



# BANK EMPLOYEES FEDERATION OF INDIA

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To all Units, Office Bearers, CC & GC Members

Dear Comrades,

## **Office Bearers Meeting**

Our Office Bearers met in Kolkata yesterday.

### **Demonetisation**

The meeting congratulated all the state units for successful implementation of our independent demonstrative programme on the issue of demonetisation highlighting the failure on the part of central government and Reserve Bank of India to replenish the demonetised currency notes of Rs.500/- and Rs.1000/- amounting to Rs.15.44 lakh crore as on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The Office Bearers expressed strong sense of indignation against the central government for such a decision that has caused deaths to more than 100 innocent citizens of our country including 10 bank employees. Our Office Bearers condoled the deaths and shared bereavement with the members of the family of the deceased. Office Bearers referred to our letter written to United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) for holding meeting on the issue of demonetisation and for taking agitational programme including strike. Office Bearers made review of our initiative for a joint action under the banner of UFBU and decided that in absence of positive response of UFBU for action programme, we should explore the possibility of going for protest programme including strike jointly with organisations those who are prepared for such action. Accordingly, through the process of interaction with different constituents, the concrete shape of action programme that has emerged is a **country-wide protest strike** jointly with AIBEA and AIBOA on the issue of Demonetisation and NPA on **7<sup>th</sup> February 2017**.

Comrades, the stress and strains under which employees and officers had to work during the months of November and December is somewhat less no doubt but the way the central government and for that matter Hon'ble Prime minister has shifted the focus from fighting against **black money, counterfeit notes and funding for terrorist** to **cashless economy and digitalisation**, a new dimension of a bigger danger against the very existence of the banking system of our country in the interest of service providers of **Paytm** and **Jio Money** etc.

Separate circular on strike and preparatory programmes is being issued.

All our units are to plunge into action for success of the strike.

### **Overdue State Conferences**

Office Bearers decided that conferences of our state units in Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh should be held latest by April this year.

### **Draft Charter of Demands**

Office Bearers have prepared broad guidelines for drafting our charter of demands for discussion amongst 5 workmen unions for finalizing the common charter of demands to be placed before IBA. Office Bearers has authorised the Central Office to concretise the discussions of the meeting and circulate the same to all affiliates seeking their suggestions. This process will be completed within the month of February and after collations of the suggestions the same will be placed before our General Council tentatively to meet in fourth week of March at Agartala (Tripura).

### **Naresh Paul Birth Centenary Celebration**

Com. Naresh Paul, our beloved Naresh-da, founder President of our Federation and pioneer of bank employees' movement of our country was born on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1918. 1<sup>st</sup> March this year marks the beginning of the birth centenary year of Com. Naresh Paul.

To carry the message and teachings of Com. Naresh Paul to the bank employees in general and new entrants in particular, the meeting decided to organize year long country-wide programme by holding seminars, conventions and workshops etc. Centering round this celebration, the Office Bearers decided to hold Trade Union Workshop, Women's Convention at National level during this period. All state bodies and bank wise unions have been advised to organize similar programme at state and bank levels.

With greetings,

Yours comradely,



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GENERAL SECRETARY