

BSNL employees observes 48 hours strike



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The public sector telecom company BSNL witnessed total shut-down of work today, when its BSNL Employees Union members under the banner of

United Forum of BSNL Unions observed 48 hours strike in support of their long pending demands. Beginning at mid-night zero hours of 19th August it will continue till next 48 hours and if their grievances not settled, they can extend the strike periods, said striking members.

Their major demand includes immediate settlement of wage revision of non-executives, implementation of promotion policy, job confirmation of about 4000 casual workers etc. While Promotion Policy is implemented for executives, the same is not implemented for non-executives even though an agreement has been signed last year. Despite clear government orders, the wages of contract workers are not fixed. BSNL retirees are denied their due pensionary benefits.

Today the 401 members strong BSNLEU Nagaon unit had totally shut-down

the office and all the other SSA in assam namely Kamrup, Tezpur, Silchar, Jorhat, Dibrugarh and Bongaigaon witness the same scale protest by strength of 4399 agitating members. In Nagaon, the strike is leaded by local chapter District Secretary S H Raja.

In addition to its employees union ongoing strike, the additional impact on services are bound to be affecting subscribers of BSNL as their young engineers under banner of All India Graduate Engineer's Telecom Officer Association (AIGETOA) already observing indefinite hunger-strike from all over the country at their New Delhi Corporate office since 18 August'09.

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