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## **ANNUAL SPORTS MEET -2018 : ORGANIZED BY STATE BANK OF INDIA OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (BENGAL CIRCLE) & SBIOA MULTI STATE CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETY**

It was a bright sunny morning on the propitious day of 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2018 when the Annual Sports Meet 2018 was jointly organized by SBIOA (Bengal Circle) & SBIOA Multi State Cooperative Credit Society, which became even more significant as it also marked the 121<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the legendary figure synonymous with India's freedom struggle. The event started amidst great zeal and fervour at the Presidency University grounds at 10 A.M where members along with their children and other family members assembled to celebrate a day refreshingly different from the monotony of a routine existence. The program was inaugurated by garlanding the statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra followed by flag-hoisting by Shri Partha Pratim Sengupta, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Kolkata Circle, in presence of Com Kalyan Kumar Dey, President, SBIOA(Bengal Circle), Com Soumya Datta, General Secretary, SBIOA (Bengal Circle), Com Tapan Ghosh, ex- General Secretary, SBIOA(Bengal Circle), other dignitaries and members present during the day followed by a graceful recital performed by the cultural unit, 'SRIJAN' that pepped up the whole atmosphere with the 'Chak De SBIOA!' tune. Shri Partha Pratim Sengupta, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Kolkata Circle, was invited next to say a few words on the auspicious occasion to which he wholeheartedly thanked the dignitaries and commenced his speech by commemorating Shri Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, stating his undeniable contribution in India's struggle for independence. He then quoted about renowned cricketer, Sachin Tendulkar's recent speech where he had stressed upon the need for a "Fit India" that the youth of India should be more active in physical activities such as sports and regular exercise for maintaining fitness required for leading a healthier life. He also congratulated SBIOA (Bengal Circle) & SBIOA Multi State Cooperative Credit Society for organizing such a spectacular sports event for the employees and their family members but also expressed his concern that the youth of SBI should be present in more numbers in such sporting activities. Com Soumya Datta, General Secretary, SBIOA(Bengal Circle) also spoke on the occasion. In his welcome address, he sincerely thanked Shri Partha Pratim Sengupta for our respected CGM Sir's valuable presence in spite of his tight schedules and also spoke about how active and fit he remains till this day by regular exercising and engaging in sports such as football, badminton, etc. He also congratulated the performers of 'SRIJAN' for their amazing performance, thanked everyone for their participation in the event and exhorted everyone to enjoy the day to the fullest. An announcement about donation to the 'KALPATARU' fund through YONO or POS machine was also made that would be utilized for donating laptops to Blind School, Behala. The sports program commenced by the Air-gun event, where competitors had to shoot a target which made everyone reminisce of their childhood. Our respected CGM Sir was the first competitor, followed by General Secretary. It was followed by the 100 Metres dash, which was keenly contested as three heats had to be conducted before the finals. It was followed by Shot Put, Hit a Single Cricket Wicket and Scoring a Goal, which were solely for the male competitors. It was turn for the veterans and SBIOA seniors to pull up their socks next with the 200meters walking race and breaking the jar event. It was a great show to watch the seniors matched the youth with their enthusiasm in both the events. The lady members present were also equally enthusiastic with the Balance Race, Musical Chair, 50meters Run, Memory Game and Putting the Ball into basket, each event exclusively for the females. However, the sports event reached a much more spontaneous level with the liveliest activities of the children in the 50meters run for boys and girls along with a special event organized specifically for the little ones known as the YONO Run, which was a colorful one to watch at the same time. The "Go As You Like" event, which was open to all along with the family members as well, was the last event, where competitors young and old participated with zeal and enacted their respective roles with élan. Prize distribution followed in the end and the whole environment of Presidency University Ground was transformed into a rainbow of colours and brimming with effervescence that lasted throughout the day. The break from routine life rejuvenated our members and would certainly reflect in the performance in the days to come. A young enthusiast aptly said "after today, colleagues have become friends, while friends have become part of the family".

We look forward to many such colourful events in 2018 that would consolidate us and forge a greater bonding amongst ourselves.

With greetings

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