



# ALL INDIA BANKS PENSIONERS AND RETIREES CONFEDERATION



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## VIGOUROUS CAMPAIGN

## BY AIBPARC KERALA UNIT

### Report by the State Committee

At the outset, the Kerala State Committee express its sincere gratitude to the Central leadership for postponing the Second Meeting of the AIBPARC Managing Committee (Extended) scheduled to be conducted at Ahmedabad on 17.07.2016, in response to our request, in order to facilitate smooth conduct of our Regular Programmes being held in connection with Bank Nationalisation Day, every year.

The practice of celebrating Bank Nationalisation Day as ‘Demands Day’ of the bank retirees by the Kerala State Unit is in vogue for several years now. Besides holding programmes at Thiruvananthapuram, the State Capital, other centres are also being chosen for the purpose, to draw wider attention of the public and media to our issues.

The Kerala State Committee of AIBPARC met at AIBOC BhavanErnakulam on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016 to chalk out this year’s programmes. As usual, we wanted anothercentre to hold the programme besides Thiruvananthapuram. Our Comrades from Kottayam District expressed their willingness to take up the responsibility and host the event. Accordingly it was decided to conduct a Massive Dharana and Public Meeting at Kottayam on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

It wasalso decided that a Convention would be held at Thiruvananthapuram on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016, on the eve of the 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bank Nationalisation.

The State Committee further decided to request Com. K.V. Acharya, National President, AIBPARC to attend both the programmes and address our comrades at Thiruvananthapuram and Kottayam.

In the intervening period, two Town Committee Meetings of AIBPARC were called at two important places in Kottayam District – Palai (29-04- 2016) and Changanacherry (13-07-2016) to boost up the preparations for the Dharna at Kottayam on 19.07.2016. These Town Committee Meetings were attended by good number of retirees from various Banks.

### **CONVENTION AT THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

The Convention at Thiruvananthapuram was as grand success. About 300 retirees attended the convention which was held at 3.00 p.m. on 18.07.2016 at ABOA – SBT Unit Auditorium at Statue, on the M.G. Road. Retirees had arrived with enthusiasm and expectation to know about the latest developments on the Pension issues from our National President Com. K.V. Acharya, who had arrived in the City in the morning.

The Convention was presided over by Com. P.B. Thomas, State President of AIBPARC. Com. R. Chandrasenan, State Secretary welcomed the dignitaries on the dias and the audience. He gave a brief account of the activities of the State Committee in the recent past for everybody's information. He expressed happiness about the good attendance and commented that perhaps such participation is not generally seen even in AIBOC meetings. Com P.B. Thomas, in his Presidential Address referred to our various grievances and the significant change in the scenario of retirees struggle after the foundation of AIBPARC. He spoke about the sacrifices of the present generation of retirees, in fulfilling the noble objectives of Bank nationalisation.

Com. K.V. Acharya, in his vibrant Key Note Address lauded the initiatives of the Kerala Unit of AIBPARC in championing the cause of retirees. He was impressed by the massive participation of members in the convention. It is quite appropriate that the Kerala Unit is conducting various programmes in connection with anniversary of Bank Nationalisation, for the success of which the retirees have contributed abundantly. In this context the retirees legitimately deserve better consideration and treatment at the fag end of their lives. Com. Acharya spoke in detail about the formation of CBPRO which was a milestone in the retirees' movement. Out of the 6 All India Retirees' organizations, 5 are now under the umbrella of CBPRO.

The Co-ordination is leaving no stone unturned, in its efforts to achieve our rights and demands. He referred to the massive Dharna conducted in JantarMantar which was attended by several thousands of retirees from all over India. The meeting of CBPRO with the officials of IBA on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 was very positive. However, another organization which is not in CBPRO is trying to put some hurdles, on the way, with ulterior and selfish motives and they are indulging in spreading rumors and lies.

Com. Acharya cautioned the membership of AIBPARC not to be carried away by their misinformation and mispropaganda.

Inspite of this, Com, Acharya hoped that the IBA, which is convinced about our arguments supported by facts and figures about the financial burden in granting our demands would, in consultation with the Government of India, soon take a favourable decision in two of our most important issues, viz, 100% neutralisation of DA to pre Nov 2002 retirees and enhancement in Family Pension.

Com. Abraham Shaji John, State Secretary of AIBOC in his felicitation address expressed satisfaction about the activities of AIBPARC in Kerala. Both the organizations are moving in tandem with mutual respect and co-operation. There is no justification for denying the reasonable and genuine demands of the retirees, Com. Shaji said.

Com. K. Vijayakumar, Vice President, AIBPARC and Com. N. Rajkumar, Deputy General Secretary AIBPARC also spoke on the occasion. Both of them appealed to the retirees to actively involve in all the programmes of AIBPARC.

After the speech of Com. Acharya, there was a short session for interaction with the members. Some queries were raised by the members from the audience and Com. Acharya offered clarifications on those points.

Com. Girishkumar, Secretary, AIBPARC, Thiruvananthapuram District Committee proposed a vote of thanks and the Meeting concluded by 6.00 p.m

## **DHARNA AT KOTTAYAM**

Kottayam, which has been long back declared as the First 100% Literate District of India was the venue of a Massive Dharna and Public Meeting held by the dynamic and militant comrades of AIBPARC, on the 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bank Nationalisation.

On 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 several hundreds of bank retirees, drawn from different parts of the State and the District gathered in the Old Police Station Ground, Central Junction Kottayam at 10.30 a.m. Comrades from Thiruvananthapuram and Ernakulam had arrived by Special Buses to attend this State Level Programme of AIBPARC. It was a wonderful show of our strength and solidarity.

The Public Meeting was presided over by Com.P.B. Thomas, President, AIBPARC, Kerala. Com. R. Chandrasenan, Secretary, AIBPARC, Kerala welcomed the Chief Guests and the gathering.

The Meeting and Dharna was formally inaugurated by Com. V.B. Binu, State Secretary of AITUC. In his speech he referred to the circumstances that led to the Nationalization of 14 commercial banks by Smt. Indira Gandhi, then Prime Minister of India on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1969. It was a very bold step to open the doors of banking services to the poor and the underprivileged. He recalled the wonderful transformation of the economy consequent to Nationalisation of Banks. He lauded the sincere services of bankmen in this process of economic development. However, it is a matter of regret to note that the bankmen – serving and retired – are not getting a better treatment which they reasonably deserve.

The issues of bank retirees are to be addressed and sorted out on priority, Com, Binu told. He also condemned the initiatives of the Government of India to merge the public sector banks on the one side, and to open private sector banks on the other.

Shri. N. Hari, President, BJP Kottayam District Committee in his felicitation offered all support to the bank retirees who are on the war path. The general public is not aware of the grievances of the bank retirees. Massive programs like the one being conducted today will help to create awareness among the public about the injustices meted out to the retirees, Shri. Hari hoped.

Com, K.V. Acharya, National President AIBPARC in his Key Note Address emphasized the importance and implications and Bank Nationalisation in the history of post independent India. Financial inclusion is a not a new phenomenon. It started actually in 1969 with the nationalization of Banks. The bankmen are responsible for the success of Green Revolution, White Revolution, Industrial Revolution and all such ambitious projects aimed at the transformation of Indian economy. The number of bank branches has been increased in astronomical figures and bankmen, posted in faraway places and remote areas of the country have been serving the Nation with utmost sincerity, undergoing lot of hardships and sacrifices, Com. Acharya said.

It is very unfortunate that the bank retirees do not get any improvement in pension, while in the case of Government employees they get updation in pension with every Pay Commission Report without any struggles or strikes. The bankmen are craving for justice for the last 30 years. There is wide disparity between bank retirees and Government retirees. Life of bank retirees have become miserable in the absence of any increase in their pension. The plight of the spouses of deceased retirees are very pathetic since the Family Pension is meager. There is injustice in the case of payment of dearness allowance to the pre 2002 retirees. All these anomalies have to be rectified without any delay. Justice delayed is justice denied, Com. Acharya remarked. He congratulated the AIBPARC State Committee of Kerala for successfully conducting various programmes to highlight the issues and demands of the retirees before the general public, media and concerned authorities.

Com. K. Vijayakumar (Vice President, AIBPARC), Com. N. Raj Kumar (Deputy General Secretary, AIBPARC) and Com. K.P. Rajasekharan, Secretary, AIBPARC, KottayamDist: also spoke on the occasion.

A Vote of Thanks was proposed by Com. Tom Thomas, President , AIBPARC, Kottayam District Committee. The Public Meeting and the Dharna was reported in leading dailies of Kerala and the TV as well.

**R. Chandrasenan**  
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