

## **COMRADE SHIVA GOPAL MISHRA AS I KNOW**

**Born on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1950 in a remote village of Hardoi in Uttar Pradesh, Shri Shiva Gopal Mishra took over as General Secretary, All India Railwaymen Federation as also of Northern Railwaymen's Union in the year 2008 after the sad demise of Com. J.P. Chaubey.**

**Professionally he is an Electrical Engineer and graduated both in Science and Law from Lucknow University before joining Railways as Apprentice Engineer in December, 1969 and accomplishing 5 years course in Electrical Engineering.**

**Shri Mishra rose to coveted position of General Secretary, All India Railwaymen's Federation from a very modest beginning as a delegate of Northern Railwaymen's Union in Lucknow Division in 1975.**

**It was solely due to his selfless service, being a fearless fighter and sacrifice for the common Railwaymen that provided him buoyancy and a northward rise. He has been deeply inspired by the legacy of AIRF stalwarts, including V.V. Giri, Jai Prakash Narayan, Com. J.P. Chaubey, Com. T.N. Bajpai and present AIRF President, Com. Umraomal Purohit. Shri Mishra believes that the fundamentals and structure on which AIRF stands is ageless and is imperative for all time.**

**Shri Mishra while believes in negotiated settlement to resolve the issues but in case of impasse or injustice meted out to Railwaymen, he is always ready to initiate stringent and tougher measures and struggle for the cause of common Railwaymen and working masses at large.**

**Shri Mishra is very voracious reader of philosophy, classics, and history. He read deeply the history of contemporary trade union movement focusing Rail industries across the globe. He is a fluent orator both in Hindi and English. Shri Mishra is an apt learner in everything occurring under the sun. He possesses wider vision supported by his ever missionary zeal and blueprint for action plan for the cause of Railwaymen and working masses at large. He is devout admirer of consensus management and an advocate of workers' participation, their involvement, motivation and recognition at every level including in decision making process. He believes in lubricated communication mechanism with his easy access by any Railwaymen.**

**Shri Mishra is a computer savvy and supports use of computer at micro levels of trade union activities.**

**Shri Mishra has extensively travelled across the globe delivering lectures and participating in various seminars, symposia and workshops on workers' welfare, security and growth.**

**Shri Mishra has deep interest towards corporate-social responsibility for the society and the nation at large.**

**He has established R.C.L. Mishra Foundation for underprivileged students in 2001 that has since becoming an international movement. He has been the Patron of the International Convention of Students Quality Circles since 1997. He was instrumental in hosting world's first convention on Challenged Students' Empowerment ICCSE held in Mauritius in December 2008.**

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