

## **VP(TV)'s visit at various stations of East & South Zones to interact with members**

### **R.RAMAN, VICE PRESIDENT (TV) ADDRESS MYSORE ARTEE MEMBERS**

On the instructions of ARTEE President, Shri: Anilkumar, Shri: Raman addressed a mammoth meeting of AIR & TV ARTEE members of Mysore Stations on 23rd November 2009. Shri: R.Sreenivasan, a veteran leader from AIR, Hassan was present in the meeting. Shri: Gurulingiah & Shri: Vinay Simha, the dedicated secretaries of AIR & DD Mysore have organized the grand ARTEE meeting.

Members present in the meeting enthusiastically participated in the deliberations which include, MACP, Technician Pay Revision case, Shortage of staff at AIR/HPT / Mysore, Nonpayment of children's Educational allowance, inordinate delay in the payments of medical bills, TA & OTA. Implementation of EA, GP: 4600, AE, GP: 5400, cadre review, helper's promotions, and the plight of Diesel staff.

Interestingly, ARTEE DDK, Mysore celebrates its silver jubilee of founding of ARTEE in LPT, Mysore way back in 1984 in the same date and month. Shri: A. George and Shri: R.Sreenivasan, the dedicated members of ARTEE coordinated the visit of VP-TV to Mysore, a city of great cultural heritage and beauty.

### **BANGALORE ARTEE MEETING**

Shri: B.J.Satya Narayana, the State Secretary of ARTEE, Karnataka has organized a meeting of ARTEE members of Bangalore at DDK, Bangalore on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2009. On the instructions of the President, ARTEE, Shri: Anil Kumar, the VP-TV, Shri: R.Raman participated.

The enlightened members of ARTEE, Bangalore took keen interest in the lively deliberations and offered few more ideas to find solution to some of the longstanding demands. The Pay parity of new EA's and Technicians at par with the existing cadres and undue delay in getting verdict for Technician Pay revision case w.e.f 1983 at par with Lighting Assistants were debated. Shri: R.Raman emphasized the members that ARTEE is the only Association fighting for such grave injustices in various courts of law. Members thanked leadership for achieving various impossible demands and assured full support. The discussions include Helper's Promotions 5400 for AE's, & staff shortage.

Members strongly condemned the unruly attitude of little earlier AIR, Bangalore authorities for misusing ACR's of top leaders of ARTEE to victimize them. Shri: Harikrishnan Nair, Member, Departmental Council, ARTEE, highlighted the lead role being played by ARTEE to settle the long pending demands of the employees. Shri: Ummer, senior leader, spoke on the urgency in resolving various court cases and the implementation of Cadre Review.

Shri: Williams, Unit Secretary, ARTEE, DDK, Bangalore, Shri: Krishna Kumar, U/s AIR, Bangalore, Shri: Munikrishna, Shri: Madhusudan, Secretaries of State office of ARTEE, and Shri: Manjunatha, former State Secretary have actively participated in the deliberations.

### **KOLKATA CARNIVAL**

On the directions of Shri: Anil Kumar.S, President, VP-TV Shri: R.Raman, addressed a series of meetings at Kolkata on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

#### **Meeting at DDK Kolkata**

Shri: Ajay Doss, Unit Secretary, ARTEE, DDK, Kolkata, chaired the informal meeting at DDK, Kolkata. Many crucial issues of Helpers ,Technician's Pay revision case, Pay parity of new EA's, New Tech with existing ones, staff shortage, increase in the Transmission hours without additional staff, delay in medical bills, GP:5400 for AE's,4600 for EA's ,anomalies that may occur after the implementation of the MACP, the existing ACP case at Kolkata were discussed. Shri: R.Raman explained the members, the current status of various issues and appropriate timely steps and strategies being adopted by the central office. He has further exhorted that ARTEE is capable and always in preparedness to safeguard the interests of the members from any unfolding scenarios. In this meaningful deliberation, senior members of ARTEE Sh. Manas Dutta(former VP(EZ)), Sh. S.K.Das, Sh. P.K.Saha & other important members were also present.

### **Meeting at CE (EZ)**

Shri: Ardhendu Naskar, the Unit Secretary, has mustered huge conglomeration of members at short notice. Apart from the issues discussed earlier, in DDK meeting, some more vital issues such as stagnation of promotions in EZ, SEA-AE merger, frequent transfers in the East Zone, transparency in the transfer orders, pay anomalies after MACP implementation were also discussed and deliberated. The plight of helpers and Diesel Staff, Deployment for the Commonwealth games were also discussed in detail. Shri; Arup Sinha, stressed the urgency in resolving the Technician case and compassionate appointments.

### **Meeting at AIR Kolkata**

Veteran leader, Shri: Prakash Chakraborty and Shri:S.K.Som, interacted on the various ongoing issues and strategies.

Earlier, Shri: Raman, VP-TV had a full-fledged discussion on various issues and problems in the Eastern Zone with Shri: Maloy Kumar Doss, VP-EZ along with Subhranshu Ghosh, U.K.Shukla, Shri: Goswami, Madhab Kanti Das,and Shri: Gopal Panja on the arena of Bihar State Convention at Patna held on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

### **Pranams to our distinguished leader**

Earlier, on his arrival, Shri: R.Raman conveyed the Best wishes and Greetings of ARTEE central Office to our beloved leader, Shri: J.SENGUPTA and sought his advice and blessings in further promoting ARTEE.

Shri: Manob Gantidoss, Jt. Secretary, ARTEE, EZ, accompanied the VP-TV and co-attended all the meetings in spite of his engagements in Bihar Convention. Earlier.

### **UNI MEETING AT BANGALORE**

#### **National workshop on the impact of economic meltdown on employment condition. (With focus on service sector unions in India)**

A very important UNI International conference was held in Bangalore on 18<sup>th</sup>,19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009 on the topic given above which was sponsored by FES and UNIDOC. Top leaders of Postal, Telecom, Banking sector and International delegates attended the conference. On the directive of President,ARTEE,Shri: Anil Kumar, the VP-TV, Raman attended on behalf of ARTEE.

Shri: Raman chaired the morning session on 18<sup>th</sup> and explained the international audience about the challenges and the task being faced by the media workers in India in particular Public sector Broadcasting employees and the longstanding, continuous and relentless efforts of ARTEE in safeguarding the rights and interests of not only the engineering employees, but all the employees of AIR& TV since the inception of ARTEE in 1967. Shri: Raman stated the selfless, untiring and dedicated leadership of ARTEE which resulted in the positive achievements which otherwise were impossible, such as getting back the Govt. employee status,6<sup>th</sup> CPC,KV,Bonus,CGHS,Quarters,Pension,MACP,etc. At this juncture he has lavishly expressed his appreciation to members and leaders of ARTEE, leaders and members of other Associations for coming together under the leadership of ARTEE.

Shri: Raman promised the solidarity, support and expertise of ARTEE in defending the rights and privileges to all the fellow affiliates of UNI as and when required. It is very clear that ARTEE's reputation and popularity are growing day by day even among the world wide Unions and Associations.

The meeting has great significance in the light of the growing glory and international recognition of ARTEE as a major player, champion and crusader of the working class.

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