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### To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 44 dated 27.04.2017 issued by General Secretary, All India State Bank Officers' Federation, the contents of which are self-explicit.

With revolutionary greetings,

Soumya Datta  
(General Secretary)

To all our Affiliates / Members:

## **51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ORGANISED BY SBIOA (BENGAL CIRCLE) HELD ON 23.04.2017 AT COM B.B. DAS NAGAR (NAZRUL MANCHA) KOLKATA**

The 51st Annual General Meeting of SBIOA (Bengal Circle) was organised in a grand manner on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017 at Com B.B. Das Nagar(Nazrul Mancha) as mark of respect to Com BB Das, former President, AISBOF and the longest serving General Secretary of SBIOA(Bengal Circle), who had passed away recently. The stage was named after Com. Arun Kumar Chattopadhyay Mancha, former Central Committee member of SBIOA(Bengal Circle), who had also passed away in the recent past.

2. Before commencement of the meeting, the flag of the Association was hoisted by Com. D.T. Franco, President AISBOF, in presence of former General Secretaries and amidst chanting of slogans. Thereafter, the opening song was performed by members of the cultural wing 'Srijan' of SBIOA(Bengal Circle).

3. Com Samrat Kundu, the anchor of the meeting then invited Circle President Com. Kalyan Kumar Dey and General Secretary Com. Soumya Datta to the dais. Thereafter, Com. D.T. Franco Rajendra Dev, President AISBOF, Com. Y.Sudarshan, the General Secretary AISBOF, Shri Partha Pratim Sengupta, Chief General Manager, Kolkata Circle, Com Ramkumar Sabapathy and Com Anil Nare, the General Secretary and President from Mumbai Circle, Com. Sambit Mishra, and Com. Bibekananda Das, the General Secretary and President from Bhubaneswar Circle, Com.Ravindra Gupta and Com. Sushil Ahuja, the General Secretary and President of Delhi Circle Association, Com. Subramanyam and Com. B. Sukkaiah, the General Secretary and President of Hyderabad Circle Association, Com Rupam Roy, General Secretary of North-East Circle, Com Krishnanandan, President, Kerala Circle, Com Sabyasachi Swain, DGS, Bhubaneswar Circle, Com. S. L. Kulkarni, former Secretary, AISBOF, Com. R. N. Banerjee, President, All India SBI Pensioners' Federation, were called on stage.

4. Floral tributes were offered to the portraits of Com BB Das and Com Arun Kumar Chattopadhyay by the dignitaries, followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief General Manager, Kolkata Circle and the Chief Guest of the function along with the dignitaries who were present on the dais along with Com Pulak Pathak, who during the demonetisation exercise was deputed to RBO Berhampore and on his way he had met with an accident leading to amputation of his little finger of his left hand.

5. Before the meeting commenced, some outstanding philanthropic activities were carried out viz. providing financial assistance to Saima Khan, daughter of Shiraj Khan, who had been delivering letters to SBI Branches for the last 15 years, for pursuing higher studies. Shri Subrata Dutta, who had been selling incense, sticks for the last 20 years to various branches of our 'Bank was given financial assistance for the higher education of his son. Financial assistance was extended to 'Prabuddha Bibek, an NGO, who provided education to orphan children and to Ms Paramita Bera an acid attack victim for her medical needs, Shri Sankareswar Dutta, former General Secretary, SBISA and Director Central Board, was also given financial assistance for the eye clinic 'Suvendu Memorial Seva Pratisthan' he had set up for the less privileged section of the society.

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6. Next, Com Ashit Sinha, former Vice-president of the Circle Association and Com Sisir Ranjan Ghosh, former Regional Secretary were felicitated for the yeomen service they provide to members in cases of medical exigencies. Com Aparash Sarkar, former member was also felicitated for the outstanding service towards the cultural wing in organising photo exhibitions.

7. Com. Soumya Datta, General Secretary, SBIOA (Bengal Circle) in his welcome address extended a warm welcome to all the dignitaries on the dais. He thereafter gave a brief account of the performance of the Circle Association and urged upon the members to work sincerely to make the Circle the flagship circle of the country. He placed on record his appreciation for the role of the respected Chief General Manager for the empathy shown in disciplinary matters. He requested the Federation leadership to take up the issue of Currency Chest joint custodians, who were being forced to attend office on every 2nd and Fourth Saturday and during block holidays. Further, he demanded that incentives should be paid to the joint custodians for earning substantial commission from RBI by dint of their work. He also requested the leadership to take up the issue of PO-RB 2010 batch; whether they were still required to be posted in RUSU branches/establishments as the RBG had since been merged with NBS.

8. The occasion was also utilized for release of a book collated by the Circle Association titled "Handbook on Assigned Roles" by the Chief General Manager, Shri Partha Pratim Sengupta, and a Special Issue of "Sup-Voice", News Bulletin of SBIOA (Bengal Circle) by Com Y Sudarshan, General Secretary, AISBOF

9. Shri Partha Pratim Sengupta, Chief General Manager, Kolkata Circle in his key note address, lauded the Circle Association for their constructive work during the year for the betterment of the Bank and for the philanthropic activities undertaken by the Association. He praised the entire workforce for the stellar performance of the Circle in various parameters and attributed the success to the entire workforce. He urged upon the officers to gear up to face the competition the Bank was facing from the Private Banks, Foreign Banks, NBFCs, MFIs and emerging Fintech companies. He also mentioned that the digitalization initiative of the Government will also pose real challenges as apart from going through transformative DNA changes within ourselves, as the need of the hour was to educate, train and handhold customers as well. Else, the Bank will not only lose the market share but will also expose ourselves to the risk of 'Error of Omission'. Constant up-gradation of knowledge and knowing the right way of doing the assigned job are, therefore, crucial pre-requisites for all employees at all levels to remain productive in their roles and respective positions. He stressed that the need of the hour was Wealth Management and not Liability management and the need to move on to marketing oriented banking from Transaction banking.

10. Com. Y. Sudarshan, General Secretary, AISBOF, appreciated the wonderful manner in which the General Body Meeting has been organized by the Bengal Circle association every year. He appreciated the novel initiatives like digital attendance, live webcast of the programme, chanting of slogans, welfare activities. He said that he felt rejuvenated after attending such meetings attended by over 4000 members. He congratulated Com Franco for being elected as the General Secretary of AIBOC and appreciated the dynamism with which he had started his new responsibility. He echoed the sentiments of the members and assured that this time the cherished demand of having 5 day week would surely be fulfilled. He gave a brief account of the yearlong activities of the Federation and the various benefits clinched during the course of the year viz. reduction of the eligibility for Housing Loan from 5 years to 2 years, reduction in interest rate on loans to staff members, Personal allowance, Insurance coverage and the much awaited revision in the pension of 5th, 6th and 7th Bipartite Settlements.

11. Referring to the problems of the Officers working in the bank, he referred to the difficulties encountered by the single officer branches, the pressure for cross selling, the issues related to CDS, specialist officers, The Federation would continue to look after the welfare and interest of all the members and continue to provide support to the movement launched by AIBOC to safeguard the interest of the PSU Banks.

12. Com. D. T. Franco Rajendra Dev, the President of the Federation in his address complimented the Bengal Circle Association for the excellent show of solidarity and unity and the novel initiatives every year. He referred to the historical background of the City of Kolkata which was known for the Trade Union movement to the

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country for more than a century. He solicited contribution of the members of Bengal in the research wing of AIBOC to combat various challenges. He profusely thanked Com Y Sudarshan for the historic decision of handing over the mantle of responsibility to him of leading the AIBOC. He informed the house that a Parliamentary Committee report vindicated the view that the much hyped Demonetisation exercise was a complete failure. It has affected the normal functioning of the PSU Banks. He stated that 11000 borrowers had garnered more than 30% of the total credit in the country. Inclusive credit was not happening. Despite pressure from the Supreme Court, RBI was not divulging the names of top willful corporate defaulters.

13. He suggested that a transparency in CDS was the need of the hour. A 270 degree appraisal, where the reporting authority would be evaluated was the need of the hour. Com Franco also opined that if adequate staff were recruited, there would be no need for door-to-door marketing. He urged upon the need to have a meaningful joint co-ordination committee between both Federations for taking up several key issues. Before concluding, he again appreciated the Bengal Circle leadership for organizing the massive show of strength in organizing the Annual General Meeting.

14. The meeting was also addressed by Com RN Banerjee, President, All India SBI Pensioners' Federation, Com Siddhartha Khan, General Secretary, SBISA(Bengal Circle) and Com G Subramanyam, Sr. Vice President AISBOF & General Secretary, SBIOA(Hyderabad Circle).

15. The meeting was superbly anchored by Com Samrat Kundu, a youth wing activist of SBIOA(Bengal Circle).

16. We congratulate Com Kalyan Kumar Dey and Com Soumya Datta, President and General Secretary of SBIOA(Bengal Circle) respectively for the grandiose meeting, the whole hearted participation of 4000 members and the organizing skills . It could only perhaps happen in Kolkata.

With greetings,



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