyderabad, Hyderabad-Bengaluru, Hyderabad-Chennai, Chennai-Bengaluru, Delhi-Varanasi, and Varanasi-Siliguri. These corridors are expected to reduce travel time, improve regional connectivity, and support economic integration.

### **Railway Budget 2026 allocation**

Indian Railways receives its highest-ever capex allocation of Rs 2,93,030 crore in Union Budget 2026-27. It received total outlay of Rs 2,78,030 crore. Addressing a press conference at Rail Bhawan on Sunday, February 1, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the focus would remain on strengthening railway infrastructure, expanding capacity and improving passenger safety.

### **Budget allocation for Railways**

The Union Minister noted that safety is the highest priority, with around Rs 1.20 lakh crore allocated to safety-related expenditure. He also highlighted that sustained investments over the years have already yielded results, with railway accidents reduced by nearly 95 per cent.

The minister stated that the government is now intensifying efforts to further strengthen safety outcomes. "The focus areas include enhanced track, locomotive, wagon and coach maintenance, rapid deployment of the Kavach automatic train protection system, installation of CCTV cameras, upgradation of overhead electrical (OHE) systems, station redevelopment, and improved customer care and passenger facilities," he said.

## **ALL INDIA STRIKE HELD BY CENTRAL TRADE UNIONS 12-02-2026**

On the clarion call of Joint action Council of Central Trade Unions including HMS, All India strike held on 12-02-2026 all over India. On the call of All India Railwaymen's Federation its affiliates including Western Railway Employees' Union held protest meetings in mass scale on all branches. Senior leaders addressed the gatherings. In Mumbai HMS-Maharashtra Council has initially granted permission from the Police authority for organizing a mass protest meeting at the Maharashtra High School ground, Curry Road. But the permission was withdrawn at eleventh hour by the Police authority. Hence, a mass gathering held in Mumbai Municipal Mazdoor Union Office Hall in Bal Dandavate Smruti, Curry Road adjacent to the earlier venue. Large number of WREU representatives participated in the gathering. The meeting was chaired by Com.

Nivruti Dhumal, President, HMS Maharashtra Council, Com. Sanjay Vadavkar, General Secretary-HMS Maharashtra, Com. Vikas Gupte, Treasurer, HMS Maharashtra and Treasurer/WREU, Com. Sanjyot Vadavkar, Women's leader, Com. Rajan P., WCM-HMS National and AGS/WREU and other senior leaders of HMS-Maharashtra addressed the meeting. The mass gathering has registered their strong protest against implementation of 4 Labour Codes enacted by the Central Government which is Anti-Union and Anti Labour.

A mass rally with demonstration held at Baroda in which more than 1500 railway employees and Comrades of HMS Affiliated unions participated by shouting slogans. The rally marched towards the District Collector office, Baroda to register their protest. The gathering was addressed by Com. Santosh Pawar, General Secretary/HMS-Gujarat State and AGS/WREU, Com. Sanjay Pawar and other senior leaders of HMS and WREU.

### **WELCOME TO SHRI SAHARSH BAJPAI, PCPO-WESTERN RAILWAY**

A Delegation led by Com. J.R.Bhosale, HQ office bearers and leaders of GLO and Accounts Branch, Churchgate welcomed Shri Saharsh Bajpai, PCPO-Western Railway with Flower bouquet and presented a Photo frame of Saibaba on 13-02-2026 in his chamber. Dr.(Smt) Sanghmitra, CPO(Adm) and Shri Rajesh Choudhary, CPO(G) also present on this occasion.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF AIRF HELD AT NDLS**

Standing Committee of AIRF held at NDLS on 15-02-2026 under the chairmanship of Com. J.R.Bhosale, Working President/AIRF for pre-preparation of JCM-Departmental Council meeting which was held on 16/17-02-2026 chaired by Shri Satish Kumar, CRB & CEO, Railway Board attended by all board members. The Staff Side team was led by Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, Secretary-JCM (Staff Side).

### **GS/AIRF'S REPRESENTATIONS TO RAILWAY BOARD**

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/Workstudy/Yardstick / Opt.Staff (325) dated 29-12-2025 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding Draft guidelines -Manpower yardstick for Open Line staff.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/101(324) dated 30-12-2025 addressed to The Director General (HR), Railway Board regarding enhancement of honorarium of Ayurvedic/Homeopathic Dispensers.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/413(528) dated 31-12-2025 addressed to Executive Director, Railway Board requesting for exemption from passing the Typewriter Test as a condition for Promotion from Jr. Clerk to Sr. Clerk in Ministerial & Accounts Cadre.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/325 dated 02-01-2026 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding Association of Indian Railway IT cadre in the IRSOC Project in the Larger Interest of Indian Railways.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/139 dated 06-01-2026 addressed to PED(IR), Railway Board regarding Deputation of the Railway Staff to the recognized Unions/Federations as Full Time Workers.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/649(13) dated 06-01-2026 addressed to Hon'ble Minister for Railways, request for revision of vacancy assessment for RRB Group 'D' Recruitment 2026(Level-1, 7th CPC).

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/53(15) dated 06-01-2026 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding General Department Competitive Examination (GDCE) for filling up Direct Recruitment (DR) quota vacancies – need for clarity, uniform implementation and adherence to Board's own instructions.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/53(409)(12) dated 06-01-2026 addressed to The Director General (HR), Railway Board regarding Upgradation of pay structure of Legal Cadre and change in nomenclature -Response to Railway Board's letter dated 02-01-2026.

General Secretary/AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/Sub-Committee 298 dated 23-01-2026 addressed to The Director General (HR), Railway Board regarding Grievances of Loco Running Staff.

### RAILWAY BOARD ORDERS

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(P&A)II/2025, dated 06-01-2026 regarding review of stepping up of pay already granted to CLIs.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(NG)II/2024/RC-4/1 dated 09-01-2026 regarding engagement of Ex. Servicemen as Pointsman on contract basis against vacancies until availability of regularly appointed candidates.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(NG)II/2025/RR-1/67 dated 19-01-2026 regarding recruitment to non-gazetted posts -equivalence on the minimum educational qualification.

Railway Board vide its letter No.PC-VI/2025/CC/05 dated 02-02-2026 clarification regarding Grant of benefit of one increment under Rule 13 of Rules, 2008 on promotion from. Sr. Goods Guard to Sr. Passenger Guard.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2026/TG-V/1/1 dated 04-02-2026 regarding Verification of proof of identity during the journey.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2024/F(X)/10/16 (E.No.3471387) dated 03/09-02-2026 regarding Systematic improvement for imprest and cash handling.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(NG)I/2020/PM1/9 dated 10-02-2026 regarding General Departmental Competitive Examination (GDCE) for filling up of 25% net direct recruitment quota vacancies in Group 'C' categories-Extension of currency upto 31-03-2028.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(NG)I/2025/PM/13 dated 13-02-2026 regarding administrative reforms in Departmental Promotions- Issue of Model Selection Calendar.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(MPP)2024/AIRF/17 dated 24-02-2026 regarding Creation of additional posts for maintenance of new assets & trains.

Railway Board vide its letter No.D-43/9/2022-F(E)III dated 24-02-2026 regarding Format-1 of Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 2026.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2020/H-1/11/6/NHA dated 24-02-2026 regarding Transfer of Administrative Management of Empanelled Hospitals under AB-PMJAY of all Government of India Hospitals from NHA to SHA-Adverse Implications for Railway Beneficiaries.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2025/H-1/19/3/E(LR) dated 24-02-2026 regarding various resolutions unanimously adopted during the 101st AGM of AIRF held from 22nd-24th December, 2025 at Lucknow.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2024/H-1/19/4/NFIR dated 24-02-2026 regarding Cochlear Implantation in Railway and non-Railway Hospitals for Railway employees (with family members) and RELHS beneficiaries – reimbursement of cost.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(NG)I/2014/PM7/1(E-3126334) dated 26-02-2026 regarding Direct Recruitment quota in Technician Gr. III in Loco Sheds/EMU Sheds

### VETERAN RETIRED

**Smt. Manjula Saxena**, PCPO-Western Railway retired on superannuation on 31-01-2026. She served Western Railway as CPO(IR), CPO(Adm.) and PCPO. The Personnel department of HQ including officers gave a warm farewell to PCPO. Railway Sentinel wishes her a happy and healthy retirement life.

**Com. Sanjay K. Dhawane**, Chief Loco Inspector-CCG and Officer bearer of Churchgate branch retired on superannuation on 31-01-2026 after completion of 37 year's of exemplary service. Out of which he has worked as CLI-CCG for a period of 27 years. Railway Sentinel wishes him for a happy and healthy retirement life.

**Com. Pooja Pawar**, Ch.OS/Transportation department-CCG and Office bearer of GLO branch retired on superannuation on 28-02-2026 after successful completion of 36 years of service. Railway Sentinel wishes her a happy and healthy retirement life.

### OBITUARY

**Shri Ajit Dada Pawar**, Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Leader of NCP died on 28-01-2026 in a tragic plane crash at Baramati. Railway Sentinel paid rich tribute to the departed soul.

**Com. Jitendra Prasad**, Branch Chairman, WREU PRTN Workshop & SSE expired on 01-02-2026 due to prolonged illness. Railway Sentinel paid rich tribute to the departed soul.



CCG GLO & Accounts Branches held Gate Meeting for demand of Air-Conditioning in both buildings of Western Railway Headquarter Office-Churchgate on 24.02.2026. Com. J.R. Bhosale addressed the huge gathering in the main porch of GM Office.



Com. Harbhajansingh Siddhu guided the State HMS Working Committee Meeting and also addressed the large gathering on 12.02.2026.



Blood donation Camp held in Rly. Community Hall at Bhavnagar



Blood donation Camp held at PL Work shop.



Krida Mahotsav organized by Carshed Branch-Mumbai Central



Late Com. Umraomal Purohit Cricket Tournament conducted by Dahod Workshop.



Ujjain Branch of RTM Division organized Umraomal Purohit Cricket Tournament.

