

ALL INDIA UNION BANK PENSIONERS AND RETIREES FEDERATION

5th Triennial Conference Concluded in Pune

The 5th Triennial Conference of the All India Union Bank Pensioners and Retirees Federation (AIUBPARF) was held on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at the Shruti Mangal Karyalay Hall, Apte Road, Pune. More than 200 members from across the country participated in this conference.

The event commenced with a beautiful rendition of Maharashtra's inspiring state anthem, "Garja Maharashtra Majha," performed by Ms. Shobhana Beri, Ms. Nita Dharmadhikari, and other female colleagues.

The dignitaries present were welcomed and felicitated by UBPARA Chairman Mr. B.B. Yadav, President Mr. V.M. Kulkarni, General Secretary Mr. M.M. Gaikwad, and Reception Committee Chairman Mr. K.B. Kulkarni. The ceremonial lamp was lit by the dignitaries.

Addressing the conference, Comrade Suprita Sarkar, General Secretary of AIBPARC, delivered the keynote address. In a long and impactful speech, he elaborated on the necessity and justification for pension updation for bank retirees. He pointed out that pension updation has already been implemented for Central and State government employees, as well as for employees of the RBI, NABARD, and other institutions. He noted that there are clear provisions for pension updation within the agreements and pension regulations applicable to bank pensioners.

He emphasized the fact that, despite the passage of several decades, there has been no revision to the basic pension of bank retirees. Just as with the aforementioned organizations, whenever there is a wage revision, the basic pension of retirees must also be revised accordingly. Therefore, the IBA and the Government of India need to prioritize resolving this long-pending demand for pension updation. Information was provided regarding the progress of the 'Singla case' pending in the Supreme Court concerning pension updation, the hurdles involved, and the arguments being presented by senior legal experts.

The conference highlighted the following key issues concerning bank pensioners and retirees and demanded their immediate resolution:

- Granting rights to hold discussions and negotiations to pensioners' associations
- Including 'Special Allowance' in the calculation of terminal benefits
- Eliminating disparities in Dearness Allowance (DA)
- Having the bank bear the entire cost of Group Medical Insurance premiums
- Providing ex-gratia payments to retirees from private sector banks
- Offering an additional pension option to retirees who were previously left out
- Providing a pension option for employees who took Voluntary Retirement (VRS) but were subsequently rendered completely incapacitated
- Reducing the recovery period for commuted pension
- Amending the rules governing the Staff Welfare Fund
- Resolving issues related to gratuity payments

The conference was also addressed by Comrade P. K. Sarkar, Advisor to AIBPARC and AIUBPARF, and Comrade Prakash Patki, Working President of AIBPARC. Both speakers emphasized the implementation of the aforementioned demands and urged for continuous efforts to secure justice for bank pensioners and retirees.

The conference was attended by Mr. Niranjana Barik, Deputy General Manager of Union Bank's Zonal Office, along with both Regional Heads. They addressed the gathering and read out a message from the Deputy General Manager of the Pune Zonal Office.

The conference was also addressed by Comrade N. Govindrajulu, General Secretary of AIUBPARF; Comrade B. B. Yadav, Working President of AIUBPARF; Comrade K. B. Kulkarni, Chairman of the Reception Committee; Comrade V. M. Kulkarni, President of UBIPARA Maharashtra; and Comrade M. M. Gaikwad, General Secretary of UBIPARA Maharashtra.

The proceedings of the conference reflected the collective concern of bank pensioners and retirees regarding various long-pending issues affecting pensions, retirement benefits, medical insurance, and other retirement-related entitlements. The conference reiterated its resolve to pursue these demands through appropriate platforms and sustained, organized efforts.

Mr. K. B. Kulkarni conducted the entire program with great eloquence and effectiveness. In his address, he shared information about Pune city's historical identity, its glorious traditions, and the eminent personalities associated with the city.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Comrade N. Govindrajulu, General Secretary of AIUBPARF.

The event ended with the National Anthem.