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**11TH TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE STARTED – OPEN
SESSION HELD ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2018 – REMAINED
A GREAT SHOW – PRESS CONFERENCE ALSO A GRAND SUCCESS**

Burdwan, now called Bardhaman, remained the host to the Triennial Conference of AIRRBOF for the second time. First in 2005 and now again in 2018. The comrades of Association of officers of Paschimbanga Gramin Bank led by Com. Srijan Kumar Pal made untiring efforts to make the 11th Triennial Conference a memorable success. They deserve kudos. They were successful to the fullest extent.

The curtain raiser of the 11th Triennial Conference was holding of 63rd Meeting of the Central Committee on 9th Feb. at 4:00 PM at Burdwan. The Central Committee deliberated at length on the report of the General Secretary, the resolutions the amendment to the Constitution of AIRRBOF, the Statement of Accounts and other resolutions. The report and other statutory agenda of the Conference and approve those unanimously.

The programme on 10th Feb. 2018 started with holding of the Press Conference at 12:30 PM. The Press Conference was addressed by Com. S.K. Bhattacharjee, General Secretary, AIRRBOF, Com. D.T. Franco Rajendra Dev, General Secretary, AIBOC along with Com. Dilip Kumar Saha, President, AIBOC and Com. Soumya Dutta, President, AIBOC, WB State Unit. The Press Conference was attended by large number of correspondents of Print Media & Electronic Media. With distribution of the written Press Release in both English and Bengali leaders of AIBOC & AIRRBOF addressed on other issues also. Several clarifications were sought for by the correspondents. The clarifications were cleared by the leaders of the AIBOC & AIRRBOF. This Press Conference was unprecedented in the history of Burdwan and remained a success.

The ceremonial Rally, as a prelude to the open session of the 11th Triennial Conference was participated by thousands of officers of RRBs and Public Sector Banks. The Rally winded through main arterial roads of the Burdwan town with colourful banners, traditional dances and thundering slogans raised on all contemporary issues by the participants. The long rally ended at Lok Sanskriti Mancha with leaders of AIBOC and AIRRBOF at the front and the participants following. At one point of time the rally became 500 mtrs long with overwhelming participation of the officers. The rally was also unprecedented.

With the rallyists refreshing themselves and entering the auditorium of Lok Sanskriti Mancha the open session got underway. The leaders and dignitaries were ushered in the podium escorted by the members of the reception committee and offering of floral tributes. The rendering of opening song set the tune of the historic opening session. The dias was occupied by dignitaries, namely Dr. Ashish Banerjee, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal, Shri Swapan Debnath, Hon'ble Minister of State, MSME, Govt. of West Bengal, Dr. Abhirup Sarkar, Eminent Economist & Chairman, WBIDFC and galaxy of leaders, viz., Com. D.T. Franco Rajendra Dev, General Secretary, AIBOC, Com. Dilip Kr. Saha, President, AIBOC, Com. R.G. Makhija, President, AIRBOF,



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Com. S.K. Bhattacharjee, General Secretary, AIRRBOF, Com. Soumya Dutta, President, AIBOC WB Unit, Com. Sanjay Das, Secretary, AIBOC WB Unit, Com. Dipankar Mitra, Sr. Vice-President, All India UCO Bank Officers' Federation and Com. Srijan Pal, General Secretary, Assn. of Officers' of Paschimbanga Gramin Bank.

The dignitaries on the Dias lighted the traditional lamp heralding the inauguration of the 11th Triennial Conference. The welcome address was rendered by Com. Soumya Dutta who also happened to be the Chairman of the Reception Committee. Com. S.K. Bhattacharjee introduced All India RRB Officers' Federation and its history, fight and future plan. He also read out the message received from Smt. Mamata Banerjee, Hon'ble Chief Minister West Bengal. The inaugural address was rendered by Dr. Ashish Banerjee, the Hon'ble Minister. In his address Dr. Banerjee acknowledged the tireless efforts of the officers of the RRBs in uplifting of the economic condition of the rural masses. He pledged full support to the RRB officers in clinching their issues. Com. Sanjay Das in his brief but spirited address applauded the efforts of officers of Paschimbanga Gramin Bank and assured his whole hearted support to the movement of RRB officers. Com. Dipankar Mitra also felicitated the Conference. Dr. Abhirup Sarkar, Eminent Economist, Professor of Indian Statistical Institute & Chairman, West Bengal Infrastructure Development & Finance Corporation also deliver his address. Dr. Sarkar in his inimitable style analysed the dangerous implications of FRDI Bill, the attack on the future of Public Sector Banks and emphasised on retention of Public Sector Character of Indian Banks. Shri Dilip Kumar Saha addressed the session and brought out the good work done by RRBs and its officers. He also put stress on more emphasis on RRBs for its strengthening. He assured continued help & support of AIBOC in the struggle of RRB officers.

Guest of Honour, Shri Swapan Debnath, Hon'ble Minister of State, Govt. of West Bengal solicited the continued help & support of Bankers in general and RRB officers' in particular in turning a new leaf in the economic condition in the rural areas. The key note address was rendered by Com. D.T. Franco who in his hour long speech brought out in detail the game plan of Govt. of India and the Management in painting the Public Sector Banks in poor light. He lambasted the legislation brought by Govt. of India in the matter of so called Labour Reforms and also critically analysed the pitfall of the FRDI Bill and the imminent dangers for Public Sector and RRB Officers. He called for determined efforts to thwart the game plan of Govt. and Management. He assured full support to AIRRBOF both logistically and financially. He thundered that AIBOC would continue to fight against the Govt. of India in regard to onslaught on the Banks and Bank officers. He called for unity and United Movement. Com. R.G. Makhija in his presidential address summed up the efforts of AIRRBOF in the last triennial period. The vote of thanks was rendered by Com. Srijan Pal thanking both dignitaries and the membership.

The open session came to an end with collective rendering of National Anthem.

With greetings,

(S.K. Bhattacharjee)
GENERAL SECRETARY