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SYNDICATE BANK CENTENARY COMMEMORATION

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AT HYDERABAD

A Hundred Years: A Thousand Memories: One Enduring Spirit

On 21st of February 2026 at FTCCI Auditorium Red Hills Hyderabad, we gathered not merely to mark a date in history, but to bow our heads in gratitude to a century of service - the Centenary of Syndicate Bank, founded in 1925 with vision, courage, and a spirit of nation-building.

The befitting commemorative organized by CBSpra drew over 500 retirees, former colleagues, and well-wishers assembled under one roof - not as spectators of history, but as living contributors to it. The hall was not just filled with people; it was filled with memories.

For us, Syndicate Bank was not merely an employer. It was a journey, where discipline was learned, friendships were forged, service was recognized and character was molded. The spirit of Syndicate Bank remains immortal - alive in every retiree who once carried its badge, upheld its reputation, and served its customers with commitment.

AN OCCASION OF PRIDE & A MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

The chief Guest on the occasion was none other than the most popular leader of downtrodden and masses in Telangana Hon'ble Sri Bandaru Dattatreya, Former Governor of Haryana & Himachal Pradesh and former Union Minister. Other Guests of Honour were Dr A S Durga Prasad, Chairman of NCC Ltd a leading construction company in India & customers of Syndicate Bank for 40 years; Mrs K Kalyani, First Woman Chief General Manager of Syndicate-Canara Bank; Com. K V Acharya, President of AIBPARC; Com G D Nadaf, General Secretary of Federation of SBI Pensioners Associations; Com Suprita Sarkar, General Secretary of AIBPARC. Other dignitaries included the former Directors Com Suresh K Rastogi & S A Manjrekar, Former Presidents of SBOA and CBSpra com H V Coelho and Com D Rakshit apart from leaders of our organisation, CBSpra - Com C Gangadhar Yadav, Chairman, Com R K Sharma, President, Com K Suresh Babu, General Secretary, and the Working Presidents Com Prakash Karotya & Com A Venkatesan.

The programme commenced with invocation recited by Com K Mohammad Ali, our CC Member from Anantapur. Homage was paid by all the dignitaries to the Founders of Syndicate Bank - T. M. A. Pai (Dr. Tonse Madhav Ananth Pai), Upendra Ananth Pai, and Vaman Srinivas Kudva, whose portraits were on display prominently at the venue on the stage. Visual commemoration through PPT presentation was presented by Com John Hemanth covering 100 years of glorious service of Syndicate Bank. All the Speakers proudly recalled bank's service, achievements and milestones and their own experiences, growth and transformation. The dignitaries shared memories of Syndicate Bank that drew emotional responses and heartfelt applause.

Speaking on this historic occasion **Com K.V. Acharya**, President of AIBPARC, explained with deep emotion and pride about the glorious legacy of Syndicate Bank. While paying rich tributes to the three illustrious founders of Syndicate Bank, he showered heartfelt encomiums on the institution - its noble genesis, its visionary activities, and its immense contribution to society and the nation at large.

He described Syndicate Bank as the **very soul of public sector banking in India**. Com Acharya beautifully narrated how Syndicate Bank was not merely a banking institution, but a social movement in itself. Long before social banking became a policy framework in our country, Syndicate Bank had already embraced it as a mission.

He recalled with admiration the pioneering **Pygmy Deposit Scheme**, where bank representatives collected a humble sum of just two annas a day from daily wage labourers. What appeared small in amount was revolutionary in vision — it brought banking to the doorsteps of the common man and inculcated the habit of savings among the poorest sections of society.

He further pointed out that Syndicate Bank was the first to extend financial assistance to the downtrodden and weaker sections, much before social banking norms were formally introduced in India. The bank took the lead in: Agricultural finance; Assistance to artisans; Educational loans; Women empowerment initiatives; Priority sector lending etc. All these were undertaken not because of regulatory compulsion, but because of a deep-rooted commitment to nation-building.

That is why, Com Acharya rightly observed, Syndicate Bank was not just another bank - it was a pioneer and indeed the soul of the Indian banking industry.

The tribute to the bank stirred nostalgia, reminding us that we were part of something larger than our lives. The atmosphere was not merely commemorative - it was respectful. The entire programme was organized by a team of volunteers led by Com. P. Kameswara Rao, one of our founder members. The commemoration concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Com Prakash Karotya, Working President CBSPPRA, followed by National Anthem.

A LEGACY BEYOND STRUCTURE

Syndicate Bank was built by people of character, by officers and staff who believed banking was not just a profession but a public trust. That trust continues today - in our unity, in our organisation, and in our collective resolve to safeguard the dignity of retirees.

The Syndicate Bank Centenary Commemoration will remain etched in our hearts as a defining moment of pride and gratitude. We saluted not just a century gone by, but the countless individuals who gave their youth, energy, and integrity to build an institution that shaped Indian banking. As custodians of that legacy, we reaffirm our pride in having served Syndicate Bank. Our unity as retirees our commitment to uphold the values that defined Syndicate Bank. A hundred years have passed. But the spirit remains timeless.

Banks may merge. Names may change.
Structures may transform. But values endure.

SYNDICATE BANK - THANK YOU

With warm regards,
Yours comradely,



K Suresh Babu
GENERAL SECRETARY

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