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Dear Comrades,

The Team Just Got Stronger... We Are ONE in West Bengal

HEARTY WELCOME TO CBEU

It is with profound joy, immense pride, and a deep sense of fulfilment that we share with our members a historic development in the trade union movement in our Bank. The members of Canara Bank Workmen Employees' Union (CBWEU) in the State of West Bengal have resolved to join Canara Bank Employees' Union (CBEU).

We extend our warmest fraternal greetings and a wholehearted welcome to every one of them into the fold of the Canara Bank Employees' Union—the oldest, most enduring, and the largest representative organisation of workmen employees in our Bank.

This merger is not merely an organisational development; it is a defining example of unity and stand as a shining testimony to the collective wisdom, exemplary maturity, unwavering commitment, and farsighted leadership displayed by the members and leaders of both CBEU and CBWEU in West Bengal.

Both unions have long been integral constituents of the Bengal Provincial Bank Employees' Association (BPBEA), the State Affiliate of the All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA). The pragmatic, and unifying role played by BPBEA in facilitating this historic convergence deserves our deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude.

For all of us, Canara Bank Employees' Union has always been far more than a trade union. It is a living institution that has nurtured generations of employees with the ideals of unity, sacrifice, discipline, and collective struggle. It has taught us to transcend the narrow confines of caste, creed, religion, region, and language, inspiring us instead to embrace the larger ideals of fraternity, secularism, social justice, and human dignity.

For over seventy-five glorious years, CBEU has not merely represented employees—it has shaped lives, moulded character, and kindled the enduring spirit of solidarity. It has become an inseparable part of our identity and, indeed, a cherished way of life.

It is in this noble tradition that the members of CBWEU in West Bengal, acting with remarkable collective wisdom and individual conviction, have chosen to unite with CBEU. Their decision reflects a profound understanding that the larger cause of workers' unity must always prevail.

The merger of banks was conceived as a governmental policy that inevitably fragmented employee representation and weakened the collective strength of organised labour, while advancing the agenda of corporate interests under the banner of "ease of doing business." The corresponding merger of unions did not materialise for reasons well known to the membership.

At a time when divisive and disruptive forces relentlessly seek to fragment the unity of working class, this exemplary action sends a resounding and unequivocal message that **Unity is our greatest strength.**

History has repeatedly affirmed that genuine unification cannot be accomplished through proclamations, grandiose declarations, or imposed mandates. It is painstakingly built through mutual trust, tolerance, patience, perseverance, humility, and an unwavering commitment to the larger collective good. The events in West Bengal stand as a living affirmation of this timeless truth.

We wholeheartedly congratulate the members of CBWEU, West Bengal, for their enlightened, pragmatic, and farsighted decision. We extend a warm and affectionate welcome to all of them under the leadership of **Com. Sirsendu Das**, State Secretary, CBWEU, West Bengal.

We also place on record our profound appreciation for the dedicated leadership and committed membership of CBEU, West Bengal, under the stewardship of **Com. Joydip Mukherjee**, State Secretary, CBEU, West Bengal. Their patient engagement, sustained dialogue and coordinated efforts have transformed a shared aspiration into a historic reality. Our respectful greetings and sincere gratitude are due to the leadership of the Bengal Provincial Bank Employees' Association, particularly **Com. Rajan Nager**, **Com. Partha Chanda**, and **Com. Indranil Mitra**, whose wise counsel and constructive intervention, made this remarkable achievement possible.

Comrades, history offers an unmistakable lesson. Forces of division have never advanced the interests of the working class; they have only weakened its collective voice. Since our inception in 1951, we have witnessed successive phases of fragmentation during the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s, resulting in the proliferation of multiple unions. The subsequent merger of banks further compounded this fragmentation, dispersing membership and diluting the collective strength of employees.

As the oldest representative trade union in our Bank, commanding the confidence and overwhelming support of workmen employees across the country, Canara Bank Employees' Union renews its heartfelt appeal to every workman employee in our bank to join our beloved organisation, CBEU, under the proud banner of the All India Bank Employees' Association.

Let us brush aside the cobwebs of doubt and confusion. Singing the song of unity, let us march forward with renewed confidence, shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand, united in purpose and unwavering in resolve, advancing towards greater progress, stronger solidarity, and a brighter future for all of us.

With greetings



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