



VIJAYA BANK RETIREES' ASSOCIATION (Regd)

(Affiliated to AIBRF)

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To All Members

Dear friends,

At the out set, we wish all our members and well wishers , a happy and peaceful new year.

The year 2015 was an year of great disappointment to all retirees in the Banking Industry. We can not and should not be brooding over what has happened. We must march forward, with conviction and determination to achieve, what we are aiming at. Let us, with total unity and determination move forward, strengthening our Association and re-in forcing our conviction and confidence in our organisational strength and unity.

OUR 4TH ALL INDIA CONFERENCE ON 19TH AND 20TH FEBRAURY, 2016:

Notice of our 4th All India Conference to be held at Bangalore on 19th and 20th February, 2016 is already sent by e-mail to our members and it is already posted on our website. Messages have also been sent to all. A copy of the notice is attached for the ready reference of all our members. All members are requested to note the following in connection with our forthcoming conference:

1. The Conference will be held at :
K.E.B. Engineers' Association , Sir. M. V. Auditorium, Silver Jubilee Building, Race Course Cross Road, Near Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore - 560 009 (from Ananda Rao Circle - proceed towards Hotel Tourist, further proceed towards Renukacharya College, reach Rangaswamy Circle & take left turn).
2. This is our Decennial conference. Arrangements are being chalked out to celebrate it in a befitting manner. We have decided to honour our senior, founding and past office bearers on this occasion. Details will be informed in due course.
3. On Friday, the 19th February, a meeting of the central committee of the Association will be held, commencing at 10 a.m. at the venue of the conference. After the CC Meeting, working lunch will be served to the members of the CC and volunteers on the spot.
4. A massive demonstration by the members of our Association, along with the members of other retirees' organisation will be held near Mahatma Gandhi Statue, on Race Course Road, near Hotel Maurya, commencing at 3p.m., under the banner of AIBRF, Karnataka State Committee. The Demonstration will be for about an hour. All the members attending the conference are requested to note this and participate in the Demonstration. The demonstration is in pursuance of the pending issues relating to retirees which are not properly addressed by the Govt and the IBA. We request all our members to note the same and join the demonstration in large numbers.
5. There will be a high-tea, at the venue of the conference between 4 pm and 4.30 pm. This arrangement is for all the members, invitees, guests and well wishers, attending the inaugural session.
6. The Inaugural session is planned to be held from 4.30pm to about 7.30pm. The programme for the session will be informed later.
7. After the inaugural session, between 8.30pm and 9.00pm, light food will be served .

PROGRAMME ON 20TH FEBRUARY, 2016 :

1. Delegate session will be held on 20thfeb, 2016, at the same venue. Delegate session will be open to all our members, who have contributed a minimum of Rs. 300/ towards conference expenses. Members are requested to produce proof of the contribution made by them.
2. Breakfast will be served between 8 am and 9.00 am at the venue to all members attending the conference.
3. The delegate session will be commenced with flag hoisting .

4. Thereafter, Presentation of General Secretary's report, discussion,. Adoption of report resolutions, accounts, amendments, election of office bearers etc will take place.
5. We expect the session to be over by about 6p.m. on 20/2/2015.

TRAVELLING EXPENCES AND LODGING ARRANGEMENTS :

Members attending conference from out-station will be reimbursed non-AC sleeper class train fare OR will be provided with accommodation at Bangalore covering the period of conference(EITHER TRAIN FARE or ACCOMMODATION AND NOT BOTH). Reimbursement of train fare will be actual fare.

Lodging arrangements will be made to those members, who inform us in advance. Following arrangements are to be complied with in this regard:

1. Lodging arrangements, on sharing basis will be made from the morning on 19th February till the morning on 20th February, 2016.
2. Members are required to vacate the rooms on the morning of 20th February(on completion of 24 hours from check-in). Arrangements will be made for keeping the luggage on 20/2/2016.
3. Those who require accommodation to be booked by us are requested to inform any of our representatives in Bangalore, positively before 31st January, 2016, giving the names, number of persons , and time of arrival.

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS EXPENSES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING :

As we are collecting only one time subscription, it has been decided to request liberal contributions from our members towards expenses of the General Body Meeting. We request a minimum contribution of Rs. 300/ from our members. Higher contributions will be gratefully received.

Contributions may be made as follows:

1. The amount of contribution may be remitted directly to our S.B. account No: 113901011004354 at Vijaya Bank, Malleshwaram branch, in the name of Vijaya Bank Retirees' Association(Regd). IFSC Code is VIJB 0001139. While remitting the amount, please ensure that remitters name and code number is mentioned in the remittance. Please note that this is a mandatory requirement, as per Head Office Circular No:15285 dated 16/12/2015
2. Our Regional representatives/ office bearers may collect the contribution from our members and remit the total amount to the above account, with particulars of names and code numbers of the contributors , sent to us.
3. Members may also remit the amount by cheque/ transfer to our above account, along with name and staff code no.
4. The contribution may also be paid in cash or by cheque at our Malleshwaram office.
5. While coming to attend the General Body meeting, please bring counterfoil of your remittance for our records. Please note that proof of remittance is required to attend the General Body Meeting. All are requested to retain proof of remittance and produce when required at the General Body Meeting.

We are very glad to inform our members that several members have already contributed higher amounts, voluntarily and have supported the Association. While thanking them all for their generous gesture, we hereby request other members to contribute liberally .

ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF AIBRF HELD AT TRICHUR FROM 26TH TO 28TH, NOV, 2015

It is with great satisfaction, we have to report to you that the historic 4th National Conference of our parent organisation was held at Thrissur for 3 days from 26-28 Nov.2015. It was a great event in every respect, with more than 1000 delegates and observers, from 44 public sector banks, Pvt. Sector banks, foreign banks & RRBs dawn from various parts of the country, attending in great enthusiasm. From our Association, more than 40 delegates & observers have attended this conference.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by nearly 2000 retirees and it was addressed by Sri. S.M. Deshpande, president, AIBRF, Sri.S. C. Jain, General Secretary, AIBRF, Sri. C.H. Venkatachalam , General secretary, AIBEA, Sri.Jeevandas Narayan, M.D and CEO, State Bank Of Travancore, and many other leaders.

Highlights of the conference were the detailed discussion on the General Secretary's report and decisions emerged on the various burning issues related to the retirees as reproduced here below.

We are very happy to inform that our General Secretary, Sri. K. Vishwanath Naik has been elected as one of the Vice-Presidents of AIBRF Vice Sri. Gopinathan Nair, our President.

The following decisions were taken by the General Council, for implementation in the days to come.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.

1. Slogan adopted by Thrissur Conference is 'WE SHALL ACHIEVE'
2. AIBRF shall continue to carry out organisational action and agitational programmes till retirees' demands are achieved.
3. Conference called upon the Membership to be ready for STRUGGLE.
4. Central Office was asked to roll out detailed organisational action programme for struggle to be carried out at various levels as early as possible.
5. General Council approved for creation of a Struggle Fund to meet expenses of future action programmes. Each primary member of AIBRF will be called upon to contribute certain amount to be decided by Central Office on one time basis to build struggle fund.
6. It was decided to hold centralised Dharna cum Demonstration programme and also relay hunger strike in Delhi, in support of retirees' demands during the next budget session of the Parliament.
7. While General Council welcomes new Group Medical Insurance policy for retirees, it noted with concern that the Insurance Company has now deviated from the agreed terms of settlement by denying the benefit of domiciliary expenses to the retirees. It was decided to watch response of IBA on letters written by UFBU and its constituents in this regard and launch agitational programme and approach IRDA for implementation of agreed terms of the settlement by the insurance company if needed.
8. General Council called upon IBA to complete cost study for improvement in Pension benefits to family pensioners as quickly as possible as agreed and obtain the approval of the Govt.
9. General Council decided to take flexible approach to remove all bottlenecks to ensure that 100 percent dearness allowance benefit is extended to all retirees as early as possible.
10. It was felt by the General Council that updation of pension is very important and is a logical and long pending demand of the retirees. Organisational efforts will be geared up to move forward to achieve it. It was decided to prepare a comprehensive report on updation, covering all aspects and submit to IBA/UFBU, which should become basis for resolution of this issue. Central Office will shortly appoint a sub-committee to carry out this study.
11. It was decided that AIBRF shall continue to peruse all other pending demands of retirees like pension option to left over retirees etc.
12. AIBRF shall continue to follow up at all levels, to ensure that IBA will call the retirees for discussion.
13. Legal option shall be exercised wherever needed to resolve retirees' demands. Central Committee is authorised to take decision in the matter.
14. General Council again emphasised the need and importance of co-ordination with employees/unions and it was unanimously decided to continue to take action for developing coordination with UFBU/Constituents of UFBU, in some structured format, for resolution of retirees' issues, despite some irritants noticed after signing of 10th settlement. Affiliates were requested to take appropriate action at their level also and educate the membership in this regard.
15. It was also decided to continue to take appropriate action for coordination with other retirees' organisations based on certain principles and programmes.

Detailed proceedings of the conference are available on our website: vbra.in

IBA Health Insurance Scheme:

Comrades have already come to know about the violation of the terms of Insurance by United India Insurance Co. Ltd by in following respects.

1. The maternity expenses,
2. Critical illness cover,
3. Domiciliary expenses,
4. Corporate buffer,
5. Dependents are not covered(Only Employee & Spouse)

This has resulted in a lot of resentment amongst the retirees. Hence the matter has been viewed seriously by our parent organization, AIBRF, UFBU and its constituents. All these organizations have separately written to IBA conveying their reaction in strongest possible terms.

Our national organisation, the AIBRF and the UFBU are following up the issue. We will keep you informed of further developments in due course.

MEDICAL INSURANCE- I.D. CARDS AND QUERIES :

Our members are requested to go through Bank's circular No. 15282 dtd. 9/12/2015 regarding details of the Medical Insurance, items covered and not covered, list of Hospitals for cash-less treatment, steps to download the I.D. Card, procedure for claims, claim forms, contact details of TPA etc. This circular is available on Bank's website- www.vijayabank.com- as well as on our website- vbra.in.

The Contact No. of the TPA are :

Toll Free No: 1800 425 9510

Direct lines 080 40125678/ 080 25011273

Members may contact any of the above numbers regarding all enquiries, clarifications, claim procedure, I.D. Cards etc.

LAST DATE FOR JOINING MEDICAL INSURANCE :

As per instructions from IBA, the Medical Insurance Scheme should be kept open for joining for a period of 90 days from the date of commencement of the scheme, i.e. 1/11/2015. There fore, those who have not yet joined the scheme may join the scheme before 31/1/2016. All are requested to note and also inform others.

Please attend our ensuing General Body Meeting in large numbers and make it a grand success.

With greetings.

Truly yours,

(B. Manohar Shetty)
Chairman

(C. Gopinathan Nair)
President

(K. Vishwanath Naik)
Gen. Secretary



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NOTICE

Date : 09-12-2015

Notice is hereby given to all the members of Vijaya Bank Retirees' Association (Regd) that the **4th Tri-ennial Conference of the Association** will be held at Bangalore on **19th and 20th of February, 2016**, to transact the following :-

AGENDA

1. Presentation and adoption of General secretary's Report and Statement of Accounts for the term under report.
2. Consideration of amendments to the rules and bye-laws and other proposals for which notices are given by the members or the Executive Committee.
3. Consideration of any other subject with the permission of the chair.
4. Election of Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members for the ensuing term.

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All members are requested to attend the meeting.

(K. VISHWANATH NAIK)
GENERAL SECRETARY.