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Dear Comrade,

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF THE FIRST UNIT OF OUR FEDERATION HELD AT AHMEDABAD ON 1ST DECEMBER 2013

It was a glorious day in the history of trade union movement of our Federation, when its first unit which came into existence on 15th December 1963, celebrated its Golden Jubilee in Prakash School Auditorium, Ahmedabad. Our Federation held its 119th Executive Committee Meeting at Ahmedabad to give befitting importance to the event. Our Gujarat Unit, under the leadership of President Com. Ajay Vala and General Secretary Com. P.S.Jadeja, arranged a grand gala function on Sunday, the 1st December 2013 to commemorate the occasion.

To witness the great event, all the present and past leaders of the Gujarat Unit as well as those of Federation remained present on the occasion. Prominent amongst those present were Com. S.R. Sengupta, Com. A.S. Mahajan, Com. P.S. Patki, Com. A.K. Motayed, Com. V. Eswaran, Com. M.Y. Shintre, Com. R. S. Trivedi, Com. K. J. Pandya. Entire Executive Committee of the federation under the leadership of Com. Sunil Kumar, the President and Com Harvinder Singh, the General Secretary were present to celebrate the occasion. Sh. Arihant Kumar Jain, General Manager NBG-Central, was also on the dais. To extend their solidarity many past executives were also present on the occasion including General Managers viz. S/Sh. A. I. Sheikh, Rohit Desai, H. J. Mehta, N.L. Ajwalia, S. L. Dave, T.Balasubramanian etc.

It was a wonderful display of strength and solidarity by the comrades of Gujarat Unit who remained present in large number at the hall. The Auditorium was brimming with enthusiasm and sense of gratitude for the leaders present during their felicitation and address.

It was a very touching moment when the founding father and General Secretary of the first unit of the Federation, Com V.M. Devi, aged 90 years plus, despite his sickness since last few years, arrived at the meeting on a wheel chair. Entire Federation leadership, past and present, joined in felicitating Com. Devi by offering him shawl and memento along-with a standing ovation. Com. Devi in his address showered blessings on the members present wishing that the organization will continue to get stronger in the years ahead and will surely celebrate 100 years of existence in the times to come. Past leaders of the Gujrat unit/federation like late Comrades Padamshree Arvindbhai Buch, A.R.sule, N.M. Barot,

T.S.K.Chari, M.L.Gala, S.S.Dabholkar, R.R.Nabar were remembered with reverence for their contribution to the trade union movement and Federation.

In their address, all the leaders recalled the adversities under which the Association was established by 23 courageous officers and sub officers at Ahmadabad in the month of December 1963, in a meeting held at a public park, Sardar Baug and the upheavals survived by it to attain the present glorious position. All the leaders appealed to the members to remain united and committed in the times to come, to face the new challenges being posed by the present economic condition and Government policies, to sustain the strength and glory of the organization. They expressed the need for more involvement and sacrifices from members as whatever the membership have achieved today is due to the collective strenuous efforts of the Association/Federation.

Comrades, the path has been set with our first unit, Gujrat holding such a beautiful remembrance of our foundation. The impeccable conduct of the celebration by the Gujrat Unit needs to be emulated by the units formed subsequently, viz. Kanpur, Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and Madras, ultimately culminating into Golden Jubilee celebration of our Federation.

With all fond remembrance,

Yours faithfully,



(HARVINDER SINGH)
GENERAL SECRETARY

Note: We request all are Units to be in readiness to implement the agitational programme and make strike on 18th December, 2013 a grand success.