



FIBRE - 21 Years Journey

Formed on 21st June 2005 as RETIRED EXECUTIVES MEET with 20 former Executives of Indian Bank at the instance and initiative of Shri. M. Gopalakrishnan and Shri. T. S. Raghavan, erstwhile CMDs of our Bank. Subsequently, the group was named as Forum of Indian Bank Retired Executives {FIBRE}. FIBRE completed 21 years of existence on 21st June 2026.

MISSION STATEMENT: To make it an active Forum so as to ensure that the Retired Executives get further opportunity to facilitate in the Image building of our Bank and in infusing an affable spirit of camaraderie and function as informal but an Effective well-knit of Members of Indian Bank Family.

FIBRE's 10th Year Celebration

FIBRE's 10th year celebration was conducted in a grand manner at IMAGE on 27/06/2015. About 200 (both members and their families) from all over India, participated in the function. Former CMDs, other distinguished guests, Union/ Association leaders and also former bank employees attended and greeted the function. Octogenarian members (including Shri N. Sitaraman-Centenarian) were honored during the meet. A memento was also presented to all the participants at this meeting. Cultural Programs were conducted. A FIBRE directory with a Souvenir was released in remembrance of the meet.

FIBRE's 15th Year Celebration:

In view of restrictions on organizing Meetings due to COVID-19, a brief report on the 15th year of Formation of FIBRE (21st June 2020) was brought for information.

FIBRE's 20th Year Celebration:

FIBRE's 20th year celebration was conducted in a grand manner at IMAGE on 05.10.2025. About 250 (both members and their families) from all over India, participated in the function. Former CMDs, CGMs, other distinguished guests, and Union/ Association leaders attended and greeted the function. As part of the 20th Anniversary Celebration an Exhibition was conducted on the ground floor of the Auditorium with Photographs, Paintings, Books, Woodwork etc., contributed by our own members. Nonagenarian Shri Chandra Bose, President, Indian Bank Retirees Association was honored during the meet. Cultural Programs were conducted. Seventh Edition of a soft copy of the FIBRE directory with a Souvenir was released in remembrance of the meet. Gift Hampers consisting of the Souvenir, a Flask as Memento were given to all the members in person/through courier service.

ACTIVITIES:

- Quarterly gatherings (usually March, June, Sept., and Dec) take place at IMAGE and other centers in Chennai and Members living at Hyderabad meet quarterly, members living in Coimbatore meet quarterly and members from Bengaluru (Bangalore) periodically meet and members from Vijayawada, with their families. Even though similar small meets took place at Delhi, Kolkata, and Pune, it is our endeavor to form Regional Chapters at various Metro Centers and meet regularly.
- Due to Covid pandemic, eight quarterly meetings (55-61,65th) were organized on ZOOM Platform during the years 2020, 2021 and 2022. 79th quarterly meeting (as family get together meet) was organized on 08.12.2025 at Green Meadows, Palavakkam. The 81st quarterly meeting was organized on 24.04.2026 at IMAGE.
- During such meetings, the focus of interaction will be on the welfare of members including latest development on Bank matters. Dignitaries from various fields are also invited for interaction at these meetings.
- Zoom meets are being conducted once in four months and members from all over India participated. In such meetings, a few members highlighted their achievements and contribution after retirement through their presentation. FIBRE issued a Memento to them appreciating their involvement and the presentation.
- FIBRE honored Octogenarian/Nonagenarian Members at quarterly meetings in respective centers and few Octogenarians at their residence and in total 37 members were honoured so far.
- FIBRE makes it a point to attend the funeral of deceased members and they are being represented by our local functionaries. Besides this, silence in memory of them is also observed during the quarterly meetings.
- All Life members are linked in –
 - Signal Platform
 - WhatsApp Platform in three groups
 - In common group mail fibreisten@googlegroups.com.
 - This enables the members to have daily Birthday greetings, exchange of pleasantries and healthy discussions on various matters of common interest.
- FIBRE owns a website www.fibre.org.in and various activities of the Forum are ported now & then.
- Created continuous rapport and liaison with Bank Management by a support committee of members and providing support / assistance to the members on matters of Bank products, Pension, Medical Insurance, staff welfare measures, Life Certificate & other matters.
- FIBRE brought its quarterly News Journal from July 2026.
- FBRE Byelaws with improvements were circulated in June 2026

FIBRE organized Tours and get-together:

- March 2013 at Coimbatore – 26 members.
- January 2015 to Mysuru & Bengaluru -39 members.
- Sept 2016 to Yelagiri Hills – 30 members and 18 family members (Total 48)
- August 2017 to Kochi, Alappuzha 29 members and 19 family members (Total 48)
- May 2018 Himalayan Chardham Yatra 19 members and 14 family members (Total 33)
- December 2018 Sri Lanka Tour (2 groups) - 49 members and 41 family members (Total 90)

- October 2019 Muktinath, Nepal and Bhutan Tour (5 groups) – 54 members and 52 family members (total 106)
- November 2022 North East Tour (2 groups) - 55 members and 40 family members (total 95)
- December 2022 Andaman Tour - 16 members and 12 family members (Total 28)
- March-April 2023 – Varanasi, Gaya, Prayagraj spiritual tour (2 groups) – 27 members and 23 family members (Total 50)
- November-December 2023 –Cambodia and Thailand (3 groups) – 53 members and 41 family members (Total 94)
- May – June 2024 –Vaishnodevi and Kashmir (4 groups) – 43 members and 34 family members. (total 77)
- September 2024 –Singapore and Malaysia tour (2 groups) – 18 members and 18 family members
- February 2025 –Dubai-Muscat tour (2 groups) – 17 members and 13 family members, Dubai only – 21 members and 16 family members (total 38 members and 29 family members)
- November 2025 – Kerala Tour to Kochi, Alleppey, Thekkady, Munar - 34 members and 25 family members (total 59)
- April 2026 – Bali tour (4 groups) – 55 members 53 family members (total 108)
- We are planning for Visakhapatnam and Araku Valley tour during November 2026

Family Team Outings (Get-together) were held on 11.02.2019, 04.01.2020, 01.04.2022, 04.01.2023, 09.01.2024 and 06.12.2025 in Chennai and around 75 members (including their families) participated in each of these meetings. Similarly, family members are participating in most of their quarterly meetings & site visits at Bengaluru.

- FIBRE brought a document on 19.10.2020, in memory of the Founder President Shri M. Gopalakrishnan (29.07.1935 – 30.09.2020) and the same was released by the President Shri T. Jothipandian. FIBRE also presented a Plaque to Gopalakrishnan's family members on 29.11.2020.
- The one-time membership fee collected from Life Members is kept as CORPUS FUND in Bank Deposits. From funds accruing out of interest on Bank Deposits, FIBRE donates to meet social objectives regularly and at times of calamities for relief work, apart from contribution from Members.
- FIBRE Accounts are duly audited by Chartered Accountants and IT Returns are submitted annually. Moreover, audited accounts are placed in the Quarterly Meeting that take place after year end.

FIBRE's participation for social causes since 2014:

- ❖ During October 2014, FIBRE contributed Rs.63000/- to the PM relief Fund towards J&K disaster
- ❖ Every year on 10th May, FIBRE observes Global Compassion Day. On that day, as a social cause, members used to visit Old Age Homes, Orphanages, Centre for destitute etc. and provide assistance to the needy people by way of hosting Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner at their homes.
- ❖ During January 2016, Rs.25000/- was contributed to Little Flower School for Blind, Chennai towards Flood Relief.
- ❖ In March 2016, 3 water heaters costing 27000/- were supplied to AIM for Seva, Sriperumbudur for the benefit of differently abled students.
- ❖ Diwali get- together October 2016, at BANYAN (Centre for Destitutes) Chennai providing whole-day food arrangement.

- ❖ Donation to Shri Swamy Sarvadharm Sharanalaya Trust Sutanpet, Chickballapur Post Karnataka Rs.6000/- January 2017
- ❖ Supply of one HP Deskjet Printer Rs.6000/- to ANANDAM old age Home, Chennai and provided Lunch & Fruits/Biscuits to senior citizens on 10/05/2018 (Global compassion Day)
- ❖ Arranged Lunch and fruits to Sanadhana Girls Shelter Home ASHA NIWAS, Choolaimedu, Choolaimedu, Chennai –Rs.5500/- May 2018.
- ❖ Members contribution to CM, Kerala Flood Relief Fund Rs.251853/- during August 2018
- ❖ Donation to Vishranthi Charitable Trust, Chennai Rs.20000/- during May 2019.
- ❖ Coinciding Diwali festival, arranged for distribution of Sweets, Savories, biscuits to 22 Mentally challenged children at SIVASAKTHI KAKKUM KARANGAL HOME and 25 senior citizens of an Old Age Home at Valasaravakkam, Chennai
- ❖ In January 2020, Sponsored Rs.14030/- towards supply of Spectacles to Kandavarayanpatti villagers during EYE CAMP.
- ❖ During March 2020, Rs.100,000/- was donated to the PM Relief Fund towards COVID-19 relief by FIBRE. Apart from this 71 Members contributed directly to PM CARE, various CM Relief Funds, and other voluntary organizations to the tune of Rs.5.30 lakhs.
- ❖ Sponsored Rs.10000/- for arranging Lunch on the eve of Global Compassion Day 10/05/2020 to GIVE THE LIFE CHILDREN HOME, Chennai
- ❖ Donated 60 books on assorted topics to Shri Pon Mariappan, Saloon Library, Tuticorin, Tamil Nādu (Participant of Prime Minister's Mann Ki Baat program -25.10.2020)
- ❖ FIBRE sponsored Annadhanam, on the first death anniversary (30.09.2021) of the founder President, for the full day to the inmates of various orphanages, homes etc., in 12 Centres. Beneficiaries are destitute, orphanage, old, blind, disabled people. Decided to conduct SOCIAL ACTIVITY on 30th September, every year IN REMEMBRANCE OF FOUNDER PRESIDENT
- ❖ For the Anandam Trust special School Building Project, FIBRE borne the cost of "Reception and Lobby" building, by way of contribution from our members. 190 members contributed to the tune of Rs.10.92 Lakhs. In recognition of our Contribution, Anandam Trust has presented a shield to FIBRE by the hands of Honourable Smt Nirmala Seetharaman, Finance Minister during the inauguration function on 08.10.2022.
- ❖ On the Second death anniversary (30.09.2022) of founder President, FIBRE distributed a set of uniforms to the 36 Special children and Sarees to the 14 Teachers of the Ananda Karuna Vidyalayam (A multidisciplinary Centre for Children with special needs) and hosted lunch for students and inmates of old age homes.
- ❖ Anandam Trust has conducted Samashti Shastiabdha Poorthi, Bheemaratha Shanthi, Sadhabhisheka Shanthi Mahotsavam to 110 parents of Anandam old age home on 09.04.2023. FIBRE donated Rs.10005 on this occasion.
- ❖ FIBRE sponsored Annadhanam (breakfast / lunch) on the third death anniversary (30.09.2023) of the founder President, to the inmates of seven orphanages, students /old age homes viz. Anandam Trust, Sarada Sakthi Peedam, Akshaya Trust – Muduchur, Valasaravakkam, Pallikaranai, Palavakkam and Velappanchavadi.
- ❖ A cultural show was arranged at Srinagar on 31.05.2024, to promote the Kashmiri culture during the tour to Kashmir. Members contributed about Rs.80000 for the same.

- ❖ FIBRE sponsored an annual fee of Rs.25000 to a deserving poor student Ms.K.B.Rakshana for pursuing her Ph D course in Commerce at SSS Shasun Jain College on 28.06.2024.
- ❖ FIBRE sponsored the book release function of the book, "MG- The man, his Mission and his Vision" on 30.09.2024. The book was compiled by Shri H Ramakrishnan, former News Reader, Doordarshan Chennai and former Public Relations Manager of Indian Bank.
- ❖ FIBRE sponsored 20 Fans valued Rs.67500 to Akshaya Trust, on the eve of opening their sixth Free Old Age Home at K K Nagar, Chennai on 27.08.2025.
- ❖ A water dispenser costing Rs.40000 was donated to Swamy Dayananda Home, Sriperumbudur on 10.09.2025.
- ❖ FIBRE sponsored Annadhanam (breakfast / lunch) on the Fifth death anniversary (30.09.2025) of the founder President, to the inmates of Amma Nanna Anadha Ashram, Hyderabad, Six centers of Akshaya Trust, Chennai and Anandam Old Age Home, Chennai

The growth of Life membership is as follows:

First Edition	June 2009	40
Second Edition	June 2015	226
Third Edition	June 2017	369
Fourth Edition	October 2020	523
Fifth Edition	December 2022	634
Sixth Edition	September 2023	681
Sixth Edition (Revised)	June 2024	708
Seventh Edition (soft copy)	September 2025	754
	July 2026*	786

*Excluding 64 deceased members over a period

Printed copies of the First, Second, Third and Sixth edition of Members Directory and soft copies of the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth (Revised), Seventh editions were supplied to all Members. In the last few years, our membership has doubled, and I congratulate the efforts of the team members on their contribution.

Wishing all the Members and their families HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL LIFE IN THE YEARS TO COME.

SECRETARY
31.07.2026