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The ultimate day of the year 2012 reminds us about the amazing speed at which the year has gone and opens up a refreshing, at the same time, an undisputedly challenging New Year – 2013.

In the organizational front, we ended the year 2011 with our plea, through our umbrella forum – United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU), to the Government by submission of a Memorandum to the Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance to resolve many of our long pending issues and demands. We were informed then by the Secretary, Ministry of Finance that the Government would be willing to discuss all the issues raised by the UFBU including the recommendations of the Khandelwal Committee, proposed amendments to the Banking Laws, Compassionate Appointment Scheme, Pension related demands, etc.

The strategies of the Government in the implementation of reforms, the inflation and other decisions of the Government against the working class and general public forced the All India General Strike on 28th February 2012 by all the Central Trade Unions in the Country, which our organization also supported. This was followed by Two Days' All India Strike on 22nd and 23rd August 2012 by the entire work force in the banking industry.

The Government, without giving any cognizance to the opposition of trade unions in the Country, was keen on amendments to Banking Laws advocating the needs of industrial houses and foreign investors and ended the year 2012 with the passage of Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill in both the houses of Parliament.

Consequent upon the currency of 9th Bipartite Wage Revision coming to an end by 31st October 2012, we have also set in motion our 10th wage revision through submission of common charter of demands by all the Workmen Unions under the banner of UFBU.

The main consolation in the year 2012 is the massive recruitment in all banks all over the Country, which is the resultant effect of our long drawn struggle under the banner of UFBU.

While the Nation can be proud of the achievement of two Silver Medals and Four Bronze Medals in the Olympics 2012, the year 2012 ended with disgrace to the Nation with the gang-rape of a 23-year old girl student in New Delhi and her subsequent death due to the heinous and inhuman criminal acts.

Even though the year 2012 on the whole ended with mixed results, the events clearly indicate our future responsibilities in the organizational front as well as to our beloved country.

Our organization is an independent, apolitical trade union in the banking industry, which is known for its militancy and success in its struggles for the welfare of bank employees. We are second to none in the part of any struggle that is affecting the bank employees as well as general public. We are for united struggles and earnestly appeal the entire membership to continue to maintain the Unity and be in readiness to the call of the organization and keep always the flag of the organization flying higher and higher.

“A VERY HAPPY, PROSPEROUS AND EVENTFUL NEW YEAR – 2013”

**(M.V. MURALI)
GENERAL SECRETARY**