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Dear Comrades,

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

MEMENTO DISTRIBUTION TO ALL MEMBERS

PAN INDIA BRANCH VISIT – 07 TO 14 MARCH 2026

ONEROUS TASK.... MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.... STUPENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT

KUDOS TO ALL STATE COMMITTEES

75 years of successful life, be it for an individual or an organisation is not an ordinary phenomenon. 75 is also not a mere number. Completion of 75 years of an organisation, especially a Trade Union, symbolises the struggles and sacrifices of innumerable number of comrades. Hundreds and thousands of ordinary comrades have sacrificed their time and money for this movement. 75 years of CBEU is a glorious history, following the ideals of AIBEA with uncompromising tradition and legacy.

The Central Committee which met a year before, decided to conduct the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in a memorable way involving all those who were/are associated with our mighty organisation. Roadmaps were drawn in a meticulous manner as the tasks were challenging.

For the first time in the history of our movement, all former functionaries of our State Committees were honoured. The meetings of honouring the former functionaries – Zonal Secretaries, CC Members, State Committee Office Bearers, State Committee Members – is now over in more than 19 States. Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra and Karnataka shall be held in the days to come. Everyone – past and present – are appreciating the programme.

Likewise, the Sports and Games Tournaments in all the States were also held for the first time with the National Level Finals slated on 12 April 2026 at Bengaluru.

It was also decided to present all our members with a small memento as a mark of love, affection, dedication of our members towards the union and also to keep the memories of Platinum Jubilee alive and afresh. The decision was to hand over the Platinum Jubilee Memento to all our members by meeting and greeting them through branch visits conducted all over India within a stipulated time frame, between 7th and 14th March 2026.

We are indeed happy that the task is almost completed as around 90 percent of our units have been covered last week by our functionaries of State Committees.

Making the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations a momentous success is neither a one man's job nor the job of a few. It requires the conscious involvement of the entire membership of the organisation and its well-wishers at all levels. We are happy to note that such a pervasive

involvement has been generated at all levels with the Pan India Branch Visit to present the mementos to members turning out to be a tremendous success.

To the best of our knowledge, this may be the first time that any Union would have undertaken the most challenging task of meeting all the members throughout the country within a time frame. The decision of the Union to meet members and present the memento in the month of March 2026 (two months prior to our Valediction of Platinum Jubilee) was well executed by all our State Committees. We place on record our congratulations to all the State Committees.

Comrades, our leaders and cadres visited the branches right from the Himalayas to the southern tip of Kanyakumari; from the north east Meghalaya to Western part of Kutch. The connect with the membership could be further enhanced and the programme was well received not only by our members, but also by the Officer community and Executives of the Bank.

Kudos to our leaders of State Committee who took the challenging task in right earnest and surmounting all the difficulties made the task victorious. The numerical strength of the organisation is also enhanced due to the branch visits and also our activities.

No doubt, the visits have generated further the proverbial cohesion and unity, enhanced the militant content of our membership and will definitely mark as a perennial milestone in the onward march and total impregnable consolidation of our organisation.

Onward to Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on 10 May 2026 at Chennai.

With greetings



(B RAMPRAKASH)
GENERAL SECRETARY

Please find attached a pictorial representation on the formation of our Union, prepared by Com K V Unnikrishnan, State Committee Member, Kerala State Committee

CANARA BANK EMPLOYEES' UNION



From Struggle to Strength

Platinum Jubilee

1951 — 2026

Released by
CBEU Kerala State Committee

THE SPARK

Sen Award changed banking service conditions.

Wages increased from Rs. 45 → Rs.112

Our wages increased from Rs. 45 to 112.

CANARA BANK Ltd

Reorganisation Scheme



Terminate Surplus Staff

Management resisted these gains and, to neutralise the benefits achieved by employees, launched a **“Reorganisation Scheme,”** terminating nearly 60 employees across the bank.

THE INJUSTICE – 30 November 1950

CANARA BANK Ltd.

To Sri Kudva
Sri Chako

You are hereby dismissed from the services of the Bank with immediate effect due to Staff Rationisation.

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Com. Chacko and Com. Kudva of the Govindappa Naicken Street, Madras Branch — two employees with long years of loyal service — were dismissed under “staff rationalisation.”

EXPLOITATION CROSSED LIMITS.

THE MARINA BEACH DECISION



If we do not resist today,
tomorrow it will be our turn!"

Late that evening, employees gathered at Marina Beach, Madras.
Under the leadership of Com. P. K. Janardhanam Pillai, they
discussed the injustice done to their colleagues.

UNITY REPLACED FEAR.

**A historic decision was taken.
They would resist the injustice.**

THE APPEAL FOR JUSTICE



Before launching agitation, employees chose dialogue over confrontation.
A delegation met **Sri A. Narayana Pai**, Director of Canara Bank Ltd., at his home.
They appealed for justice and reinstatement of their dismissed colleagues.

But justice was not granted.

THE TURNING POINT



The delegation was dismissed arrogantly.
At that moment, they felt a **WAVE OF RIGHTEOUS ANGER**.
Insulted and betrayed, the employees knew there was no other way.
They would go on strike.

THE FIRST STRIKE — 30 November 1950



On 30 November 1950, employees of Canara Bank Ltd.,
Madras launched the **FIRST STRIKE ACTION** in the bank.
They stood united against injustice.
History had begun.

— THE VICTORY —



The strike compelled the intervention of the
Government's conciliation machinery.
Justice prevailed,
All the dismissed employees were reinstated.
— A HISTORIC VICTORY OF UNITY. —

THE BIRTH OF THE UNION



The struggle proved that unity brings strength.
Employees realised the need for a permanent organisation.
Thus was born the
CANARA BANK EMPLOYEES' UNION
Registered as a Trade Union on 10 May 1951
A movement that continues to protect employees even today.



CANARA BANK EMPLOYEES' UNION

Born out of struggle in **1950** and registered in **May 1951**,
the **Canara Bank Employees' Union (CBEU)**
has grown into a strong and vibrant organization committed
to protecting the **rights, dignity and welfare**
of bank employees.

Guided by the ideals of unity and collective strength, CBEU
proudly continues its journey as an affiliate of the
ALL INDIA BANK EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (AIBEA) —
— the historic national movement of bank employees.



History was not gifted to us.
It was fought for
75 Years of Struggle • 75 Years of Unity

Unity • Struggle • Victory