

# MAHARASHTRA STATE BANK EMPLOYEES FEDERATION

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## **NATIONWIDE GENERAL STRIKE ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY A GRAND SUCCESS !**

**IN BANKING SECTOR TOO, THE STRIKE AT THE CALL OF AIBEA,  
AIBOA & BEFI IS SUCCESSFUL AND SERVICES WERE AFFECTED.**

The Nationwide General strike called on 12<sup>th</sup> February by AIBEA AIBOA & BEFI along with all the central trade unions and industry-wise federations except the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh and its affiliated unions has been a resounding, Success.

Employees from major sectors including cement, steel, mining, power, telecommunications, postal services, minerals, aviation, ports, banking, and insurance had participated in large numbers to make the General Strike Larger & Impactful.

The strike also witnessed active participation from organized and unorganized sector workers, farmers, agricultural labourers, Central and State Government employees, as well as semi-government employees across the country.

### **STRIKE EFFECTS BANKING SECTOR IN THE STATE.**

In the banking industry, employees and officers affiliated with the All-India Bank Employees Association (AIBEA), Bank Employees Federation of India (BEFI) and the All-India Bank Officers Association (AIBOA) participated in the strike in the State. As a result, normal banking operations were severely affected in most banks, except State Bank of India and Indian Overseas Bank. Even employees from Private Banks like Karnataka Bank Ltd, Federal Bank also participated in the Strike to make the strike complete and full in all

aspects and these Banks were also affected by the Strike.

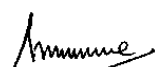
Other banking unions, though not directly participating in the first phase, have extended their formal support to the demands of the strike.

Today, on the day of the strike, bank employees in Mumbai took out huge procession from Horniman Circle to Azad Maidan and held a massive demonstration demanding & opposing Following Demands.

1. Repeal all the Four labour codes enacted by the Central Government.
2. Opposing the proposed privatization of IDBI Bank.
3. Opposing the decision to increase foreign shareholding in private sector banks to 75%.
4. Opposing the move to raise foreign investment limits in public sector banks to 49%.
5. Condemning the policy inconsistency and contradictory statements of the Government regarding bank mergers and privatization, which have led to instability and uncertainty in the banking sector.

Across other cities in Maharashtra, protest marches, rallies, public meetings, and demonstrations had been organized and the employees from all the Public Sector & Private Banks overwhelmingly Participated. Some of the Photos of Azad Maidan Rally are produced here under for information.

While we place on record our sincere regrets to the customers of the Bank for the inconveniences caused to them due to the Strike, we also would like to convey that employees are left with no other alternative when employees hard won rights Privileges and job security are likely to be taken away by the new labour codes.



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