

ALL INDIA BANK OFFICERS' CONFEDERATION

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To All Affiliates/Members

Dear Comrades,

15th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF DHANALAKSHMI BANK OFFICERS' ORGANISATION



The 15th Biennial National Conference of Dhanalakshmi Bank Officers' Organisation was held at Thrissur on 20th October 2013. Comrades, this meeting has to be written in golden letters of AIBOC for many reasons; be it, the near total attendance of members, the orderliness with which it was conducted, the huge turnout of women officers, the total involvement of young officers. The conference,

from start to finish was organized with a military operation like precision.

The house was jam-packed with more than 1000 comrades including a record number of lady comrades. (Unit's membership is just 1200!) In the welcome address Com. P V Mohanan, the vibrant General Secretary of DBOO for 21 years touched upon the issues, DBOO had faced over last few years of struggle and is still facing. Welcoming the guests and audience, he expressed thanks to all activists who supported DBOO in the hour of crisis.

The General Secretary, AIBOC- Com. Harvinder Singh, along with other stage guests, lighted the lamp of activism and inaugurated the conference. In his address of 40 minutes, he touched upon the policy of the Government/RBI on licenses to corporate houses to open private banks and foreign Banks. He justifiably urged upon the authorities to back track from the move to allow foreign banks to open branches in India and to take over Banks in India. He also cautioned that Bank Unions in the country will go to any extent to thwart such a move.

While briefing, those present, on the developments on progress in Wage revision negotiations, he exhorted the membership to keep ready for struggle in case Government/IBA does not offer a respectable settlement. He was short of words while congratulating DBOO under the leadership of Com. K. P. Radhakrishnan and Com. P. V. Mohanan for emerging successful in all their struggles. He said that the two indefinite

strikes including hunger strike of DBOO were glorious moments in the history of trade union movement. Special mention was made about active participation of lady comrades who turned up in such large numbers. The crowd cheered him when he lauded DBOO for acting as a whistle blower.

The Economist, the thinker and the teacher in Dr. Prabhat Patnaik came alive when he delivered the Key note address of the Biennial. His lucid explanation of the complex economic concepts enthused the crowd. He convincingly narrated how the recent attempts of the Government of India to allow foreign banks to open shops in India are detrimental to the nation. He made it clear that when these foreign banks are invited to come to India by the RBI Governor himself, they will be privileged entities, and no level playing field will be available to other Public Sector Banks for competing with them. They will ultimately displace the Public sector Banks and Old Generation Private Sector Banks.

Shri P. G. Jayakumar, MD & CEO of the bank, praised the DBOO for their organizing skills. He was very critical of the previous Management regime and described it as a "murderous attack" on the Bank.

Com. Abraham Shaji John, State Secretary of AIBOC, was generous in praising the militant members of DBOO for clinching victories whenever they agitate. He re-collected the role played by AIBOC Kerala in sorting the issue in the Bank in 2011.

Com. C Rajkumar, Senior Vice President of AIBOC was all praise for the militancy of DBOO members. He also said that all affiliates of AIBOC in Kerala are well aware of this. He also opined that the central Government itself is outsourced from IMF, and no wonder they can only think of outsourcing.

DBOO President Com. Vijaya Anandakrishnan in her Presidential address concurred with the MD's remark that the need of the hour is hard work and said that only a good officer can be a good trade unionist. However, she questioned the top Management for not fixing accountability on the erring top brass. She also said that a solution to the Bank's woes would be through participative management by inducting an Officer Director to the Board of the Bank. It was yet another splendid portrayal of rising Women power in trade union activism.

Shri Balaji Venkatesh, delivered the vote of thanks. The meeting concluded by 12.15 pm as scheduled.

With comradely greetings,

Yours faithfully,



(HARVINDER SINGH)
GENERAL SECRETARY