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Dear Comrades,

CONGRATULATIONS ! OUR FEDERATION ENTERS GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR !!

We convey our heartiest congratulations to all the members as our beloved Federation enters its Golden Jubilee year ! It was the today's historic day of 6th November, 1964, when our Federation came into being with six Units. We feel proud and cherish each turn of the journey of five decades, consisting of success and achievements by overcoming obstacles, tackling turbulence with collective strength of the members and resolve of our past/present leaders.

15th December, 1963, is the date that is etched out with Golden colour in the history of Trade Union Movement in our Bank. A unique attempt of organizing the supervisory cadre in Banking Industry could see light of the day at Sardar Park, Ahmedabad by Com. V.M. Devi and a few more, giving birth to Gujarat Unit. Soon thereafter, five more Units were formed in quick succession, viz. Kanpur on 25.01.1964, Delhi on 21.03.1964, Mumbai on 22.03.1964, Kolkata on 30.05.1964 and Madras on 26.09.1964. This paved the way for formation of the Federation a year later on 6th November, 1965. The first President and General Secretary of the Federation elected were Late Com. Arvind Buch and Com. A.R. Sule, respectively. Collective strength of 17 Units functioning democratically, cohesively and vibrantly is now being recognised as the strongest Federation of the Industry.

Ours is a responsible Organization which always maintains a balanced approach by not only taking utmost care to maintain the congenial working environment for its members but also by meeting its commitment towards growth of our beloved Institution. It is equally dedicated to common masses of the country and is involved in various social welfare activities to help the underprivileged section of the society. The Federation, as well as all its Units, are engaged in social welfare activities in some form or the other, considering it as our pious duty. We have been organizing various activities to serve this purpose on regular basis. A Working Committee Meeting of the Federation was held on 1st November, 2014, at Kolkata to discuss and finalise the activities to commemorate our Golden Jubilee year as one of its agenda. It was unanimously decided that there cannot be a better way of celebrating this great festival other than undertaking some more social welfare activities, apart from conveying our gratitude to the past leaders.

- An event of this type can never be complete without acknowledging our heartfelt gratitude to the senior who led the movement and put such a strong foundation, against all odds. We need to salute their resolve, guidance and blessings without which we could not have come so far in this journey of Trade Union Movement. Accordingly, it was decided to organize a get together to **felicitate the past** leaders in a programme coinciding with National Seminar on contemporary issues and Cultural evening.

- Since the first Unit was formed at Sardar Park, Ahmedabad, it was decided to build a **Memorial** therein. A huge Umbrella with 3-4 benches beneath it with Federation's name engraved would be built in the Park in collaboration with the Corporation, tentatively by 15th Dec. 2014.
- The gift of blood is gift of life and is one of the noblest acts. Since the requirement of blood in summer time is more, it has been decided to organize the **Blood Donation Camps** by all the Units in the months of February and March, 2015. The same would be held on relay basis.
- We are thankful to our mother Earth for providing us sustenance in form of food, shelter and protection to the environment. Global Warming is one of the major concerns that need to be addressed and therefore, it was decided to undertake **Tree Plantation Drive**. The Delhi Unit has already taken an initiative in this regard by organising mega Tree Plantation Drive in Delhi, on the eve of Independence Day. Almost all the branches of Delhi took active part in the drive. All other Units will also organize Tree Plantation drives at various cities.
- We are happy that the Government of India has focused its attention on importance of hygiene and 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan' has been launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on Gandhi Jayanti, this year. In order to actively contribute to this mission of national interest, it has been decided to identify a school / area for **building of toilets** by all the Units of our Federation.
- All units will identify and adopt a school for providing assistance to students of economically weak families or will adopt an old age home for taking care of the old people for this Year.
- Declamation/debates will be organized by all units in colleges/ Senior Secondary Schools in January, 2015 to create awareness amongst the youths and for involving them in our movement to fight against rising corruption, anti labour policies of Government in the name of labour reforms, FDI in various sectors of economy etc..
- Units may also organize **Sports Tournament** as per availability of infrastructure, resources and willingness of its members.
- **Donating warm clothes/pullovers to children** of weaker sections.

Many of our Units are already involved in many of the activities like adopting Bal-Gram, donating books and clothes to school/ villages adopted by them. As per the decision taken in the Working committee meeting, more of the Units would follow the suit. Federation will also be organizing some of these activities in this Golden Jubilee year. The General Secretaries of all Units have been asked to advise the details and dates of various activities to be undertaken by them. We request all our members to participate wholeheartedly in the various programmes organized by their Units/Federation.

With comradely greetings,

Yours sincerely,



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GENERAL SECRETARY

LONG LIVE OUR UNITY ! LONG LIVE OUR FEDERATION !!