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Dear Comrades,

7th Biennial Conference of Bangiya Gramin Bank Officers' Association, 5th Triennial Conference of Association of Officers of Paschim Banga Gramin Bank, 1st Biennial Conference of Tamil Nadu Grameena Bank Officers' Association – Grand Success.
Strike on 16th and 17th December 2021: A Thundering Success

The 7th Biennial Conference of Bangiya Gramin Bank Officers' Association, The 5th Triennial Conference of Association of Officers of Paschim Banga Gramin Bank and 1st Biennial Conference of Tamil Nadu Grameena Bank Officers' Association were successfully held on 27th and 28th November 2021, 5th December 2021 and 11th December 2021 respectively. In view of the prevailing pandemic, no pains were spared to ensure that all precautionary measures were taken, such as adequate sanitisation of the venue, use of masks and observance of Covid-19 protocol as far as practicable. The Open Sessions saw huge turnout of members and the conferences were festivals of unity and gritty resolve. Serving officers and retirees brushed shoulders and the loud cheers and applause were ample testimony of the deep sense of involvement of the participants.

7th Biennial Conference of Bangiya Gramin Bank Officers' Association

The 7th Biennial Conference of Bangiya Gramin Bank Officers' Association was held on 27th & 28th November 2021 at Ritwik Sadan (named as Com Subhas Basu Mancha), Kalyani, Nadia, W.B. The open session was started at 3pm with a colourful procession led by veteran leader & Ex-General Secretary of BGBOA Com. Tushar Kanti Hazra and Com. Debasis Mahapatra, GS, BGBOA followed by a large numbers of young comrades including lady comrades with shooting slogans. Then hoisting of AIBOC flag and garlanding to Martyr Stand was rendered by Com Sanjoy Das, State Secretary, AIBOC, WBSU, Com. Hannan Mollah, GS, All India Kisan Sabha, Com. Srijan Kumar Pal, General Secretary, AIRRBOF and Com. Subhajyoti Chattapadhyay, President, AIBOC, WBSU followed by Com. Tushar Kanti Hazra, Com. Debasis Mahapatra, Com. Jnanananda Bhattacharjee, Secretary, WBRROA and other leaders.



Afterward the inaugural session was started and the dignitaries and guests were called to the dais and felicitated with flower bouquets by the comrade delegates of the Association and welcome address rendered by Com. Gautam Basu, President of the Reception Committee. Comrade Hannan Mollah, General Secretary of All India Kisan Sabha inaugurated the conference by lighting the ceremonial lamp and was followed by the other dignitaries on the dais. Before the inaugural address, officer members rendered the inaugural song. A brief welcome address was delivered by Com. Debasis Mahapatra, General Secretary, BGBOA and introduced the leaders seated on the dais. As the much publicised BHARAT YATRA programme organised by AIBOC was tremendously going on under the stalwart leadership of Com. Soumya Datta, General Secretary of AIBOC, Com. Datta has sent his Best Wishes video message, in spite of his busy agitational journey, which was broadcasted on the screen of the dais. Then, the Chief Guest of the Conference Com. Hannan Mollah, GS, All India Kisan Sabha elaboratedly described the year long struggle of farmers and the success of the agitation including the demand of minimum selling price (MSP) of agricultural products. He also assured to extend the support of farmers to the struggle of Bankers – “Bank bachao, Desh bachao”. Com Sanjoy Das, State Secretary, AIBOC, WB deliberated his speech in his own style. The Chairman of BGVB Mr. J. L. Tobias has described his views in details about the position of Bank, Com. Srijan Kumar Pal, General Secretary, AIRRBOF has rendered his deliberation in his inimitable style and he also discussed about the problems, determination and struggle of RRBs in particular and wished the conference a grand success, Com. Subhajyoti Chattapadhyay, President, AIBOC, WBSU also lucidly spoke mainly regarding the present scenario of Banks and movement against Bank privatization. On behalf of Pensioners’ Association of BGVB Com. Nikhilesh Mishra spoke about his feelings as retiree of the Bank. Com. Tanmoy Kanti Maitra, President of BGBOA has rendered the vote of thanks and concluded the inaugural session of the 7th Biennial Conference.

The Delegate Session was held smoothly on 28th November 2021, the very next day at the same venue. A strong committee was formed to lead the struggle for the relevant years.

5th Triennial Conference of Association of Officers of Paschim Banga Gramin Bank

The 5TH Triennial Conference of Association of Officers of Paschim Banga Gramin Bank was held on 5th December 2021 at Sanskriti Lokmancha, Bardhaman. Coming close in the wake of the much publicised and successful Delhi Yatra programme organised by AIBOC and in which members of our unit were active participants, there was an air of muted expectancy, quiet resolve and militant enthusiasm among the whole gathering. The venue and the surroundings were colourfully decorated with banners, festoons and placards by the dedicated comrades of our Association. The large auditorium was filled to capacity with members and retirees who had turned up in full strength. Many of them stood patiently at the rear to listen to the speeches of the exalted leadership present on the occasion.

The dignitaries and guests were called to the dais and felicitated with flower bouquets by the comrade delegates from the all Regions. Comrade Soumya Datta, General Secretary of AIBOC,



inaugurated the conference by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Before the inaugural address, our officer members rendered the inaugural song. The welcome address was delivered by Com. Srijan Kumar Pal, General Secretary, who proudly introduced the top leadership of the mightiest trade union in the banking industry seated on the dais. The inaugurator of the conference, Com. Datta, in his inimitable style, elucidated the gamut of the issues affecting the banking industry as a whole. He expressed his sincere appreciation of the whole-hearted participation of the members of AOPBGB and of other RRB officers' associations in all agitational programmes of AIBOC. He also lauded their involvement and concern over the development of their own banks. He gladly mentioned that the officers of RRBs had participated in large numbers in the Delhi Yatra programme on and from 24th November to 30th November, 2021. Com. Dutta reaffirmed AIBOC's resolute stand to extend full support to AIRRBOF and its affiliates in the RRB officers' movement.

The other speakers were Com. Sanjoy Das, Secretary, AIBOC, West Bengal State Unit, General Secretary of Nationalised Bank Officers' Federation and President of Bank of India Officers' Association and Com. Debasish Mohapatra, General Secretary, Bangiya Gramin Bank Officers' Association. Com. B.L.Khandelwal, President of AIRRBOF, present on the occasion as a distinguished and honoured guest, expressed his deep sense of satisfaction that the Triennial General Meeting of AOPBGB was being held in a manner befitting the eminently successful, bold and massively popular General Secretary of AIRRBOF, who in the short span of helming the Federation had transformed the very nature of the struggle of the RRB officers to secure and establish their legitimate rights.

Com. Soumen Roy Choudhury, the Chief Guest of the conference, the doyen of bank officers' movement, General Secretary of AIUCBOF, Executive Vice President of AIBOC, and Chairman of AIRRBOF, in spite of donning many hats, was totally involved in the RRB officers' movement since 1990's.

The Delegate Session was held in the afternoon after a short break for lunch. All the proposals and Resolutions were approved unanimously. A team of office bearers and E.C. members were elected after a proposal was submitted and approved unanimously.

1st Biennial Conference of Tamil Nadu Grameena Bank Officers' Association:

The 1st Biennial Conference of Tamil Nadu Grameena Bank Officers' Association was held at Salem. Com. R. Sekharan, Secretary General All India Indian Bank Officers' Association and Sr. Vice President of AIBOC, Com. Srijan Kr. Pal, General Secretary AIRRBOF, Com. S. Mohanraj, President Indian Bank Officers' Association (Tamil Nadu), S Damodaran, General Manager Tamil Nadu Grameena Bank, Com. M Venkatesh, General Secretary Saptagari Grameena Bank Officers' Association and other dignitaries and honoured guests were called to the dais and felicitated.

Com. A Thirupathi delivered a short speech welcoming and greeting the assembled guests, delegates and members.



Sri. S. Damodaran, General Manager highlighted the present position of the Bank and also mentioned in glowing terms the exemplary role of the officers of Tamil Nadu Grameena Bank. He also stated that most of the benefits had been released by the management. He warmly greeted all the dignitaries and the officers of Tamil Nadu Grameena Bank Officers' Association. Com. R. Sekharan, Secretary General of All India Indian Bank Officers' Association and Sr. Vice President of AIBOC, delivered an invigorating and spirited speech. He highlighted the looming threat of Privatisation. He explained the necessity of ground level struggle. Com. Srijan Kr. Pal, General Secretary AIRRBOF gave an overview of the other benefits and discussed other vital issues such as Career Path of RRB Officers. He reported in detail the discussion with Banking Division on the pending issues of RRB officers. He requested the Secretary General Com. R. Sekharan to include RRB officers as Office Bearers in Indian Bank Officers' Association. He appealed to all the members to actively participate in the forthcoming strike on 16th and 17th December 2021.

Com. M Venkatesh, General Secretary Saptagari Grameena Bank Officers' Association reiterated our demand that Service Regulation in RRBs should be at par with that in Sponsor Banks. The other speakers were Com. S Mohanraj, President Indian Bank Officers' Association (Tamil Nadu), Com. Radhakrishnan, General Secretary Tamil Nadu Grameena Bank Pensioners' Association. They greeted all the comrades.

The Open Session was concluded with Vote of Thanks rendered by Com. Aylwin Ratnarajan. The delegate session was held in the afternoon for transaction of the business of the conference. A strong committee was formed to lead the struggle for the relevant years.

Strike on 16th and 17th December 2021: A Thundering Success

On behalf of AIRRBOF and on my own behalf, **I extend to you my warmest greetings for your active, lively and spontaneous participation in the 2 day strike on the 16th and 17th December 2021** at the call of our Joint Forum of Gramin Bank Unions and United Forum of Bank Unions. Dear comrades, the struggle is however far from over. Let us therefore pledge to strengthen our solidarity and brace ourselves for the bitter struggle ahead. By remaining united, we shall be able to defeat all evil forces of disruption and disharmony.

With warm Greetings,

(Srijan Kumar Pal)
General Secretary