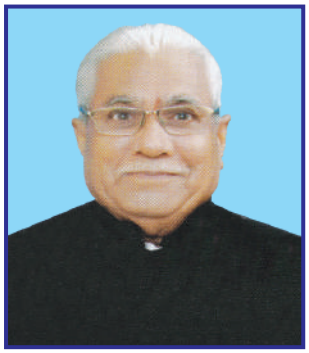
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From the Desk of Editor



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Dear Subscribers and Railwaymen,

As you know that we have lost Com. Vikas R. Gupte, Treasurer of WREU on 06-07-2026 due to Massive Cardiac Arrest at the age of 65 years.Com. Gupte served the WREU as a Branch Secretary of Stores and Printing Press-MX, GLO-CCG, Assistant General Secretary and Zonal Treasurer and Working Committee Member of AIRF.He was the Treasurer of HMS-Maharashtra Council and Trustee of Maniben Kara Foundation.He was the Chief Educator of Trade Union Education programmes of WREU. His sudden and untimely demise is a grave and unbearable loss to the family and the Trade Union fraternity.WREU held Shradhanjali Sabha on 21-07-2026 at Senior Railway Institute, Lower Parel and paid rich tribute to the departed soul.The Shradhanjali Sabha was attended by the leaders of various Central Trade Unions and organizations in Mumbai and large number of comrades of NRMU and WREU.The post and responsibility of Zonal Treasurer is most important, therefore the Working Committee of WREU held at Jagdish Ajmera Hall, Grant Road on 21.07.2026 unanimously elected Shri Vivek B. Kamble as Zonal Treasurer of WREU.

Dahod branches enthusiastically observed Sahid Din on 12-07-2026with a Prabhat Pheri from Saath Rasta which culminated at Shahid Bhavan, Godhra Road. The participants paid tribute to the Martyrs of Historic 1960 Railway Strike. In my absence due to sudden death of my mother-in-law at native place in Maharashtra, Com. R.C.Sharma, President/WREU attended the function at Dahod.

National convention of workers and farmers held on 29th July, 2026 at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, NDLS. More than 5000 workers and farmers across different sectors participated. The leaders unanimously condemned the anti-worker, anti-farmer and anti-people policy of Central Government. The convention has decided to intensify the independent and joint struggles.

A spontaneous agitation of Supervisors of Parel workshop held on 20.07.2026 against the alleged harassment to the Supervisors by the administration. Due to timely intervene by WREU and detailed discussion held with PCME & GM by GS/WREU it has been settled amicably.

Due to continuous efforts of the Union through GM/PNM the administration has conveyed GM's approval for constitution of LSBF under CWM(EMU-POH)-MX which will be beneficial to the employees working in EMU POH Workshop and Stores Depot-MX.

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
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
Feb-26	428	5063	421.92	61.40
Mar-26	429	5080	423.33	61.94
Apr-26	431	5098	424.83	62.51
May-26	434	5120	426.67	63.22
Jun-26	437	5139	428.25	63.82
Jul-26	441	5158	429.83	64.43

***Average Price Index for January 2016**

Youths of WREU have attended Wellbeing programme from 17.08.2026 to 19.08.2026 at Abu Road held by NWREU and a Seminar-cum-Workshop held on 24.08.2026 at Lonavala. Such programmes will be more beneficial for upcoming Youth cadre in the organization.

3rd GM PNM Meeting was held on 20.08.2026 & 21.08.2026, number of items got finalized with positive results. Railway Board PNM Meeting will be held on 10th& 11th September, 2026 at NDLS.

Meeting of SCOVA held on 10.03.2026 has decided and conveyed to All General Managers (P) vide Railway Board's Letter No 2026/E(W)/22/01/2, dated 14.08.2026 for conducting Informal Meetings of Pensioners' Associations with DRMs & GM. Accordingly, representatives of Pensioners' Associations can meet and discuss the issues with the concerned Officers of Railways as and when necessary. CPO(IR) on the Zone and Sr.DPO/DPO on the Divisions and Dy. CPO in PUs will act as the Nodal Officers for dealing with Pensioners' Association and co-ordinating with other departments for addressing Pensioners concerns raised by the Associations and Individual pensioners. Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary, National Council Staff side-JCM has addressed to Cabinet Secretary, Government of India on 27.08.2026 for revision of Bonus payable ceiling to Central Government employees from Rs. 7000 to Rs. 21,000/-.

I thank to the leaders and cadre for successfully completing the membership enrolment drive for the year 2026 and urge to review the Branch-wise position of Membership enrolment for up-keeping the records.

Comradely,
(J.R.Bhosale)

ALL INDIA TRACK MAINTAINERS CONFERENCE HELD AT NDLS

All India Safety Seminar-Cum-Conference of the Track Maintainers was held in Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi, on 22nd April, 2026, approximately 3,000 Track Maintainers and other employees engaged in track maintenance, took part, coming all the way from the entire length and breadth of the Indian Railways. The office-bearers of AIRF were present on the dais besides the dignitaries. Hon'ble Minister for Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, Member(Infra.), Railway Board Shri Vivek Kumar Gupta, General Manager Northern Railway Shri Rajesh Kumar Pandey, PCE/NR Shri Prem Sagar Gupta, PCPO/NR Shri Sujit Kumar Mishra, DRM/DLI Shri Pushpesh Raman Tripathi, and other officials were also present on this occasion.

Shri Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary AIRF, briefly talked about the background of holding “All India Safety Seminar-Cum-Conference” of the Track Maintainers, who are broadly engaged in proper upkeep and maintenance of the entire railway track in Indian Railways without caring for extreme weather conditions, viz. temperature ranging from 00 Celsius to 500 Celsius, torrential rain, bone-chilling cold across the year. He said that, although nature of the duty of Track Maintainers and other P. Way Staff is very tough, however, they have not been treated fairly at the hands of the Railway administration despite persistent efforts being made by AIRF for securing advancement prospects, adequate perks, facilities and working conditions etc. Although, there is a long journey of Track Maintainers, beginning from casual engagement as Gangman to the present status of four-grade structure, with the dignified nomenclature of “Track Maintainers”, however, there are still a lot of atrocities that this cadre is still bound to face.

He further said that, this is the reason it was felt appropriate to organise the said Safety Seminar-CumConference, wherein top officials of this cadre as well as Hon'ble M.R. would be present to mutually discuss the major issues of this vulnerable category of the Railwaymen. He as well emphasised to provide “Rakshak Device” to the entire staff engaged in track maintenance so as to save their valuable lives. Talking about introduction of four-grade

structure after consistent efforts of AIRF, he said that, 10% up-gradation in higher grade is in-adequate; therefore, a unanimous decision was taken in the meeting of the Cadre Restructuring Committee that this would be increased from 10% to 20%. Shri Mishra as well pointed out that, "LDCE Open to All" is a very heartburning issue for Track Maintainers because majority of them, now recruited, is possessing higher academic or technical qualification, and suggested that, 10% Direct Recruitment Quota posts in higher grades, particularly in NTPC, may be earmarked for promotion through LDCE Open to All from amongst the categories of Level-1 staff. The General Secretary stressed upon the provision of modernised and light weight tools and equipment, particularly in the wake of sea changes in track geometry and also demanded that they should be treated at par with Technicians of other departments and provided with same structure as well as pay-scales up to Pay Level-6.

Hon'ble Minister for Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, at the outset, was offered warm welcome by presenting bouquet and shawl on his arrival. Thereafter, a Documentary, showing the entire working conditions of the Track Maintainers and other staff engaged in track maintenance, was displayed. Member(Infra.), Railway Board Shri Vivek Kumar Gupta, in his address, talked about the safety of the railway tracks as well as Track Maintenance Staff while performing duty. He advocated not to adopt any short-cut and also gave a number of valuable suggestions for safety of the employees during track maintenance. He further informed about the steps being taken by the Railway Board to upgrade the Training Centres and also to introduce Refresher Course for Track Maintenance Staff. He also mentioned that the Full Board is trying to further improve the working conditions and career progression of the Track Maintenance Staff as well to improve upon their personal life, for which even certain rules were either to be changed or modified. Finally, he thanked AIRF for organising such a large and important conference of the Track Maintenance Staff and providing him an opportunity to talk to them directly.
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After his informal talk with the audience, Hon'ble Minister for Railways, while addressing huge gathering of Track Maintainers, said that, he wanted direct dialog with the Track Maintainers, and he is thankful to Shri Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary AIRF, for providing this opportunity by holding such a large "Safety Seminar-Cum All India Track maintainers Conference" in New Delhi. He said that safety of the Railways as well as that of the Track Maintainers is of paramount importance and first priority for all of us.

Regarding provision of "Rakshak" to Track Maintenance Staff, he explained that this device is VHF based, for which it is observed that, in case of hilly areas, sharp curvature, there is problem of signal, due to which reliability of "Rakshak" is not perfect. He further said that, now, Mobile-Based Warming System is under trial as a Pilot Project on Southern and Western Railways, which is having better signal intensity, can be operated on 4G and 5G technology on Mobile Network, and since mobile towers are available across the country and covers 95% Railway Network, and wherever required, a single Mobile Tower will be installed to make 100% coverage. Therefore, this new alternative safety system on trial will prove to be more relievable and safe. He further said that, on completion of the Pilot Project, 100% Track Maintainers and Keyman and Patrolman would be having Safety Mobile Phone App. Shri Vaishnav also emphasized that, nobody should adopt shortcut while working. Talking about modernization of Railway Tracks, Hon'ble M.R. informed that, during the last one decade 36,000 kms. new track has been laid. Presently, the Indian Railways is having 1800 Track Machines, which we are trying to increase the number up to 3000, consequent upon which, the entire track maintenance work would be done by Track Machine. He also mentioned that, during the next 4-5 years, the entire process of track maintenance would undergo to sea change in place of age old system, new modernized Rail-Cum-Road Vehicle would be available for track maintenance wherein all the tools and appliances needed for track maintenance shall be carried and the machine would detect any deficiency in the track and will set right.

After introduction of this new system, the age old track maintenance system would be totally eliminated. The Indian Railways is now using 90 UTS Rail, therefore all the measurement of the desired parameters would be

done with the accuracy with the help of modernized gadgets. He further said that the technology of Rail Welding should also to be changed commensurate with the need of the day where heavy load and faster speed of the trains is to be achieved. Shri Vaishnav also said that, in place of ERC Clips, new generation two type fasteners shall be provided, and as a Pilot Project these having been used on 250 km of tracks over East Coast Railway, and shall be completed on 500 km in near future. He further said that, when new generation two type fasteners shall be provided in the track, there will be no requirement of hammer, and in place of hammer, torqueing machine operated by Battery System shall be used for torqueing of the fasteners. These fasteners, he said, are being used for the last 8 years in the world and now being introduced in the Indian Railways.He also added that, in the process of modernization of track maintenance, some new courses of these and diploma etc. have been uploaded by the Ministry of Railways and are available on YouTube also. Educated staff are advised to go through so as to upgrade himself and can give the suggestions to further improve the same. He also mentioned that, since you are working in the field, you can better understand and tell how much more improvement can be done in track maintenance of the Indian Railways. Hon'ble MR assured that, modernized light weight tools shall be provided to all the staff engaged in the track maintenance within the next 6 months, and new measurement tools should also be provided to them.Hon'ble M.R. said that the demand of "LDCE Open to All" would be examined, and we would try to help Track Maintainer Cadre without harming any other cadre of the Indian Railways. Concluding his address Hon'ble MR said that, with the cooperation of the staff, Railway Unions and officers of the Indian Railways, we will have the standards of almost in the developed country, and whatever forthcoming are still there, the same would be addressed shortly.

After the address of Hon'ble M.R., General Secretary AIRF, Shri Shiva Gopal Mishra, concluding the session said, that the beat of the Patrolmen for patrolling be reduced from 16 km to 12 km, and all the gates to be provided with Portable Water, Electric Fans, Washrooms etc., and simultaneously, Field Hostel for the education of children's need to be provided in nearby cities where education facilities are available for the children. The General Secretary further mentioned that, we are not against the Safety, Security and Sustained Railway Operation, but the working conditions, living conditions and promotional prospect of the staff need to be improved. He assured that the Indian Railways would be more and more improved to provide better service to its users. He again emphasized that; nobody should adopt any shortcut, whatever pressure on train operation be there. In the conclusion, General Sectary said that, Hon'ble M.R. has directly talked to all of you, and you can understand his vision for overall improvement of the Indian Railways as well as its workforce. He also assured the audience that the long-outstanding issue - "LDCE Open to All" he would get resolved as early as possible. Thereafter, Draft Resolutions, placed before the house, were unanimously adopted by the house. The historic conference concluded with vote of thanks to all.

NATIONAL DOCTOR'S DAY

WREU Mumbai division celebrated National Doctor's Day on 01-07-2026 by presenting flower bouquets to MD/JRH, CMS/BCT, CSS/JRH, ACHD, ACMS, Sr. DMO, DMO, and ADMO. Com. Prashant Kanade, Com. Jitendra Singh, Com. R.P.Gupta, Com. Rajan P., Com. Ajit Kumar, Com. Zulfikar Labhiwala, Com. Nimmi Rajnish and other comrades warmly honoured the Doctors for their invaluable service. Team WREU-Mumbai felicitated doctors at the Health Units in CCG, BCT, LPL, Bandra, Borivali, Palghar, Valsad, Surat, Udhana, NDB, and Amalner.

OBSERVED SHAHID DIN AT DAHOD

In memory of the brave martyrs of the historic 1960 Railway Strike, a grand Prabhat Pheri was organized the Prabhat Pheri on 12-07-2026. The Prabhat Pheri started from Saath Rasta and routed through the Railway colony culminated at Shaheed Bhavan at Godhra Road.Com. R C Sharma, President/WREU along with Com. Shri G R Verma accompanied. Thereafter Com. R.C.Sharma and all the participants observed two minutes silence and paid rich tribute to the Martyrs by pouring rose petals to the martyr's memorial at Shahid Bhavan, Dahod.

AShradhanjali Sabha held in the union office and paid tribute to Com. Vikas Gupte, Treasurer/WREU who expired on 06-07-2026. Com. R.C.Sharma garlanded the portrait of Com. Vikas Gupte and poured flower petals. In his address Com.R.C.Sharma has briefed his rich experience with Com. Vikas Gupte. Com. Dharmendra Kumar and other senior leaders also shared their memories with Com. Vikas Gupte and praised the way of working of Com. Gupte.

Thereafter a meeting of office bearers and activists held in union office and discussed on various subjects such as Grant of OPS to the employees who have completed Act Apprenticeship before 31.12.2003 and joined in Western Railway. Qualifications pay to the CNS. Promotional benefits to the JE against 20% vacancies of SSE. Provision for additional fund required for repairing the railway quarters and for the construction of new quarters. Incentive Bonus to the Electrical and CMT staff. The President appreciated the functioning of Dahod branches and Youth and Women Committees of Dahod branches

ELECTION OF STAFF CANTEEN – KKF – ADI

The Election of the Staff Canteen Management Committee, KKF - ADI Division for the term 2026-2028 was held on 09-07-2026. The WREU panel achieved a decisive victory, with Com. Rajesh T. Venne, SSE (C&W) Joint Secretary of WREU-CDO Branch elected as Secretary with 284 votes, and Com. Ram Lakhan Meena, Fitter and WC Member of WREU-ADI-2 Branch elected as Treasurer with 234 votes.The success is credited to the dedicated efforts of WREU activists from ADI-2, CDO (MG) and ADI Elec. Branches under the leadership of Com. Gour Dey, Divisional Treasurer, and guidance of Com. Ghanshyam Yadav, Divisional Secretary, WREU-ADI. The newly elected Secretary and Treasurer visited the WREU office to express gratitude and pledged to work towards improving canteen facilities. WREU felicitated both with garlands and extended best wishes for their new responsibilities.

NEW HRMS PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION AND RELIEVING OF TRAINEES

Western Railway has revised the procedure for nomination and relieving of trainees for courses at all training institutes. As per instructions from CRIS/Railway Board, Training Institutes will no longer nominate trainees directly through HRMS. Going forward, the concerned Unit In-charge will be responsible for nominating trainees and relieving them through HRMS after approval by the competent Gazetted Officer. Trainees will then report to the training institute, where officials will mark their joining in HRMS. Training details will reflect on the portal only after joining is marked, ensuring smooth and timely commencement of courses. All Sr. DPOs and APOs have been advised to issue necessary instructions to ensure strict compliance.

PROTEST BY SUPERVISORS AT LOWER PAREL WORKSHOP

Supervisors of the Lower Parel Workshop staged a spontaneous protest on 20.07.2026 at the main gate against the alleged arbitrary behavior and injustice met by them from the administration. A large number of supervisors participated and expressed their displeasure against the administration. Following the protest, Com. J R Bhosale, General Secretary spoke with PCPO and PCME regarding harassment of supervisors at the workshop. The PCME has invited Com. J.R.Bhosale, General Secretary, along with Branch Secretary, Chairman and Zonal Vice President, for detailed discussions at Headquarters on 27-07-2026.

Com. J. R. Bhosale, General Secretary, WREU met Shri Ramashray Pandey, General Manager, Western Railway and held detailed discussions regarding the issue of harassment faced by Supervisors. The meeting was held in reference to PCME/CCG letters No.Secy/PCME/Misc dated 18-06-2025 and 17-07-2026.WREU expresses its sincere gratitude to the General Manager for assuring that the SF-5 cases of two SSEs from Lower Parel Workshop will be settled at the earliest in a fair and just manner. He has also assured that no Group 'C' employee

will be called to Headquarters in future for such matters. Further, the administration will organize Workshops and Seminars for all concerned employees for updating and adopting new technology and ensuring the correct and safe execution of safety-related work, so that all staff members remain aware and properly trained. General Secretary/WREU thanked all Supervisors of PL and MX departments and all non-recognized unions who extended their moral support to the union during the protest.

SHRADHANJALI SABHA

A Shradhanjali Sabha held on 21-07-2026 at Sr. Railway Institute, Lower Parel and paid homage to Com. Vikas Ramchandra Gupte, Treasurer, WREU and HMS-Maharashtra, Working Committee Member-AIRF, Trustee-Maniben Kara Foundation. Com. Vikas Gupte was heavenly abode on 06-07-2026 at Kalyan Railway Hospital, Central Railway due to massive heart failure. Com. R.P. Gupta, Com. Prashant Kanade with other leaders and comrades of WREU and Com. Venu P. Nair, General Secretary-NRMU/KRCL, Com. P.J. Shinde along with his team in large number attended the funeral of Com. Vikas R. Gupte held at Kalyan on 06-07-2026.

The Shradhanjali Sabha held in Senior Railway Institute, Lower Parel on 21.07.2026 was chaired by Com. J.R. Bhosale, General Secretary, WREU. Com. Rajan P. gave a brief account of Com. Vikas Gupte's life and his valuable contributions to the Trade Union movement in WREU, AIRF, HMS, MKF and MKI.President and General Secretary of WREU garlanded and lit the lamp before the portrait of Com. Vikas Gupte and other leaders also joined with them and poured rose petals on the portrait of Com. Vikas Gupte. Leaders and others present in the hall observed two minutes silence and paid tribute to Com. Vikas Gupte.The Shradhanjali Sabha was attended by leaders of various Central Trade Unions and Organizations in Mumbai and a large number of comrades from NRMU and WREU. The following dignitaries paid tribute to Com. Vikas Gupte by speaking about him and his way of working by quoting some of the examples during his era of working in the Trade Union movement.

Com. J.R. Bhosale, Com. R.C. Sharma, Com. Venu P. Nair, Vice President, HMS, AGS-AIRF and General Secretary-NRMU, Com. Nivrutti Dhumal, Com. Sanjay Vadhavkar, HMS, Com. Ashok Jadhav, Municipal Mazdoor Union, Com. S.K. Shetye, Com. Sudhakar Apparaj, Com. Vidyadhar Rane, Port & Dock Leader, Com. Divakar Dalvi-INTUC, Com. Vivek Monterrio, CITU, Com. Trishila Kamble-HMS Women's Wing, Com. Balkrishna Ranade-Maritime Union, Com. P.J.Shinde, Com. Sandeep Jadhav-NRMU, Shri Kadam, Maharashtra Shramik Sangh, Com. R.P. Gupta, Com. Sayyed Hussain, Com. Rajan P., Com. Chandraprakash Upadhyay, Com. Praful Jamsandekar, Com. Rajesh Mehta, Smt. Seema Kaushik, Com. Prashant Kanade and Shri Rajey Gupte. Shri Dilip Gupte, brother and Shri Lobhas Gupte son of Com. Vikas Gupte were also present on the dais. Railway Sentinel pays rich tribute to Late Com. Vikas Gupte and pray to the Almighty to give strength and courage to the bereaved family to overcome the difficult situation. The heavenly abode soul may rest in peace.

INCOME TAX RETURN FILING CAMP

The Western Railway Employees Union organized an Income Tax Return Filing Camp at the Train Lighting Office, Mumbai Central from 10:00 am onwards on 29-07-2026.The following office bearers were present at the camp:-

Com. Alpesh Rathod, Com. Melvin Dabare, Com. Ganesh Sawarkar, Com. Rajkumar, Com. Ravindra Jadhav, Com. Shafi, Com. Surjeet, Com. Ravish Kumar and Com. Anand Jadhav worked hard to make the program a success. Staff from Train Lighting, RAC, and Rajdhani sections attended the camp and benefitted with the Income Tax Return filing facility.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF TRADE UNION & FARMERS HELD AT NDLS

A National convention of Workers and farmers led by Central Trade Unions and Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) held at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, NDLS on 29th July, 2026. More than 5000 representatives from various Unions of Workers and Farmers across different sectors participated. The convention was addressed by Com. Harbhajan Singh Sidhu, General Secretary, HMS, Com. J.R. Bhosale, Working President, AIRF and senior leaders of Central Trade Unions and Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM). The speakers unanimously condemned the anti worker, anti farmer and anti people policies of the Government. The convention unanimously demanded, Repeal the Labour Codes and rules, ensure union formation, registration, recognition, 8 hours work day, work place safety, social security, right to strike, right to collective bargaining, abolition of fixed term employment and minimum support price (MSP) for farmers. The Convention resolve to intensify independent and joint struggles against anti-people, anti-national corporate government through coordinated and united actions and unite all sections of the people in these struggles. To organize protests on 10th August, 2026 all over India in decentralized manner at district level and state capitals at governors'offices. The different formats such as rail-roko, rasta-roko, workplace lunch hour protests, wearing badges of demands, human chains etc.To organize joint and co-ordinated meetings/conventions in the states. To hold multiple day decentralized Mahapadav of workers and farmers in near future. To continue solidarity, support to respective agitations or both the fronts. To prepare for multiday agitation/direct action programmes across the country if the demands are not fulfilled.

TRIBUTE TO COM. GOVINDLAL SHARMA

WREU/RTM has organized a Shradhanjali Sabha on 04-08-2026 on the 1st Death Anniversary of Comrade Late Shri Govind Lal Sharma Ji, Former Assistant General Secretary of WREU and General Secretary of Hind Mazdoor Sabha, Madhya Pradesh at the Union Office, Ratlam. All Divisional Office Bearers, Branch Chairman, Branch Secretaries, Members of Women's Committee, Youth Committee and active workers attended the function and paid homage.

CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) TRAINING

WREU EMU Mahalaxmi Branch organized a two-day CPR Training at Mahalaxmi Workshop Auditorium on 11-08-2026. Around 300 people were trained on CPR. All of them were given certificates by Holy Family Hospital, Bandra who have imparted the CPR training for the employees. Leaders of WREU welcomed the officers and Doctors in the training session with flower bouquets. Com. Shivaji Palve, Com. M.S.Kannan and others made all the arrangements for successfully organizing the training session.

AIRPWF-VALSAD CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY

Members of AIRPWF, Valsad, Mumbai Division celebrated the 80th Independence Day with immense pride and patriotic spirit at the AIRPWF Office, Valsad. The celebrations began with the solemn hoisting of the National Flag by senior committee members, followed by the collective singing of the National Anthem. A two-minute silence was observed to pay tribute to the freedom fighters and martyrs who laid down their lives for the nation. The event concluded with the distribution of sweets to all members and guests. The celebration witnessed enthusiastic participation from committee members and a large number of pensioners, making it a memorable occasion that reflected unity, pride, and the true spirit of freedom. Com. Raghunath Chauhan, Com. Attar Singh, Com. Sanjay Singh and other senior leaders of AIRPWF made all the arrangements.

LSBF CONSTITUTED UNDER CWM (EMU-POH)-MX WORKSHOP

Due to the consistent efforts of WREU vide GM PNM Item No. 06/2025, the administration has conveyed the approval of General Manager vide GM(E)-CCG's letter No.E/SBF/ 1075/SBF Procedure dated 13-08-2026 that a new Local SBF Committee constituted under CWM(EMU-POH)-MX. Non-Gazetted staff working in the jurisdiction of EMU-POH-MX and Stores Depot-MX will be benefitted from the new LSBF. Shri Shivaji Palve,

Shri Chandrashekar Tiwari nominated on LSBF Committee of EMU(POH)MX&Stores-MX.

FRUIT DISTRIBUTION AND TREE PLANTATION

On the occasion of 80th Independence Day on 15-08-2026 the team WREU-BL distributed fruits to the Indoor patients at Sub-Divisional Hospital-Valsad. They have also held Tree plantation in the Railway colony. All office bearers and activists of the branches actively participated in the function.

NATIONAL WELL-BEING SEMINAR HELD AT ABU ROAD

National Well-being Seminar held from 17-08-2026 to 19-08-2026 at Abu Road by AIRF in which 46 nominated Youths from the Affiliated Unions of AIRF participated. Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, GS/AIRF inaugurated the function in presence of Com. Praveena Singh, Women Chairperson/AIRF, Com. Mukesh Mathur, GS/NWREU and other senior leaders.Training imparted by the expert trainers on Stress Management, First Responder and Meditation. Com. Namita Kumayu and Com. Sunder Virkar represented WREU and actively participated in the training session.

ALL INDIA RAILWAY TECHNICAL STAFF CONFERENCE AT JAIPUR

All India Railway Technical Staff Conference held at Jaipur held by NWREU on 16.08.2026 under the agies of AIRF. In which large number of technical staff from all over India participated. Com. J.R.Bhosale, Working President presided the Conference. Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary/AIRF, Com. J.R.Bhosale, Working President-AIRF and other senior leaders of the Federation guided the participants. The Conference has discussed on various achievements attained for technical staff by the AIRF such as Pay Commissions, Restructuring, 1961 Act Apprentices, LDCE to the post of Technician Gr. III, Training for CGA Appointees, Uniform to Technical staff. The conference also discussed on various demands such as 8th CPC, Risk and Hard Duty allowance, Facilities for Escorting staff, 3 sets of Privilege pass from 1st year of service. Counting of Training period for MACP, Training and allowances for high-tech trains, Enhancement of Break down allowance, Night failure Gangs in S&T, Engineering and TRD departments. Bench-marking of staff for newly electrified Sections. Training and Bench-marking of staff in S&T department etc.

HMS YOUTH CONFERENCE-WORKSHOP HELD AT LONAVALA

HMS Youth Conference held at Lonavala on 24.08.2026, which was inaugurated by Com. Harbhajan singh Sidhu, General Secretary, HMS in presence of Com. J.R. Bhosale, Working President, AIRF, Com. Sanjay Vadhavkar, Secretary, HMS Maharashtra Council, Com. Vidyadhar Rane, Dy. Director, Maniben Kara Institute and other senior leaders of HMS. More than 30 Youths from various HMS affiliated unions in Maharashtra have been participated in the Conference-cum-Workshop on “Future of Work”. Com. Raj Deora and Com. Pawan Kumar of Mumbai Division represented WREU in the workshop.

ITC-ILO/MGLI DIPLOMA IN LABOUR RELATIONS AND SOCIAL DIALOGUE

The Government of Gujarat in collaboration with the ITC-ILO launched Diploma Programme on Labour Relations and Social Dialogue for tripartite partners of Gujarat. The first programme was sponsored by the Government and participants were invited on the basis of online registration. The Launch of the Diploma Programme on Labour Relations and Social Dialogue & Signing Ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute (MGLI), Government of Gujarat and the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC-ILO), Turin, Italy was held on 29-06-2026 at Secretariat, Gandhinagar. Shri Kanti Amrutiya, State Labour Minister of Gujarat inaugurated the program in presence of Shri Pravin K. Solanki, I.A.S, Director General, Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute and other dignitaries. Shri Kunvarji Bavaliya, Labour Minister of Gujarat, officials of ILO - Geneva and ITC-ILO

Turin (Italy) addressed the ceremony virtually. The course was conducted in two phases: a five-week online phase - from 06 July to 7 August 2026, and a residential phase - from 10 to 14 August, 2026. During residential phase (Face to Face) was conducted at the Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad from 10 to 14 August, 2026. The participants to the programme were representatives from Government, Employer and Trade unions. Com. Dinesh Panchal, represented the HMS Gujarat from Trade Unions side in the programme.

PNM ACHIEVEMENTS

Item No.	Result
082/2023	PCME has agreed for grant of incentive Bonus to the Electrical Main line staff at Dahod workshop at par with others.
61/2024	PCEE has planned for providing prototype AC in each 600 sq. ft area with 20 seats.
82/2024	Selection to the post of SM against LDCE quota is under process
06/2025	Approval from General Manager accorded for constituting LSBF under CWM-EMU(POH)-MX for the staff of EMU-MX and Stores depot-MX.
33/2025	Proposal is under account concurrence for providing insulated drinking water bottles to the TMC staff.
47/2025	Advice sent to CRIS for updating accommodations for ACCI/ACCEA in PRS system.
05/2026	Assessment under process for selection to the post of JE(IT).
41/2026	CAO(C)-CCG has agreed to comply the shortcomings at the earliest.
49/2026	Agreed to relieve 20 LPG to RTM division at the earliest.
55/2026	Assessment put up to the Competent Authority for approval for selection to the post of JE(Bridge) against 25% Ranker quota.
65/2026	Selection to the post of OS in GP 4200/- is under process.
Outset Item No.1	Select list issued by MD-JRH for promotion to the post of SNS (Level-8) and CNS (Level-10).
Outset Item No.11	Necessary advice issued by GM(E)-CCG to DRM-BCT for grant of promotion to the post of CCTS in L-6 to all empanelled employees (Sr. CCTC. L/5) from the date of issue of promotion order.

GENERAL SECRETARY/AIRF'S REPRESENTATIONS

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/101(266) dated 02-07-2026 addressed to The Director General (RHS) regarding Difficulties being faced by Railway employees, Pensioners and their family members in availing treatment from Railway Empanelled Hospitals despite possession of valid UMID Cards-request for strict and uniform implementation of Railway Board's instructions.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/55 dated 10-07-2026 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Boardregarding protection of 30% element for fixation of pay of Running staff involved in SPAD cases who fail in the prescribed Psychological Aptitude Test and are subsequently absorbed in stationary (non-running) posts.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/56 dated 15-07-2026 addressed to The General Secretaries of All Affiliated Unions

regarding Inter-Railway /Divisional Transfer of the Railway Employees.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/56 dated 15-07-2026 addressed to The General Secretaries of All Affiliated Unions regarding Issuance of Manual Passes to the Railway Pensioners and Family Pensioners.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/101(316) dated 30-07-2026 addressed to The Director General (HR), Railway Board regarding Implementation of AYUSH Committee Report in Railway Hospitals.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/55 & AIRF/159(322) dated 31-07-2026 addressed to Addl. Member (Traction) regarding need for review of GPS-based Fog Safe Device (FSD) unburdening Loco Pilots and Assistant Loco Pilots.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/53/3201 dated 01-08-2026 addressed to The Director General (HR)requesting for reduction in the minimum qualifying service for eligibility to appear in the Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) for the post of Office Superintendent (OS) in Level-6 (GP ₹4200/-) ensuing parity with other ministerial categories.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/64(323) dated 01-08-2026 addressed to The Director General (HR) regarding review of policy regarding setting of question papers for recruitment under Scouts & Guides and Cultural Quota in Indian Railways.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/78(319) dated 03-08-2026 addressed to The Addl. Members (Staff) regarding restructuring of Pointsmen Cadre.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/413 dated 03-08-2026 addressed to The Director General (HR), Railway Board requesting for restoration of powers to General Managers for creation of supernumerary posts to facilitate Out of Turn Promotion (OTP) of outstanding Railway sports persons.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/413 dated 04-08-2026 addressed to The Member Finance, Railway Board regarding delay in conduct of Appendix-III A examination in the Accounts department.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/8th CPC (380) dated 11-08-2026 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding withdrawal of three allowances admissible to safety-cetegory employees following approval of the 8th Central Pay Commission.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/446(351) dated 11-08-2026 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board request for inclusion of Track Maintainers, Keymen and TRDstaff under the Accident-Free Service Award Scheme at par with existing eligible safety categories.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/AIRPWF/01/2026 (355) dated 14-08-2026 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding provision for participation of AIRPWF representatives in Pension Adalats and institution of informal meetings with concerned authorities at Zonal and Divisional levels for expeditious redressal of Railway pensioners grievances.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRPWF/05/2026 (355) dated 17-08-2026 addressed to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board request for allotment of Railway accommodation to the All-India Railway Pensioners Welfare Federation (AIRPFW) at Branch, Divisional and Zonal Railway levels.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/55 & AIRF/159 (354) dated 17-08-2026 addressed to The Director General (Safety), Railway Board regarding need for review of GPS based Fog Safe Device (FSD) unburdening Loco Pilots and Assistant Loco Pilots.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/446(319) dated 26-08-2026 addressed to The Director General (HR), Railway Board regarding enhancement of Stitching charges payable to employees of workshops and other categories where Uniform material (Cloth) is supplied.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/101(317) dated 26-08-2026 addressed to The Director General (HR), Railway Board request for extending uninterrupted Railway medical facilities to the dependents of serving Railway employees appointed to higher posts through RRBs/other selection processes during the training period.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/159(374) dated 26-08-2026 addressed to The President. Executive Director (N), Railway Board regarding Conducting of GDCE in Regional Languages.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/446(318) dated 27-08-2026 addressed to The Member (O&BD), Railway Board regarding Creation of Stations Masters and Pointsman posts for New Stations Commissioned/Commissioning in the last 1 year/next 1 year (i.e upto 31-05-2027)

NC-JCM (STAFF SIDE) REPRESENTATIONS

Secretary/NC(Staff Side)-JCM letter No.NC/JCM/2026 dated 27-08-2026 regarding Difficulties being faced by the Central Government Pensioners & Family Pensioners residing abroad in submitting their Annual Life Certificates.

Secretary/NC(Staff Side)-JCM letter No.NC-JCM-2026/CS/Bonus dated 27-08-2026 regarding Revision of Bonus Payable Ceiling to Central Government Employees from ₹7000/- to ₹21,000/-.

RAILWAY BOARD ORDERS

Railway Board vide its letter No.PC-VII/2026/8 CPC/10 dated 07-07-2026 regarding Data regarding Risk & Hardship faced by various categories in Indian Railways.

Railway Board vide its letter No.PC-VII/2024/HRMS/38(Pt)dated 13-07-2026 regarding Mandatory issue of Duty Passes through HRMS.

Railway Board vide its letter No.PC-VII/2026/HRMS/6 (E-Office No.3320706) dated 15-07-2026 regarding Guidelines on issuance of Post Retirement Complementary Passes (PRCP) through HRMS.

Railway Board vide its letter No.PC-VI/2024/Misc./04 dated 16-07-2026 regarding grant of benefit of one notional increment (as due on 1st July) for the pensionary benefits to those employees who had retired on 30th of June before drawing the same.

Railway Board vide its letter No.PC-VII/2026/R-U/2 dated 16-07-2026 requesting for declaring IT Cadre at par with Technical Cadres and for association of Indian Railway IT Cadre with IRSOC Project in the larger interest of Indian Railways.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2024/CE-II/CS/IPRWM/2024 dated 17-07-2026 regarding Correction Slip No.13 to the Indian Railways Permanent Way Manual-2024

Railway Board vide its letter No.F(E)iii/2025/ups/1 DATED 19-07-2026 regarding applicability of Board's letter No.F(E)III/2025/UPS/1 dated 13-03-2026 to the employees of Central Autonomous Body covered under NPS under Ministry of Railways.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2022/Safety(DM)/AFSA Policy dated 21-07-2026 regarding Award to Railway Staff for Accident-free Service.

Railway Board vide its letter No.F(E)III/2026/PN1/11 dated 22-07-2026 clarification regarding Sanction of family pension for life to a disable son/daughter of a railway servant.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(NG)-I/2026/Treasurer/15 (E-File:3537162) dated 22-07-2026 regarding Transfer policy for prioritizing own request transfer of non-gazetted railway employees having more than 20 years of regular service.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(G)2026/FR1/1 dated 23-07-2026 regarding Reconciliation of names with Service Records for the purpose of settlement of Railway employees.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(NG)I-2026/PM4/7 (e-3535492) dated 30-07-2026 requesting for reduction in the minimum qualifying service for eligibility to appear in the LDCE for the post of OS in Level-6 (GP ₹4200/-) ensuring parity with other ministerial categories.

Railway Board vide its letter No.F(E)III/2003/PF-1/1 dated 31-07-2026 regarding State Railway Provident Fund-Rate of interest during the 2nd Quarter of Financial year 2026-27 (1st July, 2026- 30th September, 2026).

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(D&A)2020 RG6-6 dated 12-08-2026 regarding Conducting disciplinary inquiry through Video Conferencing under Railway Servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules 1968.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2026/E(W)/22/01/2 dated 14-08-2026 regarding Meetings/Interaction with Railway Pensioners Associations.

VETERAN RETIRED

Com. Ashok Dabre, MCF and Treasurer-PL & MX workshop branch retired from railway service on superannuation on 31-07-2026. Railway Sentinel wishes him for a happy and healthy retirement life.

OBITUARY

Smt. Teejan Bai Legendary Padma Vibhushan-awarded Pandavani folk artist from Chhattisgarh who took the traditional storytelling art global expired on 05-07-2026 at the age of 70 at Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

Com. Vikas Ramchandra Gupte, Treasurer/WREU, Treasurer - HMS Maharashtra, Dy. Director – Maniben Kara Institute, Trustee - Maniben Kara Foundation, Working Committee Member – AIRF, Staff Member-Maharashtra State Trade Union Education Council expired on 06-07-2026 at Kalyan hospital due to massive cardiac arrest. He was 65 years old.

Smt. Chandrabhaga Yashwant Sawant, mother-in law of Com. J.R.Bhosale passed away on 11-07-2026 at Satara. She was 95 years old. Railway Sentinel paid rich tribute to the departed soul and convey condolence to the bereaved family of deceased leader.

Smt. S. Janki prominent playback singer known as the "Nightingale of South India," who recorded thousands of songs across multiple Indian languages expired on 11-07-2026 at the age of 88 at Mysore, Karnataka.

Ms. Ananya Raj Young actress known for films like 7 Hours to Go expired on 15-07-2026 at the age of 27.

Shri Suneil Anand Filmmaker, actor, and son of legendary actor Dev Anand who managed Navketan Films expired on 26-07-2026 at the age of 70 at London, England.

Justice M.S. Liberhan, Former High Court Chief Justice who notably headed the inquiry commission investigating the demolition of the Babri Masjid expired on 02-08-2026 at the age of 87.

Shri Pradeep Rawat Noted film actor famous for his powerful villain and character roles in Ghajini, Lagaan, and as Ashwatthama in TV's Mahabharat expired on 04-08-2026 at the age of 74 at Mumbai

Dr. D.Y. Patil Noted educationist, founder of the extensive D.Y. Patil educational group, and former Governor of Bihar and Tripura expired on 04-08-2026 at the age of 90

Major General Sunil Kumar Razdan Decorated Kirti Chakra war hero and the Indian Army's first wheelchair-borne General expired on 13-08-2026 at the age of 71.

Smt. Sowcar Janaki, Iconic veteran South Indian actress and Padma Shri recipient whose career spanned the golden age of regional cinema expired on 21-08-2026 at Chennai

Shri Kuku Kohli, Veteran Bollywood director best remembered for Phool Aur Kaanteexpired on 25-08-2026 at the age of 77 at Mumbai.



Shradhanjali Sabha held on 21.07.2026 at SRI-LPL to pay rich tribute to Com. Vikas R. Gupte.





Glimpse of Shradhanjali Sabha held on 21.07.2026 at SRI-LPL.



Glimpse of Shahid Din on 12.07.2026 at Dahod



Prabhat Pheri held on 12.07.2026 on the occasion of Shahid Din at Dahod



Glimpse of Protest Meeting of Supervisors held on 20.07.2026 at PL Workshop.



Com. J.R. Bhosale addressing the Supervisors at PL Workshop on 27.07.2026.



Leaders at the National Convention of Trade Union and Farmers held on 29.07.2026 at NDLS.



Glimpse of All India Railway Technical Staff Conference held on 16.08.2026 at Jaipur.



Glimpse of CPR training held at EMU-POH-MX on 11.08.2026



Glimpse of National Wellbeing programme held at Abu Road.



HMS Youth Conference –Workshop held at Lonavala on 24.08.2026



Winners of Canteen Election at KKF – ADI Divn.



Independence Day Celebrations at BL on 15.08.2026.



Farewell to Shri Ambalal Labana, Dy.CPO(IR)CCG on 21.08.2026



Independence Day Celebrations on 15.08.2026 by AIRPWF-BL.