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Dear Comrades,

Our beloved Great Comrade M.U. Pai is no more.

It is with profound grief and a deep sense of loss that we convey the sad news of the passing away of our beloved leader, **Comrade Malpe Upendra Pai (M.U. Pai)**. He was under medical treatment for kidney related ailment and ultimately left for his heavenly abode yesterday at a hospital in Udupi.

Born in Malpe, Udupi (Karnataka), Com. Pai joined **Syndicate Bank** and served at places viz. Adoni and other centres, and eventually at Hyderabad in the then united state of Andhra Pradesh. Known for his brilliance and efficiency as an employee, he plunged into trade union activities at an early stage of his service. In 1965, he was among those dismissed for trade union activities and reinstated two years later after a determined struggle, alongside comrades H. Rajiv Shetty, H.R. Shenoy, M.S.N. Rao, Umesh Nayak and others.

In 1980, when officers' association was functioning more like clubs than representative unions, Com. Pai stepped in as **General Secretary of the Syndicate Bank Officers' Association (SBOA)** and with unmatched courage, vision, and sheer hard work, transformed not only the officers' movement in Syndicate Bank but also the wider banking industry. He played a pivotal role in strengthening AICOBOO and was instrumental, along with stalwarts such as Com. R.N. Godbole, Com. S.R. Sengupta, and Com. H.R. Shenoy, in the formation of the **All India Bank Officers' Confederation (AIBOC)**.

Com. Pai's leadership brought historic improvements in the service conditions, pay, and perquisites of bank officers. He was not just a leader, but a **guru, mentor, and fatherly figure** to many emerging leaders. Countless officers proudly trace their inspiration and training to him. Known for his broad smile, wit, and approachability, he remained a constant source of guidance, courage, and hope.

His sacrifice was immense - neglecting personal comforts, career prospects, and even family life for the cause of officers. Yet he remained cheerful and ever-committed to the welfare of his comrades.

In his later years, he devoted himself to spiritual pursuits as a trustee and priest at his family temple, **Shree Durga Malleswari Temple, Malpe**.

For many of us, his passing is not only a collective loss but also a deeply personal one. He is survived by a daughter and a son, both settled abroad. His wife predeceased him a few years ago. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family and share in their grief.

With Com. M.U. Pai's departure, the banking fraternity has lost a courageous stalwart and a shining star. His memory will forever remain etched in our hearts, and his ideals will continue to inspire generations to come. He will be remembered as a **pillar of the Bank Officers' Trade Union movement, a master strategist, a courageous leader, and a visionary** whose contribution remains unparalleled.

We pay our homage to the departed soul and dip our banner in his honour.

Red Salute to Com. M.U. Pai

Com. M.U. Pai – Amar Rahe!

With warm greetings

Yours comradely,



K Suresh Babu

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