

ALL INDIA BANK PENSIONERS' & RETIREES' CONFEDERATION



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Dear Comrade.

Sub: Kerala does it in its own way -- State Committee holds its 4th Triennial Conference on 20th May, 2023 at Ernakulam in style, grandeur and massive participation.

We have pleasure to convey that the Fine Arts Society Hall was packed to its capacity at 10.30 am and nearly 800 retirees from different parts of the state assembled to be the witness to the colourful gathering. The participation of lady comrades was really encouraging. The highlights of the conference are noted below for information of members:

- *The conference started with prayers and lighting of lamp by dignitaries present on the dais.
- *Com. B. Sreekumar, the secretary of the state committee, introduced all the speakers to the audience and welcomed all the persons present in the Hall.
- *Com. Tom Thomas, President of the state committee highlighted the expectations of the membership from the organisation and made a strong advocacy for pension updation and affordable medical insurance for Retirees.
- *Hon'ble Justice C.K. Abdul Rehim, Chairman, Kerala Administrative Tribunal and Retired Acting Chief Justice of the High Court of Kerala remembered with fondness his long association with the Bank personnel. He recalled that he had many classmates, friends and relatives in Banks and he was well aware of the problems of Retirees. He considers that people working in Banks have been the pillars of national economy and their logical and justified demands should be considered with sympathy and favour. He discussed at length various provisions of the Constitution of India to remind everyone of the rights and obligations of an Indian citizen and also the need to appreciate the true spirit of the character of the state as a democratic, secular and socialist republic.



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*Com. Sreenath Induchoodan, Secretary, AIBOC, Kerala state committee, in his inspiring and enthusiastic speech, explained the issues pertaining to the interest of Retirees, particularly Pension updation, and assured the House that AIBOC would be doing its part of the job. He requested for closer co-operation and better co- ordination between both the organisations. He sought for active participation of Retirees in the anti- privatisation struggle as it would be having devastating impact over the society and the country.

*Com. Suprita Sarkar, General Secretary, discussed at length various provisions of the BEPR (1995) to impress upon the fact that the modalities of Updation of Pension already exists in the statute and it requires implementation only by IBA through declaration of pension updation formula in respect of each Bipartite Settlement. He called upon all constituents of UFBU in general and AIBOC in particular that AIBPARC is ready to offer any kind of secretarial services and support by way of supply of documents to strengthen the arguments of UFBU in favour of various demands of the Retirees. He also touched upon the issues of 100 pc DA neutralization to Pre-November 2002 Retirees, affordable medical insurance, special allowance etc.

- * Several senior leaders of the movement were felicitated by the state secretary and general secretary.
- * The inaugural session was over after thanks-- giving by **Com. K.T. Thomachan**, General Convenor, Organizing Committee.
- * The Business Session started with the submission of report by the Secretary and Accounts by the Treasurer. Apart from such reports, Resolutions and various other relevant papers were submitted for consideration of the House.
- * A good number of delegates participated in deliberations. The report and other papers were passed unanimously.
- * The election process was conducted in a hassle-free manner. **Com. Tom Thomas and Com. B. Sreekumar** were elected as President and Secretary respectively.

We congratulate each and every newly elected office bearers of the state committee.

With best wishes and regards,

Comradely Yours,

Suprita Sarkar General Secretary