



ALL INDIA BANK PENSIONERS' & RETIREES' CONFEDERATION



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Dear Comrade,

Sub : 7th TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF ABROA UNIT :STATE BANK OF TRAVANCORE AT ERNAKULAM ON 27TH OCTOBER 2018.

We reproduce hereunder the text of Report received from our aforesaid affiliate about the holding of their 7th Triennial Conference. We have pleasure to inform that it has been a highly attended and participative conference in the real sense of the term. We do hope that the movement of the retirees which is already on a solid footing in the state of Kerala will be further consolidated and strengthened by this gorgeous assembly of retirees. We congratulate all the newly elected office bearers.

With best wishes,

(SUPRITA SARKAR)
GENERAL SECRETARY

Quote :

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The 7th triennial conference of ABROA Unit SBT was held at Com.A.K.Reghunathan Nagar at Ashir Bhavan, Ernakulam on 27th October 2018. The event was unique in the history of ABROA considering the tremendous enthusiasm shown by the militant members of our Association in attending the conference in large numbers. More than five hundred members from various parts of the country made themselves a part of the meeting.

The inaugural session started at 10.30 am with a prayer by Com. K.Balakrishnan accompanied by "Edakka" by Com. Srinivasan. Our Secretary com. M.Vijayakumar welcomed the gathering. He pointed out that AIBOC and UFBU should intervene properly and effectively to resolve long pending issues of Bank retirees.

In his presidential address Chairman Com. R.Chandrasenan explained the various organizational activities undertaken by Bank retirees' movement right from the formation of ABROA and AIBPARC. He compared the benefits enjoyed by the retirees of State bank of India and e-SBT retirees. ABROA unit SBT is functioning actively. We are conducting periodical area meetings and discussing our issues regularly at various centers. Our social commitment is evident from the great success of the collection we made for contribution to CMDRF. Sangamom, our tri-monthly internal communication is a unique publication among the retirees of the country. He reiterated the need of unity and solidarity among various retiree organizations to fight against the adamant attitude of Bank management and the government.

Well known writer, ex-SBTian and former chairman of South Indian Bank, Sri. A. Sethumadhavan then inaugurated the conference by lighting the traditional lamp. He expressed his happiness in attending such a well organized meeting of his own colleagues. He highlighted the image of SBT that was created in the minds of its customers through the excellent service rendered by the employees and officers. We cannot achieve our goals by the size of the Bank alone. Indian economy is facing serious crisis. India was saved from the recession in 2008 only because of the strength of our Banking network. He congratulated the Association for taking a decision to retain its identity and continue the reunion of all SBTians.

In his key note address, Com.K. Chandrasekharan, Asst. General Secretary of AIBPARC, explained the various efforts taken by AIBPARC and CBPRO to safeguard the interest of the Bank retirees. Terminal benefits are part of service regulation. Pension is not a charity. Unfortunately in each bipartite settlement the pensioners were totally neglected. As a result many issues were moved for court intervention. It will take more time to get a final decision from the court. Even though everybody know that the demands of bank retirees are genuine, social justice is denied to the senior citizens in many occasions in such cases. 100% DA neutralization, pension updation and family pension improvement are some of them. UFBU and AIBOC should reopen the issues and take firm steps to resolve these long pending issues. Settlements are results of

possibilities. It is not the results of principles. Let us hope that at least some of our issues will be solved in the coming bipartite settlement.

AIBOC state secretary, Com. Abraham Shaji John felicitating the meeting told that the trade union movement in Banking sector is facing serious challenges now a days. The issues of pensioners are not created at present. Present and previous leadership are responsible for the current situation. Pension fund is enough for pension updation. A firm decision from the IBA and Government is needed in this regard. He assured that AIBOC will stand with the retirees for achieving their genuine demands.

Five elder members who attended the conference were then felicitated with ponnada by the chief guest Sri. Sethu.

The reception committee General Convener Com. B.Sreekumar extended the vote of thanks.

The business session deliberated on the various issues faced by the Bank Retirees in general. The plight of Retirees of e-Associate Banks were also seriously discussed. The conference resolved to take up various issues like improvement in family pension, updation of pension, 100% D A neutralization, reckoning of Special Allowance/ Special Pay for the purpose of arriving at pension and other terminal benefits with retrospective effect from 1/11/2012 , premium for medical insurance of retirees also to be borne by banks as in the case of serving employees etc. Resolutions were also adopted in respect of extension of 5 years grace period for 2001 VRS optees, restoration of facilities which were existing in e-ABs and discontinued after merger- like reimbursement of annual medical check-up, funeral expenses, dispensary facility etc. Election of Managing Committee and Office Bearers were held and the following were unanimously elected.

Chairman	: Com.R.Chandrasenan
Vice Chairmen	: Com.T.Balakrishnan
	: Com.K.Vijayakumar
Secretary	: Com.M.Vijayakumar
Organising Secretary	: Com.N.S.Mohanan
Treasurer	: Com.V.Sathyavageswaran
Asst.Treasurer	: Com.S.Suresh

The meeting ended by 5.30 after vote of thanks by Com.B.Sreekumar, General Convenor.

Secretary