Activities of Central Government Pensioners' Welfare Association, J&K, Jammu

Highlights of the Weeks Ending 23rd & 30th May, 2016:

- Brief on OM dated 6th April 2016: The house was briefed further on this important Office Memorandum affecting over 90,000 pre-2006 central pensioners who have not completed 33 yrs of qualifying service for full pension entitlement. Ten such cases were registered on Pensionersq Portal (CPENGRAMS) for early resolution. The affected pensioners are advised to write to their PAOs for forwarding their cases to the CPAO who on receipt of authority from PAOs will send SSA Advice to the concerned Banks on revised pension.
- Swachh Bharat Pakhwada: Swachh Bharat Pakhwada was observed with enthusiasm and zeal by Association Members as under:
- Swachhta Pledge by Association Members: Observance of Swachhta Pakhwada (Cleanliness Fortnight) was initiated on 16th May by the members by taking Swachhta Pledge. Copies of the Pledge were given to members for taking the campaign forward by organizing meetings in their localities. 31 members present participated in the Pledge Ceremony.
- Shri B.K.Raina, Vice President of the Association, organized Swachhta Pledge Meeting of Morning Walkers at Rajinder Park, Canal Road, Jammu on 18th May, in which more than 50 morning walkers including ladies took part. He also organized picking of littered waste by the Sunday picnickers in their presence to educate them. The result of the innovative exercise was very encouraging.
- Shri K.B.Jandial, IAS (Retd) & Shri Prem Gupta, IPS (Retd) organized Swachh Bharat Pledge by Morning Walkers of Green Belt Park Gandhi Nagar Jammu on 19th May



 Shri V.S.Sambyal, IPS (Retd) organized Swachhta Pledge by students of different school attending Yoga Classes at Channi Himat Jammu on 26th May, 2016.



Swachh Bharat Pakhwada observed by the Association culminated with Swachhta Pledge by Specially Abled (Hearing/Speech Impaired) children of J&K Samaj Kalyan Kendra Jammu on 31st May by sign language. More than a dozen members of the Association are pro-actively associated with J&K Samaj Kalyan Kendra rendering voluntary service in the Organization. J&K Samaj Kalyan Kendra is a noted NGO of the J&K State running free educational cum vocational school for the unfortunate hearing & speech handicapped children.



- The letter pertaining to Swachh Bharat Pakhwada was uploaded in the Association website for general awareness and action.
- Appeal: The Association appealed to all the citizens of the State and Country to download the guidelines including Pledge (available in Hindi and English) and undertake the campaign of cleanliness in their respective areas with enthusiasm.

- Weekly Meeting Attendance: 31 members attended the weekly meetings on 23rd and 30th May
- New Members: 9 new members have joined the Association at Srinagar Branch, details of which will be posted on receipt of Membership Forms from Srinagar. Now the number of Registered Members has risen to 292.
- The Website Gets Encouraging Response: The Association website has been receiving good response from stakeholders. The Hit Counter has been made operational now on the Home Page of the Site. The Site has received 4725 hits since January, 2016. (As on 1.6.16. 21.20 hrs)
- <u>Condolence Memorium:</u> The Association published Condolence Memorium in Daily Excelsior dated 20th May, 2016 in respect of Shri Dwarka Nath Gupta, IAS (Retd) and Shri M.L.Gupta, IAS (Retd) who left for heavenly abode on 7th & 15th May respectively.
- Interaction with Identified Pensioners' Associations through Video
 Conferencing: On 1st June, 2016, a Video Conference was organized by DOPPW, New Delhi in which all 43 Identified Central Govt. Pensionersq Associations participated. The Conference was conducted by Ms. Vandana Sharma, Jt. Secretary and team on three agenda items viz. Seeding of Aadhaar Card in pension accounts, Swachh Bharat Pakwada and Submission of Utilization Certificate with all prescribed documents for release of Grant-in-aid for 2016-17.
 - The Association was represented in the Video Conference by S/Shri B.K.Raina, K.B.Jandial and J.K.Vaid. Satisfactory progress on all three issues was reported in the conference. Points stressed by Association team were that Aadhaar seeding exercise should also be carried out by J&K Bank and Aadhaar Seeding in Pension Account must be undertaken by Banks in respect of spouses of the pensioners also. Copy of the Pensionersq Journal 2016 published by the Association was also displayed before the participants.

