

# CANARA BANK SYNDICATE PENSIONERS & RETIREES ASSOCIATION (Regd.)

(Affiliated to AIBPARC)

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Dear Comrades,

## **FOURTH TRIENNIAL CENTRAL CONFERENCE AND FIFTH GENERAL BODY HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT PUNE A PHENOMENAL EVENT AND A BOLSTER TO RETIREES CONFIDENCE**

The Fourth Triennial All India Conference & Fifth General Body Meeting of CBSpra held at Boxing Stadium of Shivchhatrapati Krida Sankul (Sports Village) Pune on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were an astounding success.

It was the first major physical meeting of the Association in the post-Covid period. It was also the first triennial central conference held outside Hyderabad ever since formation of our Association. The conference was the combination of Triennial Central Conference and a General Body meeting. It was a mammoth demonstration of organizational capabilities of CBSpra showcased at Maharashtra State Sports complex at Balewadi-Pune. The precision with which the proceedings were conducted was appreciated by the participating members, delegates, guests, and invitees without any exception. The efforts of Reception Committee in the matter of receiving delegates and guests on arrival; stay arrangements; Transport; stage arrangements and food arrangement were vividly on display. Everything was superb and impeccable. Each item of programme and agenda was conducted with accuracy. Enthusiastic participation, exhibition of Unity, camaraderie, joy, and determination were at the zenith. Overall the 4<sup>th</sup> Triennial Central Conference will remain as one more momentous landmark in the history of CBSpra and bank retirees' movement.

### **THE CONFERENCE/INAUGURAL SESSION**

The Conference was held at Shivchhatrapati Krida Sankul, Pune a renowned Sports Complex in the country, owned and managed by Govt. of Maharashtra. The decoration at the venue was picture perfect, displaying grand banners of CBSpra and welcoming the delegates and Guests of Honour with thematic blending of interest and inspiration. The venue was brimming with enthusiastic participants well before the scheduled time of 10.00 AM. About eight hundred retirees witnessed the

inaugural session which included nearly five hundred elected delegates from all over India. The congregation included leaders and members of fraternal unions both serving and retirees of various banks. The dignitaries were invited to the dais by Com. Mrs. Veena Kulkarni, our member and a prominent member of cultural troop viz. Syndians Music Club. The welcome of each dignitary to the dais was marked by huge applause and loud slogan shouting by the participants rentng the air. The dignitaries and guests of honour ushered on to the dais were none other than Com. K V Acharya, President of AIBPARC and Joint Convenor of CBPRO; Com. Suprita Sarkar, General Secretary, Com PS Patki, Working President and Com. AN Krishna Murthy, Working President of AIBPARC; Com S A Manjrekar, Former General Secretary of SBOA; Com Bennet Sebastian, General Secretary of CBOF; apart from our own leaders viz Com. C Gangadhar Yadav, General Secretary of CBSPRA and Working President of AIBPARC; Com. R K Sharma, President, Com. Prakash Karotya and Com. A Venkatesan Working Presidents; the Secretary Com. K Suresh Babu; and Com. D Rakshit, former President of CBSPRA; besides the Chairman and Convenor of Reception Com. mittee. The meeting was chaired by Com. R K Sharma, President.

The proceedings began with an Invocation i.e. Ganesha Vandana by our members Com Mrs. Geetha Kelkar and Com Mrs. Anjali Joshi. Thereafter the Guests of Honour and dignitaries on the dais joined Com. K V Acharya in lighting the ceremonial lamp to mark inauguration of the conference.

In his opening remarks Com. R K Sharma, President, welcomed the gathering to the first major meeting of Association after Covid. He expressed happiness that the membership of CBSPRA crossed 13000 mark and congratulated all the Zones for accomplishing the task. He expressed confidence that deliberations in the conference would help evolve appropriate decisions to achieve all pending demands of bank retirees.

The Reception Committee Chairman Com. P S Agrawal in his welcome address thanked the Central Committee CBSPRA for giving an opportunity to Punekar comrades to host the prestigious conference, being the first ever to be held outside Hyderabad. He extended warm welcome to all the participants to the historical city of Pune, and assured all assistance to the participants and also wished the proceedings all success. Com Ramesh Nakhole, Convenor informed the participants about the elaborate arrangements made for comfortable stay, transportation, and food and offered all help and hospitality to the delegates.

Delivering Key Note Address Com. C Gangadhar Yadav, General Secretary thanked Com KV Acharya, Com Suprita Sarkar and other leaders on the dais for their esteemed presence at the conference and supporting CBSPRA in all respects. He reminded that conference was being held in the aftermath of Covid pandemic. He gave a gist of happenings in and around the organisation starting from the time of merger of Syndicate Bank with Canara Bank which dampened the spirit of rank and file of the Association and how gradually the gloom was overcome and the organisation was brought back on to rails. He narrated the troubles and travails of

restoration of centralized deduction of members Standing Instruction towards monthly subscription; the need to change the name of the Association from SBPRA to CBSPRA and the formalities that had to be fulfilled consequently; recognition of the Association and participation of CBSPRA in Grievance Redressal Cell meetings at HO of the bank; membership enrollment efforts and achievement therein; keeping the organizational preparedness intact by conducting series of meeting online through zoom VC; service rendered to the members such as launching of Digital Life Certificate Campaign; Strengthening retirees movement under the banner of AIBPARC; CBSPRA conducting the meetings of Governing Council of AIBPARC online through zoom VC thereby keeping the entire machinery of AIBPARC live and active; and so on. He urged the Chief Guest Com. KV Acharya, President and Com. Suprita Sarkar, General Secretary of AIBPARC to urgently ponder over achieving Grievance Redressal mechanism for bank retirees at the IBA level and expressed hope that all pending issues will be resolved early by their untiring efforts. He exhorted all the delegates to involve in all the activities and programmes of the Association at the grass root level for creating full awareness and to fight for the cause of bank retirees.

Then the Chief Guest Com. K V Acharya, President of AIBPARC and Jt Convenor of CBPRO addressed the gathering. He provided an overview of the ongoing discussions between IBA-UFBU on the issue of Pension Updation; various organizational efforts made by AIBPARC and CBPRO. He elaborated on the Dharna staged at Jantar Mantar New Delhi and the massive participation of CBSPRA members which ensured a grand success of the Dharna. He also explained that consequent to Dharna and the meeting of leaders of AIBPARC with Finance Minister, the IBA invited and held first ever meeting with AIBPARC for discussion on pending demands. He also spoke on present situation and the mindset of UFBU. He expressed surprise at the way UFBU leaders were dealing with the Updation issue. He also explained about the court cases on Updation and Special Allowance. He reiterated the need for unity and strengthening the movement under the banner of AIBPARC. He appreciated CBSPRA for being one of the main pillars of the Confederation and playing a pivotal role and thanked them for providing an opportunity to participate in the conference. He congratulated the team CBSPRA and the organizers for conducting such an excellent conference and wished the conference a grand success.

Another Star Speaker on the occasion Com Suprita Sarkar, General Secretary of AIBPARC, in his inimitable style spoke on the retirees issues. At the outset he praised the CBSPRA and its leadership for their organizational abilities, membership growth and the present status among the constituents of AIBPARC. He recollected that CBSPRA was instrumental in keeping AIBPARC active and in constant touch with the constituent affiliates by conducting periodical online meetings through Zoom VC thereby overcoming the Covid pandemic constraints. Speaking on the pending demands, he was very critical about the role played by UFBU and its major constituent in complicating and curtailing the scope of demand of pension updation for all. He emphasized the need for unity and congratulated leadership of CBSPRA for the grand show of strength at the conference which will go a long way in consolidation and strengthening of the bank retirees' movement under the banner of AIBPARC.

Other dignitaries Com PS Patki and Com AN Krishnamurthy, Working Presidents of AIBPARC spoke on the pending demands of the retirees, especially the medical insurance policy, implementation of best practices etc. They congratulated CBSPRA for the grand show of strength and thanked for the solidarity exhibited at the conference. Com SA Manjrekar, former GS of SBOA, explained about the efforts made by SBOA to strengthen CBSPRA in formative days. He was happy to note that CBSPRA has grown in size and stature and was in a position to take up issues independently Com Bennet Sebastian, General Secretary, CBOF while expressing happiness on seeing the strength of CBSPRA and the success of the conference, offered all support of CBOF to CBSPRA. Com Prakash Karotya and Com A Venkatesan, Working Presidents of CBSPRA greeted the participants. They supplemented the President and noted the sum and essence of advisory derived at the conference for the betterment of the Association.

Vote of thanks was proposed by Com K Suresh Babu, Secretary of CBSPRA. A special thanks was proposed to Com K V Acharya for attending the conference accompanied by his wife, despite pressing health issues. The proceedings were concluded with National Anthem.

### **GENERAL BODY/ BUSINESS SESSION**

The Business Session of the General Body commenced with enthusiastic full throated slogans by delegates echoing in the hall at about 3.00 PM. All the Central Committee of CBSPRA was on the dais. President Com. R K Sharma presided over the meeting. The proceedings commenced with the President drawing attention to the business on hand and the time management. The proceedings were conducted briskly.

The General Secretary Com. C. Gangadhar Yadav took up agenda by placing the report on the activities of the Association and Accounts of the Association for the period under review before the house. At the outset he read out a portion of report covering Homage and tribute to prominent personalities of national and international fame and our own leaders and members who passed away during the interregnum. The house stood up in reverence to pay Homage to all the departed souls observing silence for two minutes.

The General Secretary's Report covered all the relevant organizational activities interalia Happenings Around; Indian Economy and Banking Industry; Unions and Industrial Relations in Banks; Bank Retirees Movement; AIBPARC; Retirees Pending Issues - Pension Updation; 100% DA Neutralization; Special Allowance to be Reckoned For Pension; Additional Stagnation Increment; Medical Insurance to Retirees; Pension to Resignees; Temporary Service Of Attenders to be Reckoned For Pension;; CBSPRA organizational matters - Membership enrolment Crossing 13000 Mark; Central Committee Meetings; Periodical Meetings held at Various Centres; Special General Body meetings held; Meetings With Management; Communications; Finances; and Acknowledgement.

Along with the report he also placed before the house audited financial statements for

years ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March of 2020, 2021 and 2022. The report and statements were discussed elaborately. About fifty participants spoke on the occasion. Various queries raised by the speakers were answered and clarified in detail by the General Secretary. Both the report of activities and the financial statements were approved by the house unanimously. Thereafter, the following amendments to the constitution/Byelaws of the Association requiring changes were passed:

### AMMENDMENTS TO THE BYE LAWS

Clause No.	Amendment/Changes
Organizational SetUp 7 B b)	Add: Chairman Change designation of Secretary as Joint General Secretary and make it two; Change designation of Joint Secretary as Deputy General Secretary Add; Eleven Dy General secretaries; Eleven Zonal Secretaries;
7 C) Operational Areas (Zones)	Number of Zones to be made Eleven Add: iii. Bhopal Zone comprising of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh and Rectify Jurisdiction of Bengaluru & Udipi Zones.
7 D) a).	Dy Zonal Secretaries to be re-designated as Circle Secretaries. Number of Circle Secretaries to be the same as that of Bank's Circle Offices
b).	Change: Zonal Committees meetings to be held once in six months.
8 D	Add/Rectify as: All the newly elected zonal office bearers will be delegates to the triennial central conference. Apart from this additional delegates will be elected to maintain the total number of delegates @ ratio of 30:1 i.e. one delegate per 30 members in the zone. Further, two more extra/ additional delegates from each zone will be elected based on need.
8 E	Rectification: All the Central Committee, Zonal Committee and additional delegates shall be invited to participate in the triennial central conference.
9A: Functions of office bearers	The Chairman shall be the Advisory Head of the Association. He shall preside over the meetings of the Association. His advice and guidance shall be taken in all matters.
9 G	Joint General Secretary: Add: In the absence of General Secretary, one of the Joint General Secretary shall substitute as General Secretary and attend to Association matters.
9 M	Circle Secretary: Add: He shall also attend to the issues of the members in jurisdiction of bank's Circle Office in which he is stationed.
Corrections	All typographical errors and missing words wherever found are to be rectified at the time of filing amendments before Registrar.

Then the house passed the following policy resolution encompassing all pending issues of retirees:

### **RESOLUTIONS**

“The 5<sup>th</sup> General Body Meeting of CBSPRA held on 5<sup>th</sup> March at Pune hereby resolves to endorse all the resolutions adopted at the General Body meeting of AIBPARC held on 28 and 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 at Bengaluru and resolves to take part in any action programme decided by AIBPARC in pursuit of the demands listed hereinafter:

1. On creation of a separate interest bracket on Bank Deposits for senior citizens which will have higher yield than the existing benefits offered.
2. On opposing any move on the part of the government to privatize the public sector banks.
3. On updation of pension.
4. On 100% DA neutralization to pre-November 2002 retirees.
5. On medical Insurance Scheme for retirees demanding that banks will have to subsidize the premium fully.
6. On the demand of computation of special allowance for the purpose of calculation of pension and gratuity.
7. On the demand of allowing opportunity for opting for pension for the Resignees who have rendered eligible service for becoming a pensioner.
8. On consultative status of AIBPARC at IBA level.
9. On demanding before IBA to accept the verdicts of various courts of the country and make it applicable to all similarly placed persons and not to drag the cases up to the apex court involving money and time.
10. Different DLCs have been passing different orders on the interpretation of payment of Gratuity to the retirees. A Resolution on urging upon IBA to take a uniform view to prevent Confusion among the minds of retirees.
11. On demanding abolition of new Pension Scheme and to bring every employee joining after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 under the cover of BEPR (1995)
12. On urging the constituents of UFBU to suitably change their charter on pension updation by demanding implementation of Regulation 35.1. of BEP Regs”.

Thereafter the house authorized appointment of existing Auditor from Hyderabad for the ensuing term. Then the house appointed Com. Ramesh Kumar Handa of Delhi Zone and Com L Prabhakar of Hyderabad Zone as Returning Officers to conduct the elections. The elections were held for Central Committee (Governing Body) in terms of Bye Laws of the Association. Immediately thereafter the newly elected Central Committee completed nomination of the CC members.

The event was concluded with a cultural programme organized by Syndian's Music Club under the team leader Com Sudhir Ghaisas, consisting of Com Mrs Veena Kulkarni, Com Satish Nayak, Com Anjali Joshi and others. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the programme.

The list of Central Committee (Governing Body) is furnished hereunder for information of all.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

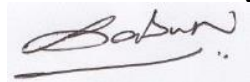
Comrades, conducting this historical Fourth Triennial Central Conference and Fifth General Body Meeting of the Association at Pune in such a grand manner was like our dream come true. The success of the same has already galvanized the activities and boosted the morale of the members. The way our cadres have conducted themselves was phenomenal. The tasks at the conference were executed meticulously. We shall cherish the memories of this stunning event for long. Let us strengthen the organisation further so as to serve its objectives. We place on record our deep appreciation of the excellent work done by members of Reception Committee. We congratulate the newly elected team of office bearers and wish them grand success in all their endeavors. Thank you.

NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE - 2023				
SL NO	NAME	DESIGNATION	PLACE	MOBILE NO
1	COM. C GANGADHAR YADAV	CHAIRMAN	HYDERABAD	9440528806
2	COM. R K SHARMA	PRESIDENT	DELHI	8171461116
3	COM. PRAKASH KAROTYA	WORKING PRESIDENT	DELHI	9818821395
4	COM. A VENKATESAN	WORKING PRESIDENT	CHENNAI	9444271590
5	COM. N RAJKUMAR	VICE PRESIDENT	TRIVANDRUM	9846319319
6	COM. P S AGRAWAL	VICE PRESIDENT	AKOLA (M. R.)	9922997095
7	COM. SURESH KUMAR RASTOGI	VICE PRESIDENT	DELHI	9810728928
8	COM. R S R PRASAD	VICE PRESIDENT	HYDERABAD	9010731351
9	COM. MADHAV V KAMATH	VICE PRESIDENT	MANGALORE	9880358447
10	COM. R B DAS	VICE PRESIDENT	BHUBANESWAR	8249001686
11	COM. K MURUGANANTHAM	VICE PRESIDENT	CHENNAI	9840839396
12	COM. H V DAVE	VICE PRESIDENT	AHMEDABAD	9879011702
13	COM. RAKESH DUA	VICE PRESIDENT	NOIDA	9935464574
14	COM. S R RAJASHEKAR	VICE PRESIDENT	BENGALURU	9448517194
15	COM JAGANNATH CHAUBEY	VICE PRESIDENT	BHOPAL	9425376928
16	COM. K SURESH BABU	GENERAL SECRETARY	HYDERABAD	9885661991
17	COM. K KRISHNA MURTHY	JOINT GENERAL SECRETARY	BENGALURU	9886351375
18	COM. V KRISHNA KUMAR*	JOINT GENERAL SECRETARY	HYDERABAD	9963630066
19	COM. CUVTN DUTT	TREASURER	HYDERABAD	9885866333
20	COM. V SURYANARAYANA	JOINT TREASURER	HYDERABAD	9849740585
21	COM. R SHANKARA SWAMY*	DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY	BENGALURU	9845641008
22	COM. SWAPAN MITRA	DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY	KOLKATA	9874569369
23	COM. SURESH KUMAR	DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY	DELHI	8860550059
24	COM. M MALLAIAH	DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY	HYDERABAD	9440739543
25	COM. SURAJ PRAKASH	DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY	MEERUT	8630552484
26	COM. H RAVI KUMAR	DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY	UDUPI	9449071759
27	COM R LOGANATHANAN*	DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY	CHENNAI	9444384810

28	COM. P N VIJAYAN NAIR*	DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY	ERNAKULAM	9605555690
29	COM. RAMESH R NAKHOLE*	DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY	PUNE	9975955106
30	COM. CHANDRAKANTH P SHAH*	DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY	AHMEDABAD	9408604457
31	COM K B DHOK	C C MEMBER	NAGPUR	8275044857
32	COM R ADISESHU BABU	C C MEMBER	HYDERABAD	9963277996
33	COM N RAJARAM ADIGE	C C MEMBER	COIMBATORE	9443107818
34	COM K MOHAMMED ALI	C C MEMBER	ANANTAPUR/HYD	9441446229
35	COM SATISH KUMAR VATS	C C MEMBER	GURGAON	9999962162
36	COM V BALARAMAN	C C MEMBER	CHENNAI	9841063101
37	COM R BALAKRISHNA	C C MEMBER	HYDERABAD	9849269950
38	COM HIRA LAL	C C MEMBER	FARIDABAD	9958443114
39	COM ADESH KUMAR YADAV	C C MEMBER	MEERUT	8979114561
40	COM H VENKATESH	C C MEMBER	BENGALURU	9449289737
41	COM. CHANDRAKANTH P SHAH*	ZONAL SECRETARY	AHMEDABAD	9408604457
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47	COM BISWAJIT DUTTA	ZONAL SECRETARY	KOLKATA	9748438760
48	COM AMRESH KUMAR	ZONAL SECRETARY	MEERUT	8006940940
49	COM SHANKAR KUNDAPUR	ZONAL SECRETARY	UDUPI	9480790179
50	COM. RAMESH R NAKHOLE*	ZONAL SECRETARY	PUNE	9975955106

PS: \* Office bearers who originally got elected as Zonal Secretaries at the Zonal Meetings were elected to the post of Joint General Secretary and Dy General Secretaries at the General Body. Co-options will take place to one of the posts vacated by them later.

With greetings  
Yours comradely,



K Suresh Babu  
GENERAL SECRETARY

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