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## (For circulation among all the members of the Managing Committee as well as the Governing Council of AIBPARC, Special Invitees, State Secretaries and Advisors of AIBPARC.)

Dear Comrades,

## Sub : All India Union Bank Pensioners and Retirees Federation holds its 8<sup>th</sup> EC meeting at Bhubaneswar on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 being preceded by Organizing a General Meeting of pensioners and retirees residing in the state of Odisha.

We have much pleasure to inform you that our affiliate in Union Bank of India organized a general meeting at Bhubaneswar which was attended by 150 retirees of the state. 30 members of the Executive Committee coming from different parts of the country attended the meeting. The highlights of the assembly are mentioned hereunder :-

- Presidium was formed with Com. Saroj Kr. Mohanty, State Secretary of the organisation, Com. P.K. Sarkar, Former President, AIBOC and Advisor of AIBPARC and other office bearers of AIBPARC including Com. Govindarajulu, Com. P.B. Thomas, Com. Nitin Desai, Com. Sanjib Chakraborty and Com. Suprita Sarkar; other members of the presidium had been Com. B.N. Shukla and Com. B.N. Bhattacharyya. Shri Mihir Kumar Patnaik, Chairman of the Reception Committee anchored the whole programme.
- The meeting presided over by Com. P.B. Thomas was addressed among others by Shri Sushil Panigrahi, DGM of Odisha Zone. He greeted all the senior citizens of the bank and observed that this assembly to him was of great value as he got the opportunity of meeting many of his superior officers of the past.
- Com. P.B. Thomas, in his presidential address made an observation that this state was his second home and recounted his long stay at Rourkela. He felt that demands of the retirees are legitimate and their struggle must be recognized by the Government as well as IBA.
- Com. Suprita Sarkar, General Secretary, AIBPARC recounted the struggle of the organisation from the holding of the 1<sup>st</sup> conference at Delhi till today. He briefed the house about the latest position of different issues including the verdicts of recent times which have gone in favour of the retirees. He also narrated in brief the initiatives taken by the organisation at different fronts to achieve the long awaited demands of the pensioners and retirees.
- Com. Nitin Desai, President of the Federation, told that the demands of the retirees are just and we are duty bound to secure the demands for the future generation of retirees too.
- Com. P.K. Sarkar, Former President, AIBOC recalled the historic decision taken at the triennial conference of AIBOC at Bhubaneswar in the year 2011 to launch an organisation of retirees. The said decision was implemented with the formation of AIBPARC. He also narrated the events leading to the formation of Union Bank Pensioners and Retirees Federation and remembered that Com. S.R. Sengupta inaugurated the conference. He praised the efforts behind publication of the journal "News and Views". Com. Sarkar narrated the background of formation of AINBOF and also historic

achievement of getting 2<sup>nd</sup> option to pension. He felt that the pension corpus was adequate enough and the retiree organisation of

every bank should be watchful about it. He urged every unit of the Federation to improve their financial position.

- Com. N. Govindarajulu complemented the Odisha Unit for organizing the meeting in a splendid manner. He referred to various court cases of different high courts and Supreme Court of India affecting the issues and interest of retirees.
- Com. B.N. Bhattacharyya, Former Officer Director deplored the unfair treatment to the senior citizens. He was very critical about the excessively inflated premium for group mediclaim policy and demanded that pension should be exempted from taxation.
- Com. B.N. Shukla, Former President of AIUBOF in his short address extended his best wishes to comrades in Odisha.
- Com. Saroj Mohanty expressed his gratitude to all guests and dignitaries who came from different parts of the country.

The business session and the meeting of the executive committee took place in a disciplined and orderly manner. We believe that the holding of the meeting of the executive committee in the state of Odisha will be further strengthening AIBPARC in this region.

Yours faithfully,

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