



Dear Readers,

I am glad to hand over the Year – 7, Volume-IV, of AIACE Today in the hand of readers /

AIACE and AICPA collectively are concerned about the plight of coal employees and pensioners. Despite their invaluable contribution to building the nation's coal industry, pensioners are facing financial insecurity due to inadequate pension revisions, rising healthcare costs, and delays in policy decisions. The serving employee are failing to vision the future challenge when they will retire and live for longer years. Those who retired in 2007 and before are getting meagre pension but today's retirees are getting handsome amount. After 10-15 years, this amount will seem to be just meagre.

The demand for revision of pension under the Coal Mines Pension Scheme has been pending for a long time. Inflation has significantly eroded the real value of pensions, leaving many retired executives and workers struggling to maintain a dignified standard of living. This is not merely a financial issue but a matter of justice and recognition.

On 30th March, members of AIACE and AICPA, along with other pensioners and welfare associations, organized a peaceful dharna at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi. This demonstration was a strong and united expression of concern over unresolved pension issues and related grievances.

The participation of pensioners from across the country highlighted the depth of dissatisfaction and urgency of the matter. The dharna was conducted in a disciplined and democratic manner, reinforcing AIACE's commitment to constructive engagement while firmly advocating for rightful demands. The Delhi was supported by mental dharna (Manasik dharna) across the country in Hyderabad, Ramagundam, other operation units of Singreni collieries, Talcher, Bilaspur, Bhopal, Bengaluru, Patna, Kolkata, Bhagalpur, Kerala, Varanasi, Pune, Asansol, Dhanbad, and at many other places individually and collectively to send positive vibrations to PMO for the revision of pension.

AIACE remains committed to pursuing a structured and strategic approach to address the concerns of coal executives and pensioners. The following steps form part of the organization's forward plan:

Policy Engagement: Continued dialogue with the Ministry of Coal, Coal India Limited, and other relevant authorities to expedite pension revision and policy implementation.

Awareness Campaigns: Strengthening communication and outreach to build broader support and awareness.

Collaborative Efforts: Working with trade unions and other associations to present a unified front.

Future Mobilization: Planning further peaceful demonstrations and representations if demands remain unaddressed.

AIACE will continue to uphold the voice of coal executives and pensioners with determination and dignity. The events at Jantar Mantar are not an end but a beginning—a reminder that collective action and persistent dialogue are essential to achieving meaningful change.

The time has come for policymakers to respond with sensitivity and urgency, ensuring that progress in production is matched by progress in welfare.

All are aware that, May is the month when AIACE was formed on 16th day. Since then, its members have not taken the rest and continued resolving the issues of its members and all coal pensioners.

It is time to organize foundation day of AIACE from 16th May which will end with last celebration on 14th June at Bilaspur. The schedule has already been circulated. Local branches can change the date as per their convenience.

Regards,

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