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Dear Comrade,

"Hum Honge Kaamyab " the Resonating, Revolutionary Song became the Theme Song for the Historic Hunger Strike and Dharna at Freedom Park, Bengaluru.

Sub: Massively attended Day long Hunger Strike culminating in a general meeting organised at Bengaluru on 2nd August, 2025 at the call of CBPRO/ AIBPARC at Freedom Park to make a full - throated demand for resolution of all the pending demands of the Pensioners and the Retirees including Pension updation, computation of special allowance for the calculation of pension and gratuity etc.

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Different views of the Day long Hunger Strike by Pensioners at Retirees at Freedom Park, Bengaluru on 2nd August, 2025 at the call of CBPRO/ AIBPARC

1. We have pleasure to convey that several hundred Senior and Super senior citizens of the Banking Industry assembled at Freedom Park, Bengaluru on 2nd August, 2025 right at 10 am to take part in the All-India agitation call given by CBPRO/AIBPARC. The participants in the Hunger Strike wore white dress and black badges at the arm to display their Solidarity and anguish and agony at the most insensitive treatment meted to them by the GOI and IBA.



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2. The principal issues for which the community is deeply aggrieved include: Pension updation which remains pending since 1992 , computation of special allowance for the purpose of calculation of gratuity and pension, improvement in health insurance scheme, creation of a forum for hearing the grievances of the senior citizens at periodic intervals at IBA level, removal of the anomaly in the Pension scheme of SBI particularly for Retirees who were denied 50% pension after March,1999 etc. till recently , Ex-gratia payment to Private Sector Bank Pensioners, Review of Ex gratia, Pension to left out Retirees and other issues of Pensioners and Retirees.

3. The shouting of slogans at intervals, the display of colourful posters and banners at the venue and Hunger Strike by mostly white-haired ladies and gentlemen evoked public interest. The organisation gratefully acknowledges the presence of a large number of representatives from the Print, Electronic Media, and U - Tubers who gave an extensive coverage to the event.

4. **Com. A N Krishnamurthy, Secretary**, State AIBPARC welcomed the large assemblage of Comrades. The highlight of the program was the participation of **Com. Ravi Kumar**, General Secretary, Canara Bank Officers Association and Senior Vice president of AIBOC. He inaugurated the Hunger Strike cum Dharna with his inspiring Speech showering glowing praises on the Bank Pensioners and Retirees for their phenomenal contributions for the growth of Banking Industry and the Nation. He expressed his shock and surprise that the powers that be to have forced the Senior and Super Senior Citizens of the Banking Industry to go on Hunger Strike for getting Justice in respect of Updation of Pension pending for more than 30 years, Unaffordable Medical Insurance Scheme and Discriminatory treatment meted out to Bank Pensioners. He cheered the Bank Pensioners and Retirees with the promise that the youths now working in the Banks will stand by their Elders and their families firmly in their struggle for Justice and fight against discrimination. He assured of the Support of AIBOC. With all humility he sought for Blessings of his Senior and Elderly Brethren and Sisters who built strong Banking Institutions and Vibrant Bank Organisations.

5. The huge gathering was addressed by several All-India leaders of eminence who include, inter alia, **Com. K.V. Acharya**, President, AIBPARC & Joint Convenor CBPRO, **Com Ramaswamy Rao** General Secretary, FSBIPAs, **Com G.D. Nadaf**, Advisor, AIBPARC, **Com. M.R. Gopinath Rao & Com A N Krishnamurthy**, both President & Secretary of AIBPARC, Karnataka state committee, **Shri Sivaswamy** of FORBE, **Shri Arun Shanbhogue** of RBONC and General Secretaries/ Presidents of AIBPARC Affiliates. From BMS, their Bengaluru based leader **Shri PoonjaJi** addressed.

6. A Press Meet was addressed by the leaders of all the constituents of CBPRO. A Press Release was issued Containing the Demands of the Bank Pensioners and Retirees. The leaders explained the rationale of each demand and called upon the GOI/IBA to take active initiative to ensure the successful resolution of all the issues.

There was Uniqueness in the Dharna for the reason that the whole programme was punctuated with forceful speeches by the leaders of the Movement, Full throated Slogans, Revolutionary, Patriotic and Devotional Songs and the Epitome of Self Confidence and Revolution “**Hum Honge Kaamyab**” in chorus by the entire gathering reflecting the determination to fight till the end to achieve Success and get Justice.

The big Stage was set at the venue for about 200 Comrades to sit / squat for observing the Hunger Strike and a large number of those from the audience also observing Hunger Strike sat through from 10.00 AM to 4.30 PM without sipping even a drop of water and at the same time participating with full energy is something not seen before. However as per Police Authorities Directions an Ambulance with a Doctor was available for any eventuality. **Com. J.S. Jagadeesh**, General Secretary, Canara Bank Retired Officers' Association arranged the Ambulance through Sewa Kshetra.

Com. M R Gopinath Rao proposed vote of thanks in his own inimitable style. The Hunger Strike and Dharna Program concluded with National Anthem followed by **Bharat Mata ki Jai** slogans. While breaking the Hunger Strike all sipped the fruit juice served to them.



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CBPRO /AIBPARC congratulate and thank all the Constituents/ Affiliates, Leaders, Volunteers Activists, Members and Veterans and specially **Com. A N Krishnamurthy** for meticulously conducting the Program despite many Odds. It was a huge participation by the members making it Eventful and Spectacular with zeal and enthusiasm, making the whole program of Hunger Strike and Dharna a Grand and Thundering Success.

With best wishes and regards,

Comradely yours,

K.V. Acharya.
President, AIBPARC
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General Secretary

CBPRO Zindabad -- AIBPARC Zindabad -- Pensioners & Retirees unity Zindabad.