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Dear Comrades

### **Platinum Jubilee Message from Com P S Sundaresan, Veteran Leader, AIBEA**

We had sent the invitation of the Inaugural Function of our Platinum Jubilee Celebrations to Leaders of AIBEA and many have sent messages to us wishing the function all success.

Com P S Sundaresan, former Vice President of AIBEA and Veteran Leader, stationed at Bengaluru could not attend our function. Com P S Sundaresan has released hundreds of pamphlets on the History of AIBEA, on the struggles and sacrifices of our leaders and comrades, anecdotes and incidents in the 80-year journey of AIBEA. He also took pains and compiled a voluminous book on the History of AIBEA.

On the Platinum Jubilee occasion of our beloved union, at the age of 96, he has sent the following message written in his own handwriting.

We salute Com P S Sundaresan and offer our Namaskarams to the great leader.

With Platinum Jubilee greetings

Yours comradely

**B.RAMPRAKASH**  
**GENERAL SECRETARY**

### **MESSAGE FROM COM. P. S. SUNDARESAN - ON THE OCCASION OF THE PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF CANARA BANK EMPLOYEES' UNION**

Dear Comrades,

It gives me immense pride and joy to extend my warm greetings and revolutionary congratulations to the leadership and members of Canara Bank Employees' Union on the historic occasion of its Platinum Jubilee.

Over fifty years ago, during the Silver Jubilee celebrations of AIBEA, the great visionary Comrade Prabhat Kar had remarked that in the Indian context—where the traditional four pillars of democracy—the Legislature, Judiciary, Executive, and the Press—often adopt an apathetic and even antagonistic attitude towards the organised sector of labour, the very survival of AIBEA for 25 years was a miracle.

Since then, over the past decades, AIBEA did not merely survive but triumphed. It fought back third-party adjudication on service conditions, brought the banks to the table for bipartite negotiations, fulfilled the dreams of our founding fathers by achieving nationalisation of banking, secured workmen representation in bank boards, and resisted attempts—even by India's first Prime Minister—to tamper with National Tribunal judgments in favour of employees.



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These were not miracles—they were the outcomes of unity, militancy, courage, and sacrifice. The readiness of the working class to struggle and strike gave AIBEA its strength.

As CBEU celebrates its Platinum Jubilee, it is important to remember that from as early as 1951, employees of Canara Bank faced autocratic, unsympathetic, and arrogant managements. Workers were transferred to distant locations for reporting just five minutes late. They were made to work 10–12 hours daily for six days a week, and were discriminated against on communal and religious grounds. Basic dignity was denied—even a cup of tea was a luxury. Yet, tables, chairs, and counters were polished and maintained.

In those dark times, CBEU's leaders like Com. P.K. Janardhan Pillai and Com. C.S. Subramaniam were transferred five to ten times within short intervals. But their spirit remained unshaken. AIBEA's ideals kept burning bright in the hearts of workers. Many forewent promotional opportunities, made personal sacrifices, and dedicated their lives for the collective good.

Today, the flag of AIBEA continues to flutter proudly in every branch of Canara Bank. CBEU has emerged as a nationally recognised, widely respected trade union. It not only marches forward but stands in unwavering solidarity with all units of AIBEA across India. Many state-level federations are led by comrades who came from CBEU.

CBEU has become a miniature national organisation within AIBEA. In your functioning and formulation of demands, you must now cultivate an industry-wise outlook, deepening unity and solidarity with other AIBEA units.

I offer my heartfelt congratulations to all past and present leaders and members who have built this glorious edifice of workers' emancipation that is CBEU.

**CBEU** is not just an organisation - it represents:

**C**omrades who are

**B**rave and

**E**manipated

**U**nited in building an Exemplary, Emancipating Union where exploitation stands eradicated.

**Platinum**, among all precious metals, may appear colourless and without sparkle. But it is the strongest, toughest, and most enduring. Likewise, CBEU, holding aloft the banner of AIBEA, shall grow stronger and shine brighter—more colourful and sparkling than platinum itself.

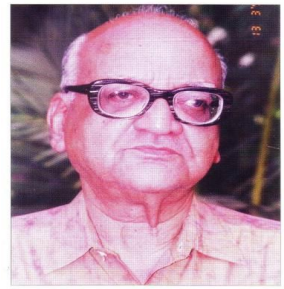
With revolutionary greetings,

P.S. Sundaresan

Former Vice President

AIBEA

MESSAGE FROM COM. P. S. SUNDARESAN  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE  
PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF  
CANARA BANK EMPLOYEES' UNION  
IN HIS OWN HANDWRITING.



MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE PLATINUM  
JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF CBEU.

54 YEARS AGO, THAT GREAT VISIONARY COM. PARBHAT KARR, SAID,  
DURING THE SILVER JUBILEE OF AIBEA, THAT, IN THE INDIAN  
CONTEXT, WHEN THE ~~THREE~~ FOUR PILLARS OF DEMOCRACY, THE  
LEGISLATURE, THE JUDICIARY, THE ~~EXE~~ EXECUTIVE AND THE PRESS  
ARE ALL ADOPTING AN ANTAGONIST APATHETIC ATTITUDE  
TOWARDS ORGANISED SECTOR OF LABOUR, THE FACT THAT  
AIBEA HAS SURVIVED FOR 35 YEARS, IS INDEED A MIRACLE.  
DURING THE 35 YEARS, AIBEA COULD PUSH BACK THIRD PARTY  
ADJUDICATION OF OUR SERVICE CONDITION, BAWING THE BANKERS  
TO ~~BETA~~ BIPARTITE CULTURE IN RESOLVING OUR SERVICE  
CONDITIONS, LET THE DREAMS OF OUR FOUNDERS BE FULFILLED  
REGARDING NATIONALISATION OF BANKING INDUSTRY,  
LET OUR NOMINEES INTO THE BOARD DIRECTORATES OF  
PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS, AND PUSH BACK THE ATTEMPTS OF THE  
FIRST PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA TO ALTER AND TAMPER WITH  
THE JUDGEMENT OF NATIONAL TRIBUNAL AT THE BEHELT OF  
BANKERS. ALL THESE WERE NOT MIRACLES, BUT DUE TO  
UNITY AND MILITANCY, READINESS TO SACRIFICE,



## STRUGGLE AND LAUNCH STRIKES.

TODAY WHEN EBEU CELEBRATES ITS <sup>PLATINUM</sup> SILVER JUBILEE, ITS MEMBERS SHOULD REALISE AND REMEMBER, THAT THE EBEU ALSO FROM 1951 ONWARDS FACED AN UNSYMPATHIC AUTHORITARIAN, AUTOCRATIC AND OBSCURANT MANAGEMENT IN THOSE DAYS WHEN THE MANAGEMENT WAS TOTALLY ANTI LABOUR, TRANSFERRING EMPLOYEES TO DISTANT PLACES, FOR COMING LATE BY 5 MINUTES, MAKING THE WORKERS WORK FOR 10 TO 12 HOURS PER DAY, FOR 6 DAYS IN A WEEK, AND DIVIDING THE STAFF ON COMMUNAL AND RELIGIOUS GROUND. MANY LEADERS, LIKE COM. P. K. JANARDHAN PILLAI, COM. C. S. SUBRAMANYAM WERE TRANSFERRED FIVE TO TEN TIMES IN BETWEEN FEW MONTHS INTERVAL. TABLES, CHAIRS, COUNTERS, WERE POLISHED AND CLEANED, BUT THE EMPLOYEES WERE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE A CUP OF TEA.

BUT, THE SPIRIT OF AIRBA BEEBON PERCOLATING AMONGST THE WORKERS, NUMEROUS STRUGGLES AND STRIKES WERE LAUNCHED, BRAVELY MANY FOUGHT AND SACRIFICED THE PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, DEDICATED AND DEVOTED THEIR LIVES FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS WELFARE, AND THE FLAG OF AIRBA BEEBON FLUTTERING ALOFT IN ALL BRANCHES.

TODAY WHEN YOU ALL CELEBRATE THE PLATINUM JUBILEE OF EBEU, YOUR ORGANISATION HAVE EMERGED AS A NATIONAL, WIDE SATGRAM MOVEMENT. EBEU NOT ONLY MARCHES ON, BUT ITS SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY IS AVAILABLE TO ALL OUT WITH OF AIRBA, ALL THROUGH INDIA, MANY STATE FEDERATIONS ARE GUIDED AND LED BY LEADERS FROM EBEU. YOU HAVE GROWN EVANOUSLY

EBEU HAS BECOME A MINI NATIONAL ORGANISATIONAL  
WING OF AIRBA. IN YOUR FUNCTIONING AND FORMULATION  
OF DEMANDS, EBEU SHOULD DEVELOP AN INDUSTRY WISE  
OUTLOOK, OFFER AND MINGLE MORE AND MORE WITH  
GREATER SOLIDARITY TOWARDS ALL OTHER UNITS OF AIRBA.

MY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PAST AND PRESENT  
WISE AND HONEST LEADERSHIP PROVIDED BY MANY, WHO  
LEAD AND BUILT UP THIS EDIFIC OF EMANCIPATION  
KNOWN AS EBEU.

EBEU, MEANS, COMRADES WHO BUILD AN EXALTED  
~~EMANCIPATORY~~ EXEMPLARY, EMANCIPATING  
<sup>UNION</sup>  
~~ORGANISATION~~ WHERE EXPLOITATION OF WORKERS  
STANDS ELADIATED

PLATINUM, OF ALL GEMS, MAY LOOK COLOURLESS,  
WITH NO SPARKLE. BUT PLATINUM IS THE STRONGEST  
AND TOUGHEST OF ALL GEMS AND MINERALS

BUT, THE EBEU, HOLDING THE BANNER OF AIRBA  
WILL DEVELOP, EXPAND, AND GROW, TO BE A STRONGEST  
AND TOUGHEST UNIT, MORE COLOURFUL AND SPARKLING  
THAN THE PLATINUM ITSELF.

Handwritten

P. S. SUNDARESAN.