

# STATE BANK OF INDIA OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

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### To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 41 dated 13.06.2022 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)

Dear Comrades,

### 1<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF SBIOA (MUMBAI METRO) HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022-A MASSIVE SHOW OF SOLIDARITY & UNITY

Bal Gandharva Ranga Mandir (Sheila Gopal Raheja Auditorium), Bandra West, Mumbai was the destination of over 1000 officers of SBIOA (Mumbai Metro) congregated to witness the historic 1<sup>st</sup> General Council of SBIOA (Mumbai Metro). The stage was befittingly named after Com. Vijay Khedgikar, former General Secretary of SBIOA (Mumbai) and one of the heroes of the 1969 Indefinite Strike in recognition of his colossal contribution to building the edifice of our mighty organisation.

2. The event started with the hoisting of the Association Flag by Com. Rupam Roy, Chairman, AISBOF, Com. Deepak Kumar Sharma, President, AISBOF and the undersigned along with Circle leadership, Presidents and General Secretaries from all affiliates amidst thunderous applause from all. This was followed by the plantation of trees by the Federation leadership to celebrate World Environment Day. The entire arena reverberated with slogans that gave a different dimension to the meeting.

3. Delegates/dignitaries were welcomed in the Auditorium with traditional 'Tilak' and a shower of flower petals. Com. Mohan Shamji Gohil, Com. Manohar Baboo Devrukhkar, President and General Secretary of the Circle Association respectively were ushered onto the dais amidst thunderous applause. Both the President and General Secretary of the Mumbai Metro Association welcomed the dignitaries on the dais with a shawl, sapling and a memento. Dignitaries/invitees paid their respects to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar by garlanding the statues followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. The dignitaries present on the dais include Com. Rupam Roy, Chairman AISBOF, Com. Deepak Kumar Sharma, President AISBOF, Shri Pravin Raghavendra, DMD, Shri Gajendra Singh Rana, CGM, Mumbai Metro Circle, Shri Naveen Chandra Jha, CGM, Ms. Joohi Smita Sinha, General Manager, NW-II and the undersigned. The other distinguished guests including Com. Anil Gamre, General Secretary, SEWA, (Mumbai Metro), Com. Rajkumar Chabria General Secretary Pensioners Association (Mumbai Metro). Shri Rajeev Kumar, DGM B&O South Mumbai, Shri Amit Jog, DGM B&O Mumbai West, Shri Atul Rathi, DGM B&O Thane, Shri Vipin Pandey DGM B&O East Mumbai, Shri Ashish Kumar AGM, HR, were also felicitated

4. The event commenced with Ganesh Vandana by Com. Venkatesh, Com. Satendra Bhatia and Com. Zilu Sawant. It was followed by a brilliantly scripted and directed 'welcome video', which highlighted the city of Mumbai and the activities of the present Circle Association. This was followed by a screening of three equally captivating short clips on the #BankBachaoDeshBachao movement to mobilise public support against our movement against bank privatization.

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5. The office-bearers of the Circle Associations/ AISBOF whose presence made the occasion special were

Com. Nilesh Radia Com. Pinakin Brahmabhatt	President General Secretary	Ahmedabad
Com.G.Kishore Kumar Com.Vinay Kumar Bhalla	President General Secretary	Amaravati Jaipur
Com.V.K.Premchandran Com. G.R.Jayakrishnan	President General Secretary	Kerala
Com. Udaram Hedaoo Com. Bhushan Mahajan	President General Secretary	Maharashtra
Com. Jatinder Pal Singh Sethi Com. Sushil Ahuja	President General Secretary	Delhi
Com. S. Appa Swamy Com. A. Sai Prasad	President General Secretary	Hyderabad
Com. Saubhagya Kumar Panda Com. Arun Kumar Bishoyi	President General Secretary	Bhubaneshwar
Com. A.K.Agnihotri Com. Pawan Kumar	President General Secretary	Lucknow
Com. Kamlakar Singh Com. Amresh Vikramaditya	President General Secretary	Patna
Com. Sanjay Kumar Sharma	President	Chandigarh
Com. T.A.P.Paul	President	North East
Com. Arun Roy	Dy. General Secretary	Bengal
Com. Narendra V. Kulkarni	Treasurer	AISBOF

6. The entire house rose to observe a minute's silence to pay rich tributes to veterans-Com. Vijay Khedgikar, Com. Keshav Thaokar former General Secretaries Mumbai Circle, Com. Shantha Raju, former General Secretary AISBOF and AIBOC and State Bank family warriors laid down their lives during the Covid pandemic.

7. Shri Pravin Raghavendra, Deputy Managing Director, expressed his happiness in joining the members and interacting directly with them. He said that during this financial year, the bank's result was the best ever and complimented the efforts of officers and staff. He informed that the bank had approved 5 days PLI based on the percentage of increase in operating profits and hoped with extra efforts, all employees/officers would receive 15 days PLI in the next fiscal. He touched upon the efforts put in by Mumbai Metro Circle, the importance of customer service, getting acquainted with techno-banking, and educating and guiding customers on usage. He extended his greetings to all and wished Annual General Council a stupendous success.

8. Befitting the legacy of the Association, retired office bearers were felicitated. Smt. Suman Khedgikar wife of late Com. Vijay Khedgikar was felicitated. Other comrades felicitated included Com. Ramkumar Sabapathy, former General Secretary, AISBOF, Com. Raman Govindrajan, former President Mumbai Metro, Com. Arun Balkawade, former G.S Mumbai Metro, Com. Himmat Mahant, former G.S, Mumbai Circle, Com. Prabhakar (Raja) Kamble, former President, Mumbai Circle and all other circle office bearers. Others felicitated on the occasion included Com. Prabir Sorkhel, Administrative Secretary AIBOC, Com. Mithun Dutta, Astt. Secretary AISBOF, Com. Dilip Mondal, Treasurer, AIBOC, Shri Ravi Shankar Kumar, activist, Shri Rahul Paul, Social activist and admin of the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/BankBachaoDeshBachao/](http://www.facebook.com/BankBachaoDeshBachao/), and Shri Kanchan Das of AIBOC secretariat, Kolkata.

9. Com. Manohar Baboo Devrukhkar in his crisp and warm welcome address congratulated the members on the occasion of the 1<sup>st</sup> General Council. He appreciated the efforts of members in Mumbai Metro Circle and expressed confidence that collectively Mumbai Metro will strive to elevate the performance of our bank so that officers/employees would be eligible for 15days of PLI next year. He also harped upon the need for improvement in internal customer service. He touched upon the transfer issues and requested the Circle CGM's cooperation in resolving the same at the earliest. He also expected a balanced work-life in the circle and urged the management to refrain from calling officers on holidays and Sundays.

10. Com. Anil Gamre, General Secretary SEWA called upon to strengthen Association, touched upon transfer issues between Mumbai Metro and Maharashtra Circles and wished for fruitful deliberations from national leadership.

11. Com. Bhushan Mahajan, General Secretary Maharashtra also touched upon the transfer issue related to the two Circles and urged the Federation leadership to resolve the issue at the earliest. He hoped under the leadership of CGM, Mumbai Metro Circle will flourish in business parameters as well as on the HR front.

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12. Shri Gajendra Singh Rana, Chief General Manager designate, Mumbai Metro appreciated the efforts of officers and requested to contribute more in the coming days. He touched upon the merger effect of HDFC & HDFC Bank and the threat to the number 1 position of the Bank, the importance of market share, customer service etc. He thanked the organizers for the invitation and wished the success of the General Council.

13. Com. Rupam Roy, Chairman of AISBOF touched upon the issues between the two circles and advised them to get resolved amicably with the help of the Federation, if needed. He assured his support in resolving the issue of transfers between two circles. He touched the issues like CBS, Technology etc. in banks. He said that members should make the customers feel that the Public Sector Banks are nothing short of private sector banks. He also urged the comrades to work hard to take a bank to a greater height so as to retain the number one position, which will definitely help in resolving the issues of officers. He thanked the circle association for the hospitality and arrangements.

14. Com. Deepak Kumar Sharma, President, AISBOF congratulated the members of Mumbai Metro for their contribution to the business growth of the circle. He congratulated DMD and wished him all the best for future assignments. He also congratulated Shri Gajendra Singh Rana for his well-deserved promotion to CGM and hoped under his able leadership the issues between the two circles would be resolved at the earliest. The contribution of Mumbai Metro Circle has helped in developing Mumbai as a financial capital. He assured the house that the Federation was sincerely making efforts to resolve the wage disparity between officers and award staff. To thwart the possibility of Bank Privatization, we should work hard to fly the flag of SBI to greater heights. He opined that If Management and Association work in unison many of the issues could be resolved. He congratulated the Confederation leadership for having conceptualised the **#BankBachaoDeshBachao** movement.

15. The undersigned thanked and greeted the enthusiastic members whose effervescent presence made the event a great success. He thanked Com Manohar Devrukhkar, Jt. General Secretary, AISBOF for the help and support during the visits of the leadership to the corporate centre. He recalled the immense contribution of veterans for their toil and sacrifice to take our mighty Federation forward. He also expressed satisfaction that the stage was named after "Com. Vijay Khedgikar Vyaspeeth" as a tribute to the memory of the great leader and former General Secretary of Mumbai Circle. He appreciated the participation of the leadership of Mumbai Metro in 'Bharat Yatra' and profusely complimented Com. Mahendra Vichare for his contribution in creating the welcome video and the three short films short to highlight the importance of Public Sector Banks in the life of the common man. He said that the recent promotion policy aims at recognizing the services of the officers who toil in the branches. He also appreciated the initiative of the Circle Association on 'World Environment Day'. He said that the Federation was aware of the burning issues like disparity in salary (Officers vis-à-vis Award Staff), work-life balance, and the shortage of officers at the junior level caused by award staff not opting for promotions. He assured that the issues have been flagged and were being pursued at various levels. He expressed concern about the reducing rate of interest on bank deposits, driving the people to the stock market. He said that good customer service with necessary measures to publicize the efforts of the bank will build the image of the bank. He called upon all to be on the streets as well as on social media to fight against privatization.

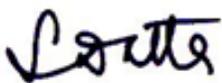
16. The function was concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Com. Mohan Shamji Gohil, President of Mumbai Metro was followed by a rendition of the National Anthem.

17. We understand that the business session was very lively and members deliberated on various issues concerning officers as well as national issues viz. fight against privatization.

Comrades, the historic 1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Council of SBIOA (Mumbai Metro) was a roaring success. The massive congregation vindicated the trust and faith of the members in the leadership. It was an eye-opener for all of us as there were so many takeaway points. We urge upon our other affiliates to conduct their ensuing General Councils with equal elan and showcase novel ideas.

With greetings,

Yours Comradely,



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