



# ALL INDIA INSURANCE PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

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## To All Affiliated Units.

Dear Comrades,

- **Observe All India Pensioners' Day.**
- **Organise programmes jointly with other Pensioners' Organisations.**
- **Hold gate meetings/ demonstrations and adopt resolutions highlighting demands of Insurance Pensioners in general and highlighting the issue of enhancement of Family Pension to Public Sector General Insurance Pensioners in particular.**

All are aware, 17th December every year is observed as "All India Pensioners' Day" by Pensioners' organisations in our Country. It was on 17.12.1982 the Hon'ble Supreme Court pronounced judgement in a case filed by D.S Nakara & Others v/s Union of India, striking down the provision incorporated by the Govt. of India to make applicable liberalised formula for computation of Pension to Central Govt Servants/ Armed Forces only to those retiring from 31.03.1979/01.04.1979. In the landmark judgement, the SC held that the intention of the Govt. to create a separate class of Pensioners (class within a class) is violative of the principles enunciated in the Article 14 of Constitution of India. The Apex Court held that:

- i. Pension is neither a bounty nor a matter of gratis depending upon the sweet will of the employer;
- ii. the pension is not an ex-gratia payment but it is a payment for the past services rendered; and,
- iii. it is a social welfare measure rendering socio-economic justice to those in hey-day of their life ceaselessly toiled for the employer on an assurance that in their old age they would not be left in lurch.

Thus, this hallmark judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has become "magna carta" of all Pensioners of our great Nation. Pensioners and Pensioners' Organisations of all strata were observing "Pensioners' Day" on 17th December every year since then to celebrate the rights established by the apex Court and to emphasise that Pensioners are not to be neglected by the State.

AII PA calls upon all its Units to observe "Pensioners' Day" this year with all seriousness and enthusiasm. We suggest the following programme :

- a) To organise programmes in all Centres jointly with other Pensioners' Organisations and fraternal Trade Unions on 17th December, 2023.
- b) To hold gate meetings/demonstrations in front of all Divisional Offices/Regional Offices of LIC of India / PSGI Companies on Monday, the 18th December 2023 as 17th December falls on a Sunday. Help and cooperation of Organisations of serving employees must be solicited. Resolutions on our demands have to be adopted in such gatherings. Focus must be on our demand for increase in Family Pension to a uniform rate of 30% to Pensioners of PSGI Companies.

We once again request all our Units to make the programme successful ensuring participation of large number of Pensioners and Family Pensioners. Needless to add, report must be furnished to Head Quarters after observance of the programme.

With greetings,

Comradely Yours,

General Secretary