



## FEDERAL BANK RETIRED OFFICERS' FORUM (FBROF)

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(Affiliated to All India Bank Pensioners and Retirees Confederation - AIBPARC)

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## FBROF COMMUNITY - PRIMARY PLATFORM OF FBROF FOR WHATSAPP COMMUNICATION FROM 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 23

To All Members,

With the emergence of the latest communication facility - "WhatsApp Community Group" in WhatsApp Platform enabling improved group communication, our FORUM introduced "FBROF Community" for ease and comfort of communication, in November 2022. Since the communications through this group, has more or less stabilised, our Executive Committee met on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023 decided to label the "Community Group" as the primary communication group of our FORUM. Hereafter, all communications - Circulars, Obituary Messages of Members / Spouses, Children, All Major Announcements, etc., hereafter (from 1st April 2023) will be posted in this Community Group only.

Our Forum, presently has the following WhatsApp Groups for communication at different levels – 1. FBROF Office Bearers, 2. FBROF Committee, 3. FBROF Zone + Area, 4. 25 Area/Zonal Groups and the "FBROF Community".

All our Members are normally attached to an Area / Zone Group where they permanently reside. Since the Area Groups are grouped under the Community umbrella, all Members of FBROF will be Participants in the "FBROF Community", provided they are in any of the Area/Zone Group and has not left from the Community/Area WhatsApp for any reason; they will receive all postings in "FBROF Community". Since some members quit the FBROF Community Group", inadvertently or may be to avoid additional groups/clouding of Messages, an invite link was sent to them through the group to re-join. All such members were advised of the purpose of the "Group" through Circulars also, with a request not to quit but to join / re-join. Our total membership is 2139 and our FBROF Community has 1972 participants. Some of our Super Senior Members may not be using Smartphones / WhatsApp Chat, and this could be a reason for the gap between total membership and the number of participants in the Community Group. We are in the process of ascertaining the reasons for this gap. We are once again providing this link to enable those who are missed otherwise. Because of the large number of participants in the Community, it will, for the time being remain an **Admin Only** group. Members can post their comments etc. on any matter appearing in the Community, in their respective parent group. Also, those who want to convey condolences on the obituary shall use the phone numbers given in such messages.

As per the decisions of the Executive Committee, the following messages, hereafter, will be posted only in the "FBROF Community" Group.

- All FBROF Circulars
- All AIBPARC Circulars
- All other Important News / Circulars/ Announcements / Information
- All Obituary Messages of our Members / Spouses / Children and Parents

The Zonal / Area Group Admins (Area Secretaries / Zonal Secretaries) can post or forward the messages / postings in the "Community Group" in their respective Zonal / Area Groups, if found necessary.

However, the unfortunate news about demise of our members will be posted in all Area/ Zone WhatsApp groups as being followed now

Messages / Information related or relevant to a particular Area / Zonal Group and obituary messages of in-laws of our members will be posted in the respective Area/Zonal Groups where the member was normally living.

Those members who are not a participant in the "FBROF Community" even now, are requested to please join the "FBROF Community" by clicking the invite link so that they will also be a participant in the Community and will not miss any communication.  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/L35LSbE40x6B8YqJmne0Ko>.

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The third issue of our Newsletter, *fedxbytz* is ready for release. The e-Copy of the Newsletter will be released in April 2023 through FBROF Community and will also be available in our Website. The Executive Committee has great pride to compliment the Editorial Committee for their efforts to continue to bring out an informative Newsletter covering the FBROF / AIBPARC News, Federal Bank News, Economic Scenario, Interesting Articles, Writings, etc. of our own Members or their Family Members and we fervently hope our Members and their Families will appreciate / evaluate the contents of *fedxbytz*.

We request all our Members to read the Newsletter, increase the readership, post their comments on the contents of the issue/s, suggestions for improvement of the Newsletter, through the link or by email to [fbrofnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:fbrofnewsletter@gmail.com). A Readers Column is included in this issue.

Total involvement by our Members by contributing, reading, analyzing, commenting on the Newsletter is essential for its improvement and excellence and we request all our Members to richly participate.

With Regards,

Sd/-

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General Secretary