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To All Members (Please Circulate)

WELCOME 2019

MAY THE NEW YEAR USHER IN NEW HOPES, ASPIRATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Today is the dawn of a new year and as the first rays of the sun lit up the sky, we fervently hope that it ushers in new hopes, aspirations and resolutions ahead. Let the sunshine of the New Year eradicate all the ignominy, let our lives be enlightened with fresh dreams and let us all wake up to a wonderful, delightful and a prosperous New Year.

The year gone by will probably be relegated as one of the sombre years of the past decades. The country stands at a critical turning point where anger and frustration are bursting at the seams. Simultaneously the massive show of strength on 21st December in the last year sent loud and clear message to the powers that be.

Yet, on the new day of a new year, we must begin with hope. Hope - that standing at the threshold of this new year difficulties will be overcome, knots will be untied and vistas of new opportunities and possibilities be opened up. We are convinced that our membership is now ready to wage a protracted battle to establish our legitimate demands.

Several decisions of the government have thrown up new challenges in the banking industry. This year is marked for Golden Jubilee of Bank's Nationalisation. But the government's denationalisation move, its decision to merge Bank of Baroda, Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank, which seeks to turn attention away from the issue of NPA recovery in which the government has floundered, the banking sector is on the threshold of reverse nationalisation. We cannot let that happen. Let us be more united, display more solidarity.

We must also be prepared to meet adversities head on and practice the highest level of integrity and diligence while serving our esteemed institution. We must also display our dedication and commitment to our treasured organisation as we approach the celebration of the golden jubilee of the Bank Nationalisation.

On this occasion the undersigned wishes you and all your family members a scintillating, promising and fulfilling New Year 2019.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

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