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To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 29 dated 28.04.2022 issued by the General Secretary, All India State Bank Officers' Federation, the contents of which are self-explicit.

With revolutionary greetings,

Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay
(General Secretary)

COM. T.N. GOEL

DOYEN OF OFFICERS' TRADE UNION MOVEMENT IS NO MORE



Com. T. N. Goel, former President, All India State Bank Officers' Federation, former Senior Vice-President, All India Bank Officers' Confederation, and former General Secretary, State Bank of India Officers' Association (Delhi Circle), a veteran and one of the ardent and most passionate trade unionists has passed away today after a brief illness.

2. Born on 22.05.1952, in Delhi, he joined the service of the State Bank of India on 24.02.1973. On the very day of his joining State Bank of India, he was elected as Branch Secretary of State Bank Staff Union (Delhi Circle) and this speaks volumes about his leadership qualities. Being an ace basketball player, he was captain of the college Basketball team and he did his parents and the school proud when he played for the Junior National Basketball Team. These indicated in sufficient measure that Com. Goel was a born leader.

3. Immediately after becoming an officer in the year 1979, he was involved in the movement of officers in the State Bank of India and he was mentored by none other than Com. Umed Singh, the legendary leader of Delhi Circle. Com. Goel was a diehard campaigner and crusader, and this was proved when he fought the case against the Pillai Committee Recommendations in the Supreme Court, which catapulted him to name and fame. He became the cynosure in the eyes of all the officers in Delhi Circle. He got elected as General Secretary of the Circle Association and Vice President of the Federation in the year 1997 and continued in the post till 2008.

4. His tenure as President of AISBOF witnessed a golden period for the officers in SBI as he strived hard along with the General Secretary of the Federation and achieved a windfall of benefits, facilities, and perks. Because of the indefatigable efforts and never-say-die approach to the issues of the officers, Com. Goel was able to convince the Management functionaries, who saw reason in his arguments and presentation. He was one of the tallest trade union leaders marked by trailblazing achievements, triumphs and tribulations, and runaway success in bringing wholesome good to all the officers, whose all-around welfare was a passion and vision. His ardent commitment to the Trade Union spirit and fierce adherence to trade union objectives was the guiding force for the next generation of leaders.

5. He was articulate, and with his silver-tongued speech, he mesmerized the audience, whether it was a gathering of officers or a meeting with the Management functionaries. He was a master negotiator and his deft handling of any situation, brought out positive results. He was a campaigner par excellence and caught the imagination of the Officers' fraternity in the Banking Industry. He was at the forefront of all the agitations in Delhi, and for that matter in the entire North Indian States.

The undersigned had the privilege of witnessing his negotiating skills during CNC meetings. Com Goel was also actively involved with the issues of retirees and had been the President of SBI Pensioners' Association Delhi Circle.

We have been inundated with innumerable condolence messages received from our affiliates, and fraternal and sectoral organizations, which indicate his popularity and the hearts he won. We dip our flag in honour and pay our respect to Com T.N. Goel. We extend our deepest condolences to the bereaved family.

Com T.N. Goel Amar Rahe!

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