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**To all Units, Office Bearers, CC & GC Members**

Dear Comrade

## **THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION OF WOMEN BANK EMPLOYEES ENDS WITH STUPENDOUS SUCCESS**

3<sup>rd</sup> National Convention of Women Bank Employees has been successfully held in Chennai on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of December, 2017 under the auspices of our Federation. The venue of the convention was named as Com. Sukomal Sen Nagar and the auditorium was dedicated to the memory of Com. Naresh Paul, the pioneer of bank employees movement of the country on the occasion of his birth centenary year.

Delegates numbering around three hundred assembled near the statue of Baba Saheb Amedkar at around 9-00 A.M on 17th and after garlanding of the statue all the delegate took oath to fight for gender equality, protection for rights at work place, eradication of all sorts of atrocities on women, defending public sectors banks et.al. Then a colourful procession winded its way through several streets in the area and reached the venue where Red Flag of BEFI was hoisted by Com. J. Guria, Vice President of BEFI and floral tributes were offered to martyrs column by leaders of BEFI and other fraternal organisations.

The Inaugural Session was presided over by Com. J. Guria, Vice President of our Federation. Welcome address was delivered by Com. P. Suganthi, Chairperson of The Reception Committee and General Secretary of AIDWA-TN. Com. MSN Rao, Com. V. R. Nair, both former Vice Presidents of our Federation and Com. A. Rengarajan, former General Secretary of our Tamilnadu Unit were felicitated on behalf of the Reception Committee.

Convention was inaugurated by Com. Mariam Dhawale, General Secretary, AIDWA. In her attractive inaugural address, Mariam expressed anguish over the growing incidents of atrocities on women in various parts of the country. She called upon the women bank employees to come forward and play effective role against the anti-people policies of the BJP government at the centre. The inaugural session was also addressed by Com. C. J. Nandakumar, President, BEFI, Ms. Rohini, Film Artist and Social Activists, Prof. Kalpana Kuranakaran of IIT Chennai. The Session was also greeted by Com. B. Vijayal, AIBEA, Com. S. Santhi, AIBOC and representatives from other fraternal organisations. Vote of thanks was extended by Com. S. Premalatha, Secretary, Reception Committee.

The Delegate Session commenced at 3-00 P.M. on the same day after formation of the Presidium with members of outgoing Sub-Committee and headed by Com. J. Guria, General Report and Works Report on activities of affiliated units of BEFI was presented

by Com. Kalyani Chakrabarti, outgoing Convenor. Com. K. Krishnan, Secretary of our Federation, greeted the delegates and highlighted on how women become victims of superstitions.

Cultural Programme presented at the close of 1<sup>st</sup> day's session was highly appreciated by all Delegates and others present.

41 delegates, majority of whom were new entrants in the industry, spoke on the reports. Com. C. P. Krishnan, Joint Secretary of our Federation and General Secretary of our Tamilnadu State Unit made a power point presentation on FRDI Bill. The Reports and Resolutions (1) Demanding 33% Reservation for Women in Parliament and State Assembly, (2) Against atrocities of Women, (3) Against Anti-people Banking Reforms, (4) Against Anti-people policies of the Government, (5) On demands of women bank employees were adopted unanimously. After completion of discussions, Com. Pradip Biswas, General Secretary, BEFI, addressed the Convention and highlighted the situation the banking industry is passing through and the role to be played by the women employees whose number has considerably increased in recent period after a gap of more than two decades when there was no recruitment in the industry.

Most encouraging feature of the Convention was participation of young women who were almost 50% of the total strength of Delegates. Now the onus is on the leadership of state Federations particularly the bank wise Unions to nurse them persistently to bring them up to the leadership level.

A 27 member new Sub-Committee has been elected with Com. Nupur Roy as new Convenor. Convention ended with slogans expressing vow to carry forward the struggle for gender equality, protection of women's rights at work place and continue to remain part of country's working class movement.

Comrades, the Reception Committee for 3<sup>rd</sup> National Convention of Women bank employees have done a commendable job in all fields to make the Convention a memorable one. Right from receiving of delegates on their arrival at railway station and airport, taking them to respective places of accommodation, food arrangement and again dropping them at airport/railway station for departures, was all neatly done in a planned manner. We will be failing in our responsibility if we do not mention the tireless work for past several months done by all the members of the Reception Committee and its volunteers. Our sincere thanks to them all.

The message of the Convention is to move forward with determination for gender equality, protection of women's rights at all work places and to rouse the voice of all bank employees and common men against the impending danger out of FRDI Bill.

With greetings,

Yours comradely,



(PRADIP BISWAS)  
GENERAL SECRETARY