

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

10th Anniversary Souvenir – ABEWS, Bangalore

It gives me immense pleasure, pride and satisfaction to extend my warm greetings to all members of **All Bank Employees Welfare Society (ABEWS), Bangalore** on the auspicious occasion of the **10th Anniversary Celebrations**, being held on **13th March 2026 at Kolar**.

I joined **Karnataka Gramin Bank** on **13.09.1976** as an Officer and served the institution with dedication and integrity until my retirement on **30.06.2012**. During my long and eventful service career, I had the opportunity to work in different capacities, handle several **departmental enquiries as Defence Representative**, and actively participate in the **trade union movement**, always striving to uphold fairness, justice, and dignity of employees.

Coming from a **rural village – Kallukabha, Bellary District**, with an **agricultural background**, I have personally experienced the challenges faced by working-class families. My academic foundation, having completed **Master's Degree in Mathematics with Distinction from Mysore University**, instilled in me discipline, analytical thinking, and a strong sense of responsibility towards society.

After retirement, I felt a compelling need to continue serving the fraternity. This led to the formation of **ABEWS** with the **sole objective of supporting retirees as well as the working class in the banking industry**, particularly in matters relating to pension, gratuity, service benefits, social security, and legal rights. **ABEWS** was founded not for personal gain, but as a **collective platform for justice, welfare, and unity**.

Over the past **ten years**, **ABEWS** has emerged as a strong voice for bank employees and pensioners. Through collective efforts, legal awareness, representations, and sustained struggle, we have been able to highlight genuine grievances and seek rightful entitlements for our members. This journey would not have been possible without the **unwavering support, cooperation, and trust of our members**.

On this landmark occasion, I sincerely thank all office bearers, members, legal advisors, well-wishers, and supporters who stood with **ABEWS** in its mission. I firmly believe that **unity is our strength**, and with continued commitment, **ABEWS** will play an even greater role in safeguarding the rights and welfare of bank employees and retirees in the years to come.

Let us reaffirm our resolve to work together with dedication, transparency, and compassion, keeping the interests of our members at the forefront.

With best wishes for the grand success of the **10th Anniversary Celebrations**.

Long live ABEWS.

Unity – Justice – Welfare.

Warm regards,

H. Basavaraj

President