



# Syndicate Bank Pensioners & Retirees Association

(Affiliated to AIBPRC, a wing of AIBOC)

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## **A HISTORIC EVENT SYNDICATE BANK PENSIONERS AND RETIREES ASSOCIATION - LAUNCHED THUNDEROUS RESPONSE RECEIVED**

It was a moment of pride and joy for all the pensioners and retirees of Syndicate Bank as their long cherished dream of having a strong association with an all India presence to take up their cause appropriately and fulfil all their aspirations has become a reality. The representatives of retirees of the bank from all over India held a Foundation Meeting at Hyderabad on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of June at SBOA office and after a thorough deliberation unanimously decided to form Syndicate Bank Pensioners and Retirees Association (SBPRA), putting an end to the long wait of thousands of retirees of the bank for the occasion. Com. H V Coelho, President accompanied by Com. Sanjay Manjrekar, Secretary of SBOA, under whose aegis the meeting was organised, declared launching of the Association signifying a beginning of a new era of strong movement of veterans of the bank. It was greeted by thunderous applause and reverberating slogans of the representatives and activists present. Comrades, with the tremendous response pouring in from all parts of the country, we are confident that the new organisation SBPRA will emerge as strong force within no time and be in a position to solve the long pending contentious issues of the pensioners and retirees in the bank and also strive to consolidate the movement in the banking industry.

### **FOUNDATION MEETING**

Earlier, inaugurating the Foundation Meeting Com. Coelho, President of SBOA paid rich tributes to Com. R N Godbole and Com. H R Shenoy, the legendary figures of Trade Union movement in the banking industry who passed away recently. The house paid homage to the departed leaders by observing two minutes silence. Thereafter Com. Coelho recollected the struggles waged in the banking industry for achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> pension option and the decisive role played by Com. K S Shetty, then General Secretary of SBOA and President of AIBOC, by signing the crucial MOU with IBA paving the way for clinching the issue. He urged that it is time to look into the problems faced by the pensioners and retirees and to work out solutions by organising all them into a strong movement. Com. C Gangadhar Yadav, former Vice President of SBOA and a member of Adhoc Committee of AIBPRC, who was the convenor of the meeting, briefly explained about the back ground as well as the decisions taken by AIBOC at the foundation conference of AIBPRC at Nagpur and the first meeting of Adhoc Committee of AIBPRC at Kolkata. He emphasised the need to consolidate the retirees of the bank under the banner of AIBPRC promoted by AIBOC urgently. He thanked the support and encouragement given from time to time by Com. Dinker S Punja, General Secretary of SBOA. While declaring the launch of SBPRA, Com. Coelho assured that all support will be extended by SBOA to the new organisation. Thereafter constitution/bye-laws of the Association were adopted. Resolutions on various issues concerning the retirees as well as matters relating to membership subscription, finances and conduct of the accounts were also passed. Com. D. Rakshit, former Vice President and Com. P S Agrawal, former Joint Secretary of SBOA, and members of Adhoc Committee of AIBPRC from Kolkata and Maharashtra were among others who spoke on the occasion.

## **CENTRAL COMMITTEE - FORMED**

The house unanimously elected the following team of Central Office-bearers apart from other office-bearers representing various Zones who form the Central Committee to hold office till 1<sup>st</sup> General Body Meeting is held. The names of other Central Committee members will be finalised in consultation with all the Zones and the full list will be informed in due course.

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| 1. President         | Com. D. Rakshit         | Kolkata    |
| 2. Vice President    | Com. N. Raj Kumar       | Trivandrum |
| 3. Vice President    | Com. P. S. Agrawal      | Akola      |
| 4. Vice President    | Com. A. Venkatesan      | Chennai    |
| 5. Vice President    | Com. Madhav Kamath      | Udipi      |
| 6. General Secretary | Com. C. Gangadhar Yadav | Hyderabad  |
| 7. Secretary         | Com. M. S. Prakash Rao  | Hyderabad  |
| 8. Treasurer         | Com. G. S. R. Sharma    | Hyderabad  |


## **CITY ACTIVISTS MEETING CENTRAL OFFICE INAUGURATED**

Soon after conclusion of the foundation meeting the central committee proceeded to address a meeting of retiree-activists of Hyderabad city convened at Bank Officers Coop Credit Society, King Koti Rd, Abids, Hyderabad. Com. Coelho, President of SBOA, inaugurated central office of the Association at the space provided by the Bank Officers Coop Credit Society in their premises. On this occasion he announced launching of SBPRA to the large gathering of enthusiastic retirees who welcomed the news with an echoing applause. Thereafter the Central Office-bearers present addressed the gathering and explained elaborately various issues and developments. All the participants actively involved in the proceedings and one after another with charged emotion congratulated the team for taking right decision at the right time, expressed support and vowed to vigorously participate in the all programmes of the Association.

## **TASKS AHEAD**

Comrades, the journey is well begun, but we have to cover a long and arduous distance. We are fully aware of the inexplicable and untold agony and misery of the hapless pensioners, pension-less retirees and the family pensioners. It is the onerous responsibility of the organisation to first of all assuage the feeling of stark neglect and explain the matters to adequately prepare them to comprehend the situations. We have to bring them all under one umbrella. The issues are many – Pension Updation, improvement in Medical benefits, coverage of VRS optees and resignees, 100% DA neutralisation, improvement in family pension, allocation and distribution of staff welfare fund etc. Some are to be taken up with our bank and the other at industry level. While it is tough to fight alone for our rights, we are sure that the support forthcoming from serving organisations - SBOA/AIBOC will see us through. Let us strive hard to be on our own. We can. We will.

With warm greetings,

  
(C Gangadhar Yadav)  
GENERAL SECRETARY

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