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TO ALL CEC MEMBERS & UNITS

CALL OF THE SEVENTH CONFERENCE
INTENSIFY CAMPAIGN AGAINST CENTRAL GOVT.'S ECONOMIC POLICY
SAVE PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS
SCRAP NEW PENSION SCHEME
ORGANISE CONTRACTUAL WORKERS
DEFEAT ALL COMMUNAL & DIVISIVE FORCES

Comrade Pradip Biswas, on behalf of the Presidium, announced the conclusion of the  $7^{th}$  Conference of our Federation on  $25^{th}$  March ultimo amidst thunderous slogans, BEFI Long Live, PNBEFI Long Live, Workers of the World Unite.

The Inaugural Session commenced at **MOULALI YUBA KENDRA KOLKATA** on 24<sup>th</sup> March evening with Mass Songs presented by the Cultural Unit of Punjab National Bank Sramik Union, West Bengal.

Inaugurating the Conference Comrade Vijoo Krishnan, Joint Secretary, All India Kisan Sabha, explained the growing threats to secular fabric in India and infiltration of communal fascist RSS and its ideology into educational institutions and administrative machinery. Speaking on demonetisation and attack on nationalised banks and cooperatives, he attacked the Central Government for giving huge concessions for wilful defaulters like Mallyas, Ambanis and Adanis while refusing to waive Farmers' loans. In the context of increased attacks on toiling masses and on the Constitution, he called upon PNB employees to work for building broadest possible issue-based unity of Left and Democratic forces to resist the reactionary forces. In the battle of ideas, the need to be political and counter divisive forces was stressed by him. Comrade Pradip Biswas, General Secretary, B.E.F.I., with his elucidate speech, dealt upon the need for all the bank employees to rise to the occasion of resisting the onslaughts of neo-liberal policies. He narrated in details the adverse impact of demonetisation. He pointed out that the real objective of this demonetisation has now become clear with the Prime Minister's thrust for switching over to digital payment system which is another feature of neo-liberal reforms to destabilise public sector banking. The open session was also addressed by Comrade Joydeb Dasgupta, General Secretary, B.E.F. (WB).

Before commencing the **Delegate Session** on 25<sup>th</sup> March, at 10.30 AM Red Flag of PNBEFI was hoisted by the President Comrade Mukhtar Singh. Floral tributes on the Martyrs Column were offered by him and all other CEC Members, Delegates & Observers.

The Steering Committee was formed with all the outgoing Office Bearers. The Condolence Resolution was moved on behalf of the Presidium and all present stood up and observed silence to pay respect to all who left us forever since our last Conference.

The General Secretary then placed the Draft Report on behalf of the outgoing CEC, while the Treasurer placed the Audited Statements of Accounts from January 2014 to December 2016. The statements of accounts were accepted unanimously. Participants from different States deliberated on the Report and enriched the same. The deliberations threw light on various crucial aspects of the attacks of the Bankers-Government combine as also on the attacks on women going on throughout the country. The speakers also highlighted various issues concerning the bank employees in general and the PNB employees in particular.

Some of the suggestions put forward by the Delegates/Observers during deliberations for incorporation in the Report were accepted by the Steering Committee. With such incorporation and the reply given by the outgoing General Secretary on various points raised during deliberations of the participants, the Report was accepted unanimously.

The following Resolutions were adopted by the Conference.

Against Communalism.

- Against anti-people Economic & Labour Policy of the Central Government.
- Against Privatisation & Merger of Public Sector Banks.
- On Pension Updation & Against New Pension Scheme.

Against Digital Payment.

Organise the Contractual Workers.

On the agenda of election of Office Bearers, the proposal placed on behalf of the Steering Committee was unanimously accepted. In terms of the procedure laid down in the Constitution, the other CEC members were also elected unanimously.

The newly elected Central Executive Committee is as under.

PRESIDENT

: Mukhtar Singh.

VICE PRESIDENTS

: Pradip Biswas, Tapas Das, A.K. Mukherjee, Birendra

Kr. Mishra.

**GENERAL SECRETARY** 

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: Anupam Mitra.: Umesh Kr. Verma.

JOINT SECRETARIES

: Amitav Mukherjee, D. K. Sarkar, Amitabha De, D.K.

Chaudhary, Om Pai.

TREASURER

: Srijit Sengupta.

**MEMBERS** 

: Pinaki Ranjan Raichoudhuri, Abani Bhusan Chatterjee, Animesh Sur, Buddhadeb Das, Ravindra Kr. Choudhary, Ananta Bhui, Rajesh Vyas, Virendra Singh Yadav, Vinod Kumar Singhal, KK Sharma, Roop Kr. Passi, Dilip Kr.

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Conference decided to reappoint M/s. Das Tarun & Company, Chartered Accountants, Kolkata, as Auditors of the Federation for the next term.

This reporting would be incomplete without a reference to the commendable task very well performed by the Volunteers of the West Bengal Unit with meticulous details. From receiving Delegates and Observers to bidding them adieu, including ensuring their stay, fooding and arrangement for transportation and many more, everything was done with a smile. We extend our Red Salute to all the Volunteers of PNB Shramik Union, West Bengal.

With greetings,

Yours comradely,

(ANUPAM MITRA)
GENERAL SECRETARY