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Friends,

OUR LOGO - A SYMBOL OF STRENGTH AND RESTRAINT

We have great pleasure in informing you that the **ALL INDIA CONFERENCE** of our beloved Organisation, held at **DR.HEDGEWAR SMRITI BHAVAN, RESHIMBAGH, NAGPUR**, on the 23rd and 24th January 1999, was a great success. The members who participated in the Conference carried back not only the memories of the serene atmosphere of the venue but also the rejuvenated pledge that the ideology professed by our parent body, BMS, shall be further strengthened to emancipate the sufferings of the unorganised labour sector in the country.

GLIMPSES OF THE CONFERENCE:

1. **INAUGURAL SESSION** : The beacon light for the purpose and the mission of BMS, permeated down to all the affiliated units, was shone in the key note address by **SRI.UDAYARAO PATWARDHANJI**, the Secretary of BMS. In his eloquent and spell binding speech. Sri. Patwardhanji, traced the outlines of the struggle spearheaded by the BMS right from the days of inception for creating awareness amongst the working class about their rights and responsibilities as well as for inculcating the nationalistic outlook in their walks of life. This is the 'THIRD WAY' enunciated by the Great thinkers of this country. He signified the concept of the 'closed fist' in the logo of BMS as that of a strength with a purpose and that which despises violence. It also reflects on the strength of collective bargaining, he stated.

The inaugural ceremony was sanctified with the rendition of " Jayosthutha, srimahan mangala....." song composed by **VIR SAVARKAR** (using his blood as ink in the Andaman Jail), by the Sanskara Bharathi troupe.

The event was further accentuated with lighting of the lamp, symbolically marking the commencement of the Conference, by **MANYASRI.VINODGUDADEHPATIL**, Honourable Minister of State for Labour & Forests, Government of Maharashtra. In his inaugural address the Hon'ble Minister, conveyed the best wishes of the people of Maharashtra for the success of the Conference. He stated that the glory of the Conference was further enhanced on that day because the day (23rd) was the 'birth day' of

Nethaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Therefore, the two torch bearers of the In- freedom struggle, Sri.Vir Savarkar and Sri.Subhash Babu were remembered devotion and respect on this occasion. He congratulated the Organisation selecting such a auspicious day for the inauguration of the Conference, w denoted the nationalistic fervour with which the BMS units performed in the cour He also laid emphasis on the need for educating the unorganised labour sec in the country, which gains significance in the light of sweeping changes taking p in the global scenerio.

The other main speakers on the occasion were SRI.BAPU JOSHIJI, the General Secre of NOBO, and SRI.V.B.INDURKARJI, the General Secretary of NOBW. Both of t gave a detailed picture of the ongoing agitation of Bank Employees with res to Seventh Bipartite talks and highlighted the role played by both the fro Organisations in unifying all the Industry level Trade Unions for the common is of wage settlement, and, other burning issues, faced by the officer/employee cate in Banking Industry.

OPENING SESSION AND PROCESSION:

Earlier in the day, at 9 a.m., the bust of DR.KESHAVA BALIRAM HEDGEV at the SMRITI MANDIR was garlanded and flower petals were placed at the SM CHINHA of GURUJI, the first and second Param Poojaniya Sarasangha Chalak RSS.

The Flag of BMS was hoisted by our President SRI.D.K.BAJPAIJI, symbolically mar the beginning of the Conference.

The colourful, glittering procession that passed in the serpentine roads of Sitabuldi shall be cherished by all the participants and shall remain green in the memorie all those who witnessed the procession, on that day.

FELICITATIONS

The veteran leader of NOBW and CBWO, who is a living legend for the doc of BMS - Thyag, Tapasya and Balidan - Adarniya ABAJI PURANIK was felici on the auspicious occasion. His simplicity, selfless dedication for the cause of the Organise soft and caring talks, ego-free approach and amicable disposition has earned him nickname ABAJI (father figure). Eventhough he is laid down in bed with par stroke, he keeps updated knowledge of the happenings around and anybody visits him in his house is dumbfounded by his humbleness and the wa of hospitality extended.

Our Organisation honoured itself by felicitating such a great personality and prays ALMIGHTY to bestow our beloved ABAJI with renewed health and spirits to guide us further.

Another veteran leader and the courageous personality who raised the voice of democracy and toiled for the growth of NOBW in Maharashtra, SRI.PANDITRAO PIMPALKARJI was felicitated on following day, during the Business Session. His easy approachability and the intelligent directions he gave during the periods of turbulence were fondly remembered.

SRI.K.N.L.RAO, the pioneering spirit behind the formation of our Organisation and the guiding force for the entire fraternity of NOBO AND NOBW in the country was felicitated. In his speech given in response to the felicitation Sri.Raosab fondly recounted his association with ABAJI and PIMPALKARJI and considered himself the happiest person for having been felicitated along with them. He reverently called ABAJI the 'Sacrificing Personality', who, ignoring health and physical discomfort, toured all places for the cause of the Organisation. The inspiration received by leaders like ABAJI prompted him to devote all his energies for the progress of the Organisation beloved to his heart. We are all witness to such devotion, dedication and sacrifice.

MESSAGES:

Messages for the success of the Conference and blessings for the growth of the Organisation were received from many reverential personalities and dignitaries.

1. Parampoojaniya Sara Sanghchalak of R.S.S. Mananiya Rajju Bhayyaji, and Sara karyavahaof R.S.S. Mananiya H.V.Sheshadriji have sent their blessings for the success of the Conference.
2. Messages for the success of the Conference were also received from the Honourable Prime Minister, Atal Behari Vajpayeeji, Honourable Home Minister, L.K.Advani, Honourable Minister for Human Resources Development, Murali Manohar Joshi, Honourable Minister for Finance, Yeshwanth Sinhaji and several other Dignitaries in the Central Government.
3. Our beloved Chairman and Managing Director, Sri.T.R.Sridharan, Executive Director, Sri.R.J.Kamath and many other General Managers, Deputy General Managers, and Executives have conveyed best wishes for the Conference.
4. Messages for the success of the Conference were also received from all the constituent Unions of the UFBU.

Our Organisation sincerely receprocates this goodwill gesture by thanking them all.

BUSINESS SESSION:

Healthy discussions were held on various burning issues confronting the Banking Industry in general and our Bank in particular. Many suggestions and remedial ways were projected to ameliorate the problems faced by the workmen. Suggestions were also given to improve the health of the Bank by slowly reducing the position of NPAs, which is eating away the working capital of the Bank.

The Accounts of the Organisation for the last three years and the Report of the General Secretary were read and adopted. A few printing mistakes that appeared in the Accounts were explained and necessary corrections were incorporated.

The Resolutions passed in the Conference are given in the Annexure.

"A single roaring lion is mightier than thousand mute sheep". This is the remark made by Mananiya Udayarao Patwardhanji in his concluding remarks, while commenting on the strength of the Organisation vis-a-vis other rival unions. The improvement in the quality of each individual in the BMS fraternity is the indicator of the real growth and not merely the growth in terms of numbers- carried away by extraneous factors - rather than ideological commitments. He, however, suggested that there should be vertical as well as horizontal growth in the Organisation to meet all challenges.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

The list of Office Bearers and the Central Executive Committee Members who were unanimously elected during the Conference is given in the Annexure. Sri.Ravi Poharkarji, the Assistant General Secretary of CANARA BANK OFFICERS' ORGANISATION, conducted the elections with eminence and inimitable style.

MISCELLANY:

The cultural programme presented by the DARPAN MANCH of the SANSKARA BHARATHI troupe shall remain evergreen in the memories of all the participants for the rendition of patriotic group songs. The divine aura created by those songs surcharged the atmosphere with emotion and sublimeness.

We are proud of our Nagpur members who have accomplished the task of successfully conducting the All India Conference with a remarkable ease. Their sense of understanding, teamwork and pride in discharging the entrusted work are worth emulating. But for the constraints of space in the circular, we would have loved to publish all their names.

The untiring contribution made by Sri.Ashok Bhutadji, the General Secretary of Vidarbh Pradesh Bank Employees' Association, as the Secretary of the Reception Committee is awe-inspiring. He led the entire team from the front.

Friends, another chapter in the history of our Organisation has begun. It is the duty of all the elected Office Bearers and the Executive Committee Members to uphold the glory of the Organisation and to march ahead crossing all the hurdles in the path. We all solicit your hearty co-operation in this task.

Yours fraternally,



MOHAN KUMTAKAR
GENERAL SECRETARY

Flash !!! — Talks with IBA fails

- *Adament IBA refuses to increase the load from 10%. Wants to give WITH PROSPECTIVE EFFECT ONLY.*
- *UFBU scaled down the demand to 18% inclusive of super annuation benefits or 15% exclusive of super annuation benefits WITH RETROSPECTIVE EFFECT.*
- *IBA put up the strange proposal to refer the matter to their Managing Committee on 10th March 1999.*
- *UFBU requested IBA to seek the views of member Banks immediately.*
- *IBA did not consider the request.*
- *Conciliation with RLC (Central) also failed because of the obstinate and adamant attitude of IBA*
- *IBA deliberately failed the talks.*

Friends,

The SRI KRISHNA SANDHANA has failed. Struggle for our justified demands is inevitable. Therefore THERE WILL BE A BANK STRIKE ON 25TH AND 26TH FEBRUARY 1999

AND

INDEFINITE STRIKE FROM 17TH MARCH 1999.

Please participate in the strike whole heartedly and involve yourself actively in all agitational programmes taken up by the UFBU at LOCAL LEVELS ALSO.

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Bharath Matha Ki Jai

**LIST OF OFFICE BEARERS AND CENTRAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECTED AT THE CONFERENCE:**

- PRESIDENT** : Sri.D.K.Bajpai, Belanganj, Agra
- VICE PRESIDENTS** : Sri.K.C.Behl, Chandni Chowk, New Delhi.
Sri. S. S. Thakre, Sadar Bazar, Nagpur.
Sri. P.Narasinga Rao, S.D. Road, Secunderabad.
Sri. Om Praksh, J.H. Colony, Agra
- GENERAL SECRETARY** : Sri. Mohan Kumtakar, Advances Section IV,
Circle Office, Bangalore.
- DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY** : Sri.T.P.Pandey, Quazi Hauz, New Delhi
- ORGANISING SECRETARY** : Sri. S.Nagaraj, Legal Section, Circle Office, Bangalore.
- SECRETARIES** : Sri. R. Radhakrishnan, Development Section,
Head Office, Bangalore
Sri. U. M. Deshpande, Clearing Section, Mumbai
Sri. G. R. Chaini, Circle Office, Mumbai North
Sri. N. S. Gautham, Divisional Office, Lucknow
Sri. A. K. Rana, Circle Office, New Delhi
Sri. V. B. Ananthanarayanan, Eroor
Sri. B. Shankar Bhat, Yedamangala
- TREASURER** : Sri.K. Rajendran, General Section,
Inspection Wing, Head Office, Bangalore
- REGIONAL SECRETARIES** : Sri. Ramankumar Sood, Udaipur
Sri. Y.S. Verma, Ranibagh, New Delhi
Sri. A.K. Goel, R.K.Puram, New Delhi
Sri. N.P. Singh, Aligarh Main
Sri. N.C. Sharma, Kamalanagar, Agra
Sri. S.C. Kashinath, Harihara
Sri. S.C. Gokhale, Divisional Office, Nagpur
Sri. B. Rajkumar, Sultan Bazar, Hyderabad
Sri. T.K. Reghu, Konathukunnu
Sri. H.S. Yadav, Alwar Road, Gurgoan
Sri. Mohan Singh, Ghaziabad Main
Sri. Nagendra Prakash, Shimoga Main
Sri. S.S.Kamath, Currency Chest, Fort, Mumbai

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Smt. Mohini Kamath, R.M.V.Extension, Bangalore.
Sri. G. Mune Gowda, Avenue Road, Bangalore
Sri. C. Ramachandra, Currency Chest,
R.M.V. Extension, Bangalore
Sri. H.H. Ranganath Bhatta,
Divisional Office, Mysore
Sri. K.Mahadevayya, Gulbarga Main
Sri. H. Ranganath, Chickmagalur Main
Sri. M.K. Sampath, Regional Office, Hassan
Sri. R.C.Gupta, Ballimaran, New Delhi
Sri. G.D.Sakkarwal, Diplomatic
Enclave, New Delhi
Sri. Ashok Kumar, Deendayal Upadhya
Marg, New Delhi
Sri. P.L. Ahuja, Overseas, New Delhi
Sri. Raman Dogra, F-19, Connaught Circus,
New Delhi
Sri. Hari Om Singhal, Arvind Marg, Jaipur
Sri. Naresh Jethani, Arera Colony, Bhopal
Sri. G.P. Singh, Aminabad, Lucknow
Sri. A.S. Bhaskar, Jaithra
Sri. Kailash Chand, Belanganj, Agra
Sri. Chitra Sen Singh, Zero Road,
Allahabad
Sri. Rajesh Agarwal, Chandausi
Sri. C.Surinder, Sultan Bazar,
Sri. A.Revi, Alandurai
Sri. Abhishek Shekar, Circle Office, Patna
Sri. G.Padmanabhan, Regional Office, Chennai
Sri. K.Balaji, Foreign Department, Bangalore
Sri. M.C.Ramani, Badkas Chowk, Nagpur.

Circle Committees :

Our President has announced the formation of Circle Committee of Bangalore, Lucknow and Trivandrum Circle during the Conference. The Members in respective Circles shall be informed of the Committee Members separately.