

FEDERAL BANK RETIRED OFFICERS' FORUM (FBROF)



(An Organizational Wing of Federal Bank Officers' Association)
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To

All Members,

Remembering late Com. P. V. Mathew

A brief of the remembrance meeting of late Com. P. V. Mathew and adoption of Condolence Resolution "**Leader different**" in our 23rd Annual General Body meeting was reported in our circular No. 08/2016-18. We reproduce below the Condolence Resolution.

"Quote"

Condolence Resolution



Leader different

'Heaven has gained another Star', thus only we can describe the demise and departure of P V Mathew our colleague and comrade - dear and inspiring- friend and guide - loving and dependable- and perhaps, the noblest ever leader we have had in the Bank Officers' sector.

Federal Bank Retired Officers' Forum (FBROF) traces its genesis to this dynamic and farsighted leader. He was the founder of this Forum during the 1st half of 1990s - almost two decades prior to his retirement when none of the Private Sector Bank officers or most of the Public Sector Banks ever thought of such a forum for Retiree Officers. The Forum grew from its original single digit membership strength in 1994 to the present 1300 plus membership owing to the close association and the constant guidance of the celebrity performer late PV Mathew.

It is often said "every leader is known for his vision". Vision is the art of seeing things invisible and Mathew was a master in seeing things invisible with unbelievably amazing insights. Thus Mathew founded Federal House Construction Co operative Society which currently provides a thousand plus shelter for Federal Bank Officers, incumbent and retired, and he was its President from its very inception till breathing his last; Mathew also founded Federal Bank Officers' Education Society and remained as its Secretary till his retirement term. Through this Society, like an applaudable architect Mathew translated the dream of a first class Engineering and Management Institute into a concrete reality in the form of FISAT, the NAAC accredited A Grade, Federal Institute of Science and Technology, the pride of both Federal Bank Officers' Association

(FBOA) and Federal Bank alike. Christening the FISAT Campus as HORMIS NAGAR is the greatest tribute FBOA has made to late K P Hormis, the illustrious founder of Federal Bank, and P V Mathew was the brilliant brain behind this noble dedication. Along with others Mathew played a crucial role to form “Fedbank Hormis Foundation” and had been its Officer Trustee for a very long time. The road that leads to FBOA Centre getting renamed ‘FBOA Road’ is another eloquent contribution of Mathew to FBOA.

‘Fed Care’ the Medical insurance to the retirees was a remarkable contribution of Mathew to the Federal retirees which in turn accredited Federal Bank as one of the forerunners of the recently introduced Medical Insurance scheme for the retirees of all Banks.

Mathew played the key role in the formation of All India Private Sector Bank Officers’ Federation (AIPSBOF) which turned soon into one of the most vibrant wing of All India Bank Officers’ Confederation (AIBOC) and Mathew became the founder General Secretary of AIPSBOF and remained so till his retirement term.

Being the joint signatory in many a historic settlement- Bipartite settlement of 1989 granting of salary scales to the Private Sector Bank Officers at par with the Public Sector Bank Officers in the Country, the settlement providing pension to the bank officers & award staff, the settlement conceding 2nd option for pension to those in service and retired personnel etc tells us the success story of a national leader of the like of Mathew who knows well the spectacular strategies and therapeutic tactics. No wonder he became the National Dy. General Secretary of AIBOC and later elevated as its Senior Vice President.

AIBOC- Bhavan, the proud headquarters of AIBOC, Kerala at the heart of Kochi City is another praise worthy contribution of this leader to the Bank Officers movement in the State. But more than anything else, beyond words, we recollect and recognize that P V Mathew was the proud icon of Federal Bank Officers’ Association which he has steered enviably well for a long span of 26 years at a stretch with perfect perspectives, path breaking performance and commendable leadership. He re-defined trade unionism with a positive profile unaware so far and re-designed the roadmaps with new terrains unexplored hitherto. Mathew was an exemplary example of heroic fighting, simultaneously a laudable lesson of humility and humaneness. His perfect perceptions, practical prudence, courageous attitudes, timely guidance, accurate counsel, admirable achievements and inspiring victories made him undisputedly the unquestionable leader of Federal Bank Officers in particular and Bank Officers Movement in general. Immediately after his retirement he was chosen unanimously the President of Federal Bank Retired Officers Forum and the Senior Vice President of All India Bank Pensioners and Retirees Confederation (AIBPARC)

P V Mathew was beyond doubt an “Owner’s Pride and Neighbours’ Envy”. He was the pride of all of us and others envied us. God Almighty called him and he could not resist. When P V MATHEW, dearer to all our hearts left forever, for us he became ‘the Paradise Lost’. But we are certain he now looks at us from the heavenly Paradise.

May his noble soul Rest in Peace

P V MATHEW REMAINS IMMORTAL IN OUR HEARTS TODAY AND FOREVER

We , the Federal Bank Retired Officers’ Forum deeply mourn the untimely demise of our dear leader P V Mathew and convey our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family.

“Unquote”

Yours Cordially



**George C Chacko
General Secretary**