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# INDIAN FEDERATION OF WORKING JOURNALISTS

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## IFWJ achieves new heights

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**To**

**All members of Working Committee, President & General Secretaries  
of Sate Units/Spl. Invitees**

**Dear Friends**

The IFWJ is steadily growing in strength, thanks to its healthy professional atmosphere now. The revived units are the result of strenuous efforts by veteran IFWJ leaders like Gopal Misra, vice-president (Delhi), and R. C. Ganjoo (Kahmir), member IfWJ working comittee. Both have been with the IFWJ for over three decades. On IFWJ president's request they renewed their membership. While a new state unit has emerged in Jharkhand, the old units in Shimla (Himachal Pradesh), Jammu Tawi (J&K), and Telengana have emerged as the most representative ones. In Jammu and Kashmir the IFWJ unit remained extinct after the death of veteran Pandit Pran Nath Jalali who was PTI bureau chief. He had organized the National Media Convention of the IFWJ in Srinagar in September 1985. His son Rahul is the president of the Press Club of India in New Delhi. The Jammu unit was represented by the one and only Uday Chand who owns and runs a private motor driving school and is not attached to any print or channel. He had ceased to be a working journalist many years ago.

### **Jammu Unit**

The IFWJ unit, the Working Journalists Union of J & K , has been reconstituted with a seven-member ad hoc committee which will soon complete membership drive and hold regular elections. The president of the WJUJK is senior journalist, colleague **Ajaat Jamwal** of the leading newspaper "*Political and Business Daily*". He is its bureau chief. Jamwal started his media career in 1996 with leading daily the *Kashmir Times* (edited by late Ved Bhasin). After eight years he switched to the chain newspaper

the *Amar Ujala* and worked from 2002 to 2005. Jamwal is noted for his in-depth reporting and exact analysis of events in the valley and Jammu. The WJUK has elected as general secretary Colleague **Rajesh Sharma** who works for the daily *Amar Ujala*. Colleague **Jaipal Singh**, Photo-journalist of the *European Press Agency* and colleague **Uday Bhaskar** of the daily *Bhaskar* are the Vice-presidents. Jaipal Singh was earlier with the *State Times daily* for five years since 2000, before joining the *European Press Agency*.

Colleagues **Ankur Sethi** is photojournalist with the *Himalayn Mail* and **Rajesh Sharma** is correspondent of the *Amar Ujala*. Both are secretaries. The treasurer is colleague **Ashok Sharma**, correspondent with the *Daily Jagran*.

### **Shimla unit**

The Working Journalists Union of Himachal Pradesh (Shimla) has elected as President a senior journalist **Rakesh Sharma** who works for *Prasar Bharati* (both Akashvani and Doordarshan) as news reader and commentator. Rakesh Sharma's sonorous voice over air is widely heard and known from Solan to Manali hills. The Union has constituted seven-member executive committee which will hold elections soon. Its members are the *Tribune's* **Gain Thakur**, **Rohit Nagapal** (*Bhaskar*), **Pankaj Rakta** (*Panjab Kesari*), **Devendra Verma** (*Dainik Naya Savera*), **Ravinder Sharma** (*Dainik Jagran*), **Vikrant Badhan** (*Divya Himachal*) and **Ms. Aruna Achal Kaul** (*Free Lance*).

### **Jharkhand Unit**

The Jharkhand Journalist Association is led by colleague **Shahnawaz Hassan** in Ranchi. The JJA has membership of 2200 from 24 districts of Jharkhand. Earlier it was part of the All-Bihar Journalists Union (IFWJ). Its office-bearers include besides Hassan as the President, Nityanand Shukla (Reporter's Post) vice-president, Brajesh Singh general secretary, Mohan Kumar Sona treasurer, and B.C. Sarkar deputy treasurer. Among the secretaries are Vijay Chaurasiya (Santhal Paragans), Ramgopal Jaina (South Chhota Nagpur), Lallan Dubey (North Chhota Nagpur), Sanjay Pandey (Kolhan), Surendra Soren (Palamu), Deepak Kumar, Organizing Secretary. Among joint secretaries are Abhay Laabh, Sacchidanand Jaiswal, Kuntalesh Pandey, Rajesh Chaubey and Zafar Alam. Pradyumna Mishra is the Spokesman of JJA.

### **Telengana's new state unit joins IFWJ**

Com. M. B. Basavapunnaiah and Com. P. Anandam have been persisting in reorganizing the Telengana journalists after the formation as separate Andhra Pradesh and Telengana states. The founder leader G. Anjaneyulu lent powerful support. The Telengana Working Journalists Federation (TWJF) has an elected State committee with Com. M. Somaiah as President. Other office bearers are : P. Anandam, Y. Prabhakar, P. Ramchandar and T. Krishna Vice-Presidents, B. Basavapunnaiah General Secretary,

V Jagangoud, Saleema, A. Narsing Rao and M. Krishna Secretaries and R. Venkateswaralu, Treasurer.

## **News from Assam**

IFWJ secretary (women cell) Ms. **Namita Bora's** magazine "Suranjana" was released in Guwahati by Dr. Himanta Bisha Sarma, former deputy chief minister and now BJP leader. Namita Bora's book on journalism was released by former Assam Gana Parishad Chief Minister Prafula Kumar Mahanta. Ther IFWJ compliments its secretary.

## **Indian Women Press Corps polls**

Ms. **Saroj Dhuliya**, senior journalist in the *Nav Bharat Times*, New Delhi, and wife of the IFWJ secretary (headquarters) New Delhi, Com. Vipin Dhuliya, was elected to the executive committee of the Indian Women Press Corps, standing among the first three top vote-getters.

## **Welcome to Tamil Nadu**

It rained heavily in Chennai and elsewhere in this coastal state last week, bringing down heat. The Working Journalists Union of Tamil Nadu, led by our president Com. A.J. Sagayraj, eagerly and warmly wait for your arrival here on Friday, June 10. The hosts want to know how many from your states are non-vegetarians so that dinner as per their taste can be provided. Because of the holy month of Ramzaan, the Tamil Nadu unit will take care of the food requirements of Muslim rozedaar delegates.

With warm regards and best wishes.

Your fraternally

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## **Symposium on journalism education**

*The IFWJ will hold a discussion on the status of training and education in mass communication all over India. Experts on the subject from different media centers are invited. Discussion will be initiated by vice-president Gopal Mishra, who lectures at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi. Your delegates can join the speakers and tell the National Councillors about the problems and shortcomings of journalism education in your region. State reports will be presented by General Secretaries.*

*Fraternally yours*

*Dr. (Ms) Meena Pandya, Ph.D.*

*IFWJ Secretary (West), Ahmedabad.*