

Resume of inaugural Cum open session function:-

The inaugural and open session functions of 5th All India Conference took place on 14-03-2018 under the Chairmanship of Com. Islam Ahmad in a beautiful decorated Pandal with more than 2200 participants. The Pandal was packed to its Capacity with men and women. It was really a great and enthusiastic occasion.

Com. Amarjeet Kaur, General Secy, AITUC, Com. Prahlad Rai, G.S. AIBSNLEA, Com. Suresh Kumar, General Secretary BSNL MS, Com. Sabstein, G.S. SNEA, Com. Subburaman, G.S. TEPU and Chairman National Forum Com. N.D. Ram, G.S. SEWA BSNL, Com. Balbir Singh, President BSNLEU, Com. Pathak Deputising for G.S. FNTO and Karanjeet Singh Walia, Organising Secy BTEU graced the great occasion. Earlier, the Reception Committee led by Com. Surjeet Singh, GSRC welcomed the leaders and the guests.

Com. Amarjeet Singh Asal, Chairman R.C. welcomed the leaders and read the welcome address. He recalled the historic freedom struggle of Punjab as well as Trade union struggles in the state.

Com. Islam, President welcoming Com. Madam Kaur requested her to inaugurate the function and deliver the speech on the occasion. Speaking she recalled the freedom movement and famous Saint Gurugobind Singh. The people of Punjab faced many challenges to keep the secularism intact. The issues raised by the union will be taken care, she declared. She said workers need work, payment, Security and conducive atmosphere to discharge their responsibilities. The Telecom Sector is under threat from "Jio Reliance" as it has propagated its services by publishing the photograph of Prime Minister. The present Govt in central Govt is following retrograde steps and want to go back from its promises. Instead of created more jobs the demonetization has reduced the employment avenue. Advocated for equal pay for equal work. Prices are increasing day by day and the Govt is helpless. Only 4 lakhs job instead of 4 crore have been created. She referred the big scam of Punjab bank. Such people are enjoying in abroad. The 7th Pay Commission recommendations have not been properly implemented. The contract system is illegal and Govt is advocating for fixed term employment. She told how MP, Gujrat Govts are enacting anti labour laws. The AITUC is oldest TU and has always resisted anti-workers policies. NFTE BSNL is loveable and friendly organization of AITUC. Due to de-monetisation TUS have to fight against adverse circumstances. The GST and demonetization are planned programme to attack small industries. The Govt is raising religion, language issues instead of tacking real issues. The contract workers have to be protected, she told the gathering. President, Com. Islam thanked Madam Kaur and assured cooperation from NFTE BSNL.

Com. Subburaman, G.S. TEPU and Chairman, National Forum:-

Endorsing the views of Madam Kaur, Com. Subbu supported the strike of defence workers. About 70 PSUs will not get pay revision as per DPE guidelines. BSNL is different PSU in comparison of others. He remembered Com. Late Gupta Jee, Com. Jagan and Com. Late Chandrashkher advocated to move together.

Com. Prahlad Rai, G.S. AIBSNLEA:- Offering greetings he said that the AIC is being held at a crucial period. ADC has been withdrawn by TRAI. Private operators will not go to rural side. It is BSNL which provides the services including during natural Calamities Mobile service was started by BSNL in 2002 whereas Private COS in 1992. BSNL survival is in the interest of nation and public. Appreciated the unity of all unions. We have to restart struggle if pay revision is not done.

Com. Suresh Kumar, G.S. BSNL MS:-

He felt that the large unions and associations have to resolve the 3rd PRC issue. He recalled late Com. Gupta Jee and late Thengadi the founder of BMS.

Com. Sabastein, G.S. SNEA:- At the outset he greeted leaders and delegates. The unity of all unions in BSNL is unparalleled. It protected disinvestment in BSNL. The combined strength stopped BSNL-MTNL merger. Appealed to delink the pension revision from wage revision. Appealed for revenue increase. Revenue may decrease due to stress in Telecom Sector. He appealed to central TUS to take initiative to combat the issues in the interest of workers and nation.

Com. N.D. Ram, G.S. SEWA BSNL:- Appreciated the work done by Reception Committee and Madan Kaur for her speech and support. The constitution of India is in danger. It has to be taken care of NFTE must take strong stand to settle issues. The assurances held out by the Hon'ble Telecom Minister are to be monitored.

Com. Balbir Singh, President BSNL EU:- Speaking on the occasion Com. Balbir mentioned the strike of 12th and 13th February and Sanchar Bhavan March of 23rd February. These were effective we also impressed upon Com. Tapensen and Com. Amarjeet Kaur for untied struggle. Unbundling has not been allowed due to which BSNL is having 65% BB network. Wage revision and pension revision need struggle. He greeted the conference on behalf of BSNL EU.

Com. Pathak, FNTO:- Deputising for G.S. FNTO greeted the conference and appreciated the Reception Committee.

Com. Karamjeet Singh Walia, BTEU:- Deputising for G.S. BTEU (BMS) Com. Walia, organizing Secy said wage revision is must and the organisers. The inaugural function was successful due to able guidelines of Com. M.L. Sharma, Veteran leader of NFTE.

Except A and N and NE-II all circles attended the memorable conference under the guidance of Com. Com. M.L. Sharma, Veteran leader.
