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Dear Comrades,

COM. M. KESHAVAYYA, OUR FOUNDER PRESIDENT IS NO MORE – PASSES INTO HISTORY



COM. M. KESHAVAYYA, M.A., LL.B.

With profound grief and sorrow we convey the sad news of the demise of our founder President, Com. M. Keshavayya, M.A. LL.B., at about 9 pm yesterday, the 10th April, 2018 at a hospital in the city of Mangaluru. He was hospitalized for the past few days in Mangaluru and while the best medical treatment was being given to him and it was hoped that he would recover, his health condition took a turn for the worse yesterday night and he passed away. He was 81 years and leaves behind his wife and four sons and countless army of comrades and admirers.

Born on the 10th October, 1936, he joined our Bank in the year 1964 as an officer-trainee. He created history when he joined the union during his training period itself and also became its President. Later in the year 1973, he formed the Karnataka Bank Officers' Organisation and became its founder President and continued to be re-elected as its President till his superannuation in the year 1996.

He was not only a towering personality and a fearless leader of par excellence but also well-versed in the field of art, literature and culture. In the foundation conference

of ABOA held at Nagpur on the 14th February, 1981, Com. M. Keshavayya was elected as one of the Assistant Secretaries, a rare recognition of his innate qualities of leadership, courage, conviction and commitment to the trade union ideals.

Com. M. Keshavayya has taken the KBOO to a great stature by his organisational ability, oratorical skill, negotiating acumen, prolific writing and his capacity to convince even adversaries through his matured way of handling things.

Com. M. Keshavayya had strolled as a Gentle Colossus for more than 30 years among the employees and officers of our Bank. His finest hour came in the year 1985 when KBOO was recognized as the sole bargaining agent for the officers in our Bank. He was a path finder, pace setter and clincher of the difficult issues. His lifelong ambition is for establishing a Banking Administrative Tribunal (BAT) especially for officers in Private Sector Banks.

Com. M. Keshavayya's writings and speeches of last three decades would always reverberate in our ears forever and his famous laughter will be greenly reminisced in our memory lanes for many more years giving us strength, courage and inspiration.

Comrades, the best way to perpetuate the memory of Com. M. Keshavayya, are to work steadfastly in the path shown by him and to work with unflinching loyalty and unbridled unity to achieve the unfinished tasks.

Comrades may recall that KBOO had a proud privilege of honoring Com. M. Keshavayya, our founder President in our XVIII conference held at Mangaluru on the 23rd October, 2016 wherein he received the standing ovation of more than 1000 delegates present on that happy and memorable occasion.

Comrades, the mortal remains of Com. M. Keshavayya might have been consigned to flames but his contribution to the cause of the employees and officers of our bank shall always remain immortal.

We dip our banner in respectful homage to Com. M. Keshavayya, our founder President and convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

**COM. M. KESHAVAYYA, OUR FOUNDER PRESIDENT IS NO MORE
COM. M. KESHAVAYYA AMAR RAHE**

Yours comradely,
Sd/-
(K. RAGHAVA)
GENERAL SECRETARY