

ALL INDIA BANK PENSIONERS & RETIREES CONFEDERATION

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**Sub : All India Punjab National Bank Pensioners & Retirees Association (AIPNBPRA) holds
its 1st Triennial Conference at Jabalpur on 12th October, 2014 in the midst of Grandeur**

It was the specious and sprawling fourth floor auditorium hall of Hotel Grand Samdaria, civic centre, Jabalpur. The nicely decorated conference room was full by 10-30 a.m. The total attendance was somewhere near 250 out of which 80 delegates and observers came from different parts of the country.

Shri Pradeep Kumar, President, AIPNBOA, Shri Dilip Saha, General Secretary, AIPNBOA, Sri Suprita Sarkar, Joint General Secretary, AIBPARC, Sri P.K. Malhotra and Sri R.K. Narayanan, both Convenors and Shri Asis Roy, former President of AIPNBOA formed the dais. After colourful inauguration of the conference, Shri Narayanan offers the welcome address. He recounts the happenings of AIPNBOA- conference held in 1982 and links it up with the history created by the retirees of the Bank through holding of its successful conference at Jabalpur. He specially welcomes the lady members who have ensured their presence.

Shri P.K. Malhotra, Convener, places an exhaustive report containing detailed activities of the organisation since formation of the adhoc committee. He introduces conveners of various committees with the members present in the meeting. He also places the draft constitution of the organisation and accounts for discussion and adoption by the house. Shri Pradeep Kumar observes that this conference has given a unique opportunity to meet the old colleagues with whom he worked in past. He feels that pension has come to bankmen as a right and

not as alms. So it should be protected and its scope is to be enlarged through continuous efforts of the organisation. Shri A.K. Andrews, an important leader of the award staff organisation wishes success of the conference. Shri P.L. Bhargab, leader of retirees of Allhabad Bank and Shri Arora convey their good wishes to everybody present in the meeting.

Shri Suprita Sarkar, narrates the philosophy, programmes, line of action and strategies of the organisation from November, 2012 till date. He urges upon the retirees to be convinced that the demands for which the organisation is fighting have moral, social and legal sanctions. Now what is required is an overall awareness of all the retirees of the country in strengthening and building up a solid organisational structure which can show a new horizon in the movement of retirees. He informs the house that the Governing Council of the organisation will be meeting in Kolkata on November 9, 2014 to take stock of the latest position and evolve suitable programmes for fulfilling our aspiration.

Shri Dilip Saha assures the house that the organization of serving officers will be extending all possible help to the organization of retirees sponsored by AIBOC. He informs the house that necessary guidelines in this regard have been sent to all the circle units. He also observes that in line with the thinking of AIBOC such organisations should be composite and then only they would gain in strength so far number is concerned. He narrates in detail the present position of bipartite talks on wage revision. He also touches upon the issues of retirees which include, inter-alia, the updation, 100% DA neutralisation, improvements of family pension, etc. He requests the organisation to explore the idea of deduction of monthly subscription from the pension account and assured to initiate dialogue in this regard.

After adoption of the report of the General Secretary, accounts and constitution by the house, organisational elections took place in an atmosphere of unanimity. Shri Asis Sen was elected as Chairman; Shri M.L. Gupta, as President and Shri P.K. Malhotra as General Secretary.

Comrade, the conference was whole-hearted and participative in nature. It is our firm belief and conviction that the successful holding of the 1st Triennial Conference will be a landmark in the history of AIPNBPRA. We hope that the organisation will consolidate its strength further and it would move from strength to strength. We congratulate the newly elected team of office-bearers.

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