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To All Members (Please Circulate)

### CELEBRATION OF MAY DAY ON 01.05.2018 BY SBIOA (BENGAL CIRCLE)

MAY DAY is celebrated as the International Workers' Day, also known as Labour Day to honour the struggle of working class throughout the world to establish their rights against their tormentors. It is a day when workers all over the world expresses their resolve to fight in unison against the attack on Trade Union rights and to protest against the destruction of National economies to quench the insatiable greed of the capitalist monopolies.

In India, workers observed May Day with fervour and raised voice against the attack on basic democratic and constitutional rights, selling off National assets in the guise of privatization. It is a matter of grave concern that during the last three years the inequality of income has widened in our country. As per Global Wealth data collated by Credit Suisse, Oxfam has reported that India's richest 1% garnered as much as 73% of the total wealth generated in the country in 2017. The report's findings are in line with those of similar studies including the one published by eminent economists' viz. Lucas Chancel and Thomas Piketty last year which give credence to the theory that the rich have disproportionately benefited from the present policies pursued by the Government. Several amendments to Labour Laws are being contemplated to curb the rights of workers, while giving the employers/industrialists unbridled powers to exploit the working class.

SBIOA (Bengal Circle) has observed this historic occasion across the Circle in a befitting manner. Several hundred members including past leaders gathered at Local Head Office premises, where members offered floral tributes in the memory of martyrs of the Labour movement. The assembly was addressed by Com Kamal Sundar Basu, former DGS; Com Sudhansu Mukherjee, former DGS; Com Mithun Dutta, CCM and Convenor, Youth Wing; Com Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay, DGS and Com Soumya Datta, General Secretary. Members of "Srijan", the cultural wing of SBIOA (Bengal Circle) performed a chorus song. Com Sabuj Mistry, President, SBIOA (Bengal Circle) presided over the meeting. The meet ended with a rendition of the song "Sarfarooshi Ki Tamanna" by Com Sukant Saha.

Elsewhere in the Circle, May Day was celebrated with gusto and fervour, with large participation of members. AZC Burdwan observed May Day at Bankura, Purulia, Asansol, Durgapur and Burdwan; AZC Siliguri organised May Day programs at Siliguri, Malda, Islampur, Rajibpur, Karnajhora, Raigunge, Kaliyagunge, Balurghat, Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar and Gangtok; AZC 24 Parganas South arranged programs at Baruiপুর and Port Blair, AZC Bidhannagar had organised programs at Krishnagar, Berhampore and AZC Howrah at Midnapore.

Let us come closer to workers across sectors, reach out to the farmers and build bridges with other associations/unions of Public Sector and escalate our struggle to protect the sovereignty of the nation.

With revolutionary greetings,

Soumya Datta  
(General Secretary)