

Highlights of Activities Of the Association during 2015 – 2016

Activities of Central Government Pensioners Welfare Association, Jammu & Kashmir, Jammu for the period April, 2015 . March, 2016 are highlighted hereunder:

Celebration of International & National Days:

The Association in its annual activity programmes observed the following International & National events:

- World Water Day 22nd March
- World Environment Day 5th June
- World Yoga Day 21st June
- International Elders Day 1st October
- National Pensioners Day 17th December
- Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) - 25th April, 2015.

Publication of Annual Activities of the Association:

The activities undertaken by the Association during each Financial Year are brought out in Pensioners Journal which is released at the event of AGM held annually in the month of April. In the Pensioners Journal 2015, activities during 2014-15 were published

Activities of the Association pertaining to April 2015- March 2016 are published in the Pensioners Journal 2016 which is being released today.

CGHS Wellness Centre Jammu: Digitization of the Centre was pursued and completed during the year

Demand of New or Extension Centre of CGHS at Srinagar: This was pursued and it is now under active consideration of Ministry of Health & FW, Govt.

Establishment of Day Care Centre for Older Persons: A dream project of the Association to establish a Day Care Centre for Older Persons has taken shape during the period 2015-16. It is conveniently located opposite CGHS Wellness Centre at Exhibition Ground Complex, Jammu. The Centre is being improved further with the needed amenities. A Care Taker has been engaged on an honorarium basis and the members are requested to avail the facility, particularly while waiting for getting medicine supplies from the CGHS Dispensary.

Launching of Website of the Association: For propagation and dissemination of information on activities of the Association, a Website was designed, registered during June . September, 2015. It was launched formally on 15th September, 2015. The concept of the website was deliberated first in the weekly meeting of 15th June, 2015 and work on the proposal started soon after. The website is updated on regular basis, uploading weekly updates and minutes, along with latest Government Orders/Office Memoranda. The Association website can be visited at <http://www.cgpwaik.in> for viewing the Association

activities and relevant information for the pensioners, in particular and civil society, in general. Important links given on the website are: Portal of Govt. of India, Deptt. Of Pension & Pensioners Welfare, Bharat Pensioners Samaj, GAD J&K Govt. and Income Tax Deptt.

Weekly Talks: This is yet another novel activity initiated by the Association during the year. Member Resource Persons are invited to give talks on informative topics, supported by power point presentations. The programme has added further the quality and content of the Weekly Meetings by the Association. Number of members attending weekly meetings has gone up appreciably on account of such value additions in the meetings.

Registered Membership:

30 new members joined the Association during the year. Number of Registered Members as on March, 2016 stands at 278 vis-avis 101 in March, 2011.

Media Coverage of Activities:

The welfare activities of the Association are given wide publicity through electronic and print media coverage. This is done for general awareness and for reaching out the stakeholders, including those residing in far off nooks and corners of the State. The

Weekly Meetings:

- The Association continued to hold weekly meetings every Monday morning at 10.30 & 11.00 hrs. (Summer & Winter timing) at its Jammu Olympic Association Building Parade Ground Jammu - 180001 office; in pursuance of its activities. It is quite encouraging to see that the number of members attending weekly meetings has improved appreciably. Discussions/interactive consultations were held in the meetings as per agenda with recording of the minutes and registration of attendance of the members present in the Minutes Register maintained by the Association.
- 49 nos. of weekly meetings were held during the period to discuss and resolve various problems of the pensioners in Implementation of Web-based Pensioners Portal a Mission Mode Project under National e-Governance Plan (NeGP). Only 2 weekly meetings scheduled for 3rd August and 9th November, 2015 had to be cancelled on account of Bandh Call and Inclement Weather on the respective dates.
- The number of members who attended weekly meetings ranged generally between 25 and 35. Maximum number of 43 members attended the weekly meeting held on 18th January, 2016.
- **Srinagar Branch:** Weekly meetings were held regularly at Srinagar Office by the members stationed there. Issues pertaining to accommodation, CGHS Wellness Centre at Srinagar were taken up, besides day to day matters. International Day for Older persons was celebrated by paying visit to very senior pensioners who due to advanced age cannot attend weekly meetings. A couple of picnics were also organized by the members for the well being and entertainment of the pensioners.

Honouring Senior Members: At the Event of 20th AGM on 25.4.2015

Sarv Sreshth Vrishth Nagrik Award: In pursuance of the high traditions of the Association, one very senior member Shri Dwarka Nath Gupta, IAS (1915 born) was honoured with **Sarv Sreshth Vrishth Nagrik Award** on attaining 100 years of age.

Jeishth Vrishth Nagrik: Five senior members of the Organization; S/Shri M.M.Munshi GSI, S.C.Gupta DAD, N.L.Bakshi IAS, Sujjan Singh IFS & Swami Raj Sharma IAS were honoured as **Jeishth Vrishth Nagrik** on attaining 80 years age with presentation of mementoes by the Chief Guest on 20th AGM on 25th April, 2015.

- **CGPWA is Grieved at Colossal Loss of Life & Property in Nepal Earthquake of 25th April, 2015 and Extends Helping Hand to the Victims by Donating Rs. 75,000.00 to PMNRF:**

- CGPWA J&K, representing 33 central services, has been promptly coming forward in support of all such disasters and calamities; expressing their sympathies and support with the victims and their families; besides coming out with donations to the extent possible from their pension savings. Some of the tragedies which occurred in recent past are: Kashmir Floods of September, 2014; Kedarnath Cloudburst Disaster of June, 2013; Leh Cloudburst of August, 2010, Tsunami of December 2004 and Bhuj Earthquake of 2002 which shattered Bhuj belt of Gujarat. On all these occasions, the Central Govt. Pensioners Welfare Association J&K lent the much needed help and support through donations to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund.

- **CGPWA CELEBRATED 33rd NATIONAL PENSIONERS' DAY ON 17.12.2015**

- The Association celebrated 33rd National Pensioners Day at Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM) at Jammu. Dr. Ram Vishwakarma, Director, IIIM Jammu was the Chief Guest on the occasion. The function was attended by a large number of Association Members and special invitees from various Organizations of State Government pensioners; besides eminent social activists.

- **Registration of Grievances:**

Ten Numbers of fresh Pensioners Grievances were registered in Centralized Pension Grievances Redress And Monitoring System (CPENGRAMS) online in the Pensioners Portal by the Association during the period under report and older grievances pursued.. Out of this, 9 cases were resolved.

- **Voluntary Services by the Association:**

- The Association has been serving the central pensioners in matters of their pension dues, refixation of pension as per Sixth CPC recommendations and subsequent O.M.s, pension arrears, timely release of Dearness Relief (DR), revised Fixed Medical Allowance and related matters. It is observed that many cases are still there where the pensioners are not getting their rightful dues as per entitlement; especially those who retired long back in eighties or seventies.
- The services of the Association are available not only to the registered members, but also to the pensioners who are not registered with CGPWA.
- **Free Medical Camp on World Hypertension Day (Under SANKALP):**
On the occasion of World Hypertension Day on 17th May, 2015; a Free Cardiac Disease Detection Camp was organized by the Association at CGHS Wellness Centre Jammu. More than 120 patients were examined by a team of Specialists led by Dr. Sushil K. Sharma, HoD Cardiology, Government Medical College Jammu.

- **Condolences:**

The Association Fraternity passed Condolence Resolutions in the memory of the following members and spouses of the members, besides an eminent leader and statesman who left for their heavenly abodes during 2015-2016:

1. Shri Chander Mani Magotra, Retd. Administrative Officer, Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) who expired on 12th August, 2015
2. Shri R.N.Sharma, IFS (Retd) who left for heavenly abode on 1^{3th} October, 2015. Born in 1912, he held the pride position of being the Oldest Member of the Association.
3. Shri Brij Mohan Sharma, Retd. Sr. Audit Officer, Indian Audit & Accounts Department, expired on on 23rd January, 2016.
4. Condolence Resolution Dated 11.01.2016: On demise of the Beloved Leader & Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, **Jenab Mufti Mohammad Sayeed**, on 7th January, 2016.
5. Condolence Resolution on 08.02.2016: on demise of Begum A.M.Watali, beloved wife of Shri A.M.Watali, IPS (Retd) & former Member J&K Public Service Commission on the intervening night of 5th . 6th February, 2016 at midnight hour.