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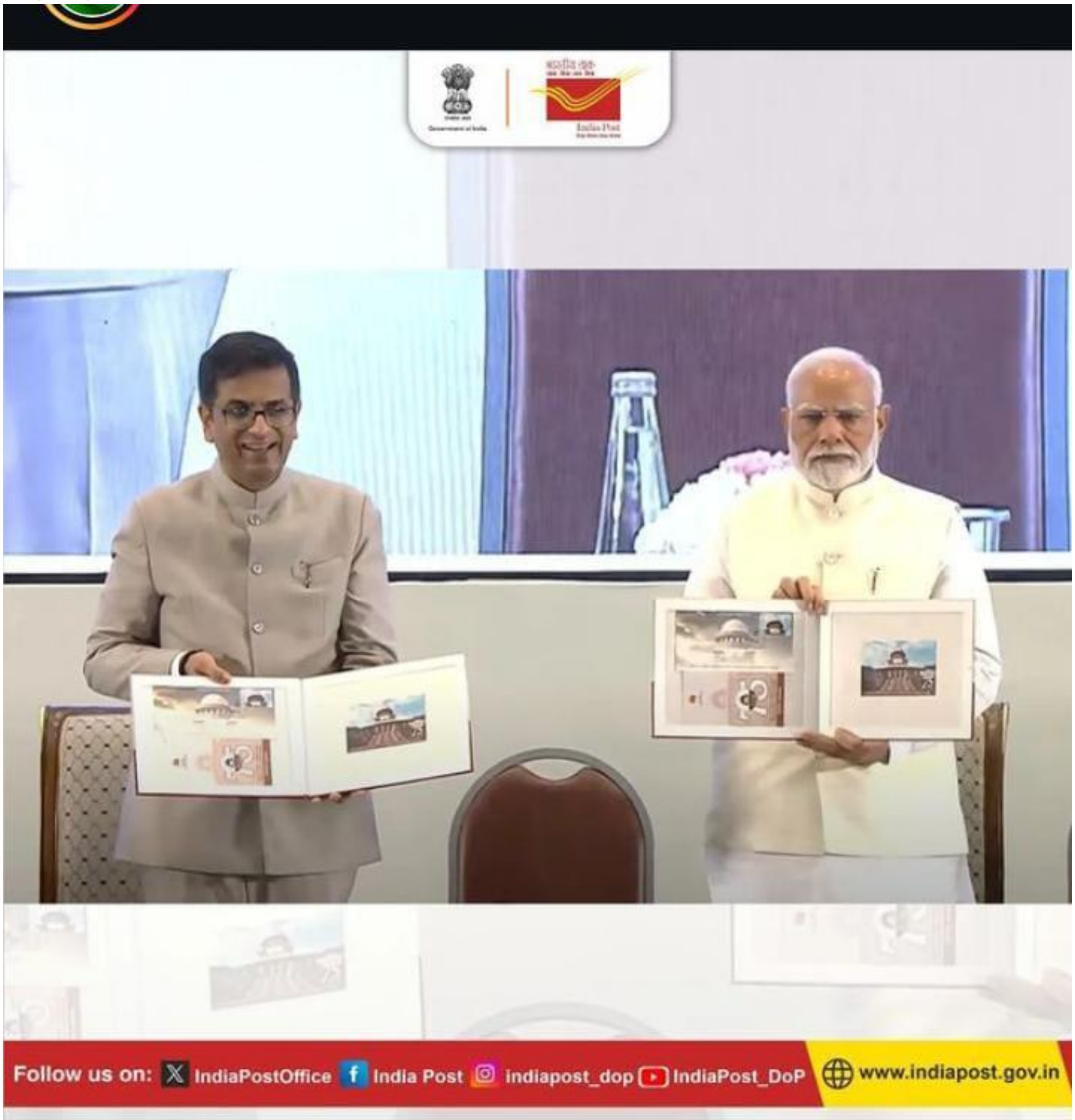

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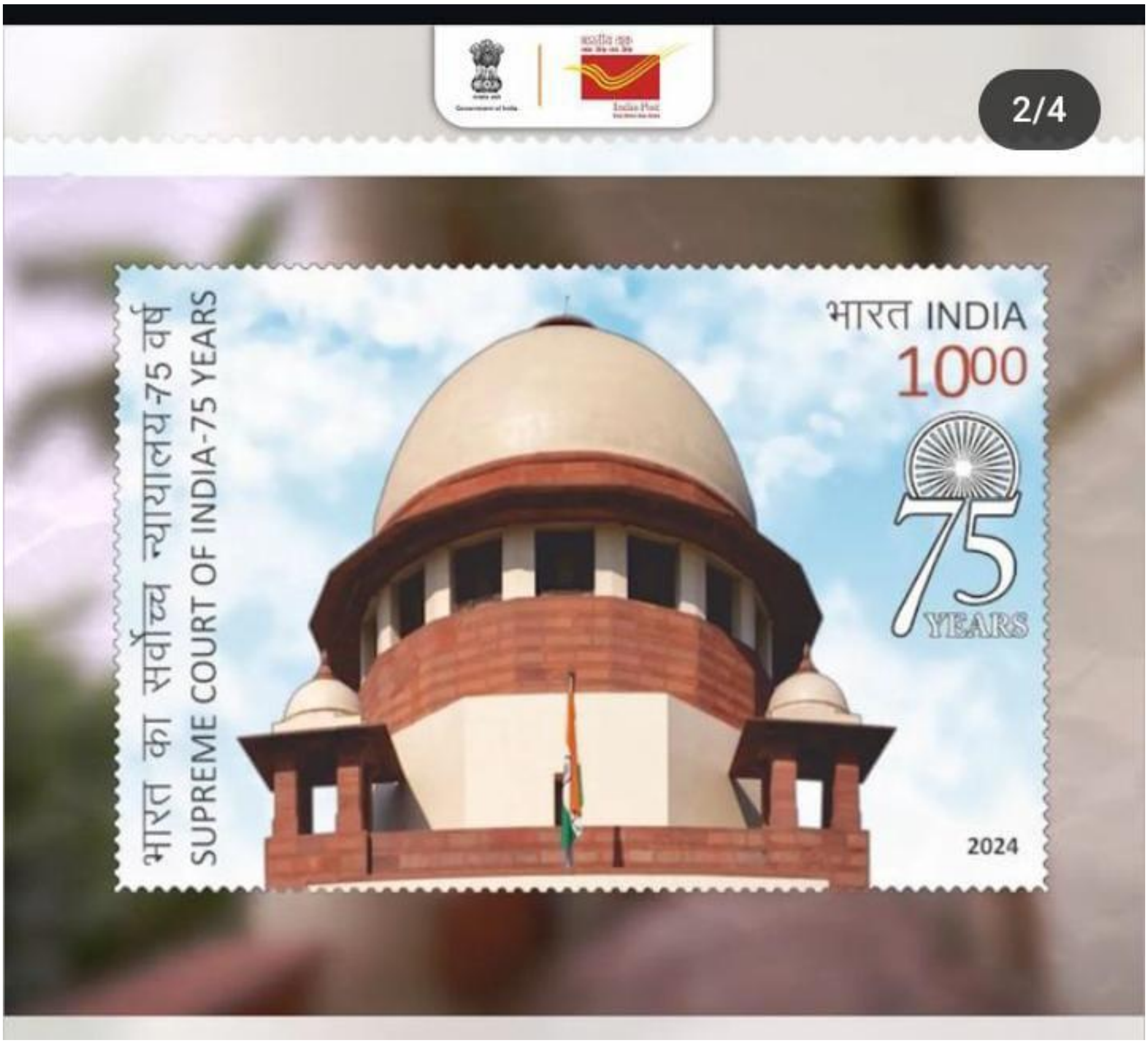

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Periodic Review of Central Government Employees for strengthening administration under Fundamental Rule (FR) 56(i)/(l) and rule 48 of CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 now, revised as Rule 42 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2O21

'New base year for retail inflation index, lower weight for food'

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NEW DELHI

A Union government-appointed panel formed to update the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which tracks changes in retail prices, is likely to revise the base year used to measure inflation from 2012 to 2024 and lower the weight assigned to food items to keep pace with changing consumption patterns, two officials aware of the matter said.

A 22-member panel set up by the ministry of statistics and programme implementation is currently working on arriving at a new base year for various price indices, including the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), which tracks producer prices, as well as determining updated weights assigned to commodities covered by them.

A 22-member panel is working on arriving at a new base year for various price indices. MINT

"The base year has to be a so-called normal year, one during which we don't see too much divergence. So, we are reviewing such normal years after the pandemic. It will likely be 2024," a panellist said, requesting anonymity.

A revision of the headline inflation gauge was necessary because the 2012 threshold is outdated and the basket of items consumed by households has expanded since 2012, when the CPI's composition was last revised.

Since prices keep varying, economists fix a base year in which all values are held constant, to track indices such as inflation. The base year is a reference against which all other values are compared. In the CPI, the base year is usually assigned a value of 100.

Currently, while the base year for CPI is 2012, it is 2011-12 for other indices such as gross domestic product and Index of Industrial Production. The government is separately examining whether it is possible to have the same base year for all key economic indicators.

The panel is reworking weights assigned to various consumer goods and services.

If the change in the CPI base year leads to a drop in the weight of food items—it is a given that it will, although the exact magnitude is not certain—it could lower headline inflation.

28/08/2024

Introduction of closure of Monthly Income Scheme (MIS) Account, Senior Citizens Savings Scheme (SCSS) Account through DOP Internet Banking

Regularization of ad-hoc promotion in Higher Administrative Grade (HAG) of the Indian Postal Service Group 'A'

No. 1-2/2024-SPG
Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Posts
Personnel Division
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Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg
New Delhi: 110 001

Dated: 28.08.2024

ORDER

Subject: Transfers/ Posting of the Senior Administrative Grade Officers of the Indian Postal Service, Group 'A'- regarding

Orders of the Competent Authority are hereby conveyed for transfers/ posting of the following Officers of the Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) of the Indian Postal Service, Group 'A' with immediate effect and until further orders:

Sr. No.	Name of the Officer (Shri)	Present Post	Posting on transfer	Remarks
1	Pawan Kumar Singh (IPoS: 2000)	PMG (Mails & BD), Maharashtra Circle (Designate)	Additional Director, RAKNPA, Ghaziabad	At own request against vacant post
2	Rajeev Umrao (IPoS: 2001)	PMG, Western Region, Jodhpur, Rajasthan Circle (Designate)	PMG, Prayagraj Region, Uttar Pradesh circle	At own request against vacant post
3	Riju Ganguly (IPoS: 2003)	PMG, Sambalpur Region, Odisha Circle	PMG, South Bengal Region, West Bengal Circle	At own request against vacant post

2. Relevant charge reports may be sent in due course.

3. Hindi version will follow.

28/8/2024

(Rajpal)
Assistant Director General (SPG)

Copy to:

1. PS to Hon'ble MoC/ MoSC
2. PSO/ Sr. PPS to Secretary (Posts)/ Director General Postal Services
3. PPS/ PS to All Members, PSB/ Additional Director General (Coordination)
4. Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor
5. Director, RAKNPA, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
6. All Chief Postmasters General (Through India Post Website)
7. Sr. DDG (Vigilance) & CVO/ CGM (PLI)/ CGM, CEPT, Bengaluru/ CGM (Parcel)/ Sr. DDG (PAF)
8. Addl. DG, APS C/o 56 APO
9. Officer(s) concerned

27/08/2024

Construction of Postal Building in Amaravati, capital of Andhra Pradesh

26/08/2024

The Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) approved by Union Cabinet on 24.8.2024 is another dubious desperate effort to deceive the Govt employees of their due full right to Old Pension Scheme known as OPS.
It is akin to the incometax restructuring as old regime and new regime by tacitly making the old regime less advantageous than new regime
Restoration of old pension scheme with definite pension is the only solution not any hybrid form of OPS and NPS in the name of UPS with different combinations of features retrograde can not be accepted
The Old Pension Scheme was non-contributory and with assured pension existing as per Central Civil Service Rules 1972 now 2021. A. B. Vajpayee led NDA Govt had introduced the National Pension Scheme (NPS) in 2004 surreptitiously through an Executive Order for those recruited from 1.1.20O4. The central and state Govt employees and central trade unions opposed it from that day and were on path of struggles against it urging for restoration of OPS. The Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority Act 2013 notified in February 2014 enabled statutory basis for the NPS.
The unprecedented struggles by the Govt Employees for restoration of Old Pension Scheme(OPS) and the whole hearted support rendered to such struggles by the Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions and Federations could compel the arrogant BJP regime to shift from its arrogant stance of sticking to NPS, but the package offered by it in the name of so called UPS reflects the same deceptive ploy of depriving the Govt employees of their legitimate dues on account of pension. Several State Govts also reverted back to the OPS and were urging for their share of state govt Employees contribution to PFRDA to be refunded to their State Govts. Modi Govt had rejected all of such requests of State Govts which reverted back to OPS. It was countered by the relentless struggles of employees and trade Unions. Hence this dubious attempt of deceptive UPS is made by Modi led ND Alliance Govt. The Finance Secretary T. V. Somanathan Committee recommendations to study modifications in NPS, which was also boycotted by several Employees federations, are used for this desperate attempt of UPS - a cocktail of NPS and truncated OPS is approved by the Union cabinet.
The Modi led ND Govt with its neo liberal pursuit of safeguarding the interests of speculative crony capital has come with this UPS with some modification of benefits with additional contribution of 4.5% from the Govt only to further its investment of pension funds of Rs. 10,53,850 crores called Asset under Management (AUM) of total 99,77,165 employees under NPS as on by 31.7.2024 in the share market.
The previous Andhra Pradesh State Govt had proposed similar or somewhat

better than UPS in place of NPS in the name of Guaranteed Pension Scheme (GPS) with 50% of last drawn pay as pension for minimum 10 years of service with defined contribution and purchase of 40% annuity, which was correctly rejected by all the State Govt employees of AP urging for nothing short of OPS. Now the Union Govt has come with similar rather less beneficial scheme with some modifications in NPS which should are also aptly rejected by vast majority of the employees urging for nothing less than OPS.

UPS is based on the continuity of 10% contributions by the employees with the Government contribution increased to 18.5% from present 14%. While in NPS the subscriber can take 60% and has to invest 40% in an annuity and get pension, under UPS entire pension wealth will have to be foregone to the government. In lieu of which government will give 10% of the employee emoluments i.e., basic pay plus DA for every completed six months of service. For 25 years of completed service the employee will get 5 months emoluments and for 10 years of service will get 2 months of pay on retirement as benefit in addition to gratuity.

In UPS, employee will get 50% of 12 months average basic pay as pension on normal retirement at the age of 60 with the completion of 25 years of service, effective from 1-4-2025 that is for those retiring on 31-3-2025 but not applicable to those retired before it. In OPS for 10 years of service 50% of last month's pay is pension and for voluntary retirement after 20 years of service employee gets 50% of pay as pension.

Employees with service less than 25 years will get proportionately lesser pension in UPS. Employee with 20 years of service will get only 40% of 12 months average basic pay as pension. For 10 years of service employees will get only 20% of average basic pay as pension. In case of proportionate pension for less than 25 years up to 10 years a minimum pension of Rs 10,000 is proposed by government. While Minimum pension in OPS is Rs 9000 plus DA (which as on 1-4-2025 will be 57% that is Rs. 5130) so minimum pension as on 1-4-2025 will be Rs.14,130. Hence the proposed Rs.10000 pension is half of that of OPS. For less than 10 years of service at the time of superannuation employee is not eligible for any pension

Under UPS family pension is 60% of pension i.e., 60% of 50%. It means 30% of last pay for 25 years of service at the time of superannuation. For employee with minimum pension of rupees 10,000 it will be 60% of it, i.e., Rs 6000. Minimum pension of rupees Rs 10000 applies only to superannuation and not for family pension. But under OPS family pension is 50% of last pay if the pensioner dies before 7 years after retirement or before 67 years of age. There after family pension will be 30% of last pay. Minimum pension as on 1-4-2025 will be Rs.14130. But in UPS minimum family pension will be only Rs

6000.
DA/DR will be given to assured pension or minimum pension or family pension based on the Consumer price index as in the case of serving employees. Whether they will start a new base index from 1-4-2025 or they will grant the same percentage of DA/DR as for serving and OPS pensioners are not yet spelt out. In OPS if the pensioner or family pensioner completed 80 years of age additional pension of 20%, for 85 years 30%, for 90 years 40%, 95 years 50% and 100 years 100% is given with Same DA for additional pension also. In UPS this additional pension is not available. In OPS pension/family pension/minimum pension is revised whenever pay commission is implemented while there is no such assurance under UPS. Commutation of pension i.e., withdrawal of 40% pension in advance available in OPS is not available in UPS. For those employees who die or become invalid becoming all class unfit in NPS, OPS is applicable to them already. Employees can opt to UPS or NPS, once opted will be final.
There may be many more shortcomings in UPS which may be known after the full text of UPS is notified.
Hence it is prudent to denounces the UPS and urges the Union Govt to restore the non-contributory defined assured Old Pension Scheme.

Central trade unions are waiting for fine print of Unified Pension Scheme

Sangh-affiliated BMS seeks clarity on exit payout ratio, future Pay Commissions' impact, fate of tax benefits, and hikes for oldest retirees; Left unions say 'market gambling' with funds will continue

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

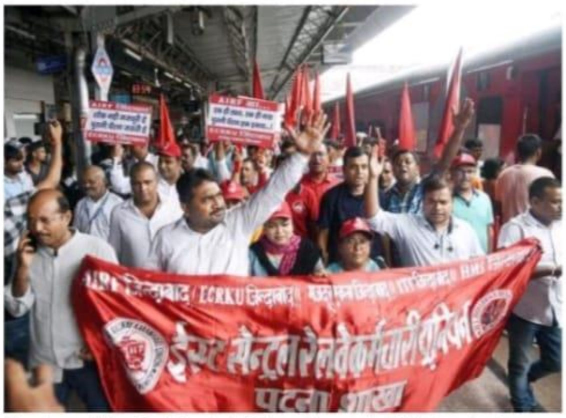
Central trade unions offered a mixed response to the Unified Pension Scheme, with most saying they are awaiting the notification for clarity on the new scheme's details, including on the ratio of the lumpsum payment at retirement, future revisions, and tax benefits.

However, even those who welcomed the scheme bemoaned the fact that the UPS, unlike the old pension scheme (OPS), requires the employee to contribute 10% of her salary to the scheme's fund.

Shiv Gopal Mishra, secretary of the Joint Consultative Machinery set up for conciliatory purposes between the government and its employees, welcomed the UPS.

He told presspersons on Sunday that the decision would have retrospective effect, meaning that those who joined after January 1, 2004 and retired under the NPS will now be eligible for UPS benefits.

"The only issue is that UPS is contributory, as is the NPS. Otherwise, 90% of the provisions under the OPS are there under the UPS," he said.



Members of the East Central Railway Karmachari Union staging a protest in Patna for restoration of old pension scheme. FILE PHOTO

The Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, a trade union affiliated to the Sangh Parivar, also welcomed the decision, with BMS general secretary Ravindra Himte saying that the Centre had attempted to overcome the shortcomings of the NPS through the UPS.

"The feature of commutation of pension was available in OPS, not in NPS/UPS. However, some other important features of UPS are still not clear, such as ratio of lumpsum payment on exit; revision of pension by future Pay Commissions; continuation of tax benefits; increase in pension on completion of 80, 85, 90, 95 and 100 years. For these clarifications, we have to wait till the publication of detailed notification of UPS," he said.

The Central trade unions in the Opposition camp opposed the UPS. The Hind Mazdoor Sabha, of which Mr. Mishra is the vice-president, said the new scheme is meant to hoodwink the employees. "If MPs and MLAs will get pension without any contribution, why is the Centre denying it to its employees," asked HMS general secretary Harbhajan Singh Siddhu.

Similarly, the Left unions CITU and AITUC also questioned the UPS. "The Modi-led NDA government with its neoliberal pursuit of safeguarding the interests of speculative crony capital has come with this UPS with some modification of benefits with additional contribution of 4.5% from the government only to further its investment of pension funds of ₹10,53,850 crore called assets under management of total 99,77,165 employees under NPS as on July 31, 2024 in the share market," said CITU general secretary Tapan Sen.

AITUC general secretary Amarjeet Kaur said the market gambling in the UPS will continue, claiming that the Centre wants to invest the ₹6 lakh crore accumulated with the NPS Fund in the market.

25/08/2024

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No.NC/JCM/2024

Dated: August 24, 2024

All Constituent Organizations,
National Council(JCM)

Dear Comrades,

Sub: Brief of the held meeting held today between the Standing Committee Members of the National Council (JCM) and Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

A meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Council(JCM) held today with Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, **Shri Narendra Modi,** at his residence, wherein Hon'ble Finance Minister, **Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman and Shri T.V. Somanathan**, Chairman of the Committee constituted to review Pension System for Government Employees and designated Cabinet Secretary, were also present.

In the said meeting; Hon'ble Prime Minister and Cabinet Minister approved the **Unified Pension Scheme(UPS)**, the salient features of which are as under:-

(i) **Assured Pension** - 50% of the average basic pay drawn over the last 12 months prior to superannuation for a minimum qualifying service of 25 years. This pay is to be proportionate for lesser service period up to a minimum of 10 years of service.

(ii) **Assured Family Pension** @ 60% of pension of the employee immediately before her/his demise.

(iii) **Assured Minimum Pension** @ 10,000 per month on superannuation after minimum 10 years of service.

(iv) **Inflation Indexation** on Assured Pension on Assured Family Pension and Assured Minimum Pension

Dearness Relief, based on All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers(AICPI-IW), as in case of service employees.

(v) Lump sum payment at superannuation in addition to gratuity 1/10th of monthly emoluments (pay + DA) as on the date of superannuation for every completed six months of service this payment will not reduce the quantum of assured pension

While congratulating all of you on our great achievement, I admire your struggle.

Comradely yours,

(Shiva Gopal Mishra)
General Secretary

Assured pensions return, govt. backtracks on NPS

State governments are open to adopting the architecture of the UPS, cleared by the Cabinet to kick in from April 1, 2025, Mr. Somanathan said, stressing that the key difference between the OPS and the UPS is that OPS liabilities were unfunded and entailed no contributions from employees or the employer.

The UPS will be a contributory scheme, with employees chipping in 10% of their salary and the government bringing in 18.5% of salary. Mr. Somanathan also signalled that employees' contributions would be frozen at the 10% threshold, while the government's contributions may be adjusted higher or lower based on periodic actuarial assessments.

While the NPS will continue to remain an option, all employees who have joined service since 2004, including those who may have retired since then, have been given the option to switch over to the more generous UPS.

Separately, employees have also been promised a lumpsum payment in addition to gratuity benefits at the time of retirement. This lumpsum will be equivalent to a tenth of monthly emoluments (pay plus Dearness Allowance) for every completed six months of service.

Assured pensions return as govt. backtracks on NPS

Centre unveils Unified Pension Scheme, which is almost akin to the Old Pension Scheme; it assures government employees of 50% of their last-drawn pay as a lifelong monthly benefit

Vikas Dhoot
Jagriti Chandra
A. M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI

The NDA government on Saturday reversed a 21-year-old measure to reform India's civil services pension system boldly brought in by the Atal Behari Vajpayee government. Instead, it unveiled what it called a new 'Unified Pension Scheme' (UPS) that is virtually akin to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), and assures government employees of 50% of their last drawn pay as a lifelong monthly benefit.

The UPS, approved by the Union Cabinet on Saturday, also assures officials a periodic dearness relief hike in line with inflation trends, a family pension equivalent to 60% of a government worker's pension in the case of their demise, and a lumpsum superannuation payout in addition to gratuity benefits at the time of retirement.

Besides, a minimum pension of ₹10,000 a month has been promised for those who complete at least 10 years of Central government service.

The Cabinet decision was informed by the recommendations of a committee under former Finance Secretary and Cabinet Secretary-designate T.V. Somanathan, set up in March 2023 to review the National Pension System (NPS) – originally known as the New Pension Scheme – for government employees in a way that balances "their aspirations with fiscal prudence".

At the time, five non-BJP-ruled States had moved their employees out of the NPS back to the OPS with guaranteed pension at 50% of salary.

Under the NPS, which kicked in for employees joining government service on or after January 1, 2004, pension payouts were linked to the accumulated value of contributions made by the government and the employee through the latter's working life. These contributions were invested in equities and other market-linked securities by fund managers regulated by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

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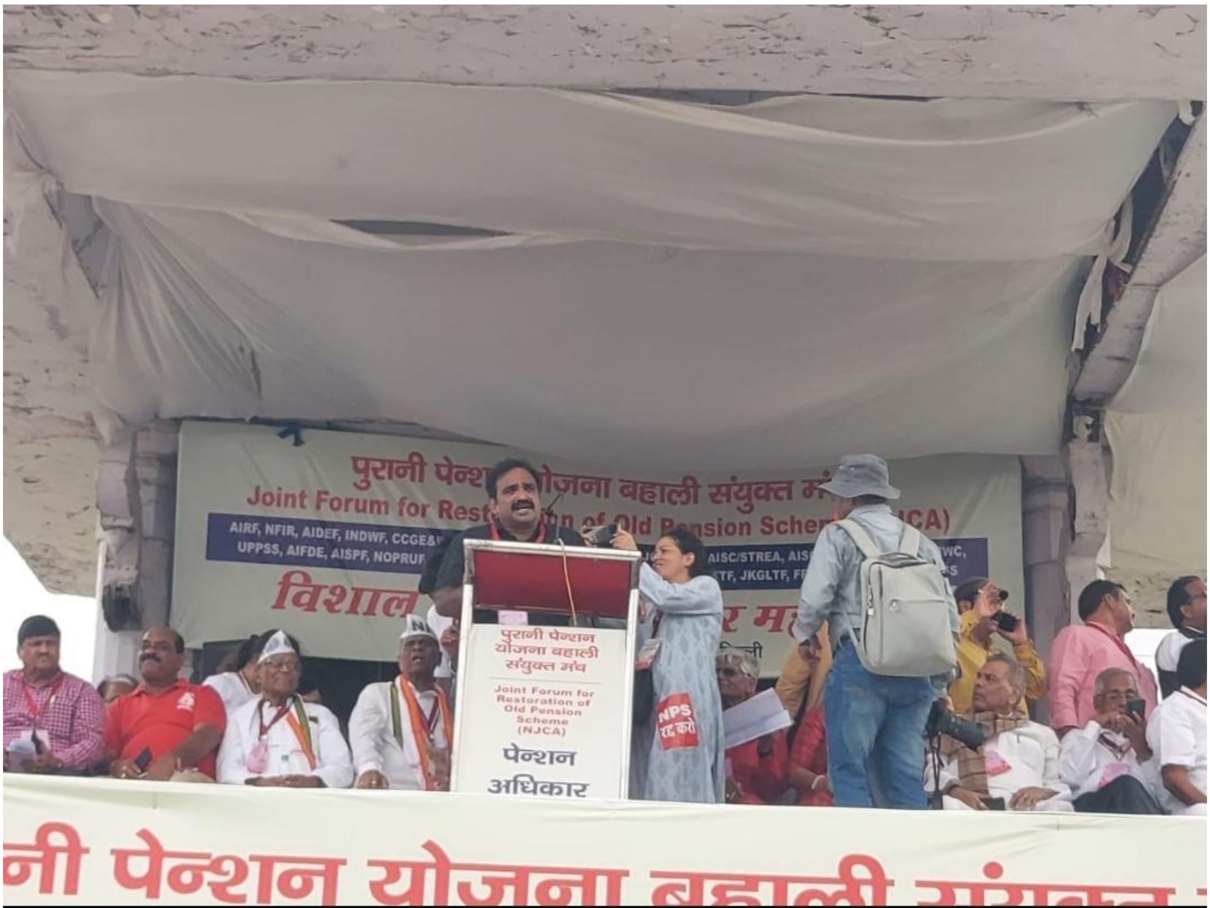
Guaranteed benefits

Some of the benefits offered under the Unified Pension Scheme cleared by the Cabinet to members of the National Pension System

- **ASSURED PENSION:** Employees will now be eligible to get 50% of the average basic pay drawn over the last 12 months before the superannuation
- **ASSURED FAMILY PENSION:** 60% of the pension of the employee immediately before his/her demise
- **ASSURED MINIMUM PENSION:** ₹10,000 per month on superannuation after a minimum of 10 years of service



Ramleela maidan, more than a lakh employees NPS Scrap rally 10.8.23 given some relief. Let's continue fighting till restoration of OPS💪💪

23/08/2024

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प्रधानमंत्री,

भारत सरकार,

नई दिल्ली।

विषयः- आठवें वेतन आयोग के गठन के संबंध में।

महोदय,

मैं आपका ध्यान 8वें वेतन आयोग के गठन के संबंध में आकृष्ट करते हुए सादर अवगत कराना चाहता हूँ कि देश के विकास में एवं सरकार की योजनाओं को धरातल पर आम जनमानस तक पहुँचाने में केन्द्र सरकार एवं राज्य सरकार के कर्मचारियों एवं अधिकारियों का महत्वपूर्ण योगदान होता है। सरकारी कर्मचारियों का वेतनमान, भत्ते एवं अन्य सेवा शर्तें समय-समय पर समीक्षा एवं अद्यतन किये जाने की आवश्यकता होती है ताकि वे महंगाई और जीवनयापन की बढ़ती लागत का सामना कर सकें। 7 वें वेतन आयोग की सिफारिशें लागू हुए काफी वक्त हो चुका है और इस दौरान जीवनयापन की लागत में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि हुई है।

अस्तु माननीय प्रधानमंत्री महोदय से अनुरोध है कि 8वें वेतन आयोग के गठन की प्रक्रिया शीघ्र शुरु करने हेतु आवश्यक कार्यवाही करने की कृपा करें, मुझे विश्वास है कि आप इस महत्वपूर्ण मुद्दे पर अवश्य विचार करेंगे।

सादर धन्यवाद

भवदीय,

चन्द्रशेखर

(एड. चन्द्र शेखर आजाद)

8th CPC demanded UP MP

Department of Posts and NRSC, ISRO Forge New Partnership to Revolutionize India’s Addressing System.

22/08/2024

Guidelines for regularization of accounts opened in deviation of Rules stipulated under National Small Savlngs Schemes.

21/08/2024

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SIVAJI VASIREDDY
Secretary General

No. 1-11/GDS Rule3 transfer/clarification dated 20.08.2024

To
The Member (P)
Department of Posts,
Dak Bhawan,
New Delhi -110001.

Respected Madam,

Sub: - Request for issue of clarification – c/o seniority of GDS came on Rule 3 transfer - reg.
Ref:- Directorate memo No.17-3112016-GDS dated 22.1.2020

It came to our Federation notice that in some RMS divisions like Vijayawada (Y Dn), AP not considered the seniority of GDS who came on Rule 3 transfer from postal division for their promotion to MTS under seniority cum fitness quota.

In Rule 3 transfer facility memo dated 22.1.2020 in Point 1 (vii) it was mentioned that "Past engagement period will be counted for assessing the eligibility for appearing in departmental examination as well as for annual increment. GDS will not have any claim to go back to the previous engagement /recruitment Unit/Division in any circumstances."

In this above para "past service should be counted for departmental promotions quota under seniority cum fitness" also should be added to avoid such objections by some RMS units.

In some Units even though there are eligible GDS (who completed 5 yrs of service in GDS and who are in the zone of consideration as on crucial date 1.1.2024 for the vacancies of 2024) available but DPC not considered such cases and all vacancies notified for the proposed Postman/MTS/MG examination which is going to be held on 25.8.2024. It is quite against to the legitimate rights of the GDS officials and injustice also.

Hence my federations request the DDG(P) Madam for immediate intervention on the above issue and issue suitable clarification and also direct the Circles to revise the MTS vacancy position for 25.8.2024 examination keeping in view of seniority cum fitness cases should be considered through DPC.

An early action will be highly appreciated.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

(SIVAJI VASIREDDY)
Secretary General

20/08/2024

Transfer to lower posts under the provision of Fundamental Rule, l5(a) clarification

19/08/2024

No. 1-2/2024-SPG (Pt.)
Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Posts
Personnel Division
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Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg
New Delhi: 110 001

Dated: 19 .08.2024

ORDER

Subject: Transfer/ Posting of the Senior Administrative Grade Officer of Indian Postal Service, Group 'A'- regarding

Orders of the Competent Authority are hereby conveyed for transfer/ posting of the following Officer of the Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) of the Indian Postal Service, Group 'A' with immediate effect and until further orders:

S No.	Name of the officer (Shri)	Present posting	Posting on transfer	Remarks, if any
1.	Rajeev Umrao (IPoS: 2001)	PMG, Agra Region, Uttar Pradesh Circle	PMG, Western Region, Jodhpur, Rajasthan Circle	In the interest of service against vacant post

2. Relevant charge reports may be sent in due course.

3. Hindi version will follow.

(Jagdeep Gupta)
Deputy Director General (Personnel)

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2. PSO/ Sr. PPS to Secretary (Posts)/ Director General Postal Services
3. PPS/ PS to All Members, PSB/ Additional Director General (Coordination)
4. Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor
5. Director, RAKNPA, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
6. All Chief Postmasters General (Through India Post Website)
7. Sr. DDG (Vigilance) & CVO/ CGM (PLI)/ CGM, CEPT, Bengaluru/ CGM (Parcel)/ Sr. DDG (PAF)
8. Addl. DG, APS C/o 56 APO
9. Officer concerned
10. DA (P) (Lucknow/ Jaipur)
11. CEPT, Mysore with a request to upload the order in India Post website
12. CS to Member (P)
13. Guard file

16/08/2024

09-02/2019-PD
Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Posts
Parcel Directorate

Malcha Marg Post office Complex,
Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021
Dated: 09th August, 2024

To

Chief Postmasters General
Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh
Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra,
Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and West Bengal Circle

Sub- Provision of QR code-based payment for collection of COD amount-reg.

This is regarding the functionality of COD payment collection through QR code, which has been enabled by CEPT in Postman Mobile Application (PMA).

2. It may be noted that this functionality on the PMA application is compatible only with DoP owned devices (without MDM control) and devices enrolled under Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) scheme for delivery of parcels.

3. Pilot of the functionality has been done at selected NDCs w.e.f. 08.07.2024. Based on the learnings from the pilot, it has now been decided to roll out the functionality pan India, in a phased manner. In phase-I all the nodal delivery centres (NDC) located in the Circles shall be covered **w.e.f. 12.08.2024.**

5. A SOP is annexed to make QR based payment for COD through PMA and its settlement in the existing CSI system. A Google drive link for downloading the updated PMA application is as follows:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/12BgXfe753IbqFdwgO_9Klbap9G8aLQaw/view?usp=sharing

6. In order to ensure smooth implementation of the functionality and offer support to the field teams a WhatsApp group has been created by CEPT. Circles are requested to provide details of Circle SPOC (Name, Designation, Email, and Mobile number) for adding them to the aforesaid WhatsApp group by **1600 hrs. on 09.08.2024.**

Encl: As above

8/8/24

(G.D. Gupta)
Assistant Director

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1. General Manager, CEPT for information and with a request to update about enabling the digital payment facility on IPPB supplied/MDM enabled mobile devices.

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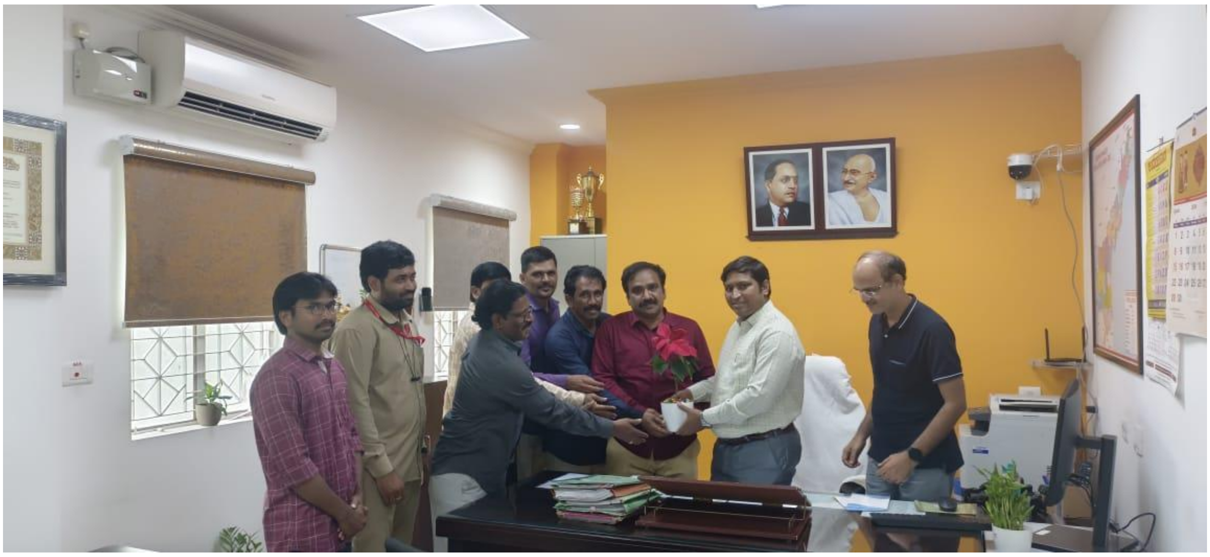
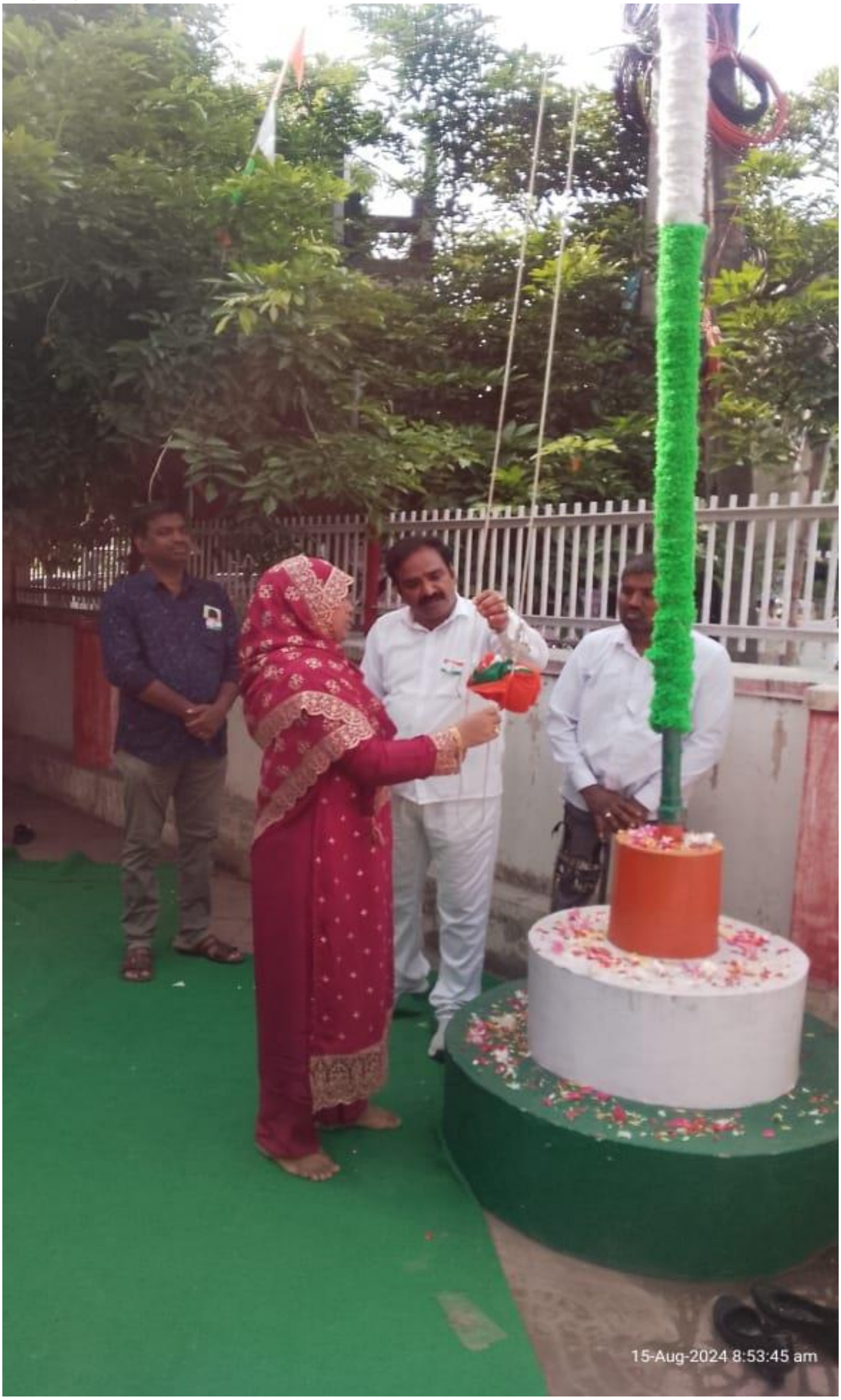
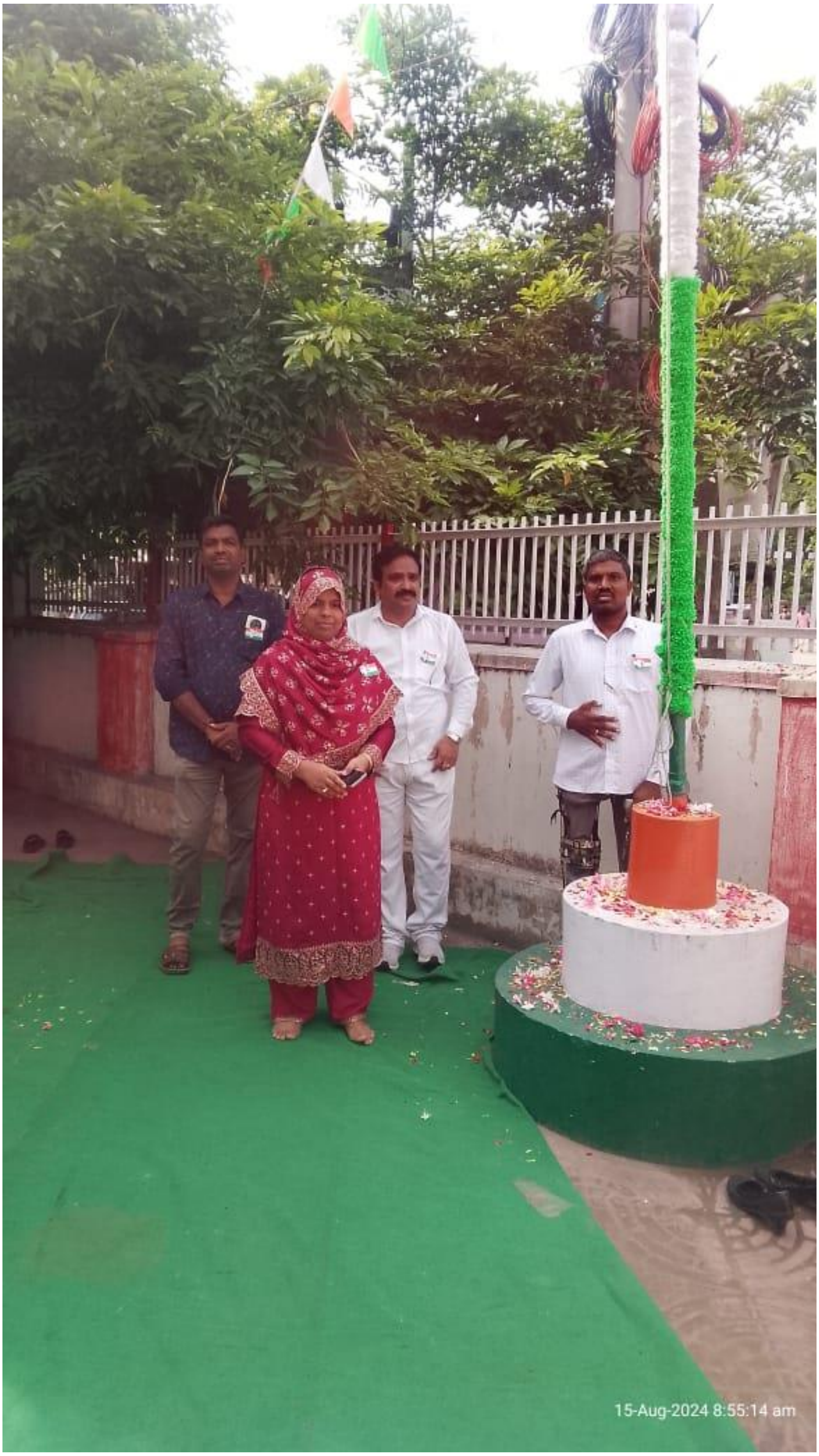


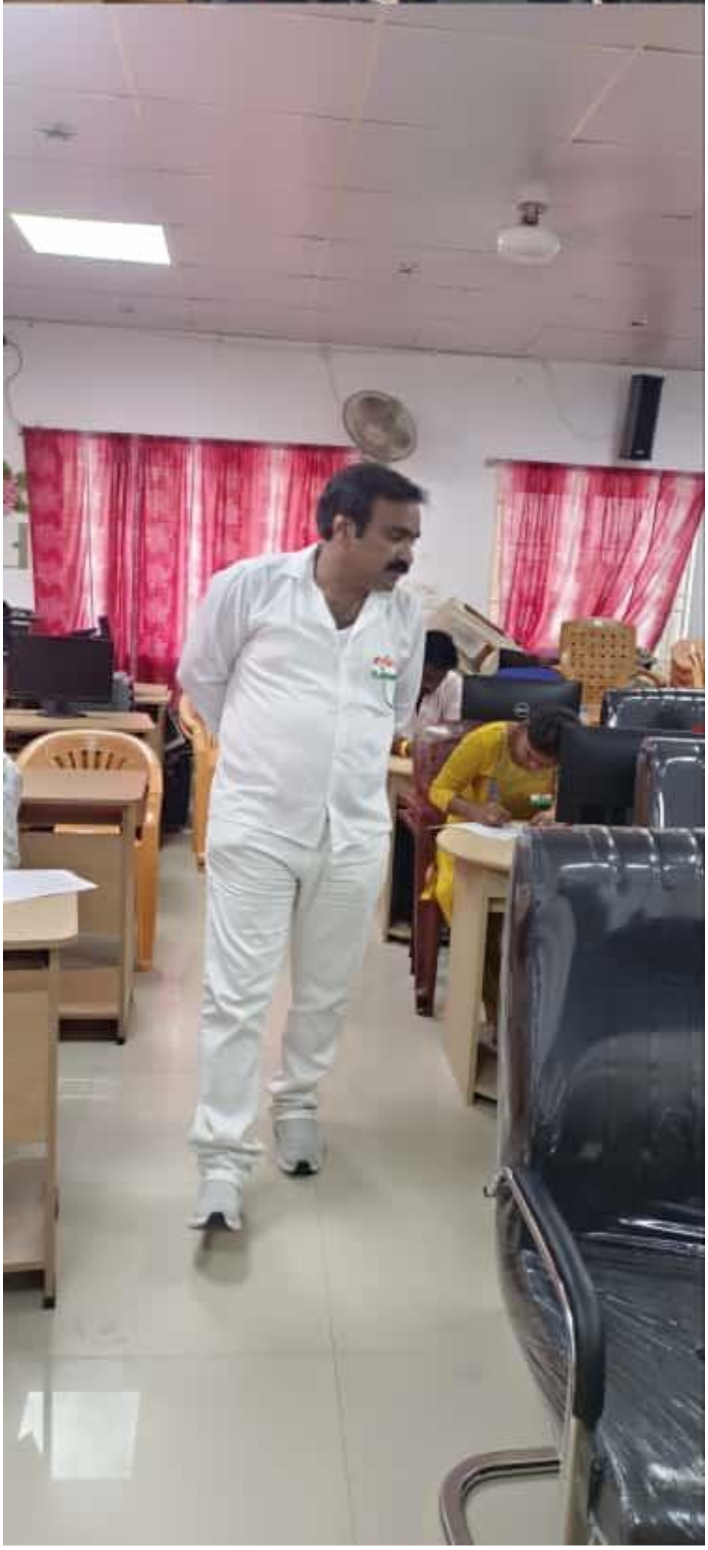
New DPS HQRs Shri Kairamkonda assumed charge today

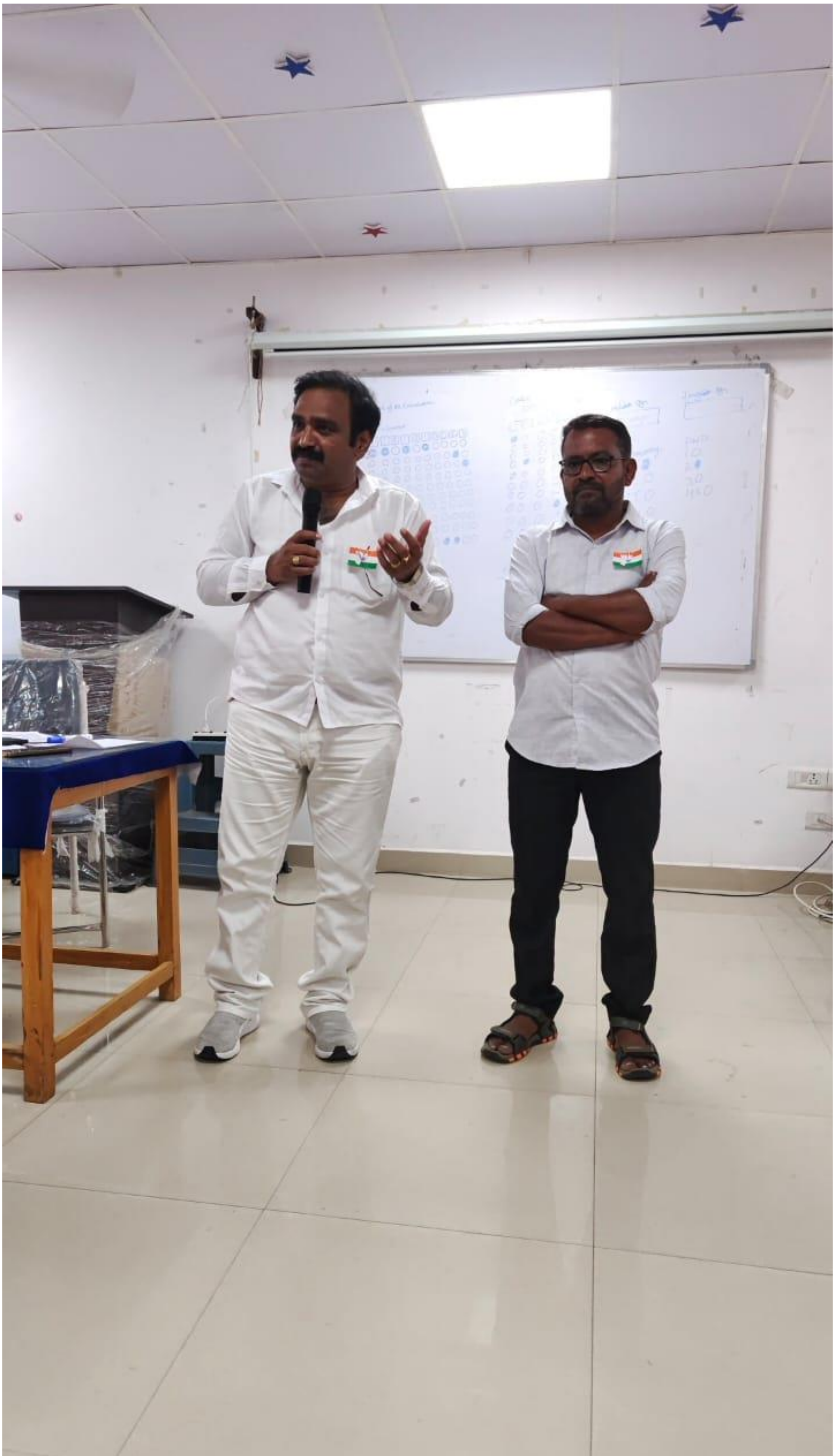
15/08/2024

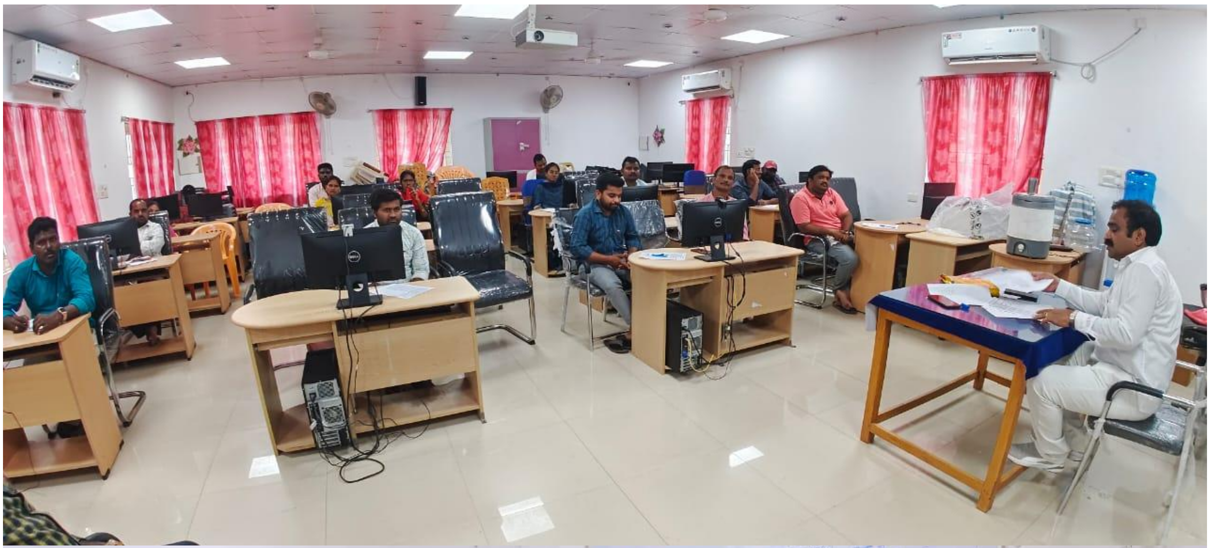


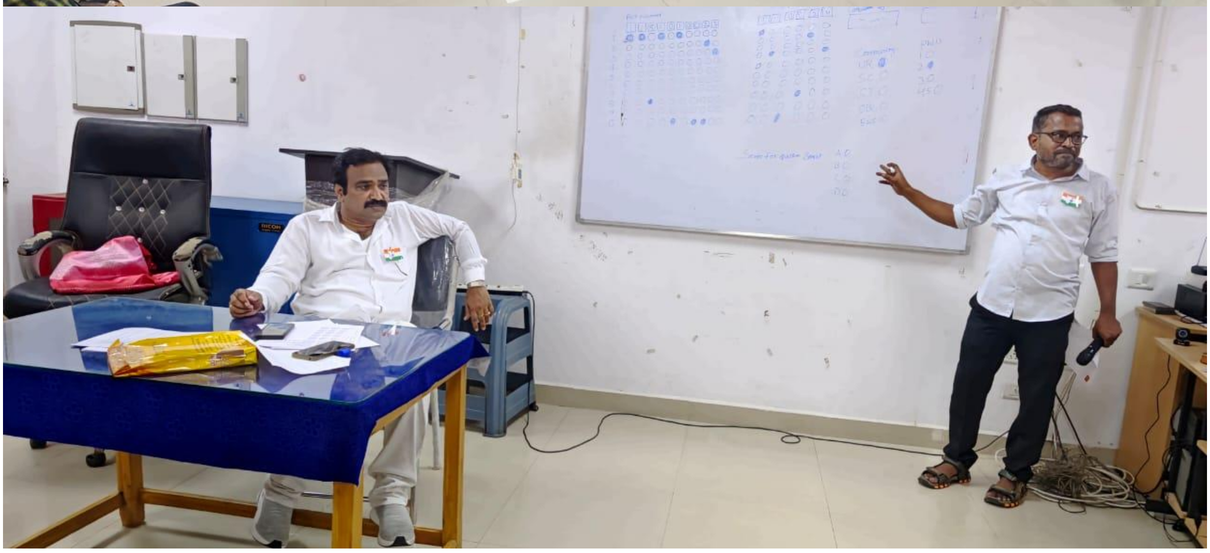


SG FNPO participated in the Celebrations of 78th Independence day of India at his Office(Narasaraopet HO, AP

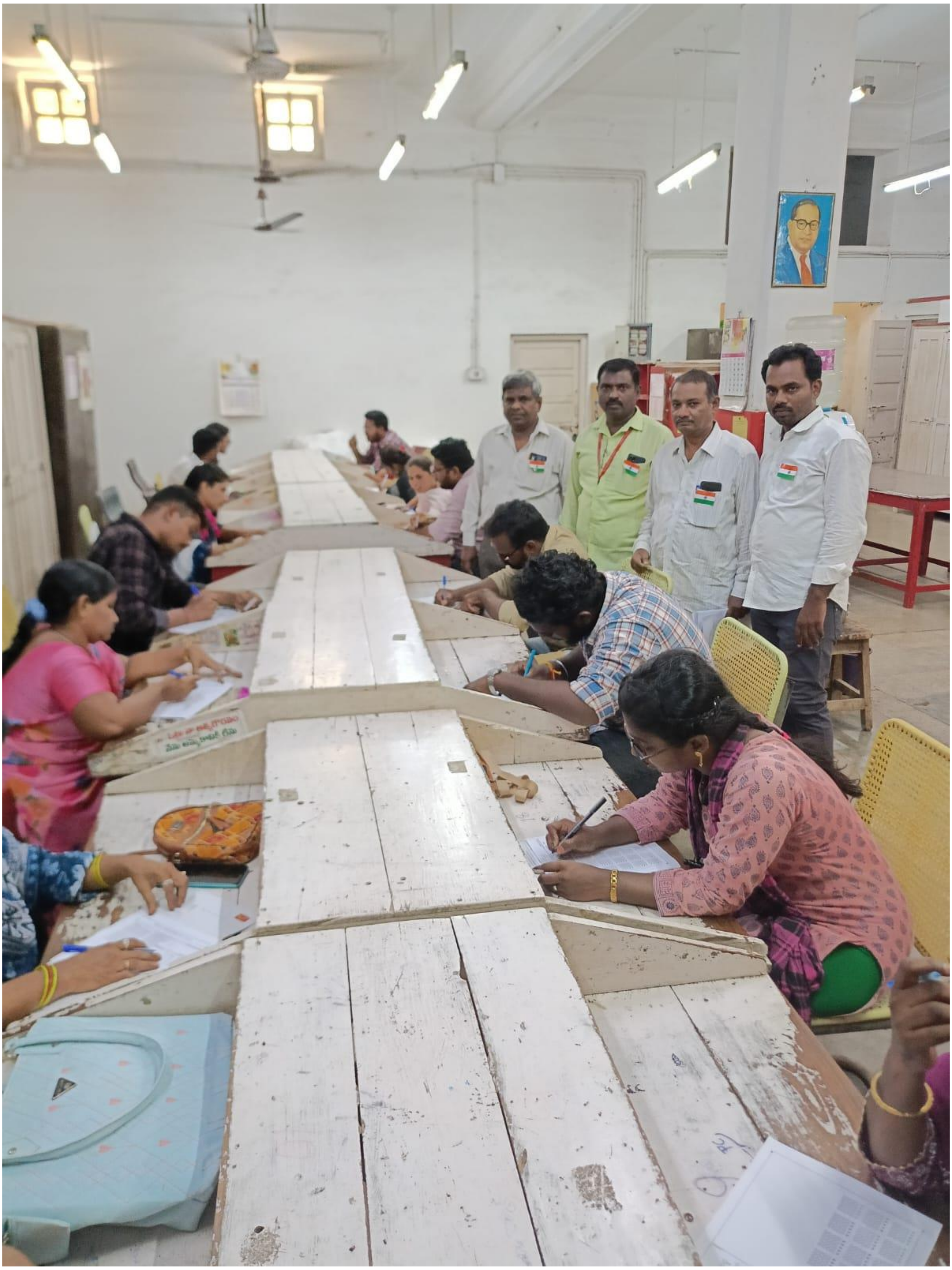








Model test conducted by FNPO Narasaraopet Division,AP for the aspirants from GDS to MTS/Postman and SG FNPO attended



GDS to Postman and MTS model examination conducted at Tenali HO today

14/08/2024

Writ petition (civil) praying inter alia that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed along with the WP(C) the High Court

Transfers/postings in the Junior Administrative Grade (JAG) of the Indian Postal Service Group 'A'.

Reservation in promotion to Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBDs) regarding.

F No.41-2/ 2017-PAP
Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Posts
P.A.P Section/Establishment Division
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Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg
New Delhi – 110 001.
Date: 2nd August ,2024

Subject: Payment of dress allowances to newly joined Postman/MTS - clarification

Attention of all concerned is invited towards this office OM No. 41-2/2017-PAP dated 05.03.2020 regarding applicability of the 'dress allowance' to the fresh recruits and those retiring having less than one year of service in mid of the year. In this respect, the service unions have highlighted that in some of the Circles the provisions of the aforementioned OM is not being correctly applied leading to non grant of dress allowance in the first year of the fresh recruits.

2. The matter has been examined in the Department. In continuation of aforesaid OM dated 05.03.2020 following is clarified with regard to the fresh recruits as MTS/Postman etc.:

(i) **Officials joining service during July to December of the previous calendar year:**

For the first year of their appointment, fresh recruits will be entitled to full Dress Allowance in the month of July of next calendar year. For the sake of clarity, in such cases the officials would be entitled to dress allowance for the previous year as well as for the next year **at full rates** in the pay and allowances for the month of July of the next calendar year. Thereafter, the dress allowance would continue to be drawn in the Pay and Allowances for the month of July every year.

(ii) **Officials joining between January to June**

Such officials will be entitled to half of the Dress Allowance in the month of July. For the sake of clarity, such officials would be entitled to dress allowance at half the rates of the dress allowance for the first half of the year as well as full dress allowance for the next year, in the pay and allowances for the month of July of the same calendar year. Thereafter, the dress allowance would continue to be drawn in the Pay and Allowances for the month of July every year.

Rest of the conditions for grant of dress allowance, as mentioned in the OM dated 05.03.2020 would remain the same.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Signed by
Ravi Pahwa
Date: 02-08-2024 18:03:53
(Ravi Pahwa)
Assistant Director General (PAP)
Phone – 011-23096629

Copy to –

1. All Chief Postmaster General/Postmasters General
2. Chief General Manager, BD Directorate/Parcel Directorate/PLI Directorate
3. Director RAKNPA/GM CEPT/Director of All PTCs,

Clarification on Dress allowance

12/08/2024

[Comprehensive Guidelines for the Nation-wide Digital Life Certificate Compaign 3.0, November 1st to 30th, 2024]

[Regularization of accounts opened in deviation to Rules stipulated under National Small Savings Schemes for select Schemes– Guidelines communicated - reg.]

10/08/2024

[India Post annual report 2023-2024]

08/08/2024

Today August 8th is birth anniversary of our Great Leader and founder of FNPO late K.Ramamurthy. It is the right opportunity to recollect our senior leaders sacrifices for the working class. We should not deviate the path shown by our P&T movement Legendary leader K.R. ...
💐💐💐 Sivaji Vasireddy SG FNPO

Immediate

F. No Z.16025/49/2024/CGHS-III
Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Directorate of CGHS
(CGHS – III Section)

CGHS Bhawan, New Delhi - 110066
Dated, the 07-08-2024

To

(i) The Additional Director, Central Government Health Scheme, 2/117, Mosque Lane, Kesavadasapuram, Thiruvananthpuram, Trivandrum-695004

(ii) The Additional Director, Central Government Health Scheme, E-wing, 3rd Floor, kendriya Sadan, 9th Main, 2nd Block, Koramangla, Bangalore-560034

(iii) The Additional Director, Central Government Health Scheme, Kendriya Sadan Parisar, B-Block, (Gr. Floor), Sec-10, Vidhyadhar Nagar, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302023

(iv) The Additional Director, Central Government Health Scheme, Old CGO Building, (Pratishtha Bhawan), (Gr. Floor), South Wing 101, M.K. Road, New Marine Lines, Mumbai (Maharashtra) – 400020

(v) The Additional Director, Central Govt. Health Scheme, A.G. colony, Unit – IV, Bhubaneswar (Odisha) – 751001.

Subject: - Exploring the feasibility to open new CGHS Wellness Centres at Hubli (Karnataka), Vasco-Da-Gama (Goa), Sambalpur (Odisha), Kollam (Kerala), Sahakarnagar (Bangalore) and Udaipur (Rajasthan) respectively – regarding.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, it is stated that Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is exploring the feasibility for opening new CGHS Allopathic Wellness Centres at Hubli City in Karnataka, Vasco-Da-Gama City in Goa, Sambalpur City in Odisha, Kollam City in Kerala, Sahakarnagar in Bangalore (in place of Extension Counter) and Udaipur city in Rajasthan. One of the factors under consideration is the number of Central Government Employees/Pensioners residing in the area.

In this regard, the respective Additional Directors, CGHS of the concerned cities are hereby requested to obtain the data regarding the likely number of CGHS beneficiaries (Central Government Employees & Pensioners) in the above cities including nearby areas from **the lead bank of the concerned city** and submit the requisite information to this Directorate **immediately.**

Yours faithfully,

Signed by

Rajender Singh Sidhu

Date: 07-08-2024 11:13:06

(Rajender Singh Sidhu)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

07/08/2024

F.No. 04-05/2015-SPN-I (Pt)
Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Posts

Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi- 110 001.
Dated 6th August, 2024

To,

1. All Chief Postmasters General / All Postmasters General
2. Director Rafi Ahmed Kidwai National Postal Academy (RAKNPA)
3. All Director of Postal Training Centre

Subject: Department of Posts (Postal Assistant and Sorting Assistant) Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2024- reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of Department of Posts (Postal Assistant and Sorting Assistant) Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2024 notified in the Official Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide GSR No 470(E) on 01.08.2024.

2. It is requested that the provisions of aforesaid Recruitment Rules may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above

V. Prasad 6/8/24

(Vangara Prasad)
Assistant Director General (SPN)

Copy for information to:

(1) Sr. PPS to Secretary (Posts)
(2) Sr. PPS to Director General Postal Services
(3) All Members of the Postal Service Board
(4) Secretary (PSB)
(5) CGM (BD) / CGM (MB) / CGM (PLI)
(6) All Deputy Directors General
(7) SPN-II Section / DE Section / GDS Section
(8) All recognized Service Associations / Federations
(9) GM (CEPT), Mysore for uploading the letter along with the copy of Department of Posts (Postal Assistant and Sorting Assistant) Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2024 on India Post website.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

(Department of Posts)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 1st August, 2024

G.S.R. 470(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution, the President hereby makes the following rules to amend the Department of Posts (Postal Assistant and Sorting Assistant) Recruitment Rules, 2022, namely: –

1. (1) These rules may be called the Department of Posts (Postal Assistant and Sorting Assistant) Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 2024.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official Gazette.

2. In the Department of Posts (Postal Assistant and Sorting Assistant) Recruitment Rules, 2022, in the Schedule, –

(a) against serial number 1, relating to the post of Postal Assistant (Circle Office and Regional Offices), under column (11), for Note 3, the following Note shall be substituted, namely: –

"**Note 3:** Where juniors who have completed qualifying or eligibility service are eligible for Limited Departmental Competitive Examination or Competitive Examination, their seniors would also be eligible for such examination provided they are not short of the requisite qualifying or eligibility service by more than half of such qualifying or eligibility service or two years, whichever is less, and have successfully completed their probation period for promotion to the next higher grade subject to the condition that both the senior and junior were recruited through same mode of recruitment and were holding same feeder cadre prior to appointment to the present post on regular basis.

This condition shall not be applied with reference to such junior officials who lost their seniority after availing transfer under Rule-38 of the Postal Manual Volume-IV.";

(b) serial number 2, relating to the post of Postal Assistant (In the Foreign Post Organisations in Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai), and serial number 3, relating to the post of Postal Assistant (Savings Bank Control and Internal Check Organisations) and the entries relating thereto, shall be omitted;

(c) against serial number 4, relating to the post of Postal Assistant (Post Office), under column (11), for Note 3, the following Note shall be substituted, namely: –

"**Note 3:** Where juniors who have completed qualifying or eligibility service are eligible for Limited Departmental Competitive Examination or Competitive Examination, their seniors would also be eligible for such examination provided they are not short of the requisite qualifying or eligibility service by more than half of such qualifying or eligibility service or two years, whichever is less, and have successfully completed their probation period for promotion to the next higher grade subject to the condition that both the senior and junior were recruited through same mode of recruitment and were holding same feeder cadre prior to appointment to the present post on regular basis.

This condition shall not be applied with reference to such junior officials who lost their seniority after availing transfer under Rule-38 of the Postal Manual Volume-IV.";

(d) against serial number 5, relating to the post of Sorting Assistant (Railway Mail Service), under column (11), for Note 3, the following Note shall be substituted, namely: -

"**Note 3:** Where juniors who have completed qualifying or eligibility service are eligible for Limited Departmental Competitive Examination or Competitive Examination, their seniors would also be eligible for such examination provided they are not short of the requisite qualifying or eligibility service by more than half of such qualifying or eligibility service or two years, whichever is less, and have successfully completed their probation period for promotion to the next higher grade subject to the condition that both the senior and junior were recruited through same mode of recruitment and were holding same feeder cadre prior to appointment to the present post on regular basis.

This condition shall not be applied with reference to such junior officials who lost their seniority after availing transfer under Rule-38 of the Postal Manual Volume-IV.".

[No. 04-05/2015-SPN-I]

SATYA NARAYNA DASH, Director

Note: - The principal notification was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide G.S.R. 459 (E), dated the 17th June, 2022 and was amended vide G.S.R. 21 (E), dated the 13th January, 2023.

PA/SA revised Recruitment Rules

Guidelines for Harnessing Youth Power through Post Offices.Intership program in Department of Posts

Probationers of Indian Postal Service, Group 'A' of 2021 and 2022 Batches-Posting Order

Suspension of booking of mails destined to Israel

06/08/2024

No. A-11013/1/2023-AT
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel and Training
(AT-Division)

North Block,New Delhi,
Dated: 05th August, 2024

ORDER

The President is pleased to appoint Ms. Jaya Varma Sinha, IRTS (1986), as Administrative Member in the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) in the pay scale of Rs. 2,25,000/- (fixed) for a period of 04 years from the date of assumption of charge of the post, or till attaining the age of 67 years, whichever is earlier.

2. The conditions of service of Ms. Jaya Varma Sinha, as Administrative Member in the Central Administrative Tribunal shall be governed by the provisions of the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021 and Rules framed there-under, as amended from time to time.

3. Ms. Jaya Varma Sinha, is advised to join CAT, Ernakulam Bench within 30 days from the date of issue of this order failing which the above appointment shall be treated as cancelled.

4. This issues in compliance with the order of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet vide communication No. 6/12/2024-EO (SM.II) dated 29.07.2024.

(S. D. Sharma)
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tel. No.011- 23093668

1. Ms. Jaya Varma Sinha, Bungalow No. 30, Railway Officers Enclave, SP Marg, New Delhi 110021.
2. Prime Minister's Office, New Delhi (Shri C. Sridhar, Joint Secretary).
3. Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi (Ms. Kavita Singh, Joint Secretary).
4. Additional Secretary & FA, MHA/ Department of Personnel & Training, New Delhi.
5. The Establishment Officer, Government of India, Department of Personnel and Training, North Block, New Delhi with reference to their Communication No. 6/12/2024-EO (SM.II) dated 29.07.2024.
6. The Principal Registrar, Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi-110001.
7. The Joint Registrar, Central Administrative Tribunal, Ernakulam Bench.
8. FA & CAO, Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi-110001.
9. Guard file.

Reiteration of the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, CGHS and Dte. General of Health Services

Promotion and postings of Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) officers of Indian Postal Service, Group A' to Higher Administrative Grade (IIAG) of the service

05/08/2024

No. 3- 1/2013-SPG
Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Posts
(Personnel Division)
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Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi – 110 001
Dated: 05.08.2024

ORDER

Subject: **Appointment of Sr. Deputy Director General (Vigilance) & Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) in Department of Posts – reg.**

Orders of the Competent Authority are hereby conveyed for appointment of Col S.F.H. Rizvi (IPoS:1993) to the post of Sr. Deputy Director General (Vigilance) & Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO), Department of Posts with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the post and until further orders.

2. Relevant charge reports may be sent in due course.

3. Hindi version will follow.

5/8/2024
(Rajpal)
Assistant Director General (SPG)

Copy forwarded to:

1. PS to Hon'ble MOC/MOSC
2. Sr. PPS to Secretary (Posts)/PPS to Director General Postal Services.
3. The Central Vigilance Commissioner, Satarkta Bhavan, A-Block, GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi – 110023 w.r.t their letter no. 6V-CVO-55/35856 dated 30.07.2024.
4. PPS/PS to Additional Director General (Coordination)/All Members, Postal Service Board.
5. Officer concerned.
6. Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor/ Sr. DDG (Vigilance) & CVO/Sr. DDG (PAF).
7. Director, RAKNPA, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
8. All Chief Postmasters General/Post Masters General.
9. CGM, PLI Directorate/CGM, Parcel Directorate/CGM, BD Directorate, New Delhi.
10. Addl. DG, APS C/o 56 APO.
11. General Managers (Finance)/Directors Postal Accounts/DDAP concerned.
12. GM, CEPT, Mysore with a request to upload the order on India Post Website.
13. All Directors, Postal Training Centers.
14. Hindi Section for providing Hindi version of the order
15. CS to Member (P)/(IP, SPG-I)/e-Office notice board.
16. SO's Guard file.

(O.P. Pokhriyal)
Assistant Director (SPG-I)

Accounting of PLI Premium Recovery from the Salaries of the Employees/ Gramin Dak sevaks of the Department of posts

Representation from Government servant on service matter

Transfer/postings in the Junior Administrative Grade(JAG) of the Indian Postal Service Group A

01/08/2024

PA/Accounts/GST-2/2024-25/ 2873 to 2926

Government of India

Ministry of Communications

Department of Posts

PA Wing, Dak Bhawan

New Delhi-110001

Dated-01/08/2024

To,

All Heads of the Circles

All Heads of the PAOs

Sub: Formation of GST committees at Circle level for streamlining the GST implementation in Department of Posts-reg.

The Competent Authority has directed that a GST Committee is to be constituted at Circle level headed by GM (Finance)/DAP/DPS (HQ) for streamlining the GST implementation.

2 The composition of the circle level committee is as follows:

Chairperson	-	Head of the PAO or DPS (HQ) whoever is Senior
Member 1	-	(a) If GM (Finance) is chairperson, then DPS (HQ) will be the Member
		(b) If DPS (HQ) is chairperson, then DAP will be the Member
Member 2	-	One Sr. Accounts Officer/Accounts Officer

(Any other member to be co-opted as desired by the Chairperson)

3 The circle level committee will meet by the 15th of every month to address any operational level issues pending at circle level and a monthly report will be sent to PAO Delhi, which will be the Lead PAO for the GST related matters, by 20th of every month. Circle level committee will collect data from all the DDOs regarding compliances on GST related issues.

4 The committee will focus on the following areas:

- Monitor compliances such as record maintenance, proper collection and deposition of GST, and proper utilization of ITC of all the DDO's under their jurisdiction,
- Timely filing of GST returns and conducting GST audits of the DDOs under their jurisdiction,
- Conducting meetings at DDO & RO level to streamline GST issues,
- Handling GST litigation within their jurisdiction,
- Providing GST Trainings and way forward towards One State One Registration.

5 A Circle level GST Committee is to be constituted by August 14, 2024 and compliance should be reported to this office at the earliest.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

(Saurabh Deshmukh)

Director (Accounts)

Copy to

1. Sr. PPS to Secretary (P)
2. Sr. PPS to DG (Post)
3. Members of Postal Service Board
4. AS & FA
5. Sr. DDG (PAF)
6. DDG (F & PAA)
7. DDG (B&A)
8. Spare

Circle level committee for GST to streamline

REFERENCE DIRECTORY FOR POST OFFICES (FOR ANSWERING PUBLIC ENQUIRIES & RESOLVING PUBLIC GRIEVANCES)