

NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE OF PENSIONERS ASSOCIATIONS

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Press Release

The second phase of the nation wide agitation by the Pensioners as per the call given by National Co-ordination Committee of Pensioners Association (NCCPA) and Forum for Civil Pensioners Association (FCPA) have been successfully conducted 3 days Dharna at the State Capitals throughout the country from 17th to 19th September 2026 except Maharashtra

The Government has initiated various steps to curtail the pension benefits of the Government Employees. Pension is not a Bounty but the deferred wage and a constitutional right. It was declared by the Constitutional Bench of the honorable Supreme Court bench in 1982 while announcing the verdict on Nakkara Case on pension parity.

The Validation Act, NPS and UPS are part of the attempts to dismantle guaranteed pension and push senior citizens into insecurity.

Validation Act Causing Hardship to Pensioners.

In a case concerning pensioners, the Supreme Court, in its judgment of 17th December 1982, stated that pensioners constitute one homogeneous class. Pension is not charity; it is deferred wages.

After 43 years, the Pension Validation Act, introduced through a Finance Bill on 25 March 2025, nullifies that judgment. It gives the government retrospective power, from 1st June 1972, to discriminate among pensioners on the basis of their date of retirement.

This could result in denying pension revision to a large number of civil pensioners when the recommendations of the 8th Central Pay Commission, which are to be implemented from 1 January 2026, come into effect.

How many people are covered by India's pension systems?

Figures for 2025 it was Central Civil/Defence pensioners under OPS: 69 lakh.

NPS/UPS: more than 12 crore.

EPS-95 pensioners: 81,48,490. About 60% receive less than ₹1,500 per month, while only about 0.5% receive more than ₹6,000. The minimum pension is ₹1,000.

Unorganised-sector pensioners: 8.45 crore; about 85.99% receive only the lowest slab of pension.

Bank pensioners: 7.5 lakh; there has been no pension revision since 1986.

There have been major protests against increasing the retirement age, privatisation and curtailment of pension benefits in various countries such as France, Greece, Argentina, Chile, Spain etc. been continuing in the last decades.

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Agitation by pensioners in India :

The pensioners in India are fighting under the leadership of the National Coordination Committee of Pensioners' Associations (NCCPA) and the Forum of Civil Pensioners' Associations (FCPA).

There was an All India PROTEST program on 19th August as Call Attention Day as the second phase agitational programme began.

A three-day dharna was held in State Capitals from 17 to 19 September 2026.

This will be followed by a Parliament March at Jantar Mantar, Delhi, on 25 November.

This agitation is stated to have the support of international organisations, including the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) and TUI. TUI has passed a resolution stating that India's Validation Act and the ₹1,000 EPS pension reflect the same agenda as Chile's AFP model.

The demands raised in the agitation are:

- * Cancel NPS and UPS and restore the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) with full benefits for all employees appointed from 2004 onwards.
- * Withdraw the Pension Validation Act, 2025, and protect the Supreme Court's judgment that pensioners constitute one homogeneous class.
- * Amend the Terms of Reference of the 8th Central Pay Commission and ensure pension revision for everyone who retired before 1 January 2026.
- * Grant pension revision to BSNL/MTNL pensioners from 1 December 2017 and immediately provide the revision that has been denied to 4.5 lakh pensioners for nine years.
- * Provide pension updation for bank pensioners. The article states that 5.5 lakh bank pensioners have had no pension revision since 1986 and that this has been a demand of bank employees for 30 years.
- * Bring pensioners of autonomous institutions under CPC and CGHS. Pensioners of more than 600 institutions, including ICAR, CSIR and universities, are reportedly being denied Pay Commission revisions and CGHS medical treatment.
- * Merge 50% Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief with pay and pension.* Provide interim relief because of the delay in the 8th Pay Commission. The Commission's report may be delayed until 2027 and therefore interim relief should be given to employees and pensioners.* Restore commutation after 10 years and 8 months. The present period is stated as 15 years. The commuted amount is recovered within 10 years and 8 months, with interest effectively being charged for the remaining period.
- * Provide cashless CGHS facilities to all pensioners, increase the number of hospitals and resolve shortages of medicines.
- * Ensure equality in pension. Those who retired from the same post and in the same pay scale should receive equal pensions. The spirit of the Supreme Court judgment. Conclusion "Pension is not charity; it is a right."

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As the Ganesh Festival was being celebrated in Maharashtra, the NCCPA Maharashtra Committee decided to hold the programme from 28 to 30 September 2026 as follows :

On 28th September 2026 Maharashtra State Convention of Central Government Pensioners at the Railway Institute Hall Thane Railway station.

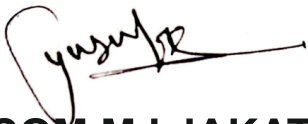
Two days Dharna on 29th and 30th September 2026 from 10 am onwards at the Azad Maidan, Opposite to the CST station.

All India leaders of NCCPA and Pensioners/Retirees will attend in the Convention at Thane and in the 2 days Dharna.

We request the print, visual and social media to send the audio video reporters to cover the programme.

A press meet shall be organised at the media hall Marathi Pathrakar Sangh Opposite CST station at 3.00 pm on 23.09.26. You are requested to send your reporter to attend the press meet.

Thanking you.



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