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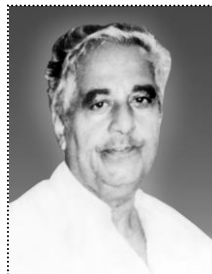
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Dear Comrades,



**BIRTH CENTENARY OF OUR BELOVED FOUNDER AND LEADER
COM K R NARASIMHA RAO
(08/08/1925 – 19/12/1997)
FOUNDER MEMBER
FORMER VICE PRESIDENT, CBEU
FIRST PRESIDENT, CBOU**

8th August marks the birthday of our beloved founder comrade, Com K R Narasimha Rao, our former Vice President.

Com K R Narasimha Rao, affectionately called as Com KRN, was the inspiration behind formation of Canara Bank Employees' Union. Born on 8th August 1925, he joined our Bank on 3rd October 1948.

Way back in the 1940s and 1950s, when the jungle law of hire and fire was the order of the day, when there were no service conditions worth the name available, with no fixed timings for work in force for bank employees, servitude was the order of the day. Those were the days even whispers and murmurs will invite the wrath of the management. The thought of a few enthusiastic youngsters to hold a meeting at the then G N Chetty Street Branch at Chennai on 2nd August 1949 was something unimaginable. They boldly met and decided to form an association. It was indeed a decisive step in the road to the emancipation of Canara Bank Employees. Still, they found a few of their colleague comrades getting terminated. The spark of fire that ignited in the same branch on 30th November 1950, when two comrades were terminated, an important decision was taken to form Canara Bank Employees' Union and got registered on 10th May 1951. The decision of Com KRN along with six other comrades was a giant leap as far as trade union movement in our bank is concerned. From that day to this stage, the Union has grown, commanding an overwhelming majority and the progress we have made is part of our history.

The road to progress was never a smooth one. The Union was deserted by many including leaders, stabbed in the back by disruptors, attacked by the management and the vested interests, crippled by our own comrades in arms. Nevertheless, the Union stood the test of time and is majestically marching towards the Platinum Jubilee, thanks to the conviction and commitment of our comrades. From the beginning to his demise in the year 1997, the guiding presence of Com KRN was there throughout.

Com KRN never aspired for positions nor was clinging to it when thrust on him. On the contrary he preferred to remain in the background and work along with the comrades. Whenever situations warranted, he was always there like a fatherly figure to guide the course of the history.

His short tenure as Vice President of CBEU in the fifties was only when not many came forward to hold positions fearing of reprisal from the Bank. Later on, when Canara Bank Officers' Union was formed in 1983 at the instance of top leaders of AIBEA, Com KRN was asked to lead the Officers' movement as President of CBOU.

Com KRN was a close confidant of our beloved legendary leader Com C S Subramaniam. He was instrumental in shaping him and remained as his 'friend, philosopher and guide.' After the demise of Com CS, his love for Com CS made him to voluntarily under the task entrusted to him to take care of the family of CS, which he accomplished successfully.

Comrades like K R Narasimha Rao are rare to be found in the present days. He was a leader who stood the test of time. At the hours of crisis, despair, attacks, division, victory and jubilancy, he was a guiding presence who controlled and steered the organisation. Com KRN had left his indelible imprints, which we are sure, will light our path in the days to come. His contribution and vision will continue to shape our thoughts and actions.

The present generation of leaders and comrades had no chance to acquaint with him, even though a very few of us have seen him. We are told that his easy accessibility and loving, caring touch had made this comrade a natural leader to the comrades. He is remembered by people of yester years, for whatever he had done and the human touch on it.

The life and work of comrades like Com KRN can never be summed up in a page or two. No words can equal the efforts of a comrade to whom we owe our position in the Bank and Society. Remembering and paying respects in memory of such a comrade will speak on the chapter of our gratitude to the generations that handed over the legacy of a great movement and glorious banners to us.

We shall put in our concerted efforts to continue the work ceaselessly to build up a trade union movement as a permanent tribute to comrades like KRN who always gave his best to all of us, planting the seed of trade unionism in our Bank and stuck to it all his life.

LONG LIVE THE LEGACY OF COM K R NARASIMHA RAO.

With greetings

Yours fraternally



B RAMPRAKASH
GENERAL SECRETARY

Source: This circular is released after collecting inputs from our former leaders and Circulars issued by CBEU/CBOU at the time of retirement/demise of Com KRN