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**For circulation among members of the governing council of AIBPARC,
State Secretaries, Special Invitees and Advisors.**

Dear Comrade

Sub: Massive Dharna and demonstration at Kolkata on 12.12.2018 by CBPRO and AIBRF.

It was a great day for the Pensioners and Retirees of the Banking Industry in the city of Kolkata. There was a great expectation of massive turn out of Retirees at the joint call of CBPRO and AIBRF but reality surpassed all expectations. The place of gathering appeared to be insufficient and the huge assembly swelled to the adjoining road and the line of traffic was virtually reduced to a single narrow lane. The gathering by any estimate was very near 3000. This was interesting to see that none left the Dharna before its end at 5 PM.

The assembly was presided over by Com. Debesh Bhattacharya , a senior leader of AIBRF. The other speakers included : Com. Tridib Narayan Choudhury and Com. Suprita Sarkar (both of AIBPARC), Com. Ashok Datta and Com. Dipak Kumar Basu(both of SBIPA) and Com. Ruidas Debnath and Com. Jayanta Ray(both of AIBRF). It was really encouraging to see that one organisation not belonging to CBPRO and AIBRF & also not affiliated to any central organisation attended the Dharna cum demonstration.

The highlight of the programme and the summary of speeches are mentioned here under:

*It was considered to be a red letter day in the history of the movement of Pensioners and Retirees of the Banking Industry since it was the first occasion when the major organisations convened a programme jointly and retirees attended in such a huge number. It was expected that the show of unity would spread further and the demands would be achieved.

*It was hoped that Government, IBA, UFBU and the society as a whole would take note of the fact that the pensioners who sacrificed the yester years of their life for the development of society and building of the nation should get a fair deal and civilised treatment at the fag end of their life.

*The demonstration raised a full – throated demand that the organisations of the retirees must be heard by IBA in a formal manner.

*The participants were requested to remain physically and mentally prepared for any type of agitational programme for realisation of their most logical and legal demands. Comrade, the successful holding of this joint programme of action will have a far reaching impact in as much as the retirees and pensioners of the state are motivated, rejuvenated and prepared for future actions.

With best wishes,
Suprita Sarkar
(General Secretary)