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Dear Comrade,

LET US MARCH AHEAD **SPECTACULAR 7th GENERAL COUNCIL** **AT THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

History teaches that building a strong Union is a journey of dedication, commitment and perseverance and every General Council is a milestone. Befitting its stature, the 7th General Council of our beloved organization, State Banks' Staff Union (Kerala Circle), was held at Tagore Theatre, Thiruvananthapuram on 20th and 21st May, 2018. The meeting also felicitated Com. A. Jayakumar, the General Secretary who retired from the bank's service on 31st May 2018.

The curtain raiser of the Conference was the massive rally in the city of Thiruvananthapuram. More than 3500 comrades, who had arrived from every nook and corner of Thiruvananthapuram Circle, marched through the city roads of Thiruvananthapuram to the conference venue. The participation of youngsters and lady comrades including those from e-Associate Banks was worth mentioning. The procession was led by Com. Philip Koshy, President, Com. A Jayakumar, General Secretary, Com. V V S R Sarma, President, AISBISF, Com. B Ajayakumar & Com. A Raghavan, Chairman and General Convenor of Reception Committee, Deputy General Secretaries Com. R Vijayakumar, Com. G. Madhukumar, Com. C D Sivadas, Com. Vinod Philip and Com. Akhil Sathyan and the entire Central Committee members. The leaders of All India State Bank of India Staff Federation and different Circle affiliates also joined the procession.

The comrades marched in the procession holding placards shouted slogans against neo liberal policies and against the anti employee measures which are being adopted in the banking sector. They demanded the early conclusion of 11th Bipartite Settlement and recruitment of sufficient staff to address the shortage in branches/offices. The Panchavadyam, Theyyam and Pookavadi added attraction to the procession. Lady comrades from the city branches of Thiruvananthapuram in special attire took the lead of the procession.

The procession was greeted with thundering slogans by the comrades of State Bank of India Officers' Association (SBIOA) near Althara Junction Branch under Com. V. Muraleedharan, General Secretary. The comrades from All India Overseas Bank Employees Union also greeted the SBSU comrades under the

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leadership of Com.Krishnan.S, AGS of AIOBEU. At the entrance of the venue around 150 members of State Bank of India Pensioners Association (SBIPAK) under the leadership of Com. John Joseph, the General Secretary extended their greetings.

At 10.15 am Com. Philip Koshy, the President hoisted the flag amidst thundering slogans. Guard of honour was led by Com. Jayakrishnan. Floral tributes were offered to Com. A.P.Gopalakrishnan (APG) & Com. V.G.Sidhardhan by the leaders. Inside the hall the assembly was enthralled by the Swagatha Geetham sung by our comrades. The lyrics was written by Com. Karivellur Murali and music composed by Com. Vaikom Ambareesh.

The inaugural session started at the Tagore Theatre with invocation by Com. Veena Vipin. Com. B. Ajayakumar, Chairman, Reception Committee welcomed the gathering. In his Presidential address Com. Philip Koshy, briefly narrated the direction the government is moving in the name of the financial sector reforms. He asserted that the reforms would only bring havoc to the nation. He also demanded that the wage revision talks be concluded expeditiously so that the entire workforce can concentrate in addressing the multiple challenges faced by the banking industry and restore the confidence of the people in the banks.

Dr.V.K. Ramachandran, Vice Chairman, State Planning Board and the renowned economist officially inaugurated the conference by lighting the traditional lamp. He was joined by Shri. S. Venkataraman, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Thiruvananthapuram Circle, Com. V.V.S.R. Sharma, President, AISBISF, Com. V.Muraleedharan, General Secretary, SBIOA (Kerala Circle), Com. Sidhartha Khan, Com. Arun Bagoliwal, Senior Vice Presidents of AISBISF and Com. John Joseph, General Secretary of SBI Pensioners Association. Com. G. Sreekala, Vice President and Com.K. Bindu, Asst. General Secretary were also present.

In his inaugural address Dr. V.K. Ramachandran warned against the dangers of public sector banks thoughtlessly aping private sector. He said achieving social goals such as poverty elimination, universal education, providing food for all and sustainable development do not figure in the priorities of private sector and hence public sector that is committed to meaningful social interventions should not blindly imitate the private sector. He also explained how nationalisation of banks assisted in the development of our nation. He called upon the employees' organizations to involve in general and social struggles.

Shri.S.Venkataraman, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Thiruvananthapuram Circle thanked the organization for the invitation and expressed his happiness over the congregating of our comrades in large numbers for the conference. He appreciated the collective effort put in by the staff members to bring the bank to the forefront in the State amidst the adversities faced during the merger of associate banks. He also shared his concern over the mounting non performing assets and requested our whole hearted support to address such issues and to regain our top position.

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Our members in the Santhosh Trophy Team which won the national title were felicitated in the function. The prize distribution to the winners of essay competition conducted as part of the conference followed. As part of the Community Service by the organization a cheque for Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) was handed over to the Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram.

Com. V.V.S.R Sharma, President, AISBISF expressed his happiness over the strong and orderly procession he could attend as part of the Conference. He was of very much in praise for the Circle in taking up various issues to AISBISF seeking resolutions at Corporate Centre.

Com.V. Muraleedharan, General Secretary, State Bank of India Officers' Association (Kerala Circle) recalled the long standing association with the Union and offered all support and co-ordination in the days to come. He also congratulated Com. A. Jayakumar for his spectacular innings.

Com. John Joseph, General Secretary, State Bank of India Pensioners' Association, Kerala also spoke on the occasion and thanked Staff Union for its support at all stages and also felicitated Com. A. Jayakumar on his superannuation.

Com. Sidhartha Khan, Senior Vice President, AISBISF explained in detail about the ongoing wage negotiations of 11th Bipartite Settlement. He accused IBA for making such a paltry initial offer. He said bankers in the country are not responsible for the NPA piled up across the PSBs. He asserted the need of a satisfactory conclusion of wage revision. He also congratulated SBSU (KC) in organising its 7th General Council in a splendid manner.

The meeting was also addressed by Com. D. Venugopala Reddy, former General Secretary, Chennai Circle and Senior Vice President of AISBISF. He spoke at length on the long standing association with Chennai Circle and thanked the entire rank and file for taking up various issues confronting bank employees in general and SBI employees in particular. Thereafter Com. A. Jayakumar was felicitated by other Circle leaders by draping ponnada.

Com. A.Jayakumar, General Secretary in his concluding speech thanked the dignitaries who graced the function. He expressed his extreme gratitude to the Federation leadership and other Circle leadership for the support and the love and affection bestowed on him. He also requested the membership to take note of the various happenings in and around the banking sector and also to look into every issues of the membership in a serious manner. He thanked for the support extended to him by all comrades across the circle during his tenure. He expressed his gratitude to all former Central Committee members for their continued support. The inaugural session concluded by 3.30 pm with vote of thanks by Com. A.Raghavan, General Convenor, followed by the National Anthem.

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The Delegates Session started at 5.00 pm with Com.Philip Koshy in Chair. Com. A. Jayakumar, General Secretary presented the draft report before the council. Com. M. Subramonia Iyer, Treasurer placed the statement of accounts. Three resolutions, to rally for the ensuing two days strike, demanding recruitment in the bank and to focus and support the developmental needs of the State were presented by Com. R. Vijayakumar, General Secretary, NCBE, Kerala and Com. A. Raghavan. At 6.30 pm the session was adjourned. A cultural and musical evening with active participation of our staff members from various parts of the State was also organized under the leadership of Com. K. Bindu.

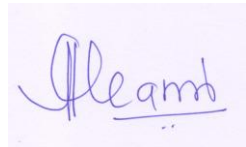
On the second day the Delegates Session started at 9.30 a.m. 46 Delegates participated in the discussion over the General Secretary's report. Many points connected with banking and social issues in the country as well as our organization and Federation were also raised. The Management's tactics in delaying the wage negotiations and other various issues confronting the membership at branches and offices were presented in detail. They requested the Circle leadership to appraise the various concerns to Central leadership for amicable solutions.

The General Secretary responded to points raised by the delegates in detail. The treasurer clarified the points raised regarding the accounts and the Council approved the Report and the statement of accounts unanimously. The outgoing General Secretary Com. A. Jayakumar was felicitated with standing ovation by all participants. Comrades raised thundering slogans as an acknowledgment to the General Secretary for rendering his service for this organization.

The resolutions and bye-law amendments were also presented in the session and the Council approved it unanimously. The President then introduced all the elected Office Bearers before the Council. Com.G. Madhukumar thanked the Central Committee for offering the conduct of the Conference at Thiruvananthapuram and congratulated the young and vibrant comrades from the entire Circle and the lady comrades who have taken the key role in making the Conference a spectacular and model event. He specially thanked the team under the leadership of Com. Vinod.R who took the initiative for the Bike Rally and arranging Heritage Service of KSRTC for the campaign.

The meeting came to an end with thundering slogans "**Long Live SBSU and Long Live Trade Union**". The President then called the first meeting of the Central Committee and co-options for various posts were presented and approved unanimously. We congratulate the Reception Committee at Thiruvananthapuram and the entire membership for making the General Council a memorable event in the history of our organization.

Yours comradely,



(A. Raghavan)
General Secretary

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