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## To All Members

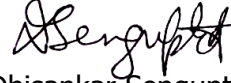
Dear Comrades,

### Our task ahead

We reproduce hereunder the full text of Circular No.01/2023 dated 01.01.2023, issued by General Secretary, Bank Employees Federation of India, for your information, record and necessary participation in where it would be needed.

With warm greetings,

Comradely yours,

  
(Dhisankar Sengupta)  
General Secretary

## Full Text of Circular No.01/2023 of BEFI dt. 01.01.2023

### Quote

With the end of 2022, a new year 2023 has been ushered in. We extend our greetings and best wishes to all concerned for the New Year.

Overall developments in our country is quite concerning. Despite loud propaganda by the government of economic recovery, the recessionary conditions in the Indian economy is deepening. With consistent fall in the labour participation and employment rate, joblessness continues to be elevated. With overall inflation soaring, food inflation continues to impose more miseries on people's livelihoods.

The government's drive for privatisation of public sector enterprises continued with a major step being the IPO for the LIC diluting Govt stake in the company. The Govt also brought a bill in pursuit of privatising electricity distribution in the country. These are the policies of the government resulting into deepening of inequalities.

The year witnessed relentless drive of the Hindutva forces to convert the country into a Hindu majoritarian state. The nation is coming across unprecedented corporate-communal nexus. In a situation of increasing popular discontent with rising prices, unemployment, poverty, impoverishment, agrarian distress; winning of five out of seven assembly elections by the ruling forces through communal polarization and a pan-Hindu consolidation is a warning to the nation. We are to play our role in saving the secular, democratic, federal character of our country, which has completed 75 years of independence last year.

There had been growing resistance from the working class and peasantry of the country. Two-day general strike on 28-29 Mar 2022 was a big success involving more workers and employees in the strike action. The Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) is fighting for their rights and against betrayal of the Govt in regard to the assurances given at the time of withdrawal of their historic agitation which lasted for more than one year. The country is witnessing unprecedented workers-peasants joint endeavour against the policies. There will be a mammoth assembly of workers, peasants, agricultural workers in New Delhi on **5<sup>th</sup> April 2023**. We shall join the rally in good number as fraternal participants.

[P.T.O.]

A **National Convention of Workers** at the call of Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions and independent Federations will be held at New Delhi on **30<sup>th</sup> January 2023**, the Martyrdom Day of Mahatma Gandhiji to chalk out future course of united country wide struggles. Being an important constituent of the Joint Platform since its formation, we and our members are to take all possible initiatives to participate in the year long programme to be decided from the National Convention.

The banking sector is under constant attack from the Govt. Astronomical amount has been provided for write off and resolution through NCLT. Decisions are taken to convert the mass banking character of banks to class banking. All the banks are badly suffering due to inadequate manpower, particularly in the workmen cadre. Rampant outsourcing violating all industry level awards and settlements are being taken up by many of the banks. Incidental and service charges are being increased by leaps and bounds. These are making the customers hostile against the banks and its employees like never before.

Since four days' successful country wide bank strike at the call of UFBU against privatisation in 2021, the Govt did not dare to move ahead with their announcement in regard to privatization of PSBs. There is no scope of complacency as evident from recent developments of IDBI Bank. The Govt is desperate for strategic disinvestment of IDBI Bank including transfer of management control. The Govt has also decided to allow 51% foreign investment in this regard. Another big blow on the Cooperative Sector is the proposed Multi State Cooperative Societies Amendment Bill 2021, listed for taken up during winter session of the Parliament. This is also an attack on federalism and rights of the states. BEFI has decided to hold a **Dharna at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023**. Our members from all Units and Affiliates should participate in large numbers.

Conferences of most of our state Federations and bank level all India Federations/Unions were delayed due to pandemic. There was necessity of holding national level Conferences in restructured entities following amalgamation with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. The Conferences are going on with enthusiastic participation of delegates, most of whom are young and energetic. Conferences of all restructured entities are expected to be completed within three days from now. It has been decided to hold our **11<sup>th</sup> National Conference in 2023 at Chennai, Tamilnadu**. The dates of the Conference are expected to be finalised soon by the host unit. Holding of National Conference is one of the most important tasks for an organization like BEFI. We call upon all concerned to fulfil this important task befittingly along with other responsibilities and commitments.

**ON TO 11<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BEFI**

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