

**MAMMOTH AND STUPENDOUS DHARNA AT JANTAR MANTAR ON 24TH AUGUST, 2023
BY THE JOINT FORUM OF BSNL MTNL PENSIONERS ASSOCIATIONS**

The third phase of the agitational programme of Joint Forum of BSNL MTNL Pensioners Associations, against the apathy of the government and bureaucracy in the most burning issue of pension revision was the 5 days Dharna from 21 – 25 August 2023. But the Delhi Police gave permission for only one day on 24th August, 2023, that also from 10am to 1pm.

The pensioners that came from all parts of the country exhibited their anger and anguish against the unjustifiable stalemate on the issue of pension revision after completing almost all the formalities. They raised slogans against the continuing injustice on their legitimate demand and affirmed the determination and commitment to fight it out until achieved.

Veteran leader and Advisor of AIBDPA, Com. V A N Namboodiri presided. Com. K G Jayaraj, General Secretary, AIBDPA and Convener, Joint Forum welcomed all and explained the demand. Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary, AIRF, Secretary, N JCM (Staff Side) and President, NCCPA inaugurated the Dharna. He came down heavily on the anti-worker, anti-pensioner policies of the government and assured all the support in achieving the genuine demand of pension revision of BSNL and MTNL absorbed retirees. Coms. **Thomas John & D. D. Mistry, BDPA(I)**, G L Jogi, GS, SNPWA, H F Chaudhari, GS, AICGPA HQ Pune, V K Thomar, Secretary General NCOA and Chairman, Joint Forum of MTNL Associations and Unions , R K Mudgal, General Secretary, MREWA spoke criticising the negative stand of the government. More than 1000 pensioners participated.