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Editorial

BEYOND THE KOCHI EVENT

A conference has a purpose to discuss and debate specific issues concerning the participants; it has a structured agenda to explore new information, share innovative ideas and make significant decisions. The primary focus is on substantive exchange of information and serious discussion among peers. Understanding seriousness of the event, the Reception Committee, in consultation with CHQ, meticulously planned the programme for Kochi AIC and implemented the plan strictly as scheduled. Reception Committee surmounted some serious crisis but started the inaugural session exactly at 10 AM on 8th November 2025 and ended it at 1 PM. RC could satisfy almost all the participants except few comrades. The Lunch and Dinner and even the cultural programme were all arranged as scheduled. Maximum time was given for debate in the conference. All the Guests maintained utmost decorum appropriate to the occasion. Conducting a conference is an organizational task. Kerala comrades accomplished the task with great acumen.

As a person actively associated with the work of hosting colossal conferences of our mighty Association from 2009 onwards, I feel disappointed over the quality of debate took place in the AIC. The core issue before the conference was Validation Act and significant changes made in CCS Pension Rule. An elaborate report was prepared by CHQ and circulated well in time to all to study the issues and come prepared for a serious debate. But, very few touched upon the core issue. Some comrades spoke on local issues to be tackled by them at local level, whatever is the subject matter under debate in the AIC. National conference is a confluence of responsible representatives from units. All cannot participate in the debate. Those who participate should effectively present views of their Circle they represent on the national issues. Some comrades came for picnic, not bothered of discussions taking place. However, this time in Kochi AIC the Hall was full throughout. It is a significant improvement. Everything ended well with a hope for a bright future.

The guaranteed pension system is under constant calculated attack. We too are affected by it. We are not a privileged section. We should not fall in the trap of misinformation campaign unleashed by the government. We should understand the real purpose of every change that is being made systematically and surreptitiously in the pension rules. We are moving to the future, not the past. Ruminating on the past is a luxury at this point of time. It is the time that all pensioners in the country join together to fight for their rights and to protect the hard earned rights, burying all organizational skirmishes.

P S Ramankutty



GS Writes

DLC Campaign 2025

In the campaign during 1-30, November 2025, our units across all states actively assisted pensioners in generating and submitting their DLCs; all units are requested to compile and furnish the data separately for November 2025 and for the period from 01-04-2025 to 30-11-2025 in two distinct files for submission to the Department of Pension. Karnataka has been prompt in reporting data periodically as required, and other units are also requested to prepare and submit their data accordingly.

Writ Petition on Validation Act

The joint Writ Petition filed by 19 Pensioners' Associations led by NCCPA, including AIBSNLPWA, challenging the Validation Act, 2025, has made significant progress, with the Hon'ble Supreme Court admitting the case filed on 16-10-2025 and issuing notice to the Government; the matter, listed before the Bench of Justice P. S. Narasimha and Justice Atul S. Chandurkar on 17-11-2025, has been directed to be clubbed with W.P.(C) 525/2025 (S-30 case), and its next tentative listing is on 05-01-2026, marking an important breakthrough in our legal challenge.

8th CPC ToR Needs Correction

The Government constituted the 8th CPC on 28-10-2025 under the Chairpersonship of Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, but the Terms of Reference have caused deep concern among pensioners, as unlike earlier CPCs they do not explicitly include

revision of pension for existing retirees and place undue emphasis on the so-called "unfunded cost" of the Old Pension Scheme—an incorrect term, the omission of past pensioners appears linked to the Validation Act 25, which seeks to reduce pension expenditure and contradicts principles laid down in the Nakara Judgment; important items such as reducing commutation restoration from 15 to 12 years and enhancing FMA, are also absent; furthermore, BSNL absorbee pensioners, who are Central Govt pensioners under Rule 37A, have no defined pension-revision mechanism in PRC, and therefore must be included in the ToR; the AIC at Kochi has already adopted a resolution urging amendments to the ToR, and AIBSNLPWA has appealed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister to suitably revise the ToR of the VIII CPC and withdraw the objectionable provisions of the Finance Act, 2025 to protect the interests of lakhs of pensioners.

Pension Revision Case

On 19-11-2025, the Delhi High Court recorded that although the Tribunal had noted the applicability of Rule 37A of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, the respondent associations clarified that their claim is confined strictly to pension revision. They submitted that, in terms of Rule 37A(8) and its explanation, absorbed BSNL pensioners are entitled to have their pension calculated using the same formula as applicable to a Central Government servant retiring on the same date, relying on OM dated 04.08.2016, which prescribes the multiplication of the existing pension by 2.57 as per the 7th CPC. After recording these submissions, the DoT counsel sought time for instructions. The case,

initially listed on 27-11-2025, could not be taken up and was reposted to 11-12-2025, where again the hearing did not proceed due to the absence of Government counsel. The Hon'ble Court has now adjourned the matter to 06-01-2026, when it is expected to be taken up for final disposal.

Tax Relief for VRS Pensioners

As several ITAT Benches across India have issued favourable orders treating BSNL VRS compensation as eligible for exemption under Section 10(10B), all VRS pensioners are advised to pursue tax relief individually, since a common or group order is unlikely - consult suitable Chartered Accountants, file revised returns with a condonation request for delay addressed to concerned Income Tax Commissioner, and, if the request is rejected, proceed with an individual appeal before the CIT(A) or ITAT as appropriate.

Kochi AIC

The AIC held at Ernakulam on 8-9 November 2025, was a grand success with participation from all states except West Bengal and Chhattisgarh. The active involvement of delegates and leaders, the focused discussions without any loss of time, and the smooth completion of the agenda as scheduled were highly encouraging. Unanimity in all decisions and in the election of the new 40-member team - comprising 16 new comrades - reflects the maturity and unity of our organisation. I thank the delegates for reposing their confidence in me once again as GS. I place on record my deep appreciation of the excellent arrangements made by the Host Kerala Circle comrades.

Vara Prasad, General Secretary

ON FINANCE ACT 2025

After passing the Finance Act 2025 by Parliament and after getting the assent from Hon President of India, Ministry of Law and Justice issued a gazette notification on 29th March 2025. This Act comes into effect retrospectively from 1st June 1972.

Part IV of that Act stated “Validation of the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules and Principles for Expenditure on pension Liabilities from Consolidated Fund of India”.

DoT employees absorbed in BSNL are getting their retirement benefits including pension in accordance with CCS (Pension) Rules. Their pension is paid from the consolidated fund of India by the Government.

The All India Conference of the All India BSNL Pensioners’ Welfare Association (AIBSNLPWA), held on 8th & 9th November 2025 under the presidentship of D Gopalakrishnan at Ernakulam, (Kerala), unanimously adopted the following resolution:

This Conference expresses its deep anguish and firm opposition to the amendments introduced through the Finance Act 2025, hereinafter referred to as the *Validation Act*, which retrospectively validates the Government’s power to classify and distinguish among pensioners, including those governed under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972/2021, whose pensions are drawn from the Consolidated Fund of India.

Section 149 and 150 explicitly states “The Central Government has the authority

and shall always deemed to have had the authority, to classify its pensioners, and may create or maintain distinction amongst pensioners as deemed expedient for implementing the recommendations of the Central Pay Commissions under this Part;

It is also clarified that the date of retirement of pensioners shall be the basis of distinctions and for classification in regard to pension entitlement”

1. Through this Act, the Government seeks to nullify the effect of all judicial pronouncements, including the landmark D.S. Nakara vs. Union of India (1982) judgement, which had held that any differentiation among pensioners based solely on retirement date was unconstitutional.

2. The Statement of Objects and Reasons attached to the Bill cites the rising pension liability on the Consolidated Fund of India and the need to ensure fiscal sustainability, thereby portraying pension expenditure as a burden rather than a statutory obligation.

3. Pension expenditure cannot be considered as a burden and non-developmental expenditure. Pensioners are spending the money for purchasing consumer articles which helps to generate the demand thereby helps for production growth. Some pensioners are saving a part of their pension in banks and post-offices which also helps for industrial growth and national economy as a whole.

4. The amendments also restrict the scope for future judicial remedies, by declaring that any action, policy, or rule made by the Government in respect of pension revision or entitlement shall be deemed valid notwithstanding any judgement, decree, or order of any court.

As a consequence of this Act, the Terms of Reference of 8th CPC did not mention about pension revision of past pensioners, contrary to the ToR of earlier CPCs.

Its consequences include:

- Permanent division among pensioners based on the date of retirement;
- The division is against the judgement of Constitutional Bench of the Apex Court;
- Denial of legal right guaranteed under the Constitution of India against arbitrary executive action;
- Against “separation of powers between three pillars of Indian Democracy” specified in Indian Constitution; and
- Justification of pension cuts or freezes on fiscal grounds, setting a dangerous precedent for future revisions.

The Conference Resolves:

1. The Government of India should withdraw Part IV of the Finance Act 2025 (Validation Act)
2. The pre-existing provisions and rights under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972/2021 should be fully restored, ensuring parity in pension revision for all retirees irrespective of the date of retirement.

3. The principle of equality upheld in the *D.S. Nakara* judgement must remain the guiding basis for all pension revisions and entitlements.

4. The Government must recognize pension expenditure not as a financial burden but as a deferred wage and statutory obligation owed to those who have served the nation.

5. Pensions paid to the lakhs of pensioners is not non-developmental expenditure but helps for industrial growth and national economy.

6. The Central Headquarters (CHQ) of AIBSNLPWA is hereby authorised to pursue this issue through organisational mobilization, political advocacy, and legal recourse, jointly with other national pensioners’ organisations, until justice is restored.

Copies of this Resolution be forwarded to:

1. Hon’ble Prime Minister of India
2. Hon’ble Minister of Finance
3. Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance
4. Secretary, Department of Pension & Pensioners’ Welfare

Adopted unanimously at the All India Conference of the All India BSNL Pensioners’ Welfare Association, held on 8th & 9th November 2025 at Ernakulam, Kerala.

(President)

(General Secretary)

KOCHI AIC RESOLUTION

ON PENSION REVISION

DoT employees absorbed in BSNL with effect from 1/10/2000 got their pay converted from CDA to IDA on the basis of Hon Supreme Court judgement dated 3/5/1990 followed by DPE OM dated 12/6/1990.

These absorbed employees, after retirement got their retirement benefits in accordance with CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972/2021.

After getting clarification from the nodal department viz Department of Pension & Pensioners' welfare, DoT implemented almost all the recommendations of 6th CPC to these absorbed retirees except pension revision.

In accordance with DPE guidelines, the recommendations of 2nd PRC was implemented in BSNL w.e.f. 1/1/2007 giving the benefit of 30% of pay plus DA to the serving staff. In this regard orders were issued for Executives in July 2009. On the basis of a settlement between BSNL management and the recognized unions, orders were issued in May 2010 for pay revision as given to BSNL executives.

But pension for pre-2007 retirees was not revised. This created an anomaly in pension between pre and post 2007 retirees. AIBSNLPWA continuously pursued this issue with concerned authorities. Ultimately DoT moved a Cabinet Note on 29/12/2010. In this Cabinet Note it was stated **“DPE issued orders for revision of pay of employees in BSNL w.e.f. 1/1/2007. No such orders were issued by the government for revision of pension of employees retired from BSNL. As a result, employees who**

retired from BSNL after 1/1/2007 got about 30% higher pension than the employees who retired before 1/1/2007. Though there are only a few PSUs which are paying pension on IDA pay scales, BSNL is a unique PSU where pension continues to be paid by the government to absorbed employees of BSNL. However, consequent to pay revision in BSNL w.e.f. 1/1/2007, no guidelines have been issued for revision of pension of absorbed employees of BSNL”.

After getting approval from the Cabinet, DoT issued orders for pension revision for pre-2007 retirees on 15th March 2011. It was a historical achievement of AIBSNLPWA.

AIBSNLPWA with a visionary leadership in 2014 decided to demand pension revision on the basis of 7th CPC fitment factor. This association was consistent and steadfast in that demand. Some pensioners' associations which demanded pension revision on the basis of 3rd PRC, realized later on, that pension revision on the basis of 7th CPC fitment factor is only a permanent solution and revised their stand. But some other pensioners associations still demand pension revision as per 3rd PRC. It is to be understood that there is no Terms of Reference for pension revision in PRC.

By the continuous and sustained efforts of AIBSNLPWA and with the help of late Shri Ananthkumar, Hon Minister, the condition of 60:40 was annulled, after cabinet approval, DoT issued order on 20/7/2016. This was another milestone achievement of our

association. This paved the way for payment of pension/family pension (100% liability of paying pension/family pension lies with the Govt.) of absorbed employees by the Government without depending upon the financial condition of BSNL.

In this background, Service unions and pensioners associations demanded "Delink pension revision from pay revision".

In 2019, when the Hon Minister for communications declared that without pay revision, pension revision is not possible, AIBSNLPWA along with like-minded organizations decided to seek judicial remedy. Accordingly the case was filed before PB, CAT, Delhi in 2020 and as expected a favourable judgement was pronounced in 2023 based on documentary evidence produced by our association.

Hon MoC and DoT establishment assured that it will be implemented in consultation with nodal departments and not going for appeal. The pensioners were deceived.

In 2021, Service Unions in their own wisdom agreed for pay revision with zero percent fitment.

In 2022, when DoT came with a proposal for pension revision with zero percent fitment, all the pensioners associations in one voice rejected it. Though then Member (S) agreed to fix a fitment between zero percent and 15%, in consultation with higher authorities there was no proposal as such.

Contrary to the assurance, DoT filed an appeal before Hon High Court, Delhi in 2024 against PB, CAT judgement, though DoP&PW, authority on pension policy, in response to DoT's communication seeking the opinion for filing an appeal, simply quoted para 28 of PB, CAT judgement which directs DoT to implement the judgement. The case is pending before Delhi HC.

In this background, 6th AIC of AIBSNLPWA held at Ernakulam on 8th & 9th November, 2025 under the presidentship of D Gopalakrishnan unanimously decided to continue the litigation and take it to its logical end. If Hon High Court of Delhi gives a judgement in our favour, CHQ should take initiative for discussion with concerned authorities,, approach through politicians, conduct struggles for implementation of that judgement.

KOCHI AIC : Participants

Andhra	110	Karnataka	101	Telangana	57
Assam	3	Kerala	69	UP East	6
Bihar	4	Maharashtra	34	UP West	30
Chennai TD	60	MP	9	Guests	32
Gujarat	10	Odisha	15	CWC members	60
Haryana	10	Punjab	31	Volunteers	100
Himachal	6	Rajasthan	9	Kerala CEC members	15
Jharkhand	4	Tamilnadu	177	TOTAL	952

In addition to the above, 104 Lady comrades and 145 gents from Kerala also participated on the first day, during Inaugural Function

KOCHI AIC RESOLUTION

ON 8TH CENTRAL PAY COMMISSION

The All India Conference of All India BSNL Pensioners Welfare Association (AIBSNLPWA), held on 8th & 9th November 2025 under the presidentship of D Gopalakrishnan at Ernakulam, (Kerala), unanimously decided to request Government of India to amend the Terms of Reference (ToR) of 8th CPC because the existing ToR does not mention about pension revision for the existing pensioners numbering nearly 69 lakhs which is contrary to the ToR of earlier CPCs. Further, 8th CPC ToR does not mention about the date of effect. This ToR refers the "Defined Benefit Scheme" (OPS) as 'unfunded cost of non-contributory pension scheme' is highly objectionable and discriminatory in tone and intent. The entire pensioner community is totally disappointed and agitated.

The Government of India, Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure), through its Resolution No. 1/1/2013-E.III(A) dated 28th February 2014, while constituting the 7th Central Pay Commission (7th CPC), had included a specific clause in its Terms of Reference:

"To examine the principles which should govern the structure of pension and other retirement benefits, including revision of pension in the case of employees who have retired prior to the date of effect of these recommendations, keeping in view that retirement benefits of all Central Government employees appointed on and after 01.01.2004 are covered by the New Pension Scheme."

This clause provided a clear mandate for the 7th CPC to examine the revision of pension for pre-implementation retirees, ensuring

parity and fairness between serving and retired employees.

However, in the 8th Central Pay Commission (8th CPC), constituted by the Government of India through its Resolution dated 3rd November 2025, such a clause has been deliberately omitted. This omission excludes explicit coverage of pension revision for those who retired prior to the effective date of its recommendations. This deliberate exclusion has caused serious concern among 69 lakh Central Government pensioners and family pensioners,

AIBSNLPWA submitted a memorandum to Secretary, DoPT and Hon. Finance Minister, GoI for inclusion of BSNL/MTNL absorbed pensioners/family pensioners in ToR of 8th CPC, whose retirement benefits including pensions are governed by the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972/2021 and are paid from the Consolidated Fund of India.

AIBSNLPWA firmly believes that the principle of parity and justice extended by the 7th CPC to all existing and future pensioners must continue under the 8th CPC. Therefore, the Terms of Reference of the 8th CPC be amended to include the provision for pension revision for all pensioners who retired prior to 1/1/2026.

In the previous CPCs, particularly IV CPC, Terms of Reference was amended after issuance of resolution and this may be taken as a precedence.

The Conference Resolves:

1. The Government of India is requested to

Central Pay Commission by inserting the following clause:

“To examine the principles which should govern the structure of pension and other retirement benefits, including revision of pension in the case of employees who have retired prior to the date of effect of these recommendations.”

2. The Government should clearly specify the date of effect as 1st January 2026 for implementing the recommendations of the

8th CPC for both serving employees and pensioners.

3. The amended ToR should explicitly ensure that pensioners and family pensioners, including those covered under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972/2021, whose pension is paid from the consolidated fund of India, like BSNL/MTNL absorbed pensioners, and other non-NPS retirees, fall within the purview of the Commission.

RESOLUTIONS ON LPD & 78.2% IDA ARREARS

Adopted at the AIC, Ernakulam (08th and 9th November 2025)

The Conference reviewed status of LPD pension anomaly for BSNL retirees of 1-10-2000 to 31-12-2005 and the issue of arrears of 78.2% IDA from 1-1-2007 to 9-6-2013.

LPD Case: The Kerala High Court has allowed LPD pension for affected retirees. DoT filed SLP before SC. During the hearing DoT lawyer wanted to submit additional document but SC informed that lawyer to approach Kerala HC again by filing a Review petition and the SLP was dismissed as withdrawn. Accordingly DoT filed RP which is pending. Resolved: To continue the legal fight, oppose the Review Petition, and pursue the matter until full implementation.

78.2% IDA Arrears: CAT's contradictory order has denied arrears, and our Review Petition is pending. Resolved: To continue all legal steps to secure arrears and protect statutory pensionary benefits.

Central Headquarters is authorised to take all actions required to carry both issues to their logical end.

AIC FUND RECEIVED FROM CIRCLES

AP	929700	HARYANA	59700	TAMILNADU	1003900
ASSAM	20000	HP	57500	TELANGANA	474101
BIHAR	69500	KARNATAKA	753800	UP EAST	50300
CHATTIGARH	5000	MP	132900	UP WEST	196000
CHTD	414900	MAHARASHTRA	30100	WEST BENGAL	19100
DELHI	6600	ODISHA	102000	UTTARAKHAND	3000
JHARKHAND	33000	PUNJAB	106500		
GUJARAT	81300	RAJASTAN	10500	TOTAL	4559401

Disrictwise details will be published in the next issue.

ALL INDIA CONFERENCE KOCHI

A Report prepared by Com. M R Patnaik, Vice President

AIBSNLPWA earned the distinction of holding its AICs successively in two port cities, 5th AIC in Visakhapatnam and the 6th AIC in Kochi. This colossal conference with classical cultural mix held was historical. On 13th November 2025, Kochi is named among the world's top 10 travel destinations for 2026 by Booking.com. Kerala circle comrades had kick started its preparations by holding the event one year back itself. It paid dividends.

Originally pre AIC CWC meeting was planned to be held at YMCA but water problem cropped up and the RC could secure a new venue with a suitable conference hall and accommodation for majority of CWC members. AIC was held in Hotel Renai an iconic four star hotel, with an elegant conference hall accommodating about 900 delegates and abundant space outside for receiving delegates and sprawling parking space. Stay arrangements for delegates were made in different hotels. Inadequate amenities was pointed out by some of the Tamilnadu delegates lodged at Renewal Centre and the RC team rushed to the spot and shifted some to different hotels.

CWC Meeting on 07-11-2025:

Central Working Committee meeting held at GowriKalyanaMandapam at 1800 hrs of 7th November, 2025 under the presidentship of Comrade D Gopalakrishnan. Out of the 35 CHQ Office- Bearers, Coms. S G Panicker, GBabu, MahathmaPathak and C K Hosamani could not attend the meeting. Similarly, out of the 23 Circle Secretaries, Coms. B P S Chauhan, Zile Singh, R Jaya Shankar, V S Thakur, GopalDadarji, Ranjit Kumar Mukerjee could not attend the conference due to different reasons. Comrade Alliraja, ACS TN circle represented for TN CS Sundarakrishnan in CWC and Com. Virupakshai, CP Karnataka circle represented for CS for all days from 7th to 9th November, 2025.

President extended warm welcome to the members and read the agenda for CWC meet, which was unanimously

approved by the house. **Varaprasad, GS** acknowledged and thanked the Reception Committee and members of entire Kerala circle for coming forward to host the AIC and making wonderful arrangements. With regard to membership, GS informed, between Visakhapatnam AIC in December 2022 till now, there is an increase of about 12,000 members (29.2%), and the current total membership is about 82,000. He narrated about the strenuous efforts undertaken by himself together with Com. R S N Murthy with DOP&PW and others, which yielded membership for AIBSNLPWA in SCOVA, which is another feather in our cap. He briefly touched about our pension revision case pending in Delhi High Court, 8th CPC and its Terms of Reference, Validation Act and said that these issues will be discussed in subjects committee in detail. **Com. DG** appealed that circle secretaries and CWC members to monitor and ensure that the AIC fund collected by all districts should be remitted to CHQ in full. He said that in the intervening period from Vizag AIC, Maharashtra Circle opened 8 new branches and there is good improvement in membership of UPW also. He requested everyone to work on membership drive. He narrated how comrade PSR toured across Kerala and visited multiple times to Ernakulam despite his fragile health condition, steered his team to meticulously plan the entire arrangements for this gigantic event. **Com. PSR** while formally inaugurating the CWC, gave a detailed account of the efforts made by Kerala circle comrades for hosting the AIC. Initially the AIC was contemplated to be held in the all spacious Renewal Centre auditorium, which was damaged in the pre monsoon heavy rains, and could not be restored by November 2025. Therefore, we are forced to find an alternate hall in the 4 star Renai Hotel, costing about rupees 10 lakhs extra. He narrated in depth the last minute struggle faced to shift CWC venue, and the problem of inadequate amenities reported by TN circle delegates at Renewal Centre, necessitating to shift a part of contingent to various nearby hotels. The Reception Committee comrades were subjected to both physical and mental stress for the rearrangements at

eleventh hour. He acknowledged the dedication, patience and hard work of entire team Kerala, and the accommodative spirit of delegates at minor hiccups. He further informed that Kerala comrades within themselves raised whopping Rs.54 lakhs, without seeking outside help including working BSNL fraternity.

Com. Anupamkaul, Dy GS informed the House, about the unwarranted comments and observations posted by some of our fraternity in different Whatsapp groups throughout the country. Such type of postings while helping the opponents, caused much embarrassment to our lawyers and likely to harm our own interests. President DG while fully endorsing the views of DyGS, emphasized that there lies immense responsibility on the leadership to educate the grassroot level on this aspect to desist posting any comments on any news of legal matter henceforth.

Adoption of draft report : Members unanimously agreed to have read the contents. Many amendments were moved, after discussion few were accepted including the efforts taken by CHQ on GTECS, Chennai and others were rejected.

Audited accounts for the years 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25, were discussed and unanimously approved by CWC.

Amendments: The amendments to Constitution proposed by Coms. P S Ramankutty, K Muthialu, Prabhakaran Nair, and M R Patnaik were discussed in detail and agreed wherever feasible and justified, and the draft report unanimously approved by the CWC. In view of increase in general membership, proposal to increase number of CHQ Office-Bearers from present 35 to 40 unanimously agreed to by CWC. Karnataka, Tamilnadu, and Punjab circles will be increased by one Office Bearer each and Himachal Pradesh, hitherto having no post is allotted one. Remaining one is reserved. Consequently, CEC members in circles with more than 10,000 current membership will also increase from present 35 to 40. But, the District office-bearers will continue to be 25 only. CWC unanimously decided that there should be no violation of these constitutional provisions in electing the members for CWC/CEC/District units. Other Amendments to constitution, published in Sept-Oct 2025 issue of Patrika, on periodicity to hold AIC and Circle

conferences and the permissible ratio of delegates for these two, were discussed threadbare at length and it was unanimously decided not to disturb the present provisions, and postpone the discussion to be taken up in the next AIC probably to be held in Tamilnadu. The proposed amendment by comrade S Sreedharan “under Aims and objects” is accepted.

Venue of next CWC and AIC:

Com. K Muthyalu informed the CWC meeting that Tamilnadu Circle will be prepared to host next All India Conference of the Association providing air-conditioned accommodation to all the participants.

Finally, President DG requested all the circle secretaries to propose the names of CWC members for the ensuing tenure as per their quota, in consultation with their contingent, by next day evening. Com Muthyalu raised the issue of a pensioner having membership of our Association in two Branches which creates problem. President said that this problem is only in TN and Chennai telephones. After discussion, CWC unanimously decided that a pensioner shall be a member in only one branch of our association and if anyone is having a membership in two places, that member has to choose the branch and he/she cannot be a member in two branches. At 1100 pm, president adjourned the CWC meeting sine die.

INAUGURAL FUNCTION : 8-11-25

In a unique fashion Leaders and Delegates arrived at the sprawling conference venue, were welcomed and led inside up to the conference hall entrance by a contingent of lady comrades clad in white traditional Kerala sarees, with a group of Drummers in the front, professionally playing rhythmic music.

FLAG HOISTING: At 0930 am Com P S Ramankutty, Advisor, CHQ unfurled the national flag and Com DG President hoisted the Association flag. All are assembled in the meeting hall at 0945am amid slogan shouting by the traditionally dressed lady comrades.

INAUGURATION: At 1000 am Com. Krishna Swamy invited the leaders and guests to the dias, and they were

honored with Rose buds by the lady comrades. **R N Padanair**, working chairman RC, formally extended very warm welcome to all and briefly narrated the prominence of Kochi, highlighting its rich culture and heritage. He requested for a fruitful deliberations on the issues of Pension revision, 8th CPC and its Terms of reference, Validation Act etc in the AIC. He expressed deep hope, that Honble MP Hibi Eden will raise our voice in parliament and other forums. While mentioning the struggle undertaken by Kerala comrades and RC in making arrangements for AIC, he sought excuses for any minor lapses.

D GOPALAKRISHNAN, in his presidential opening remarks while acknowledging and thanking the entire Kerala circle comrades mentioned about fighting spirit and capacity of Keralites, irrespective of groups, associations, party and affiliations; eradication of extreme poverty and high literacy rate of Kerala. He appraised that this 6th AIC being held at a very crucial juncture. He reminded at the increased global tensions like US president contemplating nuclear tests after 33 years, and imposing irrational tariffs on the country etc. He also compared the statute of justice between US and India, that how a US citizen can challenge even President of USA, while Indian citizen cannot challenge many constitutional authorities, enjoying statutory protection from legal challenges.

He explained how the **Validation Act** was passed by parliament on 25th March, gazetted within four days. He further explained the sinister design of the government behind section 149 and 150 of part IV of the draconian Act. He also highlighted the intricacies behind the reply of Hon'ble FM in parliament stating that "The amendments to pension rules are only a validation of existing policies and do not alter benefits for pensioners". In contrast, he explained government introducing Employment Linked Insurance scheme in the same budget in the name of employment generation in the manufacturing sector. In a nutshell, with an outlay of Rs 99,446 crores, about 1.92 crore first time **employees** will get incentive Rs 15000 for a period of one year in two instalments. On the other hand the **employer** will be incentivized @3000 rupees per employee per month, totaling Rs72,000 for two years. He further drawn the attention of house, as per RBI data available in public domain, annual

financial liabilities accumulated by households surged 102% between 2019 and 2025, while assets grew only 48% over the same period.

He said that history reveals, employees were given benefit of pay hikes, only under coalition governments supported by Left parties. Best example is 5th CPC in 1996 was given 40% fitment factor. On a keen observation he compared the CPCs, wherein 6th and 7th CPCs had two members apart from chairman, while 8th CPC has only one member. 6th and 7th CPCs were asked to examine the principles which should govern the structure of pension and other retirement benefits whereas 8th CPC is asked to review the DCRG & pensions keeping in view the unfunded cost of non-contributory pension scheme. 6th and 7th CPCs ToR referred about past-pensioners whereas in 8th CPC ToR, it is totally eliminated. Members all over the country having realized the gross injustices done to the BSNL pensioners, through a whatsapp call by the CHQ our members voluntarily came forward to fight legally and collectively raised legal fund of rupees one crore plus. He also said that even other sister association like DBPA, Kerala led by Shri Hariharan Nair donated one lakh. He further explained to young Honble MP Mr.Hibi Eden, that about 63 lakh central government and more than a crore state government pensioner's life will be in jeopardy due to this draconian Validation Act, and sought his active intervention. He also informed the Honble MP we are retired but not tired, and resolved to fight till the government repeals the Validation Act. We have so far sought the help of more than 100 MPs cutting across party lines.

Hibi Eden, MP, Ernakulam: Due to his busy schedule and preoccupations, Honble MP arrived little late and apologized the delay. He congratulated AIBSNLPWA for organizing such a huge and vibrant conference in Kochi, and advised delegates to enjoy its serenity and hospitality. He commended the emphatic narration of DG and felt happy at the association's clear vision and mission. He lambasted the government's privatization spree for the past 11 years in Ports, Airports, Airlines, Telecom, Banks and Insurance sectors. Divestment of giant LIC also started. He expressed anguish at the very poor operational performance of BSNL due to irrational government policies, and said that government expanding BSNL towers to be used by private

TSPs. He recalled the historical and unprecedented farmers agitation aided by combined opposition, and how the government was forced to repeal the Act. He is also aware of our pending pension revision, and assured to fight with us together on all issues including seeking repeal of Validation Act.

With this valuable message, he formally inaugurated the 6th AIC at Kochi, wishing all success. DG thanked him on behalf of the entire House for assuring his help in all aspects including pending pension revision.

Com. K D Sebastian (National President of SNPWA) stressed at length about need for unity among all. He said 'let us go together and fight together', and being the larger unit among all, AIBSNLPWA should lead. He explained 8th CPC with ToR, Validation Act and other issues in depth. He elaborated the achievements of his association on CGHS front also.

Com. M Shyam Kumar (CP of AIRBSNLEWA) said that commitment, consistency and credibility are the core attributes of AIBSNLPWA. It is not an organization, it is a movement. Comrades PSR, DG and Varaprasad, steering the organization with remarkable perfection and perseverance. He touched pension revision, 8th CPC with ToR and Validation Act, and stressed upon unity. He praised the hard work of Reception Committee, with spirit of Kerala and said that commitment and culture goes hand in hand.

Com. G N Hariharan Nair (CS DOT BSNLPA Kerala) recollected his presence at the initial formation of AIBSNLPWA, but said he could not join due to some reasons. Presently he is working under CBMPA banner, but he vowed to work together to achieve our goals. He praised the committed leadership of comrade PSR all along.

DG said that comrades Jogi and other leaders of pensioners associations are continuously in touch with us, and we are working together. He thanked them for having come and exhibiting solidarity with us.

V Varaprasad, GS :Addressing the Inaugural Session narrated how Kerala circle risen to the occasion and contributed men, material and money. He explained the

rationale in restricting the delegates to 800. He said we are greatly honored with the august presence of Honble MP, and thanked him on behalf of the House for the support extended and assurance given to us. He said pension revision was not included in ToR of 1st 2nd and 3rd CPCs, and was included from 4th CPC onwards. We are closely working in tandem with NCCPA in the legal battle against Validation Act. He said no U turn on our demands and continue our fight till its logical end.

P S Ramankutty said that though he is Advisor, he does not advise anyone. He recollected the birth of the association in 2009 with zero balance, and first conference attended by 456 pensioners all over the country. Karnataka, Delhi, Kerala and few others provided instantenous financial help. Today within 15 years at 6th AIC, a Hall with 1135 seating capacity is insufficient. With meticulous and careful handling of finances, today we could save Rs. 3.5 crore plus with us. He briefly touched about our past achievements including our win at PBCAT ND etc. While 8th CPC was announced before Delhi elections, ToR announced with 9 months delay before Bihar elections. 8th CPC report and implementation may be dragged to next government. He explained the governments design to affect the interest of pensioners in many ways. He explained how S-30 pensioners are legally fighting with government for the past 16 years, and the imminent danger behind Validation Act. Service unions are helpless without any bargaining power, as Telecom services are privatized though BSNL is not. He explained how technology over-shadowed human labour.

T S Vittoban said earlier leaders touched all topics in detail. Stressing on Validation Act, he sought utmost unity among all to fight pending court cases.

AnupamKaul spoke in Hindi with mix of humour. House gave him a thunderous applause. He narrated how the current and fresh retirees are more healthy and energetic, compared to old-timers. Now strength of pensioners is more than working employees. While explaining how pension is a deffered wage, he comically narrated his experiences in dealing with PBCAT and Delhi High court cases and the details of additional affidavit submitted by DOT in High court recently. He explained Honble FMs stance on Validation Act with parody, which made the house to burst

THE KOCHI AIC: SYMBOL OF SOLIDARITY



**Com. P S Ramankutty
greet the delegates**



**Greeting by
Com. K D Sebastian, SNPWA**



**Greeting by
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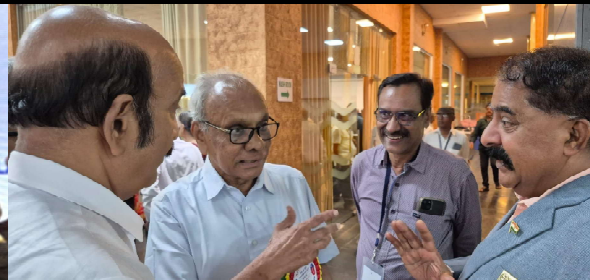
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into laughter. He said team at Delhi met all the seven MPs and submitted representations. Multi prong approach is needed from entire pensioner community. He touched at our triumph in getting SCOVA membership. He informed that senior advocate dealing our case told that, he learnt many intricate issues from DG. That is to say leadership at the helm of our association is alert and excellent, while base level should awake. A remote branch should work in unison with CHQ, and to devise ways for everyone to participate. We are working in tandem with NCCPA. Concluded with an inspiring lyric.

T P George: Proposed Vote of Thanks. President DG declared Open House Session closed at 1300 hrs.

SUBJECTS COMMITTEE :

Started at 1500 hrs of 08/11/2025. President DG informed, out of 22 circles, 32 circles absent and quorum of delegates sufficient, and taken up the AGENDA for discussion.

Condolences and Homage: DG, after getting the approval from the house, announced that report already circulated will be treated as read. GS read the Homage portion. With addition of few names given by members, 2 minutes silence observed.

Consideration of Report on activities since last AIC to October 2025: (1) comrade K Muthialu wanted to add a para at 3.17 on "Dues from Cooperative Society". As already discussed by CWC, TN circle will support the activities of committee appointed for this purpose, and CHQ will assist the TN circle. (2) K Tajarao of Vijayawada in para 1.2 proposed to add NEPAL also, which is agreed to. (3) The amendment proposed w r t para 1.3 by Tamilnadu comrade is agreed with an amendment to amendment as suggested by president DG. With these amendments, the Report presented by GS with the approval of CWC, unanimously approved by the House.

Adoption of Audited Accounts: Treasurer Vittoban read the audited accounts for 3 years one by one and after clarification by Treasurer for questions raised by few members, same was approved unanimously.

Issues concerning the BSNL Pensioners:

GS initiated discussion on Pension Revision in BSNL, Court cases, Invalidation of CCS Pension rules and 8th CPC. In addition to what he spoke in Open House session, he narrated how our association achieved pension revision from 01/01/2007 with prolonged and sustained pursuasion at executive and political levels. Explained progress of the appeal case in Delhi High court filed by DOT on PBCAT judgment allowing our pension revision from 01/01/2017. S-30 pensioners case and Validation Act explained in detail. Coordination with NCCPA, and subsequent peaceful agitation programs explained.

Then President DG invited delegates to deliberate on the above and give workable suggestions.

(1) N K. Misra (UP-East): Explained difficulties in updating DLC post migration to SAMPANN, Aadhar-PAN linking in few leftover cases, erroneous deduction of TDS in some districts, mismatch of DOB in Aadhar causing hardships for family pensioners.

(2) J N Dubey (UP-East): As pension revision is essential for all of us, we can hire more efficient lawyer if required, by spending more.

(3) Sham Singh (Punjab): We have about 3200 membership in Punjab circle. Our CS Bajwa is very efficiently working. promise that any task entrusted to us will be fulfilled.

(4) Rajkumar Saini (Punjab): Delay in issue of IDA orders to be taken up. Any agitation call given by CHQ will be obeyed by Punjab circle. CS, Bajwa maintaining very cordial relations with CCA and CGHS authorities, and getting works done.

(5) A K Chowdary (Bihar): Officials convicted for any reason, post retirement should not be totally deprived of pension eligibility. Pension with some reduction can be given for family sustenance.

(6) Abdul Ahmed (Bihar): I appreciate the spirit of all members at grass root. I support CHQ leadership who are working well. When Validation Act passed, we realized its danger and immediately alerted leaders.

(7) K K Tripathy (Bihar): I was associated with AIBSNLPWA, when I was still a working employee. I was helping all pensioners, and cases settled faster when revision of pension from 01/01/2007 ordered.

(8) T Ramachandran (Kerala): There was some delay between favorable judgment from PBCAT and filing of Appeal by DOT in High Court. It should have been done faster. I appreciate the efforts of CHQ acting swiftly on Validation Act, and views expressed in para 7.1 of the report.

(9) Annie Preman (Kerala): As state convener of the Mahila committee of Kerala state unit, helping aged family pensioners in all aspects. Encouraging women members to participate in meetings. In groups of 30 to 40, we will be meeting, and take up welfare activities. More than one-third of the total amount collected for AIC was donated by women members. She recited a poem in Malayalam meaning 'In generosity these sisters even surpass Karna'. Our future vision is formation of similar Mahila committees in all states and organize, "All India women's conference".

(10) K A Augustine (Kerala): Referred the famous Nakara judgment, and how the Validation Act would scuttle this landmark judgment also. Spoke about pension revision, 8th CPC.

(11) T P George (Kerala): He reiterated our principle to tackle issues is Negotiation, Agitation and then Litigation. 2007 pension revision and 78.2% issues were solved with hectic negotiations. On Pension revision and the Validation Act we are forced to seek litigation route. we have to devise ways for agitation too.

(12) Munuswamy (Chennai TD): Congratulated DG and team for PBCAT win, but we have delayed in appeal process. Expressed anxiety about many adjournments in Delhi High Court, and suggested after High court judgment go to further action without delay. On Validation Act we are moving in right direction. **President DG** intervened and clarified that it is DOT that appealed, and the appeal case in High court is just about one year old, and many cases languishing years together.

(13) M Govindarajan (Chennai TD): I commend GS for excellent report in publishing general things of societal and national importance. Spoke on PBCAT, HC appeal, 8th CPC and ToR, and wanted to stick to CPC formula pension revision.

(14) M Madhu (Telangana): We are responding to the calls given by CHQ from time to time. We have promptly responded for the flood relief calls for Kerala, Andhra and Telangana and remitted amounts. We have responded to legal fund call also and remitted on time. We are on constant

membership drive and as on date Hyderabad Telecom District branch has 3836 members. The clause "Unfunded cost of non contributory pension scheme" is dangerous in 8th CPC ToR. On Validation Act, we are on right path.

(15) S Narasimharao (Telangana): Getting revised pension from 01/01/2007 we are happy, but unhappy with 8th CPC and Validation Acts. While appreciating the good work of CHQ, he said pensioners happy with President DG and GS Varaprasad, and will always respond to any call from CHQ.

(16) Deenadayalan (STR Chennai): Pension revision from 01/01/2017 we are fighting through Orissa AIC/Vizag AIC/Kochi AIC, and yet to succeed. Can we expect pension revision in the life time of the pensioners? Please expedite actions and avoid delay. Items for SCOVA I will submit in due course.

(17) Sivakumar (Tamilnadu): 6th AIC being held at crucial juncture. Ensure any pension revision should be for both pre and post 2017 retirees. Write to government, seeking amendment in 8th CPC ToR.

(18) V Jayaganesan (Tamilnadu): CHQ should take up with CBDT, that "VRS scheme 2019" of BSNL should be considered as "Bulk retrenchment Settlement", which is eligible for capital receipt and should not be taxable (TDS). Allow all VRS optees to claim for refund of TDS already paid in due time under section 10 (10B) instead of maximum limit of 5 lakhs under section 10 (10C).

(19) Subbarayan (Tamilnadu): Appreciated PBCAT judgement which says we are government retirees. Appreciated our efforts, to defend DOT appeal in High court. Continue fight against Validation Act.

(20) S Sundara Krishnan (Tamilnadu): Problems increased with Validation Act, and so also work of CHQ leaders. Discussed PBCAT, HC appeal cases. Appreciated CHQ taken right decision in joining with NCCPA.

(21) R Venkatachalam (Tamilnadu): I went through an article published in Patrika titled "FRIVOLOUS APPEALS...", wherein it is mentioned that the JCM, designed to resolve employee's grievances became ineffective resulting in increased court cases. We should find a way out.

(22) Duraiarasan (Tamilnadu): Congratulated CHQ for PBCAT judgment. Applicability of 01/01/2017 pension revision for pre and post 2017 retirees needs to be clarified. AIBSNLPWA being the larger constituent of NCCPA, our name should come first in all its correspondence.

At 1900 hrs, Subjects committee adjourned to meet at 0930 AM on 09/11/2025.

CULTURAL PROGRAMME: A breath taking cultural programme depicting Kerala traditions was organized between 0700 to 0800 pm. Delegates all over the country enjoyed the program, which is followed by sumptuous dinner.

SUBJECTS COMMITTEE (09.11.2025):

Commenced at 1000 am, with speakers from delegates.

(23) V Mari (Tamilnadu): We won PBCAT case for pension revision after Vizag AIC. We are moving one step forward and 100 steps backwards. Let us remember how Indrajit Gupta, O P Gupta and D S Nakara fought. Instead of fighting, we are waiting. Please mobilize everyone and organize united fighting.

(24) S S Gopalakrishnan (Tamilnadu): Let us pay respects to Com O P Gupta, the architect of Rule 37A. Seeking pension revision as per 7th CPC is not rosy, as only 10% of CAT judgments being implemented. We have to help the comrades of Simla case. Let us play second fiddle to NCCPA. Pensioners and working employees should rally together.

GS intervened and told that some delegates from TN met me outside this hall and expressed their anguish that Com OPG's portrait was not displayed even though he was responsible to bring Rule 37-A in CCS (Pension) Rules. I understand and appreciate their sentiments. The entire arrangements were made by the RC and we don't have any intention even to ignore Com OPG and we have great respect for him.

(25) K V Subrahmanyam (AP): Services of comrades PSR, DG, Varaprasad and Anupam Kaul are very much appreciable in getting favorable PBCAT judgment. Unity is our strength, and we should continue our strikes and rallies. Myself ready to sit in fast unto death for the purpose of getting pension revision. We should instill confidence in grass root level. Government probably intends to reappropriate more than rupees 10 lakh crore accumulated pension corpus fund, and brought Validation Act. Let us write to PM, FM and all concerned to issue amendment to 8th CPC ToR.

(26) S Mohammadali (AP): Wage revision once in 4 years why not for BSNL non executives? pay revision from 2017 also not yet done. Government is not aiding BSNL, but asking it to run. Many people complaining BSNL network not working properly. Grass root members should participate and we should check how many branch level leaders are working on association calls.

(27) K Somasundara Rao (AP): Post demise of pensioner, the spouse may submit pension papers directly to CCA, as the SB is available with them, and SSA offices finding it irksome to countersign in the absence of any details with them. Post migration to SAMPANN, many details not properly transferred including family photo, causing hardship for spouse while applying for family pension.

(28) Kaushik (Haryana): We chose CPC instead of PRC from the beginning. But, grass root level doesn't bother about the method and wants pension revision. For pension revision, 8th CPC and Validation Act, let us find any better way out and fight vigorously.

(29) Mitkari (Maharashtra): There lies a confusion whether the Validation Act applicable to DOT/BSNL retirees or not. I say it is very much applicable as we are covered under Rule 37A. Please make a synopsis of the 385 pages writ petition filed by NCCPA in Supreme court.

(30) Nareshlal (Jharkhand): Post merger of smaller SSAs into bigger BAs, preservation of pensioners records should be ensured. Much difficulties being faced, specially in family pension cases of widowed daughters and physically challenged dependants. When wife is family pensioner, discrepancy in DOB between SB, PAN and Aadhar creating hurdles. For indoor treatment under BSNL MRS, officers not visiting the patient on pretext of no manpower. New WC sanctioned at Jamshedpur, not yet opened.

(31) Shyamalendu Bhattacharjee (Assam): Though the legal expenditure is more than 39 lakh rupees, our problem not yet solved. We are worried about pension revision, 8th CPC ToR and Validation Act. A delegation of association should meet honble PM.

(32) Kailash Gautam (UP West): On our problems, let us organize human chain at Jantar Mantar. Family pensioners are not given mobile SIM, in lieu of Landline telephone.

(33) Ashok Kumar: Even though we are in litigation, we should not stop persuasion and agitation. Let us be optimistic and unite with all associations. VRS optees expiring before

age of superannuation, are denied original benefits, which should be taken up.

(34) Bhopi (Maharashtra): Appreciated efforts of CHQ on 78.2% and 60:40 annulment issues. Appreciated the stand taken by CHQ, on current pension revision, 8th CPC and Validation Act issues.

(35) Lambodar Hota (Orissa): Pension revision as per PBCAT judgment is for us only, while the other two issues for all central and state government people. We have about 400 districts and take help of media at all places for effective publicity.

(36) K Muthialu (Tamilnadu): As comrade O P Gupta was the brainchild behind Rule 37A, we need to exhibit his portrait along with Nakara. In 2013 Ernakulam CWC, we took decision to seek pension revision as per 7th CPC formulae. In Bangalore meeting I dissented to go to PBCAT. Now we have seen that, though CAT judgment is positive, it is not implemented. In October 2020, BSNL called for negotiations (Zero to 15%), but we missed the bus. After HC judgment on DOTs appeal, we should decide further course of action. We should continue our fight against Validation Act. NCCPA should include our pending pension revision demand.

CGHS and ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW: GS initiated the discussion: At the outset GS advised that pensioners still with BSNL MRS, may shift to CGHS due to budgetary constraints of BSNL. About 22 wellness centres sanctioned, for which staff sanctions with the approval of DOE released by MOH&FW on 17th Sept 2025, and no where there are signs for its takeoff till date. We are pursuing for sanction of AD office for AP. Better hospitals in the towns where there is no WC, is desirable to be empanelled. Committee headed by Sushilkumar Modi submitted its recommendations on CGHS to government, are not implemented. Despite using good offices of Hon. Prahlad Joshiji, it took 3 years for Karnataka comrades to get a WC at Hubli. Maintaining liason by ZAC and LAC members with local doctors, will create congenial atmosphere in getting better services from CGHS.

Com JS Bajwa CS Punjab, quoting 'Health is Wealth', reiterated everyone to shift to CGHS. Constantly pursuing with AD regarding opening of WC at Patiala. **Com KV Subrahmanyam** of AP said, though AP Circle formed in 2014, no AD post sanctioned yet, and it should be

established in capital Amaravati. **Com Rajasekharareddy AGS**, emphasized the need of WCs at all district head quarters. At least reputed hospitals in district head quarters where there is no WC can be empanelled. Beneficiaries at some places denied access to specialist doctors and high end diagnostic centers. **Com Malaiya of Sagar** said that PP of the association published in English only. Few copies may be published in Hindi. MP circle will help.

Detailed clarification of comrade DG on the issues raised by members: On the query of applicability of 7th CPC of pay revision equally to pre and post 01/01/2017 retirees, he reiterated that the point is fully taken care of. On our status as government servants, he clarified that "We are BSNL retirees, but Central Government pensioners". On the queries of Unity with other associations and our stand of seeking pension revision as per 7th CPC formula, he explained at length as follows.

Pension Revision

AUAB Leaders met MoSC Shri Manoj Sinha on **24/2/2018** who assured the following: (1) To get the affordability clause of 3rd PRC relaxed for BSNL. (2) Pension contribution by BSNL on actual pay. (3) Directed Telecom Secretary to take necessary action for revision of pension for BSNL pensioners. (4) Allocation of 4G spectrum to BSNL. They again met MoSC along with MP Com MB Rajesh on **1/8/2018** and MoSC told that 4G spectrum allocation will be done and on other matters he would discuss with Telecom Secretary on **3/8/2018**.

On **20/3/2018** DoT wrote to JS (Shri R K Chaudhry), DPE seeking relaxation for affordability clause. In para 3, it was stated "BSNL has informed that the additional financial burden in 3rd PRC implementation will be **Rs.6485 Cr** in FY2018-19. From 2019-20 onwards every year, additional financial burden will be **Rs.2980 Cr**". In para 5 it was stated "as per the AR 2016-17 of BSNL, Revenue from operation Rs.28,404 Cr and the total employee expenses is Rs.15715 Cr which is about 55% of the total income.

This is much higher as compared to industry average of 6 to 8%".

Pension Revision - Delinking (BSNLEU)

GS, BSNLEU wrote to the PM on 23/7/2018 on the subject "Denial of justice to the BSNL pensioners" stating "Both the CG pensioners and the BSNL pensioners are getting pension under the same GoI rules, viz. CCS Pension rules, 1972. Logically, the BSNL pensioners should have also got their pension revision, since their counterparts of the CG have already got pension revision. However, nothing is being heard so far, about the revision of pension of the BSNL pensioners". **Para 5** states "The pension revision of BSNL retirees cannot and should not be linked with the wage revision of the serving employees"

Pension Revision as per 7th CPC (AIBSNLEA): GS, AIBSNLEA Prahlad Rai & President S. Sivakumar wrote to Secretary (T) on 5/9/2018 and the subject matter was "**Pension Revision of BSNL IDA pensioners**". **3rd para** stated "If all the benefits of other Govt pensioners as per the CPC recommendations can be applied to BSNL IDA pensioners, how the factor IDA coming in the way only for pension revision as per CPC recommendations is not understood". **4th para** states "We would, therefore, request you to kindly issue the order of pension revision at the earliest as per the pension revision memo of DoP&PWdt 4/8/2016 and as per the commitment made at the time of absorption".

From ID Note of DoP&PW dated 21/9/2022

Para 5 – The DoT then stated that the case of serving employees is different from the retired employees in BSNL/MTNL. Serving employees are paid from BSNL/MTNL while retired employees are paid by the Government by a special arrangement. 3rd PRC has not been implemented in BSNL/MTNL, since the entity had not fulfilled the pre-conditions for grant of facility to its serving employees. However, in the case of pensioners, the funds are not provided by the company but by the Government. Therefore, the case of retired employees of BSNL/MTNL is same as that of Government pensioners. It was also stated that at the time of the absorption, there was no intention of depriving the Government employees of pension on their absorption in BSNL/MTNL. **Para 14** – Although, **pension of absorbee BSNL pensioners is paid from the Consolidated Fund of India, DoT had been reluctant to revise the pension of BSNL** as any increase in pension would result in similar demands from the serving employees.

Unity of Pensioners' Associations:

On 17/10/2022 in Kidwai Bhavan a meeting was held in which representatives of AIBSNLPWA, DoT-BSNL PA, Kerala, RTOWA, Delhi, RTOWA, Mumbai, MPWA, MREWA, Mumbai, AIRBSNLEWA, MREWA, Delhi & SNPWA (totally 20 representatives) participated. The meeting unanimously decided that pension revision should be as per 7th CPC formula. A statement was approved and DG was authorized to read out the statement in the meeting, convened by Member (S), to be held at 4 pm.

On 18/10/2022 another meeting was held in which along with those associations which participated on 17th morning, some more associations like BDPA (I), AICGPA, Pune, AIBDPA, SC/ST Retired Employees Assn, BDPS, MTNL Pensioners Forum (totally 27 representatives) participated. AIBDPA, BDPA(I), AICGPA, Pune etc. insisted for 15% on the basis of 3rd PRC. So, there could not be any unanimity. The above facts reveal the divergent views among different associations, and when the **DEMAND** itself differs, paths will be different, and struggle cannot go in unison. As far as NCCPA is concerned, the DEMAND is common, i.e. repeal of **VALIDATION ACT**, all associations are unitedly fighting.

Discussion with DoT: After PBCAT judgment, as per Ahmedabad CWC (Oct 2023) decision, met Telecom Secretary 5 times, met MoC twice, met new MoSC once, met Secretary (P) once, met Director (P) once.

Political intervention: Shri Prahlad Joshi Hon. Minister wrote a DO letter to MoC. Shri GVL Narasimha Rao (MP) wrote to Secretary (T). Odisha leaders met local MP and urged her intervention. Maharashtra leaders met local MP in Mumbai and requested her intervention.

Patiala CWC (Sep 2024) unanimously decided to pursue the legal battle and take it to its logical end, to continue the steps for political intervention for securing pension revision on the basis of 7th CPC fitment factor which would be a permanent solution, to give a call for agitation, in the event of a favorable judgment from Delhi HC and if DoT refuse to honor the constitutional court order.

Wage Agreement in BSNL: BSNL management and recognized unions signed an agreement on 8th Oct 2025

for Non-Executives pay revision w.e.f. 1/1/2017 subject to approval by the competent authority. NE-1 to NE-12 Revised pay-scales were specified. Fitment method is Basic Pay as on 31/12/2016 plus 119.5% IDA, is nothing but merger of pay plus DA on 1/1/2017. **Problems that may arise are:** The multiplication factor of maximum (from existing to proposed) of the scale ranges from 2.4 to 2.86. So BSNL has to pay additional pension contribution to DoT which would be 2.4 to 2.86 times till 31/8/2025 (for 104 months) because pension contribution on actual pay is only from 1/9/2025. Whether BSNL is capable of paying this huge amount? Since the basic pay is increased, as a consequence basic pension will also be increased for those who retired after 1/1/2017. As a result, those retirees are entitled for additional commutation and it becomes the liability of DoT. Will it agree? An assessment about the impact on existing pensioners is made (if at all it is implemented) on different pay scales, which reveals that, for post 1/1/2017 retirees, the lumpsum commutation payment will be doubled, but gross pension is getting reduced from 13% to 17%. In case of Executives, for the past 8 years, DoT did not accept the pay-scale recommended by BSNL, because of the conditions stipulated by DPE. Though DoT took up that issue with DPE, with due justification for relaxing the affordability clause, the nodal department did not accept but suggested to take up with Cabinet. Since it is a policy decision affecting many CPSEs, DoT did not approach the Cabinet. DG gave his opinion about the contents on all four issues viz Pension Revision, Validation Act, 8th CPC ToR and pending legal cases in Kerala.

RESOLUTIONS:

Basing on the detailed deliberations held at length on all the issues, GS summed up and proposed four major Resolutions orally which were adopted by the House unanimously. (Resolutions are published elsewhere in this Issue of Patrika). President informed the house that the resolutions as summed up by GS would be drafted suitably and it was approved.

In the post lunch session of 9th Nov 2025, com DG invited lady delegates to speak

AP Saraswathy (Kerala): Organisation to be strengthened to achieve desired goals. We need unity within and outside.

We have to update our knowledge in what is going around. More women comrades should come to the forefront and take leadership roles like Kerala circle did. I appreciate and commend our Gujarat comrades for electing a lady as circle secretary. I specifically congratulate com Jaya Brahmabhatt for becoming first CS of AIBSNLPWA.

A Savitha (Karnataka): I express deep gratitude to Karnataka circle and CHQ leaders for electing me as Organising Secretary in Vizag AIC. The post brings responsibility with privilege. Your confidence and trust motivated me and increased my resolve to work hard. I also urge the every district and circle to nurture women's leadership and bring them to the forefront. I commend the dedication of members and leaders of Kerala circle for holding this 6th AIC in a truly befitting and exemplary manner.

Jaya B Brahmabhatt (Gujarat): I thank our Gujarat circle fraternity for electing me as first woman circle secretary of the association. I urge lady comrades to come forward, work hard, take leadership roles at local level and then demand representation at CHQ level.

Com DG stressed the need for participation of lady comrades at all levels. He congratulated Kerala circle for taking lead and urged the branch and district level all over the country to nurture them, and all circle secretaries to strive organising Mahila conventions at circle level. He also said that organizational discipline is most essential, and a retiree cannot be a member of two branches of our own association.

Com Varaprasad summed up left over issues that, Notional increment for VRS retirees yet to be decided, Commutation restoration after 12 years rejected by government, LPD case of Phone Mechanics submitted the required details to CGCA and DOT and pursuing with CCA and IT exemption on ex gratia for VRS optees, already taken up with ITAT and reminder will be issued.

Com PSR informed that earlier we tried to publish some pages of Patrika in Hindi and faced many difficulties. He explained reasons for stopping Hindi pages.

Next CWC meeting and AIC: Com Nalawade of Maharastra agreed to hold the next CWC meeting by Satara

Branch. Com DG appreciated and congratulated on behalf of the House. **Com. Sundara Krishnan**, CS, TN circle agreed to hold AIC in principle, in consultation with CEC.

Amendments to Constitution:

Constitutional Amendments as approved by CWC shown in pre pages, discussed and unanimously approved by AIC.

Election of CHQ Office-bearers: President DG took up the election of CHQ office bearers for the next term. A panel proposed by com V Krishna Swamy, CS, Kerala and seconded by Com B N Behera, CS, Orissa received which is read by president. After giving sufficient time, since there was no other proposal, President DG declared the list of office-bearers unanimously elected. (The list in page 18). Com DG informed the house that Com PSR desires to step down from all responsibilities owing to ill health. The entire house in one voice unequivocally rejected his appeal, and requested him to be at the helm as Advisor. Com PSR bowed before the love and affection of the House towards him, and accepted amidst cheers and applause of all. At the request of President, Com PSR introduced the key leaders of the Reception Committee like Coms. R N Padanair, T P

George, K A Augustine, V Krishnaswami, M B Shaji, C A Unnikrishnan Nair, P K P Nair, K M Joseph, K A Antony, K M Pushkaran, Leelamma Baby, and K A Vidhyasagar. They were given a standing ovation and thunderous applause by the entire House.

Nomination of Auditor: M/s CRS & Co, Chartered Accountants, Chennai were nominated as Auditor. will continue to function as our auditor.

Vote of Thanks:

President DG himself chose to thank all delegates for extending cooperation in disciplined conduct of the house and completing the Agenda on time. He appreciated that the House was full on both days. He appreciated the commitment of Com Vittoban for his imminent presence, despite the demise of his younger brother a day before. His honesty and integrity in safeguarding the assets of organization is laudable. He thanked TN circle for nominating him in their panel.

After National Anthem at 1730 hrs president declared the house is adjourned sine die.

POST AIC CWC MEETING:

Available CWC members including the newly elected met at 1800 hrs of 09/11/2025, at same venue presided by Com. D Gopalakrishnan and took following decisions:

1) President DG requested all elected members work towards improving membership. Scope is limited, but try to enroll many left over pensioners and family pensioners who need more assistance from the organization. Maintain cordial relations with Circle/District/Branch units. Show maturity in tackling the dissent at grass root and strive for unity. No compromise on organizational and financial disciplines.

2) Com. T S Vittoban shall be the Editor of Pensioners' Patrika and Com. PSR will continue to do the work till Com. Vittoban is able to take up the work. Com. PSR explained practical difficulties in preparing matter for the journal. We have to often visit various websites like GConnect,

GServants, Govt staff, BSNL, DoT, DOPW, CGHS and websites of service organizations then diligently choose orders which are relevant to us. Orders appear in PDF format. Convert them into WORD and again to Pagemaker. Then same must be edited and adjusted according space available. Com M R Patnaik having gauged the enormous strenuous job, opined that the editor allowance be increased. After thorough discussion, CWC unanimously agreed to increase the Editor allowance to Rs 12,000 per month from November 2025.

3) Com Vittoban requested all to send messages with details after remitting any funds to CHQ.

4) DG finally said that whenever needed, we will be holding virtual CWC meetings also.

The meeting ended at 7.30 PM



A SPECTACULAR EVENT

A Savitha, Organising Secretary

The inauguration of the 6th All India Conference at Ernakulam began with a powerful and vibrant start. The resonant sound of the *Chenda*, the traditional percussion instrument of Kerala, announced the commencement of the event with great energy and excitement. The conference was organised at the Renai Hotel, where the corridor from the main gate to the auditorium was lined with delegates who had travelled from across the country. The grand auditorium, with a seating capacity of 1250, was set to welcome them. A large stage fitted with an impressive LED screen displayed the animated backdrop of the 6th AIC, creating a dignified and celebratory atmosphere.

Our organisation was founded in 2009, and this year marks sixteen significant years of its journey. To commemorate this milestone, the Kerala Circle—under the visionary leadership of Com. P. S. Ramankutty—conceptualised a unique, inclusive, and women-led inauguration ceremony. It was entirely his vision to showcase women's strength, culture, and leadership prominently in all segments of the event. To realise this vision, a dedicated subcommittee of women comrades was formed with Com. G Suprabha as Chairperson and Com. Leelamma Baby as Convener.

As part of the ceremonial procession, 16 women members of the Kerala Circle marched with grace and discipline, each holding a traditional Kerala Royal umbrella (*Muthu Kuda*). They followed the group of men playing the Chenda, resulting in a culturally rich and impressive visual display. Walking

behind them were the CWC members, including Com. P. S. Ramankutty, Com. A. P. Saraswathi, Com. D. Gopalakrishnan, and Com. V. Vara Prasad, proudly holding the banner of AIBSNLPWA. The procession moved towards the flag post situated in front of the auditorium, where the National Flag and the Association Flag were arranged for hoisting. Having witnessed flag-hoisting ceremonies of various BSNL associations over the last forty years, I can confidently state that this arrangement was extraordinary. At this AIC, all CWC members were invited to stand near the flag post, and the hoisting was carried out smoothly. Women members stood nearby waving the Association flags—an inspiring image symbolising inclusiveness and progressive organisational values.

The element of innovation continued on the stage. Instead of the usual small group, 16 women comrades dressed in traditional Kerala sarees stood proudly on the dais. They raised strong and significant slogans of our association in perfect rhythm, clarity, and strength. This excellence was the result of a rehearsal session organised earlier, where the slogans were explained, rhythm taught, and the importance of gesture and expression demonstrated. The responsibility of registering the delegates was also entrusted entirely to women comrades. Sixteen women volunteers meticulously handled the entire registration process with precision and dedication.

In total, fifty comrades from Ernakulam and another fifty from other districts came forward to support and participate in the AIC. Once

again, it must be emphasised that this entire women-led concept and execution was the vision of Com. Raman Kutty. It was due to his foresight and commitment to inclusiveness that women were given such a prominent and meaningful role in the inauguration. The thoughtful and purposeful integration of women in every aspect of the inauguration sends a strong message of empowerment and equality. Their visible presence in the procession, on the stage, as well as in organisational responsibilities clearly demonstrates that the policies concerning women's participation are not merely spoken but genuinely practiced. This

experience underscores an important point: the Time has come for the leadership to institutionalize a policy that ensures visible and meaningful representation of women within the organisational structure itself. As leaders from different associations were present this visual presentation of women's active participation sent a strong and clear message across all associations. Such a step will also inspire greater confidence, participation, and leadership among women members across all circles. This AIC is a powerful example of how impactful women's contribution can be when they are encouraged and given the responsibilities.

WELLDONE, TEAM KERALA

RESOLUTION

The All India Conference held at Ernakulam on the 8th and 9th November, preceded by the pre-AIC CWC meeting on the 7th November, places on record its deep appreciation of the excellent arrangements made by the Host Kerala Circle.

The Conference notes with satisfaction that comfortable accommodation was provided at various locations within the vicinity of the venue and that delicious and timely food was served at the meeting hall of Hotel Renai, ensuring complete convenience to all delegates and organisers. The AIC highly appreciates the large team of organisers and volunteers who continuously monitored all arrangements and responded immediately to any requirement, thereby minimising difficulties to delegates. The courteous, friendly, disciplined, and professional approach of the Host Circle is specially acknowledged. The Conference places on record its appreciation of the grand welcome arranged by a team of artists with drum beats before the inaugural session and the inspiring sloganeering by women comrades. The participation of many

women comrades from various parts of Kerala added dignity and enthusiasm to the proceedings.

The cultural events, including traditional Kerala art forms and dances, were also highly impressive. The AIC notes the special effort taken in arranging the digital screen at the centre stage of the auditorium, which added a visually attractive and added a modern, vibrant touch to the sessions. This Conference records the continuous guidance of our Veteran Leader Comrade P. S. Ramankutty for his active presence at every stage - from supervision of arrangements to conducting the sessions from the dais - ensuring smooth and successful proceedings.

The valuable contributions of Kerala comrades led by Comrades R. N. Padanair, T. P. George, and V. Krishnaswamy in coordinating and supporting all activities are also gratefully acknowledged. Resolved that the AIC places on record its profound appreciation, hearty congratulations, and sincere thanks to the Host Kerala Circle and all organisers, volunteers, and supporters whose collective efforts led to the grand success of the Conference.

YET ANOTHER INDELIBLE AND MAGNIFICENT MEMORY

**M R PATNAIK,
Vice President**

Still fresh from the memoirs of the challenges encountered and hardships experienced as chairman, Reception committee of the 5th AIC of our esteemed organization at Visakhapatnam, I can gauge the struggle and toil of Kerala comrades for making amazing arrangements for such colossal contingent in the costly city Cochin. Dedicated and harmonious team work under infallible leadership, will only bring such success. It is also worth recalling, as I was then the debutant to association work and heading the RC, which was necessitated then President Ramankutty and GS Gangadhara Rao to regularly monitor and also reach Vizag well before, to ensure smooth arrangements. But, as this AIC headed by the well experienced veteran and visionary founder Ramankutty himself, President and GS could continue concentration on their real time hectic association work schedules, and arrive on D-Day. Enthusiastic planning started by them almost an year back, and their collective tireless work throughout, paid rich dividends in the form of excellent amenities we enjoyed in all aspects of travel, reception, transport, stay, food, meeting, leaving cherished memories.

Land mark achievement of the long aspired dream of inclusion of our association in the reconstituted SCOVA, is the result of the forethought and sustainable efforts of the leadership. Let us congratulate everyone who contributed for this accomplishment.

Let us recall the emphatic enunciation of our president DG during the Ahmedabad CWC

in October 2023, that our organization is functioning on three core principles of Organizational discipline, Democratic functioning and Financial discipline. Differences and Dissent in Democracy is welcome, but when the issue is discussed threadbare and unanimous decision taken, this should be adhered to by all. The resolution conveyed during Ahmedabad and Patiala CWCs to MP circle comrades, and follow up reconciliatory efforts of CHQ, should have been followed in true democratic spirit. Inadvertent mistakes do occur in transactions, but glaring blunders cannot be compromised. Correcting mistakes by adhering to constitutional principles, in fact enhances the prestige of the errant. We are now at an utmost crucial juncture of fighting our core issues, and cannot afford to divert ourselves towards trivial internal skirmishes. Our actions should supplement the hard work of our GS, but should not overload him. Our only resource is the double edged sword of justice and unity, to fight against the injustice meted to us. Unity brings success and succor while division makes us to succumb and sorrow. Any disunity among us would deleverage our bargaining power.

I sincerely appeal to everyone to put organization before self, by following the advice of CHQ with military discipline. Let us not just live with association, but thrive with it. Our past and present Presidents always vie for consensual conduct of business, as they are conscious of the fact that 'majority is vanity while unanimity is sanity'.

OUR THANKS

A letter to
Mr ACHUTHAN MENON,
Vice President,
Renai Kochi,
Palarivattom, Ernakulam

On behalf of the ALL INDIA BSNLPWA and all 1,250 attendees, I am writing to express our profound gratitude and appreciation for the truly exceptional service and outstanding facilities provided by Renai Hotel and staff during our All India Conference of Pensioners of BSNL held on 8th and 9th of November 2025.

The magnificent hall provided a professional and comfortable setting for our sessions. The hotel's overall ambience and compound created a warm, welcoming atmosphere for all our delegates.

Every member of your staff demonstrated a truly customer-friendly approach. Their politeness, promptness, and willingness to assist at every turn were remarkable. This dedication ensured that all our delegates felt valued and well cared for.

The good lunch and dinner served over the two days were widely praised. The quality, variety, and efficiency of the meal service were of the highest standard.

We were particularly grateful for the excellent logistical support, especially in managing the significant flow of people and vehicles. The ample area for parking was a crucial advantage. Furthermore, your team's direct and cheerful support for our procession and the flag hoisting ceremony was invaluable and helped us successfully execute these key elements of our conference.

The level of service provided by your entire team—from the front desk to the catering and housekeeping staff—was exemplary. They are a credit to Renai Kochi and their efforts truly elevated our conference experience.

We are delighted to confirm that the Renai medical team delivered truly excellent service, demonstrating professionalism, efficiency, and deep compassion throughout the event.

More than just providing timely aid, the presence of the dedicated team instilled an invaluable feeling of security among all the pensioners and organizers.

Please extend our heartfelt thanks to every member of the medical team who served at the venue.

Thank you once again for providing the perfect venue and the dedicated support. We look forward to the opportunity of partnering with you again for our future events.

Yours Sincerely,

T P George,
General Convener, Reception Committee

Mr. Achuthan Menon, Vice President of Renai Cochin is a reputed name in Hospitality Industry. He had worked with Maurya Sheraton New Delhi, Welcome Groups in Gujarat and Renaissance Goa before joining Renai Hotels. I was astonished to see the Head of Renai Hotels coming to the Dining Hall and supervising all services. He arranged a free Medical Team for us and took photos and videos of our procession etc.

.. P S Ramankutty.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE FOR KERALA CIRCLE CONFERENCE AND ALL INDIA CONFERENCE

Consolidated statement of Receipts and Expenditures (Subject to Audit)

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Item	Amount	Item	Amount
Donation From KLA SSAs	5708242.00	Hotel Renai	2982487.00
AIC Fund from CHQ	4559401.00	Refund to Kerala SSA Units	2292000.00
Delegate Fee	896500.00	Rent Hotels/Lodges	1541454.00
Don. from Other Circles	31116.00	To Circle Conference	1000000.00
Unidentified	26500.00	Cultural Programme	
Room Rent	4801.00	[Stage,LED,Light,Sound,Photo]	314901.00
Refund from Renai	1550.00	Breakfast in Camps	247223.00
Misc	12.00	Badge, Bags, Flags	227320.00
		Transportation	113600.00
		Felicitation of Volunteers	52620.00
		Office: Furniture,Repair, Mtce	73928.00
		Printing, Stationery, Photostat	62920.00
		Travelling expenses	40629.00
		Meeting expenses	37446.00
		Publicity	32740.00
		Mobile connection	16830.00
		Refund AIC Fund	8000.00
		Volunteers	6480.00
		Postage	3946.00
		Medical exp	2823.00
		Refund Delegate Fee	2400.00
		Bank charges	856.56
		Total Expenditure	9060603.56
Total Receipts	11228122.00	Balance m/o to Circle Assn	2167518.44
GRAND TOTAL	1,12,28,122.00	GRAND TOTAL	1,12,28,122.00

Thank you all.

Thank you all for the amazing cooperation. It was a great event.
Please pardon us for any lapses on our part.

THE KOCHI CONFERENCE



Com. V. Krishnaswami, CS Kerala Invites dignitaries to the Dals



Com. R N Padanair, Working Chairman, RC welcomes all



Com. D Gopalakrishnan delivers presidential address



Com. Vara Prasad, GS addressing Inaugural session



Com. Anupam Kaul, Dy. GS addressing Inaugural session



Com. T S Vittoban, Tr. addressing Inaugural session

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2-12-2025: A special function organized at Kochi to honour the volunteers who rendered dedicated service for successful conduct of the AIC. Coms G Suprabha, K M Joseph, V Krishnaswami, R N Pada Nair, T P George and K A Augustine are on the dais.

FELICITATION OF VOLUNTEERS

RE-ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY



Kochi AIC unanimously elected Coms. D Gopalakrishnan, V Varaprasad, Anupam Kaul and T S Vittoban as President, General Secretary, Dy. GS and Treasurer respectively.

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