

News highlights February, 2012.

- Our new home at New Delhi, "**SNEA BHAVAN**", at Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi inaugurated on 11th February 2012.
- After discussion between BSNL management and United Forum on 13th and 14th 2012, UF decided to defer the agitation programme commencing from 15th February, 2012 consequent upon constitution of joint committee address and resolve all the three issues i.e A) extending standard pay scales E2 and E3, B) Introduction of CPSU cadre hierarchy vis-à-vis structure of BSNL, and C) safeguarding our existing promotional path achieved by us through intense struggle and defined by provisions of BSNLMS RRS and also protecting the existing JAG posts. It is also decided that the committee will submit report within a period of maximum 6 months.
- Hon. Supreme Court in a land mark judgment on 02.02.2012 cancelled 122 2G licenses granted by DOT in an arbitrary, malafide and illegal manner. This association took up the issue of violation in allocation of spectrum in 2009-2010 in strongest possible manner with the Hon. Prime Minister urging upon him to intervene and stop awarding of 2G spectrum in an arbitrary manner.
- CHQ office bearers & Circle Secretaries meeting of UNITED FORUM was held at New Delhi on 11th February, 2012 to finalise the strategies for the indefinite work according to rule and non cooperation that was to commence w.e.f 15th Feb: '12.
- A mind throbbing and pulsating seminar on "TELECOM POLICY Damaging BSNL to help private operators- changing Licensing and Regulatory Regime to suit Private operators and causing huge losses to BSNL" was organised in the conference hall of BSNL Corporate office on 12th Feb'12 to commemorate CHQ building inauguration. Eminent Speakers that addressed were: 1. Com. Sitaram Yechury, Hon'ble Member of Parliament. 2. Dr.C.P.Chandrashekar, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, 3. Com. Paranjoy Guha, Sr. Journalist, 4. Com Rekha Jain, IIM Ahmedabad, 5. Sri. A.N.Rai, Director (HR), BSNL

Board, 6. Com. Prabir Purkayastha, Delhi Science Forum, and 7. Com. Ashok Rao, NCOA.

- 3G roaming – Hon Delhi High Court dismisses the DoT plea that TDSAT don't have jurisdiction over 3G roaming issue.
- STS to JAG promotion order issued on 08.2.2012 for 172 DEs.
- ACRs called for Adhoc JAG promotion to remaining 414 DGM posts. ACRs should reach BSNLCO by 16th March.
- Information regarding untraceable cases in SDE to DE list (about 1100) may be forwarded to BSNLCO urgently.
- BSNL Launches Unlimited Local and STD Call Plans For Landline Customers and withdrawn Annual Plan (1) Plan-600(Rural), (2) Plan-1200(Urban) and (3) Plan 2160 (Biennial). The review petition filed by BSNL in the Mumbai HC against its judgment quashing list no 6 & 7, listed for 24.2.2012, postponed to 21.3.2012.
- The appeal filed by the 147 SDEs against the judgment of the Hon CAT, Ernakulam quashing their seniority came up for hearing on 23.2.2012 in the Hon High Court of Kerala. Hon High Court posted the case for final hearing on 22nd and 23rd March, 2012 and directed BSNL not to effect promotions on the existing seniority till the next hearing without taking permission from the Court.
- OA 36/2011 at Hon CAT, Chennai bench challenging the existing criterion for finalization of JTO eligibility list for promotion to SDE is posted for hearing on 27/02/2012.
- WP 16102 & 26246 - SC-ST Roster case at Hon Madras High Court came up for hearing on 16.2.2012 and is posted on 28-02-2012.
- The review application filed by BSNL at Hon High Court of Karnataka regarding notional date of promotion for the LDCE came up on 17.2.2012. Arguments completed and judgment reserved.
- E admit card issued for LDCE to SDE(T) to be held on 04.03.2012.
- Com. B. Naveenchandra S.D.E, BSNL, Manipal, Karnataka Circle has been awarded the Geospatial Excellency award-2012 in Telecom. Com B. Naveenchandra was conferred with the distinction by India Geospatial Forum-2012 in the 14th International seminar that was

conducted by the Dept of Science and Technology, New Delhi. We wholeheartedly congratulate our beloved Comrade for this unique and outstanding recognition in the field of telecom and wish him all the best in the future to accomplish more such laurels.

Latest Building cum legal fund donations:

- a) Utharakhand Circle contributed Rs 1 lakh.
- b) Bihar Circle contributed another Rs 51,000/- taking the total amount to Rs 1.51 Lakhs.
- c) Kerala Circle contributed another Rs 1 lakh, taking the total Contribution to Rs 7 lakhs.
- d) West Bengal State Branch further contributed Rs 50,000/- thus taking total contribution to Rs 5 lakhs.
- e) BSNLCO contributed Rs 51,000/-.
- f) Chattisgarh Circle contributed Rs. 20,000/-.
- g) Indore SSA (MP Circle) contributed Rs 25,000/-
- h) Meerut district contributed Rs. 35000/-
- i) Bijnore SSA contributed Rs. 10,000/-

We wholeheartedly congratulate comrades of these Circles/SSAs for their continued support and enthusiastically and optimistically look forward to such support from other Circles/SSAs.

Organisational news:

UNITED FORUM meeting at Hyderabad on 27th January -2012: CHO President Com S.L.Reddy, Com G.L. Jogi, GS/SNEA(I), Com. Prahlad Rai, GS / AIBSNLEA and Com. Silohurao, President AI GETOA addressed the gathering of about 500 Executives.

UNITED FORUM meeting at CHENNAI on 28th January '12: The United Forum meeting was held at Infosys Hall, T.Nagar. Around 450

comrades attended the meeting. Com. G.L. Jogi, GS/SNEA(I), Com. Prahlad Rai, GS/AIBSNLEA and Com. Silohu Rao, CHQ President/AI GETOA addressed the gathering.

UNITED FORUM Meeting at Bangaluru on 30th January 2012: Com. G.L.Jogi, GS/SNEA(I), Com Prahlad Rai, GS/AIBSNLEA and Com. Shilohurao CHQ Pres./AI GETOA addressed the Executives on 30th Jan 2012 at CGMT Office. More than 650 executives including young JTOs attended the meeting and taken a pledge to fight for their legitimate rights and for the survival of BSNL in the ongoing struggle programme in the coming days.

Meeting with senior officers in DOT/BSNL.

Meeting with DIR(HR) on 13.02.2012: United Forum of BSNL Executives' Association has a detailed discussion on the Charter of Demands. From our side, we explained genuineness of the issues and our compulsion created by the Management on account of not extending standard pay scales E2/E3 and non introduction of CPSU cadre hierarchy. We also explained the serious implications of recruitment of 600 Sr. DGMs on our existing promotional path from STS to JAG and also the no of JAG posts by diluting BSNLMS RRs. Director (HR) explained at length the perception and stand of Management on all the issues. However, no breakthrough was achieved.

AGSs Com K. Sebastin and A. A. Khan along with Com Dilip Saha, CS & Tapas Ghosh, CP, West Bengal State Branch met PGM (Electrical) and GM(TF) and discussed various cadre issues.