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"I gain strength from bowing down to the source of creation, because it is an act of the almighty, who is omnipotent, omnipresent"

We derive a large part of our identity from our mother organization; our mother organization derives most of its existence from this pious soil. We derive our name 'Canara' from this place. This place is the source of creation, truly special and immensely powerful!

Friends, recently, we have just concluded our EC meeting in this pious soil of **Mangalore**. Whatever spoken and written about Mangalore will always be an understatement. Words could never justify the magnanimity and uniqueness of this place, especially for we Canarites. It's like trying to find right adjectives for your feelings for your mother. Besides its rich history, this place would always be fascinating with its old charm such as tile-roofed buildings amidst coconut groves, fishing boats silhouetted against the darkening skyline.

I reached Mangalore on 9th May, well before the EC meeting scheduled on the 13th and 14th May. The agenda was to visit **Manipal for CLJM, Joint RC and Members Meet** so as to meet people, visit places and absorb the positive energies sufficiently so as to be on the top frame for the ensuing EC meeting.

The reception at the airport was enthralling. The thunderous roars of our Canpals at the airport are lifting the bar each time to the next level. I was thrilled beyond words to receive such a grand welcome. I sincerely thank our **DGS &**

CNT Shri Ramesh Naik, Shri Prasanna, CCO Manipal, Shri Pinto, AGS, Shri Anand CC and the vibrant teams of Mangalore and Manipal for being the chief architects of such a grand reception.

A superb start to the special tour, I must say.

Friends, the city of Mangalore, situated on the coastline of Arabian Sea, represents source of creation, the origination place of our mother Bank. The winds along with the ebb and tide of the mesmerizing sea waves move slowly and gently over us, reminding us of the inevitable highs and lows of life, teaching us to remain persistent with our undiluted intentions and efforts. Come what may! CBOA places a special importance to this region and the energy it emanates.

On 10th May, I had a great time attending Joint RC and member's meet at Manipal. I was privileged to address a huge gathering of CBOA office bearers and members in the esteemed presence of our Circle Head and executives. The pre-cursor to the grand event was encouraging and satisfying. I could witness the warmth, enthusiasm and hope on every face.

It was my privilege to be part of the Felicitation program arranged by team CBOA to **Shri Bhakta, DGM** for his incredible service both to mother bank and our beloved association.

Thereafter, on 11th May, I visited our Manipal Circle Office for **CIRCLE LEVEL JOINT MEETING** where we had a fruitful discussion on various issues of staff and other wide-ranging matters. There were indeed a lot of takeaways from the insightful meetings. I sincerely want to thank the Circle Management for being so generous and forthcoming to our issues and requests. I personally want to thank **Circle Head Shri Rama Naik, GM, Shri Bhakta, DGM and other officials**. Brilliant work by Shri Prasanna, CCO and his magnificent team. Splendid show by Mr Anand CC, Mr Sachin, Mr Suraj, Mr Vishal and all the volunteers of Manipal Circle.

I was equally privileged to meet and interact with the young guns of **CE Kamath Institute of Artisans, Manipal**. The love and warmth I received from them was unmatched. I learnt a lot through my brief interaction and I felt genuinely fortunate to have spent my time with them.

Subsequently, on 13th May, we proceeded towards Mangalore for the mega-event, the Executive Committee meeting. The event was preceded by the launch of our most impactful and most talked about event, '**Trumping the Targets 2.0**' at the feet of our Founder at the Founder's monument. The program is a sequel to 'Trumping the Targets' programme which was conceptualized by CBOA last year for achieving Rs. 10,000 Crore Net Profit for our mother bank and placing our Mother Bank as number 1 Bank among peers. In addition to the targets set in the first version, 'Trumping the Targets 2.0' aims at achieving **Rs. 20 Lakh Crores of Global business for our Bank by November 2022**, by strengthening CASA, Service Charges and Recovery (CSR) aspects.

Friends, it was exhilarating to witness your zeal and commitment in 'Trumping the Targets 2.0' programme. With so many people coming together under one roof, this event captured a small glimpse of our big family raring to deliberate and put our mother Bank on a higher pedestal. It's always enriching to have the presence of our **Circle Head Shri Jayakumar** with us for the inauguration as the chief guest..

In the evening a visit to **Canara Institute of Bank Management (CIBM)**, the learning and heritage center for all Canarites was arranged for all the EC members. It was an nostalgic moment for all the members to have a look at the history of two great banking institutions and their Founders from South Canara (Canara and Syndicate). Special thanks to **Sri Gangadhar H K, DGM & Chief Learning Officer of CIBM** and the entire Staff for the wonderful arrangements and hospitality.

Friends, I wish that each one of you visit CIBM.

The day culminated with the Executive Committee meeting proceedings, which went on to next day. At one level, the Executive Committee meeting is a platform to deliberate over issues of special importance along with taking critical feedback from the EC members. On the other level, it is a platform to celebrate our camaraderie, collaboration and conviction. More than anything else, the two-day meet gives you moment to reflect, rejoice and reinvigorate. It's my maiden Executive Committee Meet. I should sincerely place on record my gratitude to **My chairman Sri. Jacob P Chittattukalam, President Sri Rajiv Nigam, HO Liasion Sri Uday S Lodaya, Sr Vice Presidents** and all the EC Members for their unconditional and unstinted support.

Friends, the two days of this mega-programme was so eventful that it will go down to the annals of trade union history as a very special event. The event would be deemed special as the second largest army of trade union members walked along strongly with the youngest ever General Secretary in the entire trade union history for a shared vision.

The vision of ensuring individual dignity and collective progress. It was such a delight to see that all came with one motto, which is to cherish the grandeur of our mother bank and our beloved CBOA. I felt grateful to the core. It was simply mesmerizing!!

I sincerely thank our vibrant **CNT Shri Ramesh Naik** and his committed soldiers for conducting the event so professionally and with acute perfection. Commendable work by **Shri Ravi Pinto, AGS** especially for taking care of transportation. Good work by Madam **Swati, DGS** for taking care of Trumping the Targets Campaign and the stage. The sight of each volunteer accompanying EC members till their rooms was encouraging. **Our sisters Madam Bharati and Madam Rekha were driving their own cars for picking and dropping EC members.** What a culture !!!

I place on record my sincere appreciation to all the volunteers **Mr Ranjith, Mr Avinash, Mr Vamsi, Mr Sunil, Mr Krishnan, Mr Narendra, Mr Vijay kumar, Mr Sanoj, Mr Manish and others.**

It's also a wonderful feeling to visit proud parents Mr Avinash and Mrs Megha who were blessed with a baby Girl. How blessed I was to see the little Angel. Hearty congratulations dear Megha and Avinash.

Friends, I once again thank each and every one of you for your infectious energy, commitment and involvement. Believe me, we are a strong team to reckon with. Important pillars of this beautiful edifice called Canara bank.

Friends, with this event, we look forward to achieving Rs. 20 lakhs crores of business by November 2022. I am confident that we will together proclaim the achievement during our historic triennial at Vijayawada. Going by the intensity and enthusiasm each one of you exude, I feel that we will not just cross this figure but will cross it with ease. I can assert that in-front of our spirited will and untiring determination, no target is unachievable.

I am confident that this mammoth organization, our mother Bank, will achieve its stated objectives. I have a strong faith that our commitment towards CBOA and our dedication towards our Mother Bank will propel the Bank to even greater heights.

You care for the Bank and CBOA cares for you!
Flaw-Free Banking! Fraud-free banking!
DISCIPLINE IN CBOA, DEVELOPMENT IN CANARA BANK.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'RAVIKUMAR K', written over a horizontal line.

RAVIKUMAR K
GENERAL SECRETARY