

7th Circle conference of NFTE (BSNL) Maharashtra Circle held on 14th and 15th June, 2025 at Chhatarpati Sambhaji Nagar (Aurangabad):-

The 7th Circle Conference of NFTE BSNL Maharashtra Circle held under the Chairmanship of Com. Jagtap on 14th and 15th June, 2025 at BSNL conference hall, Chhatarpati Sambhaji Nagar (Aurangabad). The subject committee began at 3 pm of 14th June, 2025 in which the District Secretaries and delegates are present as per the provision in constitution, the Chairman declared the house in quorum and directed to the Circle Secretary to place the notice of agenda with initial opening speech. Com. Ranjan Dani, C.S. spoken upon agenda points and explained every point one by one and he elaborately exhorted the functioning of Circle union and activities of all the District/Branches. The President invited the office bearers as well District Secretaries to participate in discussion on agenda points and upon the Secretary report and audited account report. This business continued upto 7.30 pm. General Secretary addressed the delegate session/subject committee and exhorted in detail all the HR issues and difficulties faced by the non-executive employees throughout the country. After speech of Com. C. Singh, G.S. meeting was adjourned for next day at 10.00 am.

2nd day (i.e. 15-06-2025) the subject committee continued and the delegates passed the Secretary report and Audited account reports unanimously with clapping.

Open session:- An open session was organised in which more than 200 employees including women employees participated. The open session was presided by Com. Jagtap and attended by all the District Secretaries of sister unions and Associations SNEA, AIBSNLEA, AIGETOA, SEWA, Bhartiya Door Sanchar Manch. From Management side Shri Kesarwani, GM BSNL Sambhaji Nagar, all DGMs, AGMs and Finance officers were present because the event was on Sunday. Com. Ranjan Dani placed the key note of the situation facing by the non-executive employees including the ignorance of HR issues of employees by the management throughout the Maharashtra Circle even at Circle headquarters level. The GM (BSNL) Sambhajinagar spoken for one hour and exhorted all the developmental activities of the BSNL including election of 4G towers, FTTH and Bharat Net segment. G.S. NFTE elaborately explained the organizational setup of NFTE BSNL from its establishment and the history of Telecom Growth as well as conversion of Telecom Department into a corporation from 01-10-2000.

He also explained the updates of 3rd wage revision of non-executive employees till date and added that due to non implementation of 3rd wage revision about 60% of non-executive employees are facing stagnation from last 8 to 10 years. He told that this is an abnormal situation prevailing in BSNL.

After lunch break the delegate session again assembled and the agenda of election was placed before the house after a deep discussion a list of 21 office bearers were placed before President and it was declared elected unanimously in which Com. Asalam Patel, Com. Ranjan Dani and Com. Shivaji Chouhan were elected as Circle President, Circle Secretary and Circle Treasurer.

NFTE BSNL Maharashtra Circle Conference held with Grandeur in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar! High lights of open session:-

General Secretary Com. C. Singh's Warning: If the third wage agreement is not finalized within two months, all unions will unite for a fierce struggle.

BSNL employees are currently among the most marginalized workers. For the past 18 years, they have been denied a wage agreement. Annual increments for thousands of workers have been halted. Due to no new recruitment after voluntary retirements, the workforce has drastically reduced, leading to an ever-increasing workload on employees and officers. Compassionate appointments have been stopped. Facilities such as medical benefits, LTC, uniforms, and festival advances have been discontinued. Vehicle allowances and other benefits have seen no increase in 18 years. Cashless medical facilities have become unavailable. Discrimination in promotions persists.

There is a shortage of essential workplace resources, and the management remains indifferent to basic necessities like drinking water, cleanliness, and maintenance of accommodations. BSNL services are increasingly being outsourced to private contractors, resulting in declining service quality and exploitation of workers. The critical need for training employees in new technologies is being grossly neglected.

Addressing the open session of the Maharashtra Circle Convention held today in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, NFTE

General Secretary Com. C. Singh took a firm stand, urging all workers to set aside organizational differences and unite for a nationwide struggle if the wage agreement and other rights are not granted. He passionately appealed for a broad coalition to launch a massive countrywide movement.

The session, chaired by Circle President Com. C.G. Jagtap, was attended by Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar's General Manager Shri Sanjay Kumar as the chief guest. He elaborated on BSNL's improving financial condition, the expansion of new 4G/5G services and networks, substantial government provisions for capital expenditure, and BSNL's commitment to protecting customers from price hikes by private companies. He highlighted that BSNL has achieved net profits in the last two consecutive quarters and confidently asserted that the public sector company's market share will grow in the coming years.

National Vice-President Com. Deepak Jadhav and Circle Secretary Com. Ranjan Dani called on workers to remain vigilant against the government's anti-labor and anti-public sector policies and urged them to make the nationwide strike on July 9 a success. The program was conducted by State Treasurer Com. Shivaji Chavan, and District President Com. Mukesh Shingade delivered the vote of thanks.

The two-day convention saw participation from 100 delegates across the state. Specially invited Bank Union General Secretary Com. Devidas Tuljapurkar emphasized the significance of the July 9 strike, urging all to participate to protect workers' rights, unions, and dignity. The Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar district executive, including Com. Bhansing, Com. Nandkumar Patil, Com. Shantilal Gaikwad, Com. Raju Kathale, and Com. Smt. Bhujange, worked diligently to organize the convention splendidly.

In the final session, the new executive committee was elected unanimously in a cordial atmosphere, with Com. Aslam Patel, Com. Ranjan Dani, and Com. Shivaji Chavan chosen as President, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively. National-level office bearers Com. Mansingrao Patil and Com. Ulhas Jawlekar were also notably present.

The open session saw participation from other union leaders, including Com. John Varghese, Com. R.J. Patil, Shri Shivaji Wagh, Shri Chandragupta Landge, Shri Kaka Bagal, Com. Ram Nimbalkar, Com. Smt. R.S. Rakh, Shri B.R. Gankawar, Com. G.K. RKE, and officer association representatives Shri Avinash Pundkar, Shri Anand Waghmare, and Smt. Wankhede Madam, along with a large number of employees and officers.









