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Dear Comrades,

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

I am extremely pleased and happy to inform that our Federation is celebrating its **"GOLDEN JUBILEE"** year, a milestone in the history of any Organisation. At a time when trade union of Bank Officers was unthinkable, the seeds were sown by few militant officers under the leadership of Com. V.M. Devi on 15th December, 1963, at Sardar Baug, Ahmedabad which resulted in the formation of our Federation on 6th November, 1965, at Ahmedabad. When we look back and count the hurdles we have crossed, it fills our hearts with joy and pride. All this could have been made possible because of the valiant struggles and selfless sacrifices of founding fathers of our organisation.

We the members of this great Organisation have the privilege and honour of carrying forward the banner of the Federation which is having hundred percent membership in our Bank. As a responsible and responsive Organisation, our Federation has not only taken care of the expectations and aspirations of its members but has also involved itself in the growth of its beloved Institution besides being actively involved in the Banking and Economic development of the country and securing social justice to the underprivileged. The decision of celebration of the Golden Jubilee year was taken by the Executive Committee of the Federation last year. As a part of these celebrations many programmes, including the following, were decided/chalked out keeping in view the objectives for which the organisation has been in existence:

- To organize Blood Donation camps by all units in the month of February and March 2015 on relay basis.
- To Undertake Tree Plantation drive in different parts.
- To provide funds for Building of toilets by all the units at any place selected by them.

- To identify and adopt a school for providing assistance to students of economically weaker families or adopting an old age home for taking care of the old people for the year.
- To organize declamation / debates by all units in Colleges / Senior Secondary Schools to create awareness amongst the youth and for involving them in our movement to fight against corruption, anti labour policy of the Government in the name of labour reforms etc.
- To donate warm clothes, pullovers to children of weaker sections.
- Units were given option to organize sports tournaments as per availability of infrastructure resources and willingness of its members.
- To build a memorial at Sardar Baug, Ahmedabad, where the first unit of our Federation was formed to immortalise the event.

We are extremely happy that all our Units have undertaken these activities all through the year. The celebrations will culminate into the grand gala function on 22nd November, 2015, at New Delhi. These celebrations symbolise not only our acknowledgment and remembrance of the sacrifices made by our founding fathers but are also to express our gratitude to them and to rejuvenate ourselves by celebrating this historic event with our achievements and in order to rededicate ourselves to the goals ahead.

Apart from the Golden Jubilee Executive Committee Meeting which will be held on the morning of 21st November, 2015, a Seminar on Economic and Banking policies of the Government will also be held at 4 p.m. on the same day at Ghalib Institute, Mata Sundri Lane, New Delhi. Eminent speakers of National stature will participate in the Seminar. A grand gala function will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, the 22nd November, 2015 at famous Pyare Lal Bhavan at I.T.O. New Delhi in which Central Minister of Government of India will be the Chief Guest and our Managing Director Sh. Melwyn O. Rego will be the Guest of Honour. All former leaders/torch-bearers will be felicitated on this occasion. A book on the History of our Federation will be released and a Documentary film covering an eventful journey of our Federation will be screened on that day.

Dear comrades, this will be a life time opportunity for each one of us to witness the unfolding of this historic event. Let us all ensure to be part of this milestone event and stroll down the memory lane and cherish it for ever.

With comradely greetings,

Yours faithfully,



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