

**MINUTES OF VGBM RSCWS HELD ON 11 & 12-8-2021
TO COMMEMORATE THE 30TH FOUNDATION DAY OF RSCWS**

Shri TS Kalra presided over the Meeting. -60 Members of EC participated.

1. Shri Harchandan Singh welcomed the members and congratulated them all on the 30th Foundation Day of RSCWS. He requested Smt Rama Dogra, Smt Amita Singh & Sh. HS Sachdeva to start the meeting with a cultural programme to commemorate the Foundation Day of the Society, to be followed by the address by the President Sh TS Kalra.

2. Smt. Rama Dogra sang a Bhajan "Shiv Nam simar din rat; Hari Nam simar din Rat". Smt Amita Singh sang a Shabad from Gurbani "Mehtarwan, Sahib mera Mehtarwan". Shri HS Sachdeva presented a poem on achievements & struggle of RSCWS for the welfare of Pensioners over the last 30 years. Shri TS Kalra & other members appreciated all the 3 items.

3. Opening address by the President Shri TS Kalra:

"What a beautiful, spiritual beginning to our organisation's thirtieth anniversary celebrations! Thank you M'am Rama Dogra and Smt Amita Singh for your divine renderings in your melodious voices. Hope every body is spell bound with your Bhajan and Shabad. Thank you Sachdeva ji, for your all encompassing, inspiring poem.

"Today is the 30th anniversary of establishing of our RSCWS. In 1991, on this day, our society was registered. So, many many congratulations to you all on its anniversary. During these 30 years, your society has made a lot of progress and now, in addition to the Tricity, our membership has got extended to Railway set-ups in other cities of the country. The activities and achievements of RSCWS have been listed out and included in the agenda of this meeting; you would have gone through it.

On Medical and Health care fronts, we had to put in a lot of struggle and I am happy to share with you that we have achieved enough of success. Now you'll not have to go to Ambala time & again, as earlier and most of your medical/health care needs will be taken care of through ADMO, HU/CDG. And in emergency cases, referrals will be got done by the empanelled hospital, directly interacting with CMS/UMB, through e-mails.

Further, a few days earlier, the working in HU/CDG has been computerized. You'll have to keep UMID card or RELHS card alongwith your PPO number, to get treatment at the HU.

In addition, we have prepared new Medical Prescription Books and kept sufficient copies in the HU; these will carry the required details of the pensioner and his dependents. A number of pensioners have already got these Med Books issued. However in due course, UMID cards will be required, for the preparation of which we are trying, with Ambala division, to arrange special camps at CDG.

We are also putting pressure for the upgradation of CDG HU, with its lock up dispensary branches at Mohali station and at sector 17 reservation office at Chandigarh.

As of now, only 5 private hospitals and 2 diagnostic centres in the Tricity, are empanelled with Railways. We are putting in efforts to get more of these empanelled with railways. Further more we have approached Rly Board to take up with DG/CGHS to allow bona fide Railway employees & pensioners to avail of medical facilities at all non - railway empanelled hospitals also, at CGHS rates.

Next, we have asked Ambala division to earmark doctors, supervisors and some other officials as Nodal officers/officials to attend to pensioners' enquiries & grievances on phone or through e-mails.

You would perhaps be already knowing that for chronic cases, medicines for 3 months at a time can be obtained from HU/CDG. We had been working for this cause for quite some time earlier.

Your society's commitment for social causes continues. Some time back we donated Rs 10,000/- to Pingalwaarha society, Chandigarh. Last year we had contributed Rs one lakh to PM's Covid Care fund.

Your society's quarterly Pensioners' Rail Sampark is being published regularly. I'll once again request you all to contribute articles, anecdotes to this journal to make it more inclusive and interesting.

We have enough of work items at hand. Some of our existing EC members are quite active. I would desire that more of our society members should volunteer themselves to be enrolled on our different sub-committees and take up these tasks.

The existing EC team has been putting in concerted efforts for furtherance of our causes. Side by side it would be desirable that a new back up team also gets constituted so that at appropriate team, the younger team may smoothly take over from the senior team.

In today's meeting agenda, you would have noticed that some clauses of the Constitution of our society have been proposed to be amended, as earlier agreed upon through EC meetings. These need GB's approval.

As always, I may again remind you all to pay your annual subscription fees which can be done on line; the bank account numbers and IFSC codes are given on our quarterly journal PRS.

Once again Congratulations to all on our Society's foundation day. Be Happy, Healthy and keep up Positive attitude; the overall conditions around us are gradually improving."

4. Address by Secretary General, Sh. Harchandan Singh: SG welcomed all the participants and highlighted the achievements of the Society during the last 30 years, including opening of the "Lock-up Dispensary in 1996-97 followed by upgrading thereof to a Health Unit in 2014-15 in a new building and posting of a full time Doctor in 2020-21. Some of the major hurdles have been got resolved by RSCWS in the recent past regarding health care facilities:

i) Procedure for Cashless treatment in emergency has been streamlined by the Railway Board vide their letters dated 28-12-2020 & 16-6-2021 and now the empanelled Hospital will directly take the approval of CMS on phone or Email for treatment in emergency instead of a relative or spouse of the patient going to Ambala repeatedly for getting his approval for it or for extension thereof.

ii) CMS Ambala had agreed to continue to allow the old RELHS Medical Cards for treatment in Health Unit Chandigarh till UMID Cards are issued to all, provided PPO No. of the Pensioner is available with RELHS Card holder.

iii) CMS has asked the ADMO CDG to implement the orders of RB for issue of medicines for 3 months for Chronic diseases.

iv) ADMO CDG has been authorized by the CMS UMB to refer patients to empanelled hospital after taking his approval on phone.

SG asked the members to strengthen the RSCWS further to meet with the challenges before the Pensioners regarding health care & other issues.

SG explained that the main points on the Agenda before the VGBM related to the approval of the Constitutional Amendments, which had since been thoroughly considered by the Core Committee & Executive Committee. Members therefore, were requested to consider and give their consent to the various items on the Agenda

5. All the members appreciated the efforts & achievements made by RSCWS during the last 30 years for the welfare of the Pensioners both local and National levels.

6. AMENDMENTS OF CLAUSES OF THE CONSTITUTION OF RSCWS

General Body RSCWS (Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society), approved the following Amended Clauses of the Constitution of RSCWS and resolved as under.

1 DATE OF EFFECT: The following amended Clauses in the Constitution of RSCWS shall be effective from 1st October, 2021.

2. AMENDED CLAUSE V:

V) SUBSCRIPTION

a) i) The subscription for the Members of the Society residing in Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula, Zirakpur or their out- skirts shall be Rs.400 per annum.

a) ii) The subscription for those residing outside Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula, Zirakpur or their out-skirts, shall be Rs.150 per annum for a Member or Associate Member of the Society, including those who are from Department other than the Railways. "

a) iii) Branches of the Society shall pay Rs.150 per member per annum as Central Quota of Subscription to the Central Executive Committee.

b) Subscription may be re-fixed according to the requirements so warranted with the approval of the General Body.

c) Life membership of the Society will be Rs. 3500/- for Life Members & Rs.1500/- for Out station Life Members & Associate Life Members.

d) Special contribution may be raised to meet the special programme(s) expenses, if any.

e) Donations from members or non-members would be welcome to pursue the objectives of the Society

f) Subscription paid shall relate to Financial year.

g) Members, on attaining the age of 85 years, shall be considered as Honorary Members of the Society. They will be exempt from paying further annual subscription provided they have been Members of the Society for at least 3 years. However they may voluntarily donate to Social Welfare Fund & similar other Funds of the Society.

3. AMENDED CLAUSE VI)

VI) TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The membership of a member shall cease:-

- a) i) On Resignation from the membership of Society & approval thereof by the President.
- a) ii) On Demise of a Member except in case his / her spouse is alive, the Membership will be transferred in the name of the spouse.
- b) If his / her subscription is in arrear for more than 3 years even after notice & reminder, except those who intimate that they are sick & bed ridden.
- c) Membership can be terminated if any member is working against the interest of the Society or his conduct is doubtful or one is involved in any criminal case - subject to the approval of the Executive Committee

7. VGBM approved the following plan of action for health care:

- a) To request DRM UMB to depute WLI CDG & his staff to upload Data of Pensioners on UMID Portal & help them to get the UMID Cards issued OR to arrange Camps in CDG for the same.
- b) To follow up with the Railway Board regarding validity of RELHS Card till UMID Card is issued ; and to Direct all Railways to hold Camps to upload the Data and issue UMID Cards to all Pensioners.
- c) To urge Railway Board & NR for upgrading of Health Unit Chandigarh to a Sub-Divisional Hospital in view of growing strength of Railway Beneficiaries due to increase in number of originating & passing trains and conversion of Chandigarh as world class station
- d) Getting Empanelment by the Railways of more private hospitals which are already empanelled under CGHS

8, VGBM decided to hold Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) & Bi-annual Elections of RSCWS in October or November, 2021, if permitted by the UT Administration.

9) Concluding address of Shri TS Kalra:

Thirtieth anniversary of our Society's foundation day very well celebrated, virtually, with exchange of heartiest greetings by one and all. Everybody has lauded the efforts & achievements of RSCWS with special words of appreciation for our 'energetic' SG Shri Harchandan Singh, by working president sh K P Singh, Ma'm Amita Singh, sh D S Nigah and others. And best of all, there has been unanimous agreement on all the agenda items. Thank you all for your enthusiastic participation in large numbers. Hope to meet soon, in person, in the next GBM. Till then Good Luck and Best of Wishes.

10. Message from Sh G.S.Sethi, Chairman RSCWS.

I congratulate all our members on the 30th Foundation Day of RSCWS.

I request all the members to continue to strengthen the Society further so that it can resolve the problems of the pensioners & further improve upon the facilities provided to them.

May God bless you all with best of health & spirits.

11) Vote of thanks by the SG Sh. Harchandan Singh:

“Respected Chairman, the President & all the Members of RSCWS, I thank you all for actively participating in this meeting and graciously appreciating the achievements of the Society and our efforts for the same. I am also overwhelmed by the sentiments of all of you on the occasion of the 30th Foundation Day of the Society and I am confident that with the active participation and cooperation of all of you, we shall be able to march forward to achieve the greater heights for the welfare of the Pensioners. I thank you all for approving all the proposals of the Executive Committee especially with regard to the Amendments in the Constitution.

I highly appreciate and thank Sh HS Sachdeva for his poem on history & achievements of RSCWS. I also thank Smt Rama Dogra & Smt Amita Singh for their melodious presentation of the Bhajan and Shabad Gurbani on this occasion.

Hope we shall soon have physical Meetings of EC & GB if the circumstances so permit.

At the end I sincerely thank Sh. TS Kalra & Sh. KP Singh and other members of the Executive Committee for their continuous support and guidance. I wish you all a long, happy & healthy life. Long live RSCWS.

Harchandan Singh,
Secretary General, RSCWS.