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Dear Comrade,

Adieu 2018 and welcome 2019

We have already passed through an eventful year which is going to end at the midnight of today the 31st December. We have witnessed many thrilling events, desperate actions and results with mixed outcome in the national and international firmament. We do not have any desire to test your memory by describing the events in chronology. We only share your feeling that in this changing world, everything is variable and only one thing is constant and that is again the “change”.

As far as our organisation is concerned, it belongs to the elder citizens of the banking industry. With the passing of one year, we are advanced in age by another 365 days and that is why the first thing which we are inclined to do is to pray for good health and mental peace of all our members and also their families. Let the New Year bring all happiness to all our near and dear members.

The year 2018 has witnessed relentless efforts of AIBPARC/CBPRO which have assiduously knocked the doors of Government, political powers, bureaucracy, IBA, UFBU and whatnot to make them feel that the voice of the retirees is to be heard. Although desired result has not always come, everything is not dark and some ray of hope in some fronts has surely been visible. The coming year is almost at a handshaking distance. It is pregnant with many possibilities. The threat of merger is hanging over the industry like a sword of Damocles and the present situation of Bipartite talks is not at all in a happy state of affairs. The retirees are vexed with a single question as to whether they will have to go empty- handed again in the coming bipartite.

In answer to a volley of pleasant and unpleasant questions, we feel that certain silver linings are definitely there in the horizon. The most important development in our view is that all the retiree organisations of the country are speaking in one voice and they are also writing to Govt./IBA in one language. The most sensational thing is that all the retiree organisations are hitting the streets together. Reports have already come from different state capitals about spectacular rally organized jointly and the whole country is eagerly looking forward to similar such rally to be held in the national capital on 7th January, 2019. It has also been delightfully observed that a strike call was given on certain issues which include inter alia the demands of retirees and it was by AIBOC.

Comrades, the greatest enemy of advanced age is probably lack of hope leading to frustration. We call upon everyone to come over the feeling of despondency and live with renewed hope. Let all of us recite loudly from the poem of Lord Tennyson -

Quote : “ Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light :
The year is dying in the night ;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.”

With best wishes,

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