

## **EKSHASHTI CELEBRATION 1947-2008**

### **Be Allert and United**

It is more than 60 years that the central Govt. Pensioners' Association is struggling for the Pensioners' welfare and better retired life. Initially the Pensioners were totally ignored and neglected. But later, for the 1st time, Postal Department Pensioners thought of forming an organisation of pensioners and they started assembling periodically at Pune. As the Number increased, they were joined by pensioners of Telecom Department and finally they formed the Association of P & T Pensioners.

Having started working as Association, slowly the pensioners from other Depts. of Central Govt. like Excise, A.G. etc also joined so is the organisation progress of All India Central Govt. Pensioners Association working at present with HQ at Pune and spread over length and breath of the counrty.

Because the Pensioners became united under the banner of All India Central Govt. Pensioners Association, they could build some pressure on the Central Govt. and this could yield some result in getting, facilities for pensioners.

Initially, the pay commission neglected the pensioners requirements. But as the pressure increaed from all sections, It was for the first time that Fifth (5th) pay commission considerably took the note gave relief to pensiones. This gave a definat boost too, But we should not forget those souls who worked hard but did not get any benefit. Because of their efforts, we are benifitted. Let us salute to those pensioners who worked for welfare of future generation of pensioners.

Before appointment of Sixth Pay Commission, the background was quite nagative Shri. P. Chidambaram, Honourable Finance Minister, Govt. of India was all the time declaring stopping of pension after 75 years of the age and organisations united together & opposed the Hon. Finance Minister more by signature campaign strongly. One memorandum committee had staged Dharna before Parliament at New Delhi. Again the Pensioners community shown their solidarity and unity and this resulted in inclusion of pensioners in terms of reference of sixth Pay Commission as per the notification issued in oct. 2006. and finally Sixth Pay Commission has given fair justice to Pensioners & additional pension after 80, 90 & 100 years of age. Whole situtation was political and social has served well and 6th Pay Commission gave some relief to pensioners community. But this just a begining and we have yet to achieve just and due demands in future.

Hence I appeal all pensioner brothers and sisters to make this Association stronger & establish good unity and solidarity of all pensioners by giving donations so that it would be possible to rise for any cuase for weldbeing of pensioners.

**Pensioners Solidarity & unity Zindabad.**