

ALL INDIA BANK PENSIONERS AND RETIREES CONFEDERATION

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Dear Comrades,

Covid - 19 - let us unitedly Fight .
Distance Socially but Move on as one Nation
Donate Liberally to P .M 's Relief Fund.

An impending catastrophe of an unknown kind and proportion is staring at mankind. More than 130 crores of Indians are locked down for the sake of themselves, their families and their country-men to ward off this catastrophe. Let us religiously follow to the letter the directives of the Union Government and all State Governments to fight the life threatening Covid 19. Of course, we are conscious that we, the Retirees, are an extremely vulnerable group.

We must demonstrate our firm commitment to the strictest measures imposed by Union Government and all State Governments. All their sincere and concerted initiatives, leaving nothing to chance, deserves appreciation. We congratulate the Prime Minister and Chief Ministers of States in leading this fight with courage, concern and determination from the front.

It is heart-rending to watch the T. V .with pictures of Thousands of Migrant Workers thronging the Bus Stands of big cities with the hope of getting a chance to reach their Home Towns and Villages, the still unfortunate ones walking through the highways with loads of their belongings and their women folk carrying small children. In short, the whole situation is unprecedentedly very grave and grim.

We are enormously grateful to the doctors, nurses, health workers, different technicians, sanitation workers, pathologists and all concerned who have been risking their own lives for the sake of humanity. We are equally grateful to all the those associated with essential services and also the police personnel.

We are proud of our young banking fraternity who, notwithstanding the least protection they have and the risk they and their family members are exposed to, keep open the bank branches to render essential banking services to the Customers and Citizens of this country. Though late, our Prime Minister while talking to the people of the country through his MAN KI BAAT today, lauded the efforts and youmen services being rendered by the bankers in this hour of crisis. This was probably prompted by the fact that AIBOC has brought to the notice of the Prime Minister the heroic job of our younger siblings. Not just loudly but also proudly, we proclaim that our young colleagues are scripting history and we shall narrate everywhere and on every occasion their tale of heroism, commitment and sacrifice.

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At such a crucial and critical juncture, we firmly believe that the national equilibrium is the call of the hour and we had expected that the Government would heed the call of well-meaning people and halt the Bank mergers at least temporarily.

As for the Retirees' issues, aspirations and agony, we assure that they are and will remain alive though more trying times are ahead. The organization is not going to be oblivious about it. But we cannot remain in cocoon concerned only about our issues at this critical time of a nationwide lock down that has brought economic life to a standstill which means there is little to choose between a pandemic and a hungry mouth to feed for millions of poor people in the country. It is more heart-wrenching to a mother with her children starving for food. It is frustrating to a father who is willing to work to feed his family but locked down for no fault of his. We may not be too rich but we are not too poor to stave off hunger of our unfortunate countrymen. Nation requires 'social distancing' but not 'humanism distancing'.

It is in this backdrop; we make an earnest appeal to All Pensioners to Donate One Day Pension to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund (PM CARES FUND). Bank managements may deny and delay our rights for a life of dignity. But let us show that we are a people with dignity and compassion and shall not let any of our countrymen suffer the indignity of hunger and need. Let us DONATE FOR DIGNITY AND FOR UNITY.

We make an appeal to all the affiliates to bring the contents of this circular to the notice of the members and take all-out initiatives over phones/other means of communication to remit funds immediately latest by 15th April, 2020 worth one day's pension to the account of AIBPARC, the particulars of which are given here under:

Account Name - All India Bank Pensioners and Retirees Confederation

Bank - Bank of India

Branch - Mission Row, Kolkata

A/C no. 401420110001926

IFSC - BKI D0004014

We pray for your safety and wellbeing. Let us all join the people's prayers for the good time to come back SOON to our country and the whole world.

STAY HOME. STAY SAFE. STAY HEALTHY.

With Regards,

Yours Comradely

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