



UNITED FORUM OF BANK RETIREES' ORGANISATIONS (U.F.B.R.O.)

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Shri Sameer Shukla
Joint Secretary,
Department of Financial Services
NEW DELHI

Respected Sir,

**Re: Updation of Pension of Bank Retirees- Undue Delay
And other retirees related issues
Re: Lakhs of Bank Retirees on Struggle Path**

United Forum of Bank Retirees' Organizations (U.F.B.R.O.) is umbrella organization of bank retirees at the apex level. It has combined membership close to more than 3.5 lakhs.

2. The issue of Updation remains unresolved for more than two decades despite continuous persuasion being made by retiree organizations through various action programs. Many central ministers and Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha as well as Rajya Sabha) have supported demand of Updation through written communications and also through oral assurances. Honorable Central Minister, Shri Nitin Gadkari had written detailed letter to The Minister of State for finance to consider Updation demand favorably some time back. Parliamentary Committee of Rajya Sabha had also recommended that Updation exercise should be considered for bank pensioners. The report of the committee was placed before the parliament and was adopted by it.

3. Despite above, Updation demand remains pending. More than 7 lakhs bank retirees are highly agitated because of abnormal delay taking place in approving Updation by the government. More than one lakh bank retirees have left the world without getting benefit of Updation. Every day bank pensioners are dying. Most of surviving who are waiting for Updation are also 70 and above.

4. In order to ventilate and demonstrate mood and aspirations of bank pensioners on most justified demand of Updation, **UFBRO has decided to launch action programs in support of demand of Updation.**

Why Bank Retirees on Struggle Path on issue of Updation?

- (a) 38 years have passed since introduction of pension in banking industry effective from 1.1.1986.
- (b) During these 38 years, 8 bipartite settlements have been signed giving many fold increase in pay and allowance to the employees, improvement in service conditions in banks and improved pension to those retiring during the concern settlement. But no increase of even single rupee increase in basic pension to those retired in previous settlements.**
- (c) In the absence of updation, complete lack of alignment between Basic Pension of those retired under previous settlements and those retiring now.
- (d) In the absence of periodical Updation, principal of social welfare ensuring decent and respectful life has been seriously diluted for those retired 10/20 years back.
- (e) Those who retired 10/20 years back have grown old. They are in the age group of 75 years above. They have strong desire that Updation exercise should be completed at the earliest so they can enjoy benefit of Updation during their life time and ensure dignified and respectful life in last days.
- (f) Lakhs of retirees feel discriminated in the absence of Updation. If Updation is possible in government sector, RBI and others, why bank retirees are kept away from Updation.
- (g) Discontentment and disappointment among lakhs of bank retirees on the increase on demand of Updation.

- (h) UFBRO/ AIBRF action programs manifests sentiments and growing discontentment of lakhs of bank retirees on updation of issues
- (i) Increasing number of retirees are coming out with enthusiasm and commitment to participate in UFBRO/ AIBRF action programs.
- (j) In view of unprecedented growth in business and profitability of banks, retirees have strong logical feeling that Updation exercise is financially sustainable.
- (k) No Updation despite sterling and outstanding performance of Indian banks in 23-24. Following business figures are worth noting
**Total Deposits 204 Lakh Crores Advances 163.4 Lakh Crores
Net Profit 3.02 Lakh Crores Pension Funds in Banks More than 3 lakh Cr.**

5. To achieve very reasonable and just demand of Updation, under action program, Dharna cum Demonstration programs of bank retirees have been organized in **major cities of the country beginning from Jaipur on 14.09.2024 and so on continued as under: -**

(1) At JAIPUR ON 14.09.2024

To make beginning of continuous action programs under banner of UFBRO in support of PENSION UPDATION and other pending issues of bank retirees, very impressive and well attended following programs were organized At Jaipur on 14.09.2024

Rally procession which began from Tarak Bhavan, Civil Lines Jaipur at 12.00 noon reached at the demonstration venue near Hotel Vista International where first triennial conference of Union Bank Retired Employees Rajasthan Unit was going on. In the rally more than 350 bank retirees who were carrying placard in their hands marched one kilo meter distance and reached demonstration. The demonstration with slogan shouting in support of Updation were addressed by the following leaders

- 1. Shri S. C. Jain, Convener UFBRO**
- 2. Shri Mitra Vashu, Joint General Secretary, AIBRF**
- 3. Shri C. N. Prasad, Joint Convener, UFBRO & GS AIRBEA**
- 4. Shri Mahesh Mishra, UFBU, Rajasthan Unit**

5. Shri P. C. Parikh, State Committee president, AIBRF
6. Shri G. K. Singhanian, GS, State Committee AIBRF
7. Shri M. K. Mundal, Chairman All India Union Bank Retiree Federation
8. Shri R. G. Sharma, GS, Bank of India Employees Union, Rajasthan
9. Shri Mahesh Sharma, GS Indian Bank Employees Union, Rajasthan

In service union leaders who addressed the program assured full support to action programs of UFBRO and pension Updation demand. In the program, memorandum on Updation was unanimously adopted and it was decided to submit to, IBA Chairman, local chapter, Jaipur, District Administration and Chief General Manager, RBI, Jaipur with the request to forward it to the government IBA.

PRINT MEDIA COVERAGE OF JAIPUR DHARNA



रिटायर्ड बैंक कर्मचारियों का आंदोलन शुरू

ब्यूरो/नवज्योति,जयपुर। ऑल इंडिया बैंक रिटायरीज फेडरेशन राजस्थान इकाई की ओर से रैली निकाली गई। रैली से पहले रिटायर्ड बैंक कर्मचारियों ने तारक भवन में धरना दिया और प्रदर्शन किया। रैली को एआईबीआरएफ के राष्ट्रीय महासचिव एससी जैन, संयुक्त सचिव मित्रा वसु, यूएफबीयू राजस्थान के संयोजक महेश मिश्रा, राजस्थान बैंक एम्पलाइज युनियन के



चेयरमैन आरजी शर्मा, एआईबीआरएफ राजस्थान के अध्यक्ष पीसी पारीक, महासचिव जीके सिंघानिया, सचिव

महेश शर्मा, आईबीओएआर उपमहासचिव सुरजभान आमेरा ने संबोधित किया। एससी जैन ने कहा कि पिछले 7 साल से रिटायर्ड बैंक कर्मचारी पेंशन अपडेशन के लिए आंदोलन कर रहे हैं, लेकिन सरकार सुनने की तैयार नहीं है। अब जयपुर से राष्ट्रव्यापी आंदोलन की शुरुआत की गई है, जिसे पूरे देश में लेकर जाएंगे आवश्यकता पड़ी तो वित्त मंत्री से मिलेंगे और संसद का भी घेराव करेंगे। महेश मिश्रा ने कहा कि बढ़ती महंगाई में बैंक कर्मचारियों की पेंशन वृद्धि नहीं करने के साथ मेडिकल इश्योरेंस पर जीएसटी लगाना 40 साल बैंक की सेवा करने वाले रिटायर्ड कर्मचारियों के हितों पर कूटाराघात है।

SOME PHOTOS OF ACTION PROGRAM AT JAIPUR ON 14. 09. 2024







2. We convey our thanks to all constituents of UFBRO for the support extended to make Jaipur action program successful. Our thanks are also due to the President & General Secretary, Rajasthan State Committee, AIBRF for making all arrangements for making the program successful. We are grateful to UFBRO leaders who attended the rally and assured their full support for the retiree demand.

2. AT LUCKNOW ON **21.09.2024**

As per the action program decided, Second Dharna Program under the banner of UFBRO was organized in Hazrat Ganj Lucknow on 21.09.2024. It was attended by more than 700 bank retirees from Lucknow & other cities of U.P.

Slogan shouting with lot of enthusiasm was conducted in support of Updation and other pending issues of retirees. The gathering was addressed by Comrade SC Jain, GS Comrade Mitra Vashu, Jt. GS, Comrade RK Agarwal, DGS, Comrade RM Tandon, Org Secy., AIBRF, Comrade (Dr) VK Singh, President

AITUC, UP, Comrade Lalit Srivastava, AGS, UPBEU, Comrade Hari Singh, CCM, AIBRF, Comrade AP Singh, Former OB of AIBOC, Leaders of AIBRF-UP who assured full support on pending issues of retirees.

3. At the end of the program, memorandum on behalf of UFBRO was handed over to the Deputy General Manager, Indian Bank who received the delegation with courtesy and warm welcome and assured to forward to IBA, Mumbai with their comments.

2. There was wide coverage of Dharna Program in local print and electronic media. About 4/ 5 newspapers including Times of India, Lucknow Edition covered the news with photos of Dharna.

BREAKING NEWS

लखनऊ

ALL INDIA BANK RETIREES FEDERATION

पेंशन वृद्धि के लिए बैंक के रिटायर्ड अधिकारी जंतर मंतर पर प्रदर्शन करेंगे- एससी जैन

बैंक पेंशनर्स का इलाहाबाद बैंक हजरतगंज परिसर में विशाल प्रदर्शन- 38 साल से विलंबित पेंशन वृद्धि की मांग

पेंशन वृद्धि की मांग पर रिटायर बैंक कर्मियों ने किया प्रदर्शन

एआईबीआरएफ

सरकारी कर्मचारियों की पेंशन वृद्धि के लिए सरकार को बजट में प्रविधान करना पड़ता है। जबकि बैंक पेंशनर्स के पेंशन फंड में तीन लाख करोड़ से भी ज्यादा धनराशि जमा है जिससे आसानी से पेंशन वृद्धि की जा सकती है। इसके बावजूद आईबीएफ (इंडियन बैंक एर्रोसिएशन) और डीएफएस की हठधर्मी के कारण आज बैंक के पुराने महाप्रबंधक एक चपरासी से भी कम पेंशन पाने को बाध्य है। इस अवसर पर एआईबीआरएफ के संयुक्त महामंत्री मित्र वासु, बीडीजेएस के राजेंद्र मुंजाल समेत अन्य मौजूद रहे।

लखनऊ, चरिष्ट संवाददाता। यूनाइटेड फोरम ऑफ बैंक रिटायरीज ऑर्गेनाइजेशन ने शनिवार को हजरतगंज स्थित इंडियन बैंक परिसर के बाहर प्रदर्शन किया। इस अवसर पर ऑल इंडिया बैंक रिटायरीज फेडरेशन (एआईबीआरएफ) के महामंत्री एससी जैन ने बताया कि बैंक के पेंशनर्स को वर्ष 1987 से पेंशन में कोई वृद्धि नहीं हुई है, जबकि सरकारी कर्मचारियों की पेंशन हर पे-कमिशन में बढ़ जाती है।

बैंक पेंशनर्स का इलाहाबाद बैंक हजरतगंज परिसर में विशाल प्रदर्शन-38साल से विलंबित पेंशनवृद्धि कीमांग

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Leaders addressing Dharna Program at Lucknow



Next Dharna Program of UFBRO will be organized at Jantar Mantar Delhi on 27. 09.2024 which will be third in series. We expect very good gathering in the program to support retiree demands. Dharna will be addressed by leaders from UFBRO Constituents, UFBU leaders and a few members of parliament and leaders from Central Trade Union Organizations. We call upon retirees from all constituents to participate in the program and strengthen the demand of Updation.

3.DHARNA AT KOLKATA ON **22.09.2024**

We are further pleased to inform that on 22.09.2024 one of the affiliates from AIBRF, Federation of Bank of Baroda Retirees Associations organized Dharna Program in support of Updation and other pending issues of retirees. It was addressed by GS Shri Kalyan Sengupta and other leaders.

Dharna at Kolkata on 22.09.2024



In addition to the above action programs of UFBRO, Odisha State Committee of AIBRF has met the following Members of Parliament and submitted UFBRO memorandum on Updation.

Memorandum was submitted Shri **Bhartruhari Mahatab**, Honorable **Member of Parliament (Cuttack Lok Sabha Constituency)** by the leaders and activists of AOBRF on 19.09.2024 in Cuttack. He received the Memorandum and assured to discuss the issue with appropriate authorities for resolution of long pending demand of bank retirees.



4. AT JANTAR MANTAR NEW DELHI ON **27.0.9.2024**



Dharna cum Demonstration Program in support of demand of Updation of Pension and other pending issues of retirees was organized at JANTAR MANTAR, DELHI under the banner of UFBRO on 27.09.2024.

2. It was massive Dharna program. **More than 1000 retirees** from Delhi and nearby cities participated in it. Slogans shouting in support of the demands were carried out by the participants with lot of enthusiasm. It was unanimously resolved by the participants that they are ready for struggle as long as needed to achieve the demands and prepared for further escalation. The memorandum on the pending demands was unanimously adopted which was submitted to Secretary, DFS.

3. The gathering was addressed by the following leaders from

UFBRO and from bank unions

- (a) **Shri S. C. Jain, Convener, UFBRO**
- (b) **Shri C. N. Prasad, Jt. Convener, UFBRO (AIRBEA)**
- (c) **Shri V. Vasudevan, Jt. Convener, UFBRO (CBREA)**
- (d) **Shri S. V. Srinivasan, Chairman AIBRF**
- (e) **Shri S. M. Deshpande, President, AIBRF**
- (f) **Shri Vishwanath Naik, Jt. GS, AIBRF**
- (g) **Shri Mitra Vashu, Jt. GS, AIBRF**
- (h) **Shri J. P. Sharma, Vice President, AIBEA**
- (i) **Shri Man Mohan Gupta, Working President, NOBW**
- (j) **Shri Vijay Garg, Private Sector bank**

Photos of Jantar Mantar Dharna on 27.09.2024





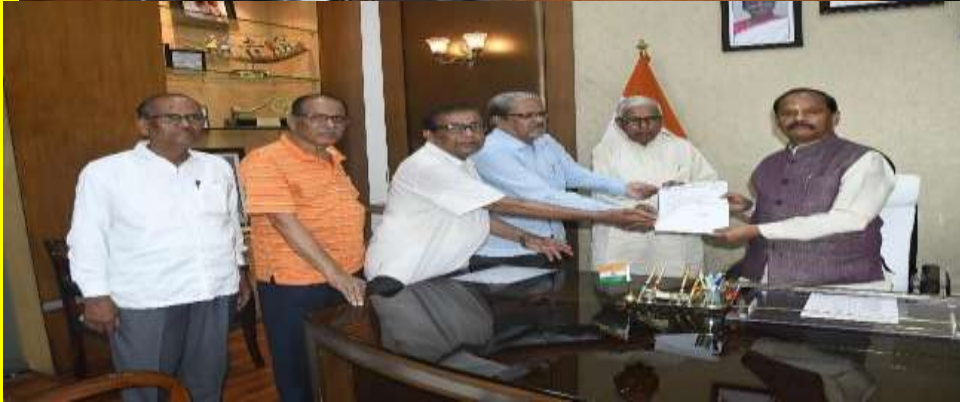
5. AT BHUVNESHWAR ON **03.10.2024**

Dharna program in support of Updation of pension and another retiree demand was organized in Bhuvneshwar on 3.10.2024.

At Master Canteen Esquire, Bhubaneshwar, Dharna of more than 300 Bank Retirees was organized from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm, as per the Action Plan of UFBRO by All Odisha Bank Retirees' Federation, State Committee - AIBRF, under the leadership of Sri BN Acharya, Sri Niranjan Mishra, President & GS of Odisha State Committee-AIBRF, along with Sri Mitra Vashu, Jt. GS, AIBRF. The Dharna was addressed by Comrade Mitra Vashu, Jt. GS, AIBRF, Comrade Dushmanta Das, State Secy, CITU, Dr Rama Chandra Khuntia, National Vice President, INTUC & Comrade Jayanta Kumar Das, State Secy, AITUC.

Sri BN Acharya, Sri Niranjan Mishra & Sri Mitra Vashu, Jt. General Secy, AIBRF went to the Raj Bhawan, the Governor's House, to hand over the Memorandum on behalf of UFBRO to **Sri Raghu bar Das, Honorable Governor of Odisha**. He was kind enough, not only to receive the Memorandum but also listen to us very patiently and assured us to send the Memorandum with his recommendations to the Honorable Prime Minister of India.

MEMORANDUM TO HONORABLE GOVERNOR ODISHA, SHRI RAGHUBIR DAS



DHARNA BY RETIREES AT BHUVNESHWAR



6. AT TRISSUR ON **22.10.2024**

Maha Sangamam Dharna cum Demonstration Program in support of demand of Updation of Pension and other pending issues of retirees was organized at Thekkinkadu Maidan, Trissur under the banner of UFBRO on 22.10.2024.

It was massive Dharna program and long rally were organized. **More than 1800 retirees** from Trissur and different part of Kerala participated in it. Slogans shouting in support of the demands were carried out by the participants with lot of enthusiasm. It was unanimously resolved by the participants that they are ready for struggle as long as needed to achieve the demands and prepared for further escalation. General secretary of AIBRF Shri S C Jain, Jt. G S Shri Mitra Vashu. Vice President Shri N Srinivasan and leaders were present in the rally and dharna program.





7. DHARNA PROGRAM AT HYDERABAD ON **18.11.2024**

In response to the call of UFBRO, Telangana State Committee of AIBRF organized Massive Dharana Program on 18.11.2024. It was attended by more than 400 bank retirees who sat on Dharna at Dharana Chowk, Hyderabad from 11.00 to 2.00 PM. The participants shouted slogans and displayed Placards in support of demand of Updation with enthusiasm and commitment.

Dharna program was addressed by President, AIBRF Shri S M Deshpande, AIBEA Secretary, Shri Rambabu, and leaders from Telangana State Committee. The program was widely covered in print and electronic media. Memorandum on bank retiree issues was submitted to Shri Ajay Kumar, General Manager, Union Bank of India who agreed to forward to the Head Office for onward submission to IBA.

8. AT VIJAYAWADA ON **19.11.2024**

Another successful action program was organized in Vijayawada on 19.11.2024. Large number of retirees from Vijayawada and nearby cities participated in the program. The program was organized under the banner of UFBRO in support of the pending demands of retirees in particular pension Updation , grant of ex-gratia to pensioners of private sector banks and other pending issues.

All arrangements for the program were arranged by Andhra Pradesh State Committee of AIBRF

Dharna Program was addressed by **Joint General Secretary, AIBRF Shri Vishwanath Naik** and other leaders who highlighted pending demands of retirees with the request to the government and IBA to sanction them urgently.

At the end, Memorandum on behalf of UFBRO was submitted to the Honorable Member of Parliament, Kesineni Sivanadha by a delegation consisting of Shri Vishwanath Naik Joint G. S. AIBRF and Comrades from A.P. State Committee Shri Yella Rao, V. Jagan Mohan, P. Veera Reddy and T. Basaveshwara Rao.

Action program was covered by local print and electronic media.

Delegation Submitting Memorandum to Hon. M.P. on behalf of UFBRO.





విశ్రాంత బ్యాంకు ఉద్యోగుల సంక్షేమానికి చర్యలు

విశ్రాంత బ్యాంకు ఉద్యోగుల సంక్షేమానికి అవసరమైన చర్యలు తీసుకోవాలని అఖిల భారత విశ్రాంత బ్యాంకు ఉద్యోగుల అభ్యుదయ సంఘం ప్రధాన కార్యదర్శి విశ్వనాథ్ నాయక్ డిమాండ్ చేశారు. తమ సమస్యలు పరిష్కరించాలని కోరారు. తమ డిమాండ్ల సాధన కోసం విజయవాడ థర్మా ఛాంబర్ ఆఫ్ వర్క్ ఉద్యోగుల మంగళవారం ధర్మా చేశారు. అంధ్రా బ్యాంకు విశ్రాంత ఉద్యోగుల సంఘం అధ్యక్షుడు వీవీవీ కొండలరావు అధ్యక్షతన అరిగిన సమావేశంలో విశ్వనాథ్ నాయక్ మాట్లాడుతూ విశ్రాంత ఉద్యోగుల సంక్షేమ నిధి భాగాన్ని 50 శాతం పెంచాలని డిమాండ్ చేశారు. కనీస పెంపున రూ. 10 వేలు పెంచాలన్నారు. అదోక్కో వీమా ప్రీమియంపై జీఎస్టీ కొల్లగొండాలని కోరారు. ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ అభ్యుదయ సంఘం అధ్యక్షుడు మాట్లాడుతూ ప్రత్యేక ధర్మాలను పెంపున అధ్యక్షుడు కలపాలన్నారు. మైచీటు బ్యాంకుల్లో ప్రభుత్వ బ్యాంకులకు సమానంగా పెంపున ప్రయోజనాలు అనుబంధించాలన్నారు. విశ్రాంత ఉద్యోగుల సమస్యలపై దేశ వ్యాప్తంగా డిమాండ్, దీక్ష, ఘనచేతుల, కటక, కేరళ,

విశ్వనాథ్ నాయక్ డిమాండ్

పైదరాబాద్, విజయవాడ వంటి నగరాల్లో ధర్మాలు అరుగుతున్నాయని చెప్పారు. డిమాండ్లను పరిష్కరించకపోతే ఉద్యమాన్ని ఉధృతం చేస్తామని ప్రభుత్వాన్ని అందోళనకారులు హెచ్చరించారు. నభలో నాయకులు ఎం.ఎస్.రావు, ఎం.బీ శంకర్ రావు ప్రసంగించారు. విజయవాడ రాష్ట్ర ప్రధాన కార్యదర్శి జి.ఓ.బుర్రేని, సీపీఎం రాష్ట్ర నాయకులు సీ.కె.బాబారావు ధర్మాలో పాల్గొని సంఘీభావం ప్రకటించారు. ఇటీవల పరిషత్తు వద్దపర్చుకు బాధితులకు విశ్రాంత బ్యాంకు ఉద్యోగులు చేయాకసంధించారన్నారు. కార్యక్రమంలో సంఘం నాయకులు పి.వీ.చారిత్ర, వి.జగన్మోహన్ రెడ్డి, చంద్రశేఖర్, హరిబాబు, రాజేశ్వరరావు, శ్రీరామచంద్రరావు, నారాయణరావు, సతేంద్ర, రాజు, రమణ, ఎం.బి.ఎస్ కర్క, ఎల్.బి.ఎస్ కామేశ్వరరావు, కె. శివప్రసాద్ పాల్గొన్నారు. వివిధ జిల్లాల నుంచి విశ్రాంత బ్యాంకు ఉద్యోగులు పెద్ద సంఖ్యలో హాజరయ్యారు.

10.

At KOLKATA ON 09.12.2024

In Kolkata, more than 1000 bank retirees from several banks assembled in front of Chamber of Commerce, BBD Marg to support demand of Updation and demanding from IBA/ Government to approve long pending demand of Updation at the earliest. Special feature of this action program was presence of more than **100 lady comrades from different banks**. Slogans were shouted with enthusiasm in support of bank retirees' demands.

Dharna program was addressed by Comrade Mitra Vashu, Jt. GS, AIBRF, Comrade Rajinder Munjal, from the Bankers Deserve Justice Society, Comrade Kalyan Sengupta, DGS, Comrade Sachidananda Day, Vice President, Comrade Abdus Salam, Org Secy., Comrade Salil Saha, Org Secy., Comrade Sushil Kr Roy, Org Secy., Comrade Tapan Moitra, all from AIBRF, Comrade Sonali Biswas, Comrade Braham Chari, President & Comrade Bipra Kumar Saha, General Secretary, BPRBEA and Org Secy. AIBRF.

Photo of Massive gathering of bank retirees in Dharna program in Kolkata





Dharana was grand success and could achieve its object in drawing attention of public and authorities on pending demands of bank retirees.

Entire action program was organised by West Bengal State Committee of AIBRF under leadership of Shri Bipro Saha General Secretary State Committee, Shri Kalyan Sengupta, DGS, AIBRF and other leaders of state committees. UFBRO is thankful to leaders of Bengal State Committee of AIBRF for responding to the organisational call and arranged very successful action program in Kolkata on 9.12.2024.

12.

At PATNA DHARNA ON 11.12.2024

Successful Dharna cum demonstration program was organised in Patna on 11.12.2024 in support of demand of Updation of Pension and other pending demands of bank retirees under the banner of UFBRO. It was attended by large number of bank retirees from Patna and nearby centres. Slogans were shouted with display of banners in support of retiree demands.

Dharana was addressed by Joint General Secretary, AIBRF Shri Mitra Vashu, Organising Secretary, AIBRF Shri D.N. Trivedi, General Secretary, Bihar State Committee, AIBRF Shri Sunil Shrivastav, Comrade P.D. Singh former vice president, AIBE, Comrade Rameshwar Prasad, President, Bank of India Employee Union, Comrade Manisha Banerji Comrade Amit Giri Comrade T. K. Palit from Bihar State Committee of AIBRF.

Bank Retirees Gathering in Dharna program at Patna





13.

AT MUMBAI On **23.12.2024**

We are extremely happy to report that in continuation of ongoing action programs being organized under the banner of UFBRO, **MAHA DHARNA PROGRAM** was arranged in **famous Azad Maiden, Mumbai on Monday, 23.12.2024** in support of demand of Updation of Pension and other pending issues of bank retirees and to express anger and disappointment of lakhs of bank retirees on undue delay taking place in sanction of updation.

Dharna Program was massive and of unprecedented success with participation of **more than 1600 bank pensioners and retirees** in it who reached at venue in bank wise processions like Uco Bank, Dena Bank, PNB, Canara Bank etc. with banners and in colorful dresses and caps chanting slogans with full of enthusiasm. It was unique and worth watching seen. Gathering included more than 70 women bank retirees who gathered at the venue to extend their support to the demand of Updation. More than 250 retirees travelled from Pune, Nasik and other cities by buses and trains starting their journeys in early morning to lend their support to Maha Dharna Program of Azad Maiden forgetting physical inconvenience at the advancing age. This was the largest gathering of bank retirees in National Financial Capital of the country ever assembled in support of bank retirees demands, where headquarter of Indian Banks' Association (IBA) is located and major banks of the country like SBI, CBI, BOI, Union Bank, BOB have their Head offices.

In nutshell, it was historical Dharna Program of Bank Retirees which was in real senses expressing mood, anxiety and anger of 7 lakhs bank retirees on delay in sanction of Updation and other demands. It became wake up call for authorities to take 7 lakhs bank retirees' sentiments seriously for resolution of the issue. It also gave strong message to IBA and others that bank retirees are not going to sit silent on discriminatory treatment being meted out to them for long and are fully ready to escalate the action programs in coming days and are ready for supreme sacrifice if needed in the coming days. **Maha Dharna Program of Azad Maiden has infused new confidence among bank retirees**

MAHA DHARNA PROGRAM ZINDABAD. BANK RETIREE UNITY ZINDABAD. UFBRO ZINDABAD. AFFILIATES OF UFBRO ZINDABAD. BANK RETIREE FATERNITY OF 7 LAKHS ZINDABAD.

4. During Dharna Program the following speakers addressed the gathering

1. Shri Dinar Kavishwar, GS, Maharashtra State Committee of AIBRF welcomed the participants
2. Shri Ashok Patil, DGS AIBRF
3. Shri S. M. Deshpande, President AIBRF
4. Shri, S.C. Jain, UFBRO Convener & GS AIBRF
5. Shri. Mitra Vashu, Joint GS, AIBRF
6. Shri Vishwanath Naik, Joint GS, AIBRF
7. Shri, C.N Prasad, Joint Convener, UFBRO, representing AIBREA
8. Shri Vaidya Joint Convener, UFBRO representing RBONC
9. Shri N. Sankar, Vice President, AIBEA
10. Shri Bhaskar Bhave, President Maharashtra State Committee, AIBRF
11. Shri Rajan Chanodkar, Organizing Secretary, AIBRF
12. Shri Subhash Purohit, Vice President, AIBRF
13. Shri Gokhale, Organizing Secretary, AIBRF
14. Smt. Aruna Upasani Chairman Maharashtra State Committee AIBRF
15. Shri F. Martis, Vice President, AIBRF.

5. The Following issues were raised by the speakers

- (a) Updation of Pension
- (b) Pension to be reckoned on special allowance
- (c) Payment of ex-gratia by Private sector banks
- (d) Direct Dialogue with IBA by retiree organizations
- (e) Waiver of GST on health insurance payable by senior citizens
- (f) Reduction of commutation recovery period to 10 years
- (g) Health insurance premium for retirees to be paid by banks.
- (h) Review of ex-gratia

All speakers supported the above demands of bank retirees and committed to work at organizational level for their resolution. Memorandum covering above issues was unanimously adopted by the house in the presence of more than 1600 retirees for submission in delegation to Chief Executives of IBA and MDs Of Central Bank, Union Bank and Bank of India.

At the conclusion of Dharna Program delegation of UFBRO consisting of Shri S. M Deshpande, President of AIBRF, Shri S. C. Jain, Convener UFBRO , Shri Mitra Vashu, Joint GS, AIBRF, Shri Vishwanath Naik, Joint GS AIBRF, Shri C. N. Prasad, Joint Convener , UFBRO , Shri Vaidya, Joint Convener, UFBRO and two others from RBONC went to IBA office at world Trade Centre, Cuff Parade, Mumbai and submitted memorandum to the acting Chief Executive in the presence of Sr. Advisor who accepted it for consideration.

MASSIVE GATHERING AT AZAD MAIDAN ON 23.12.2024





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मुंबई, (वा.) केंद्र सरकारच्या अर्थ खात्यात पेन्शन निवृत्तांसाठी पेन्शनग्राहकांची तरतूद असूनही त्या तरतुदींचा 'नियमनास' करून गेली २५ ते ३० वर्षे पेन्शन वाढ दिली गेली नसल्यामुळे बँक सेवक २५-३० वर्षांपूर्वी निवृत्त झालेल्या आणि आज रोजी वय वर्षे ७०, ८० व ९० च्या घरात पोहोचलेल्या निवृत्त बँक कर्मचाऱ्यांकडे केंद्रातील नरेंद्र मोदी सरकार दुर्लक्षित करीत असल्याची भावना निर्माण झाल्याने हे पेन्शनग्राही सीनियर सिटीजन आंदोलनाच्या पवित्र्यात असल्याची स्थिती ओलंड इंडिया बँक रिटायर्ड फेडरेशन या शिखर संघटनेचे राज्य समिती जनरल सेक्रेटरी कविश्वर दिवार यांनी दिली. यावेळी त्यांच्यासोबत रामन चांदेकर या ज्येष्ठ पदाधिकारी उपस्थित होते. यावेळी निवृत्तांना चर्चेचा अधिकारच नाही का? असा सवाल करत काही मागण्या केंद्रसमोर ठेवण्यात आल्या.



गेली ३० वर्षे कर्मचारी न्यायाच्या प्रतीक्षेत

यावेळी कविश्वर दिवार पुढे म्हणाले की, या २५ ते ३० वर्षांच्या कल्याणकारिता सक्षिप्य कर्मचाऱ्यांचे पन्नासहत्ती ५ हजार झाले, परंतु बँक पेन्शनग्र मात्र, त्यांच्या निवृत्तीच्या दिवशीच्या दरानेच आज पेन्शन घेत आहे ही एक मोठी रोकडित्वा आहे. त्यामुळे २५ वर्षांपूर्वी निवृत्त झालेला एखादा उच्चपदस्थ अधिकारी, आज निवृत्त झालेल्या अधिनस्थ कर्मचाऱ्यांपेक्षा कमी पेन्शन घेत आहे. निवृत्तांच्या प्रिथिव संघटनेकरिता नवी ३० वर्षे या विषयाचा पाठपुरावा करत जात आहे. आजपर्यंत निवृत्तांच्या संघटनेने आंदोलन, मोर्चे, इ. मागणी लढा दिले, लोकसभेत आणि राज्यसभेत सुमारे ५०० खासदारांक हा प्रश्न लवसूनपर्यंत पोहोचविण्याचा प्रयत्न केला; परंतु आजपर्यंत या बाबतीत काहीच घरा प्रयत्न झालेले नाही. याचे मुख्य कारण म्हणजे निवृत्तांचे सर्वोप अधिकारच नाही हा सक्षिप संघटने आणि अय.सी.ए. यांनी लक्षातलेल अजब रीत असल्याची टीका निवृत्त बँक कर्मचारी करतात.

निवृत्तांना चर्चेचा अधिकारच नाही का ?

एवढेच नव्हे, अधिकार्यांच्या संघटनेबरोबरही बोलणी केली जाताना, विमान अपघटनानुसारही चर्चा होते. मात्र दुसरीकडे बँक रिटायरीजबरोबर चर्चा करावयाच कुठला तय्यार अजब येतो? हे एक न सुटणारे तसे आहे. असे लज्जत वाटोवरण यांनी आपला संताप व्यक्त करीत म्हटले. अजबालेला बँक पेन्शनग्र त्यांच्या निवृत्तीच्या दिवशीच्या दरानेच आज पेन्शन घेत आहे ही एक मोठी रोकडित्वा आहे. आजच्या मितीस बँकेच्या पेन्शनग्राहकात सुमारे ५ लाख कोटी रुपये एवढा निधी पडून आहे. जी निवृत्तांच्या वयोग्रानुसार उभा झालेला आहे आणि आजची न्याय्य मागणी पूर्ण करण्यास सक्षिप निधी समर्थ आहे, असे कविश्वर दिवार यांनी म्हटले.



14. At HUBLI DHARWAD ON 11.01.2025

More than 500 members of AIBRF and UFBRO Had participated in Dharna. The program was addressed by Joint General Secretary, Shri Vishwanath Naik and other leaders from Karnataka State Committee of AIBRF. Memorandum on Updation of Pension was submitted to the district administration.

The photos of the program are given below





15. AT CHENNAI ON 28.01.2025

Dharna cum Demonstration program was organized in Chennai in support of demand of Updation under the banner of UFBRO on 28.01.2025. About 400 plus retiree assembled at the venue, **Rajaratnam stadium, Chennai** to extend their support on demand of Updation and other pending issues of retirees and to express their dissatisfaction and disappointment over undue delay in approving demand of Updation.

The gathering was addressed by Chairman, AIBRF Shri S. V. Srinivasan, Joint Convener UFBRO Shri C. N. Prasad and other retiree leaders from State Committee, Tamilnadu, AIBRF. We enclose copy of the circular along with photos of Dharna program for your information.

16. AT PATIALA ON 8.02.2025

Dharna Program as per the call of UFBRO at Chhoti Bari, Patiala organized by NSBRF-AIBRF. More than 400 Bank Retirees attended the Dharana. Sri SC Jain, GS, AIBRF n Convener UFBRO, Sri Mitra Vashu, Joint GS AIBRF,

Comrade SK Gautam, President, Punjab State Bank Employees Federation (AIBEA), Comrade Naresh Gaur, Chairman, All India SBI Employees Association, Comrade Hari Singh, Comrade VK Sood, Comrade Darshan Singh and others addressed the masses. Comrade Anil Sood, Prez, Comrade Devinder Singh Jattana, GS, Comrade GS Siddhu and their Team well organized the Dharna Program, which was concluded at 2.00 pm from 11.00 am.

PHOTOS OF DHARNA PROGRAM AT PATIALA





17. AT JABALPUR ON 13.02.2025

Successful Dharna program in support of demand of Updation of pension under the banner of UFBRO was organized by District Committee, Jabalpur, AIBRF on 13.02.2025. large number of retirees from Jabalpur and nearby cities assembled to support demand of Updation. The assembly was addressed by Convener, District Committee, Shri Sunil Mutreja, Shri R.N. Paharia and other retiree leaders from the center.



18.

AT INDORE ON 22.02.2025

More than 1000 bank retirees from Indore, Bhopal, Ujjain, Dewas, Dhar and Mhow participated in the program. Total bank retirees in Indore and nearby area are about 2500. Out of this, more than 1000 participating in the program is historical one and indicates enthusiasm and confidence of the members in UFBRO and their growing discontentment due to delay in sanction of Updation of pension.

In the ongoing action programs since September, 2024, first time **Human Chain** covering more than One & Half Kilometers long route was formed with display of banners and play cards in Indore on the main road. It attracted attention of the Public of the city. More than 80 ladies were present in the action program

Demonstration cum Dharna program was addressed by the UFBRO Convener and General Secretary, AIBRF, Shri S. C. Jain, M.P. & Chhattisgarh State Committee, AIBRF leaders, Shri R. D. Yadav, Shri Kishore Dharmadhikari, Shri Sharad Vyas, Shri Suresh Vijayvargiya, Shri Ahire, Shri Khanna, Shri Mohite, Shri M. S. Choure and others with slogan shouting and explaining various aspects of bank retiree issues in particular Updation of pension and why UFBRO is required to launch agitational programs to achieve the demands.

Convener, UFBRO explained as to how UFBRO action programs are creating required pressure on authorities to expedite finalization of Updation Demand and commitment of UFBRO to continue to pursue the demand at the organizational level till achieved.

There was wide coverage of the program in Print and electronic media. **Eleven Leading Newspapers of Indore** covered the action program and published the news prominently. Several News Channels on TV also covered the program.

Memorandum on Updation approved by the house will be submitted to Indore Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Shri Shankar Lalwani, Zonal Authorities from Bank of India, Central bank of India, PNB, Union Bank and IBA in delegation next week.

PHOTOS OF DHARNA PROGRAM AT INDORE ON 22.02.2025





Bank retirees protest in support of demands

All India Bank Retirees Federation organised a massive protest in Indore on Saturday, demanding pension updates, health insurance reforms and GST exemption on premiums. Retirees from various cities participated, forming a human chain on RNT Road. Leaders, including national secretary Sharbat Chand Jain and chairman R D Yadav, addressed the gathering. Despite ongoing efforts with the government and RBI, no action has been taken. The protest remained peaceful, urging the government to fulfil long-pending demands.

GATHERING OF RETIREES AT NAGPUR ON 17.03.2025



PROCESSION OF RETIREES IN NAGPUR





20. DHARNA PROGRAM AT AHMEDABAD ON **19.03.2025**

Massive Dharna cum Demonstration program in support of demand of updation was organised in Town Hall, Ellis Bridge, and Ahmedabad on 19.03.2025. It was attended by more than 800 bank retirees from Ahmedabad and nearby cities. Large number of women were also present in program

Slogans were shouted by the participants in support of pending demands of retirees especially Updation of pension. The rally was addressed by the UFBRO Convener & AIBRF General Secretary, Shri S. C. Jain, Senior advisor, AIBRF Shri J.B. Dave & other retiree leaders. There was lot of enthusiasm among retirees and conveyed their commitment to continue fight till updation demand is achieved.

Retirees sitting on Dharna in Ahmedabad on 19.03.2025



UFBRO CONVENER & AIBRF GS ADDRESSING THE RETIREES IN AHMEDABD



Retiree Leaders from Gujarat sitting on Dharna program on 19.03.2025



21. DHARNA AT BANGALORE ON **29.03.2025**

We invite your kind attention on our last circular No. 2025/ 17 dated 23.03.2025 reporting details of Dharna cum Demonstration programs organised at Nagpur & Ahmedabad in support of demand of Updation and other pending issues of bank retirees.

2. We are happy to report that another **massive and historical Dharna cum Demonstration Program was organised at Freedom Park, Bangalore on Saturday, 29.03.2025 from 10.00 AM onwards.** There were overwhelming response from bank retirees to the action program. More than **2500 plus bank retirees assembled** at the venue to extend their support to the pending demands of bank retirees and also to express their disappointment and anger on undue delay of more than 3 decades taking place in addressing core demand of updation of bank retirees. The gathering also included large number of women actively participating in the program.

Gathering at Freedom Park Dharna Program of UFBRO on 29.03.2025





Main highlights of the program were the following

- (a) More than **2500 bank retirees from public & private sector banks** were present much before scheduled time.
- (b) **It was 21st Action Program** in the series being organised under the banner of UBRO in different cities of the country, beginning from Jaipur in September, 2024.
- (c) There was lot of enthusiasm among the participants and were continuously shouting slogans in support of pending demands of retirees specially **UPDATION OF PENSION** as per RBI formula and for unity of bank retirees.
- (d) Woman participants took leading part in slogan shouting.
- (e) **Participants were wearing yellow caps creating very colourful and impressive seen giving formidable message of BANK RETIREE UNITY and their commitment to fight and struggle to achieve their demands. Some of the participants were wearing golden colour shawls.**
- (f) Welcome address was delivered by Shri Vishwnath Naik, Joint GS, and AIBRF. Speakers who addressed the rally highlighting pending issues were **UFBU Convener and GS, AIBRF, Shri S.C. Jain, Joint Convener & GS AIBREA Shri C. N. Prasad, Vice President, AIBRF & Woman Representative, Smt. Ratna Uttappa, Organising Secretary & representative from Private Sector Banks, Shri. Venkatesh Babu, President of Karnataka Bank Retiree Association. The program was presided over by President, Karnataka State Committee Shri Devas Rao.**
- (g) Major issues of bank retirees highlighted in Dharana Program were Pension Updation, Ex-Gratia benefit to retirees from private sector banks, basic pension to be reckoned on special allowance also for those retired under 10th settlement onwards, improvement in group medical insurance scheme etc.

(h) Entire house resolved that their struggle would continue till demands are achieved.

(i) There was wide coverage of this action program in Bangalore print and electronic media.



4. All arrangements of action program were made by Karnataka State Committee of AIBRF. We convey our sincere thanks to the state committee leadership and the team.

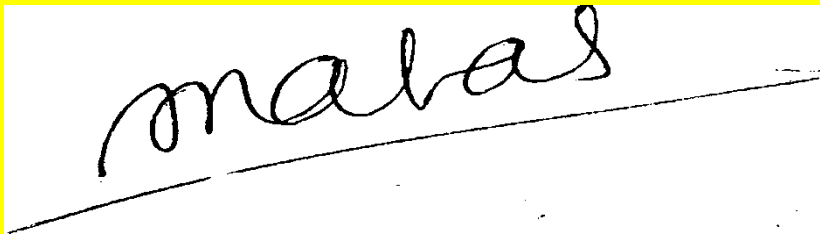
5. In nut shell, it was highly successful action and could draw attention of the authorities and public on issues of bank retirees and move forward to achieve demands of retirees.

6. Further, West Bengal State Committee of AIBRF is organising MAHA SAMELAN OF BANK RETIREES in Kolkata on 22.04.2025 to highlight pending demands of bank retirees. We expect large number of retirees to participate in it to lend their support on pending demands of retirees.

7. We appeal to you, Sir to consider demand of Updation favourably and honour sentiments of lakhs of bank retirees who have patiently waiting for years to realise demand of Updation.

With Respectful Regards,

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'mabas', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

**(S. C. JAIN)
Convener, UFBRO**

**C.C. to The Chairman
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**The Chief Executive,
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