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#### To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 43 dated 17.06.2022 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,

## 23rd GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF SBIOA (AHMEDABAD CIRCLE) HELD ON 12th JUNE 2022- YET ANOTHER MASSIVE SHOW OF SOLIDARITY

All roads led to Pandit Dindayal Upadhyaya Auditorium, in the city of Ahmedabad. Thousands of members, activists and the office bearers of all the Circles across the country attended 23<sup>rd</sup> General Body Meeting, which was a head-turning event. The presence of the youth brigade and the significant number of women participants was the hallmark of the grand show.

- 2. The programme commenced with the rendition of Ganesh Vandana followed by the mesmerizing presentation of a collage of folk dances of Gujarat performed by the Sahiyar Group of Performing Art (Milap Vyas).
- 3. Com. Nilesh Radia and Com. Pinakin Brahmbhatt, President and General Secretary of the Circle Association respectively, were called on stage amidst thunderous applause.
- 4. The President and General Secretary of the Circle Association welcomed Shri Shamsher Singh Mann, Deputy Managing Director, to the dais. In his inaugural address, he thanked the organizers for giving him an opportunity to participate in a family function and recognized the contribution of the officers of the circle. He welcomed the office bearers and members. He appreciated the circle leadership for their contribution to the society in difficult situations like the Covid pandemic, who made all the arrangements such as hospitals, supply of medicine, vaccination, supply of water and food to the needy people. He appreciated the efforts of the fraternity of the circle who contributed to the stupendous performance of the Bank. He stressed the importance of digital banking and customer service and recalled the contribution of the Bank in the implementation of Government schemes and policies. Shri Amritesh Mohan GM, NW-1 and Shri Pranay Ranjan Dwivedi GM, NW-2 were also felicitated on the occasion. A short documentary on Circle activities was screened.
- 5. Com. Nilesh Radia and Com. Pinakin Brahmabhatt, welcomed and felicitated Com. Deepak Kumar Sharma, President AlSBOF, Padmashri Dr. Chandrakant Mehta, Chief Guest, Com. Anil Dhawar, General Secretary State Bank Staff Union, Ahmedabad Circle, Com. Piyush Vyas, General Secretary SBI SC/ST Employees Welfare Association, all principal functionaries of other Circle Associations and the undersigned.

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The following office-bearers of various affiliates were present:

Com. G.Kishore Kumar	President	Amaravati
Com. V.N. Nagesh	President	Karnataka
Com. S.K. Srinivas	General Secretary	
Com. Asitava Kundu	President	Bengal
Com. Madan Kishore Jain	President	Bhopal
Com. Sanjeev Sabhlok	General Secretary	
Com. Sanjay Kumar Sharma	President	Chandigarh
Com. P. Nallaperumal Pillai	President	Chennai
Com. Jatinder Pal Singh Sethi	President	Delhi
Com. Sushil Ahuja	General Secretary	
Com. S. Appaswamy	President	Hyderabad
Com. Ramavtar Singh Jakhar	President	Jaipur
Com. Vinay Kumar Bhalla	General Secretary	
Com. V.K. Premachandran	President	Kerala
Com. G.R. Jayakrishnan	General Secretary	
Com. A.K. Agnihotri	President	Lucknow
Com. Mohan Shamji Gohil	President	Mumbai Metro
Com. Manohar Baboo Devrukhkar	General Secretary	
Com. Udaram Hedaoo	President	Maharashtra
Com. Bhushan Mahajan	General Secretary	
Com. T.A.P.Paul	President	North East
Com. Kamlakar Singh	President	Patna
Com. Amaresh Vikramaditya	General Secretary	

Befitting the legacy of the Circle Association, retired office-bearers Com. Kamal Kadri, former Vice-president of AISBOF and General Secretary of Ahmedabad Circle, Com. Deepak Solanki, former General Secretary Ahmedabad Circle, Com. Raman Vaghela, former EC Member AISBOF and Secretary AIBOC Gujarat State Unit. Com. Kishore Ghatad, former President SBISU, Ahmedabad Circle, Com. J.C. Modi former President of SBIOA (Ahmedabad Circle) Com. Nayna Selat, Former Lady representative AIBOC & AISBOF were felicitated.

- 6. The inaugural session commenced with the lighting of lamps by dignitaries on the dias, followed by a welcome address by Com. Pinakin Brahmabhatt, Circle General Secretary. In his address, he welcomed all to the land of Bapuji, Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel and recollected the proud culture, heritage and contribution of the state of Gujarat. He thanked the Federation leadership for resolving the inter-circle transfer issue last year. He touched upon the difficulties in the circle such as staff shortage, single officer branches, and imposition of penalty by RBO on joint custodians of currency chest branches and demanded delinking of mandatory learning with perquisites. He informed the house about the establishment of the new guest house and requested the membership to contribute to the cause.
- 7. Padmashri Dr. Chandrakant Mehta, Chief Guest of the function welcomed all the dignitaries coming from all corners of the country. He advised the bankers to become stronger and be in the frontline in serving the people of the country. He urged upon bankers to be positive in their mindset and extend service to the customers and keep themselves free of tension. In our daisy life, he advised the following 5 –Ds. i.e. Desire, Destination, Determination, Dedication and Discipline for success. He also advised the bankers to be united to face future challenges.
- 8. Com. Anil Dhawar, General Secretary SBISU in his address complimented the leadership for the triennial meeting and wished all the best, recollected the united efforts of the Association, Staff Union and SEWA during the period of Covid pandemic. He stated that both the Staff Union and Officers' Association worked in unison in Ahmedabad Circle. He, along with other office bearers of SBISU felicitated the Federation leadership.
- 9. Com. Piyush Vyas, General Secretary SC/ST Employees Welfare Association in his address requested the Federation leadership to take up the issue of NPS and assured full co-operation.

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- 10. Com. Deepak Kumar Sharma, President of AISBOF congratulated Ahmedabad Circle officers who gathered in large numbers to witness the historic event. He appreciated officers working in the circle which had reflected in achieving excellence in all areas. He called upon members to be united to resolve the pending issues. He touched upon burning issues like bank privatization, and the game-changing movement #BankBachaoDeshBachao movement conceptualised by AIBOC. He touched upon the issues of the ensuing strike viz. pending issues of last 8th Joint Note, 5 day work week, Pension updation, Scrapping of NPS etc. He also stressed for resolution of old demands before the commencement of the next wage negotiation, work-life balance, compliance related issues, staff accountability etc. He assured that the Federation will support all the members in protecting their self-respect. He also pressed for the improvement in internal customer service and assured the circle leadership all help in resolving the issues flagged by the General Secretary of the Circle Association during his welcome address.
- 11. While addressing the house, the undersigned lauded Com Abhishek and Com Sonam, the co-anchors of the meeting for their flawless presentation. Incidentally, Com Abhishek had urged upon the house to download Facebook Lite app from Google Playstore and to indicate that the app was duly downloaded members were asked to light up the torch in their cell phones. The lights of the hall were switched off and it was a glittering display as hundreds of members lit up their cell phones and waved. The undersigned during his address congratulated the comrades who had gathered in large numbers. He congratulated Shri Shamsher Singh Mann for his well-deserved promotion to DMD and the valuable contribution of the officers' fraternity of Ahmedabad Circle in his elevation. He congratulated Team SBIOA (Ahmedabad Circle) for the thumping victory in the organisation elections, which vindicated the trust that the members reposed on the present leadership. He stated that the Federation had been consistently pursuing the burning issue of repatriation of officers in Ahmedabad Circle and finally a mega ICT order for Ahmedabad had been issued last year which took care of all officers who had joined Ahmedabad Circle before 31.03.2017. He touched upon issues of NPS, 5 day work week, pension updation and residual issues pending resolution. He also touched upon the issues of disparity of pay between officers and workmen and the demand for introduction of grade pay, conversion of specialist officers, penalty imposed by RBI, calling officers on holiday and the role of the Federation in resolving them. The contribution of Circle leadership and their focused effort for the welfare of the members were appreciated. He called upon all to demand compensatory off if requisitioned to work on holidays, to minimize the incidences. He expressed concern about privatisation of Banks, `BankBachaoDeshBachao', and called upon the members to be ready to fight against privatization. He touched upon the popularity of the Facebook page www.facebook.com/BankBachaoDeshBachao/ and called upon all to popularize the Page. He stressed the need for fighting both on the street and on social media to oppose Bank Privatisation. He concluded with the slogan "BankBachaoDeshBachao" which reverberated in the auditorium.
- 11. The function was concluded with a vote of thanks by Com. Nilesh Radia, President of Ahmedabad Circle followed by the rendition of National Anthem. The 23<sup>rd</sup> General Council of SBIOA Ahmedabad was yet another show of passionate trade unionism with active participation by members.

With greetings,

Yours Comradely.

(Soumya Datta) General Secretary