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New Office Bearers Elected for Workers India Federation

Bengaluru, 20 May 2026

The Workers India Federation (WIF), a national official organization of the CBCI Office for Labour, elected its new office bearers for the term 2026–2028 during its Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) held at Subodhana, Bengaluru, on 18–19 May 2026.

The AGBM was inaugurated by Most Rev. Dr. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore. In his inaugural address, Archbishop Machado emphasized the urgent need to organize unorganized workers, particularly agricultural labourers, domestic workers, and migrant workers across states. He underlined the importance of empowering workers at the grassroots level and extended his prayers and blessings to the newly elected team.

Mr. Anthony Selvanathan, President of WIF, presided over the meeting. In his address, he expressed gratitude to the outgoing Chairperson, Rt. Rev. Alex Vadakkumthala, and Vice-Chairmen Mar Jose Chittooparambil and Most Rev. A.A.S. Durairaj. He warmly welcomed the new Chairman, Rt. Rev. Vincent Mar Paulos, along with Vice-Chairmen Mar Prince Antony Panengadan and Rt. Rev. Edward Baretto.

Key speakers included Rt. Rev. Vincent Mar Paulos, Rt. Rev. Alex Vadakkumthala, Rt. Rev. Edward Baretto, Fr. George Thomas Nirappukalayil, Mr. Sebastian Palamparambil, Mr. Sameer Lakra, Mr. Joy Gothuruth, Mr. Rajamany, Fr. Victor Mundargi, Ms. Celesta Lakra, Ms. Priti Ros Kullu, Ms. Feliza Goes, Sr. Dorothy Fernandez, Fr. Shinto Abraham, Mr. Paul Raj, Mr. Savio Basil, and Mr. Ajith Digal.

The input sessions, conducted under the theme “*Dignity in Labour: Building a Secure and Resilient Nation*”, were led by Rt. Rev. Vincent Mar Paulos and Rt. Rev. Alex Vadakkumthala. Active participation by members enriched the discussions, resulting in a comprehensive plan of action for WIF. The plan focuses on enhancing dignity and justice for workers through:

- Empowering leadership from among unorganized workers
- Expanding WIF outreach programmes and diocesan units

- Promoting enrolment of unorganized workers in social security schemes and government policies

The AGBM elected the following office bearers for 2026–2028:

- **President:** Mr. Anthony Selvanathan
- **Vice President:** Mr. Sebastian Palamparambil
- **General Secretary:** Mr. Sameer Lakra
- **Joint Secretary:** Ms. Priti Rose Kullu
- **Treasurer:** Mr. Joseph Varghese
- **Executive Committee Members:** Ms. Feliza Goes, Ms. Selesta Lakra, Mr. Joy Gothuruth, Mr. K. Jesuraja, Fr. Shinto Abraham, Sr. Dorothy Fernandez, and Fr. Victor Mundargi.

As part of the General Body, Directors, Presidents, and General Secretaries of WIF's regional units, along with representatives from affiliated associations such as CWM, YCWM, NDWM, and KLM, actively participated in the proceedings.

Mr. Sameer Lakra, General Secretary

Fr. George Thomas Nirappukalayil, National Director

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