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COM. SHASHIDHAR SHETTY, JOINT GENERAL SECRETARY, AIBOC
AND PRESIDENT
SYNDICATE BANK OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION
PASSES AWAY

It was a grievous shock for the entire demise of Com. Shashidhar Shetty, also the President of Syndicate Bank June, 2020 owing to a massive heart crucial juncture, leaving behind his two friends, admirers and grief stricken Confederation and for Syndicate Bank



fraternity to receive the news of sudden Joint General Secretary AIBOC who was Officers' Association in the wee hours of 11th attack. Com. Shetty has left us at a very children and vast multitude of bank officers, relatives. It is a great loss for the Officers' Association.

Com. Shashidhar Shetty, had been at since 2018. His organising capacities organisation were viewed with awe by the members, fraternal organisations and the management of the Bank alike. The efforts that Com. Shetty put in to avert the Bank merger by organising protests, demonstrations, rallies are still fresh in the minds of the members in particular and the public of Manipal and the Karnataka State in general.

the helm of affairs of SBOA as its President and leadership qualities to lead the

Com. Shetty had joined Syndicate Bank as a clerk on 02.11.1984 after graduating in Science. He was promoted to officer cadre on 03.05.1999. It was at Brahmagiri branch that Com. Shetty took his first toddler steps as a Trade Unionist under the guidance of Com. Dinker Punja, former General Secretary of SBOA.

Com. Shetty held various positions in SBOA such as Zonal Council Member, Dy. Zonal Secretary, Zonal Secretary, Joint Secretary and Vice President before he was elevated to the post of President of the Association in the year 2018 and also to the post of Joint General Secretary in the Confederation. Com. Shetty showed keen interest in helping officers facing departmental actions by the management. He was guided and helped in the art of defending the officers in departmental inquiries by Com. H. V. Coelho, former President of SBOA. Com. Shashidhar Shetty was the most sought after defence assistant in Syndicate Bank. His acumen in respect of disciplinary cases in banking space has undoubtedly left an indelible impact in protecting the members and bringing justice to them. We deeply respect his contribution and the values espoused by him while discharging his role as a trade union leader. The sudden demise of Com. Shetty has created a big void which can never be filled. He was a big votary against Bank mergers and had left no stone unturned to prevent the merger of Syndicate Bank with Canara Bank. The ultimate merger had shattered him. But he had vowed to carry on his activities with a view to championing the cause of the fraternity and the fight against privatisation.

His monumental contribution towards forward march of trade union movement in the banking industry is unparalleled. He was an embodiment of optimism and hard work. He was not only a brilliant and completely dedicated and committed leader, but was a great human being. A gentle and simple soul, Com. Shashidhar demonstrated fortitude and embraced challenges with equanimity which earned him plaudits from one and all.

We dip our banner to pay tribute to Com. Shetty, who had suffered a huge personal tragedy when he lost his spouse at an early age, yet chose to sacrifice his personal life and devote precious time to ameliorate the sufferings of members.

The greatest tribute that we can pay to Com. Shetty, is by upholding and meticulously following his lofty ideals of upholding the flag of trade union activities of the banking industry in the days to come and by keeping the memory of his undaunted leadership ever alive in our hearts.

Long live Com. Shashidhar Shetty!

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General Secretary