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Dear Comrade,

Sub: The city of Thiruvananthapuram witnessed hectic organizational activities of AIBPARC on 16th & 17th May, 2025 –

(i) **ABROA – unit SBT-** organized its 9th National conference in the Silver Jubilee year on May 17th, 2025 at Com. M.N. Thampi Nagar (Bishop Pereira Hall) in style and grandeur.

(ii) **AIBPARC, Kerala State Committee,** organized its meeting on 16th May, 2025 to have an interactive session with the General Secretary, AIBPARC.

(iii) **The Trivandrum District Committee of AIBPARC** organized a largely attended convention on 16th May, 2025.

1. The 9th National Conference of **ABROA unit SBT** coinciding with the **Silver Jubilee celebration** will remain a milestone event judged by the standard of massive participation and the prevailing mood of festivity. The hall was packed to the capacity even at 9:30 am. 750 members gathering from different parts of the country occupied the seats and a few hundred had still been moving outside the hall. The enthusiasm of meeting the old colleagues had an emotional touch.



A section of the audience.



A view of the dais.

• **The inaugural session** was presided over by **Com. V.S. Krishnan**, the Chairman of the organization. Other leaders who remained present on the dais are: **Com. Suprita Sarkar**, GS, AIBPARC, **Com. Tom Thomas**, President, AIBPARC State Committee,

Com. S. Rajesh, General Secretary, SBIOA, Kerala State Committee, **Com. Abraham Shaji John**, JGS, AIBPARC and **Com. R. Chandrasenan**, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

• **Com. Sarkar** in his address touched upon the following issues: the glaring disparity in the treatment of the VRS optees of SBT in respect of denial of the 5 – year grace period, the denial of pension updation by GOI

and IBA in spite of the existence of a written provision in the Regulation, the struggle initiated by AIBPARC in different phases to sensitize the members and to pressurize the decision making authorities and the need of continuance of the struggle till success is achieved. He recounted all the glorious achievements of the organization since its formation and requested the membership not to lose hope but to go ahead with firm determination

- On the occasion of the celebration of the Silver Jubilee Year, the organization paid reach tribute to the visionary leaders who had founded the organization. **The founding members had been honoured with a 'Ponnada' and a memento for their contribution in the organization.**
- **Com. Tom Thomas, Com. S. Rajesh and Com. Abraham Shaji Jhon** also felicitated the meeting. The vote of thanks for the inaugural session was offered by **Com. N. Jayakrishnan.**
- **The Business session** was orderly and well managed. All the papers placed before the house had been unanimously accepted after due deliberation by members. The conference resolved to continue its fight for successful resolution of all the pending issues and also took a firm vow to stand solidly behind AIBPARC in any kind of struggle called by the organization. Election of the office bearers was also hassle free and unanimous. **Com. R. Chandrasenan, Com. V.S. Krishnan and Com. N.S. Mohanan were elected as the Chairman, President and Secretary** respectively along with other office bearers. We congratulate the newly elected office bearers and do hope that the holding of the conference with massive success will further strengthen the movement of the Retirees in this part of the county.

2. **The State Committee of AIBPARC, Kerala** had its meeting on 16th May, 2025 at Hassan Marikar Hall. The meeting, presided over by **Com. Tom Thomas** was attended by more than 50 persons. The GS, AIBPARC attended the meeting as a special invitee. **Com. Sreekumar**, the State Secretary, placed his written report for the consideration of the house. After due deliberations by the members, the report was accepted. **It was made known to the house by the leadership that the State Committee was sponsoring two houses for the Wayanad Disaster Victims at a total cost of Rs. 40 lakhs apart from the contribution of Rs. 30 lakhs to the Chief Ministers' Distress Relief Fund as per decision of the State Committee.** The normal transaction of all agenda items being over, an interactive session started between the members of the State Committee and the GS, AIBPARC.

It was an hour-long session which had its novelty and uniqueness. Not less than 17 members asked pointed questions on different issues affecting the interest of the Retirees and the organization. The General Secretary to the best possible ability answered all the queries with clarity. The meeting ended with satisfaction. We give hereunder two photographs.



**A section of audience at the meeting
of the State Committee.**



A view of the dais.

3. Massively attended District Convention organized by AIBPARC, Trivandrum District Committee:



A view of the audience



A view of the dais

The district convention, held at the Hassan Marikar Hall, and presided over by **Com. M. Gopakumar**, was attended by 250 Retirees from different affiliates of AIBPARC. The meeting continued for 2 hours and the presence of lady members had been appreciably high.

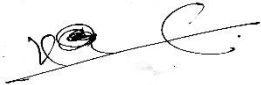
Com. Suprita Sarkar, GS, AIBPARC, explained at length the rationale behind the very legitimate demands of Pension updation, the issue of special allowance not being computed for calculation of pension and gratuity, the need of better health insurance at affordable cost, the need for creation of a formal consultative forum for being heard by the GOI and the IBA, the wrongful denial of ex-gratia by certain Private Sector Banks etc. He complimented the Kerala Comrades for always taking a lead role in the movement of the Retirees and urged upon them to carry on the struggle till the organisation achieves total success.

Com. R. Gireesh Kumar, the District Secretary, spoke at the beginning highlighting the purpose of the day's convention and thanking the members for their large presence.

Several members of the Governing Council of AIBPARC who happen to be the prominent leaders of the movement adorned the dais and spoke on the occasion. They are: **Com. Tom Thomas, President of the state unit, Com. B. Sreekumar, state Secretary, Com. Abraham Shaji John, Com P.B. Thomas, Com R. Chandrasenan, Com. N. Rajkumar.**

We profusely thank the District leadership for organizing such a timely and well attended convention.

Comradely yours,



K.V. Acharya.
President, AIBPARC
& Jt. Convenor, CBPRO



Suprita Sarkar
General Secretary