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To all Units, Office Bearers, CC & GC Members

Dear Comrades,

## **TU Workshop**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Trade Union Workshop centering round Comrade Naresh Paul Birth Centenary Celebration has been successfully held in Bengaluru on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> instant. More than 100 young activists from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu and Telengana participated.

There were 4 sessions for the workshop. 1<sup>st</sup> one was on 'History of Bank Employees Movement' which was elaborately dealt by Com. P.S. Pillai, our former President, 2<sup>nd</sup> one was on 'Intolerance' on which Com. Amanullah Khan, President, All India Insurance Employees Association spoke very lucidly, 3<sup>rd</sup> one was on 'Banking Sector Reforms' narrated by Com. A. K. Ramesh Babu, another former President of ours and 4th one on 'Organisation' was dealt by the undersigned.

All the participants attended the deliberations with raft attention and it was followed by questions & answers on all topics. Looking to the interest taken by the participants in the workshop, we are hopeful that this central event and followed by similar workshops at state and bank level will surely yield result in grooming the younger activists to come up to the leadership level in future.

Comrades will please recall that we organised our first TU workshop for Eastern India States in the month of August, 2017 and our 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop for Hindi speaking states will be held in the month of April in Patna. In such process our leading young activists from all over the country will be covered for developing them with basic trade union understandings.

## **Office Bearers Meeting**

Our Office Bearers also held a meeting in Bengaluru on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> instant. At the outset, the meeting observed silence paying tributes to Comrade Santi Ranjan Bal, our beloved Bal-da and one of the founders of our Federation, who breathed his last on 21<sup>st</sup> January this year.

Meeting also paid homage to Comrade P. Lakshminarasaiah, former General Secretary of NCBE, who passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> instant.

On **FRDI Bill**, Office Bearers decided to intensify our campaign against the pernicious provisions of the proposed Bill. It was decided in the meeting that all out efforts are to be given to mobilise maximum signatures from all sections of employees as also from the common people on the format given by UFBU.

On implementation of our independent programme of **Dharna** against FRDI Bill on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018, some units had to hold Dharna on some other day due to local convenience; it revealed that the response from the common people on campaign against FRDI Bill was very encouraging. Support from the common people against the move of the Central Government has to be further garnered by way of holding more and more street camps/meetings for collecting signatures till the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March next. All State units are to collate all the signatures sheets and keep the same with them till further instruction. For the present, we are to bring to **focus** FRDI Bill without anyway diluting the issues of merger and privatisation.

The Office Bearers' meeting had a detailed discussion on **Organisation**. It was decided that a meeting of Presidents and General Secretaries of all bank-wise All India/Regional Federations along with Presidents and General Secretaries of our State units will be held in the month of June next in Kolkata to chalk out plan and programme for strengthening our organisation in all centres.

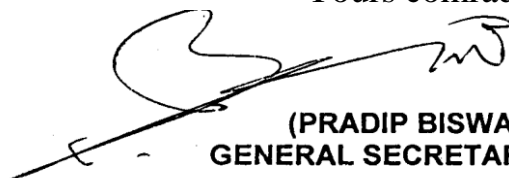
**10<sup>th</sup> National Conference** of our Federation will become due in the Month of February next year and Office Bearers from this meeting have decided to hold it within the month of February next year in **Kerala**. Dates and venue of the Conference will be decided by our next **General Council** meeting to be held in **Kolkata** in the month **June** next, based on the proposals to be given by the host unit.

To make the **BEFI-NEWS** more attractive for the readers and increase the number of issues to be published per year, several proposals were discussed and it has been decided to give the same final shape in our next General Council meeting.

The meeting thanked all the members of our Karnataka Unit for the nice arrangement made by them but for which the events could not attain so much of success.

With greetings,

Yours comradely,



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GENERAL SECRETARY