



**ALL INDIA BANK PENSIONERS' & RETIREES' CONFEDERATION
(AIBPARC) Tamil Nadu State Unit
C/o All India Indian Bank Officers' Association
NO.3, SRIPURAM 2ND LANE, ROYAPETTAH, CHENNAI -600 014**

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Dear Comrades,

**3RD TRIENNIAL GENERAL BODY CONFERENCE OF AIBPARC –
A MEMORABLE EVENT**

30th March, 2019 will be remembered as a Red Letter Day in the History of our National Organization, AIBPARC. The words large, huge, mammoth or massive are inadequate to describe the gathering for the Inaugural Session which has crossed the 1500 mark. We bow our head to the magnanimity and commitment of our members who, in spite of their age, bore with our inability to provide adequate seating due to the space constraint. Our members, known to stand up for a cause, spiritedly chose to sit on the floor and watch the inaugural session.

The Conference started with the Flag hoisting followed by invocation (Thamizhthai Vaazhthu) and lighting of Kuthu Vilakku. Com K V Acharya and Com Suprita Sarkar, President and General Secretary of AIBPARC respectively, Hon'ble Justice Hariparanthaman, Com Soumya Datta, General Secretary, AIBOC, Com A Ramesh Babu, Joint Convenor, CBPRO/ General Secretary, Federation of SBI Pensioners' Associations, Com S M Deshpande, President, AIBRF, Com P K Sarkar, Former President, AIBOC, Com G D Nadaf, Former General Secretary, AIBOC, Com S B C Karunakaran and Com K Chandrasekaran, President and Secretary of AIBPARC Tamil Nadu State Unit adorned the dais.

Com S B C Karunakaran, President, AIBPARC TN State Unit welcomed the guests and the gathering. In his welcome address, he lamented that retirees are forced to fight for implementing existing rights regarding pension updation, 100% DA neutralization, Special allowance for terminal benefits and family pension. Speaking upon the Supreme Court Judgement on DA anomaly case concerning the Pre-2002 Retirees, he explained as to how the Judgement suffered from bad interpretation of law and poor arithmetic and this Judgement has to be rectified.

Com K V Acharya, President, AIBPARC in his inspirational speech, traced the history of AIBPARC and its real contribution in focusing the issues of retirees that included the need to improve the Family Pension, implementation of updation of Pension as per Regulation 35 and 56 of Bank Employees' Pension Regulations 1995, demand for extension of pension option to Resignees and various other demands. He also explained the assiduous role played by AIBPARC in bringing the entire Bank Retirees numbering over 5 lakhs under the unified banner of CBPRO- AIBRF co-ordination. He assured the members that no stone will be left unturned to take the issues to the logical end and provide relief to the retirees.

Hon'ble Justice Hariparanthaman gave a thought provoking speech. In a well received speech he said that judiciary can only interpret law and not create new rights even if they are just and legitimate. Rights can be and will be legislated only when public pressure mounts through people's democratic struggle for which there has to be freedom of expression and a democratic space. The democratic space in the country is eroding and democratic institutions are under attack. The working class and the people of the country should rise in one voice against this trend and save the democracy, exhorted Hon'ble Justice Hariparanthaman. Anomalous situations on the pension front have become a common factor in most of the service sector and the industries and this can be rectified through struggles and agitations. Striking a note of caution, he said "Don't rush to the Courts" without exhausting the democratic options. He declared the Conference as inaugurated and wished the Conference 'All Success'.

Com Soumya Datta, General Secretary, AIBOC congratulated the retirees for the massive gathering. Explaining the developments on the wage revision front and with pointed reference to the issue of fractured mandate that led the AIBOC to go on One Day Strike, he said that AIBOC would not and could not countenance the attitude of taking the officers and their issues for granted. The intransigent move of the Government in forcing the mergers of Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank despite the ill effects of merger witnessed in the country's premier Bank SBI incurring a huge loss after the merger of Associate Banks, is regretful and this backdoor method of privatization would be fought relentlessly. He assured not merely support but firm commitment of resolution of retirees' issues in the 11th Bipartite settlement that AIBOC signs.

Com A Ramesh Babu, Joint Convener, CBPRO/ General Secretary, Federation of SBI Pensioners' Associations was for all praise for the constructive role played by AIBPARC in making a truly united movement of retirees, a reality. Com S M Deshpande, President, AIBRF assured the members that the retirees issues will be pursued in an united manner and conveyed his greetings for the success of the Conference. Com P K Sarkar, Former President, AIBOC said that he felt proud that the AIBPARC was formed when he was the President of AIBOC and the organization has grown by leaps and bounds in a short period of six years.

Com G D Nadaf, Former General Secretary, AIBOC said that he was not a guest speaker for the Conference and that he took pride to be a part of the movement that he midwived and explained as to how the idea of AIBPARC was conceived and given shape. Touching upon the anomalies that arise in the wage revision settlements, he said that they are bound to happen but the UFBU should have open mind to resolve them through corrective actions and the responsibility should not be shifted to the doorsteps of the retirees. He wished the Conference All Success.

Com Suprita Sarkar, General Secretary, AIBPARC, in his brief address listed the various issues pursued by AIBPARC and steps taken to resolve them and assured that AIBPARC will remain vibrant.

Proposing the vote of thanks, Com K Chandrasekaran, Secretary of AIBPARC Tamil Nadu State Unit thanked the entire presidium for right earnestly addressing to the issues and concerns of the retirees and the members for their massive response. He thanked the Reception committee for the excellent work done by them and the caterer who rose to occasion though the number far exceeded the expected number

The inaugural session concludes with the reciting of National Anthem.

The next day i.e. 31.03.2019, the Delegate Session took place with the participation of nearly 500 delegates and observers. The listed items of the agenda such as adoption of the General Secretary Report, Statement of Accounts, Amendments to rules and bylaws and Resolutions were smoothly transacted. In the Election of Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members that followed, a new team of Office Bearers with Com K V Acharya as President, Com Suprita Sarkar as General Secretary was elected unanimously. AIBPARC Head Quarters will be coming out with a detailed circular covering the proceedings of the Inaugural Session and the Deliberations and the decisions taken in the Delegate Session. Comrades, we will be failing in our duty if we do not place on record that one singular factor that has made the conference a grand success was your massive participation and we are sure that this conference will ever remain in our memory as an unforgettable event.

With Greetings,
Yours Comradely

S B C Kakrunakaran
President

K Chandrasekaran
Secretary