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To All Affiliates (Please Circulate)

6th OCTOBER 2022
38TH FOUNDATION DAY

6th October 1985 is a day that will be remembered as an epoch making day in the annals of glorious history of banking trade union movement - the Foundation Day of All India Bank Officers' Confederation (AIBOC). The fledging organisation that took birth that day has tenaciously spread its wings and today stands as a dominant, potent and formidable force in the entire banking industry and is spearheading the battle against bank privatisation. The 38th foundation Day of All India Bank Officers' Confederation is a reminder of the great legacy we inherited and the distance that we have traversed since 1985 to uphold the dignity of the officers' community, to espouse the cause of officers' fraternity and to protect and expand their hard earned rights. The path traversed was not strewn with petals; au contraire it was full of hurdles and roadblocks that was surmounted by our visionary leaders of yesteryears. Let us acknowledge with reverence their toil, sacrifice and the saga of struggle.

2. This 38th Foundation Day will be observed in a befitting manner for the first time after the two years of a pandemic that ravaged social life and the economy. However, we have also witnessed that during this span of time the true colour of an exploitative world economic order, which only ensures redistribution of wealth from the working class to the crony corporates and multinationals, has been exposed. The threat of privatisation and that of the Banking sector in particular has to be understood within this broad economic dynamic. Thus, our 38th Foundation Day demands channelization of all our energy in combating the threat of privatisation.

3. We congratulate the entire rank and file for successfully taking forward the social media campaign **#BankBachaoDeshBachao**, on Facebook. The page has a follower base of around **2.95 lakh** and has a reach over **10 lakh** every month. We need to carry it forward to increase the audience/follower base and reach so that we can create a synergy between the battle on the streets and that on social media to reach out to the citizenry and enlist their support in our movement.

4. We are confident that baton of this great organisation will pass onto capable hands ensuring all round consolidation and honouring the great tradition set up by our founding leaders while building the edifice of this unique organisation from scratch. We urge upon all our Affiliates and State Units to observe this historic occasion in a befitting manner in every nook and corner of the country. Let us also solemnly take a pledge that we will not only protect the unity of the organisation but also consolidate it to spread our roots in unchartered territories and build a sustained formidable movement for thwarting with all our might the nefarious designs to hand over our national assets to crony corporates.

Let us march forward and uphold the flag of AIBOC, which is the symbol of hope, commitment, dedication, sacrifice, consolidation, unity and struggle.

Long Live our unity. AIBOC Long Live.

With revolutionary greetings,

(Soumya Datta)
General Secretary

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