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Dear Comrade,

Sub: 8th National Conference of ABROA Unit SBT held at Ernakulam on 23rd April, 22 in the midst of great enthusiasm and massive participation of Retirees.

We have much pleasure to convey that the above noted Conference was held in style and grandeur. Before commencement of the meeting, the hall was packed and crowd was overflowing. More than 600 Retirees from different parts of the country attended the conference. The assembly offered a brilliant opportunity for the members to meet each other after a long time as the pandemic caused some natural delay in holding the National Conference.

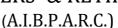
The inaugural session was presided over by Com. R. Chandrasenan, Chairman. In his address, he narrated the brief the history of Retirees movement in the Bank and mentioned the activities of members at district level, updation of information through the quarterly publication, different types of social activities undertaken by the organisation. He called for unity and solidarity of Retirees.

Com. M. Vijaykumar, Secretary, welcomed all the guests and members coming from different parts of the country. He wished that the Conference would have fruitful discussions and meaningful decisions.

Com. Anil Kumar, Hon'ble Mayor of Kochi Corporation, formally inaugurated the Conference by lightning the traditional lamp. In his long address, he supported the demands of Retirees and at the same time observed that the duties of the senior citizens donot end with demand and fulfilment of issues; the huge creativity of the Retirees should also be used for upliftment of people's consciousness. He opposed Privatization and called for a massive change in the mindset of the people.



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Com. Tom Thomas, President, AIBPARC, Kerala State Committee, greeted the Conference and observed that the element of trust which is the soul of Banking is gradually fading away by the continuous process of merger and threats of Privatisation.

Com. S. Sarkar, General Secretary, AIBPARC, greeted the huge assembly for himself and also for Com. K.V. Acharya, President, AIBPARC. He narrated in brief the activities of AIBPARC for nearly a decade in popularising the basic issues among the Retirees and the common man and also waging a continuous escalation of demands before the Authorities. He narrated the latest position of each issue in detail. He called upon the Retirees to take part in every agitation against Privatization moves as the Retirees' interest would be worst hit in such a climate and called upon senior citizens to oppose any legislation like the previous FRDI bill which would make people's money unsafe in Banks. Com B.Sreekumar, Convenor, Reception Committee thanked the guests of the Inaugural session.

The Business Session was equally participative.Com M.Vijaykumar, Secretary placed his written report for consideration of the House and the Treasurer placed the Accounts. All the normal activities of the Business Session being over, Office bearers were elected unanimously. Com. V.S. Krishnan and Comrade N.S. Mohanan were elected as Chairman and Secretary of the organisation.

We greet all the newly elected office bearers and hope that the Retirees movement in this part of the country will receive great inspiration from this successful conference.

With best wishes and regards,

Comradely Yours,

Suprita Sarkar General Secretary.