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8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **ADMINISTRATIVE ZONAL COMMITTEE, CORPORATE MODULE**

The 8th Annual General Meeting of Administrative Zonal Committee, Corporate Module was held on 17th December 2022 (Saturday) at the 11th Floor of Jeevan Sudha Building. The meeting started amidst revolutionary slogans chanted by the activists followed by melodious opening song presented under the banner "Srijan", the cultural wing of SBIOA Bengal Circle, which added an extra essence to the meeting and energized the members to participate with full vigour and zeal. The Open Session started by anchor Comrade Urmi Sen with warm welcome to the inaugurator of the meeting, Comrade Manohar Baboo Devrukhkar, Joint General Secretary of AIBOC & AISBOF and General Secretary of Mumbai Metro Circle, Chief Guest, Shri Surendra Nayak, General Manager of GMUK, Circle leadership Comrade Asitava Kundu, President, Comrade Arun Kumar Roy and Comrade Subhas Chandra Mondal, both the Deputy General Secretaries, Comrade Debashis Mukherjee, AGS-in-charge Corporate Module and the undersigned. The auspicious meeting was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by all the dignitaries together.

Comrade Barun Kumar Das, Chief Regional Secretary, Corporate Module extended a warm and hearty welcome to all the dignitaries on and off the dais and above all, the members present there. He shared his view about the importance of PSU Banks and the role of Association in this regard. He ended his speech with a humble request to the members to grace the meeting till the end.

Chief Guest Sri Surendra Nayak, General Manager, GMUK expressed his immense pleasure to get an opportunity to attend the meeting and address all the officers under the same roof. With reference of the pledge of our Association, he requested everyone to follow the same for a meaningful work life balance. He requested everyone to work hand in hand in coming years to keep our institution the first choice for both customers and employment purpose for next generation. He ended his speech emphasizing on customer service which had been our pillar of strength.

Comrade Manohar Baboo Devrukhkar, Joint General Secretary of AIBOC & AISBOF and General Secretary of Mumbai Metro Circle, greeted everyone with the Bengali word "Namaskar". He stated how every issue got sorted out after a long hardship and tough negotiation. He reminded of the prolonged 21 days' Bank strike in 1969 and its footprint in the history of trade union. He added that Charter of Demands had been placed before the IBA in October, 2022 where several demands such as stagnation increments with one year gap, HRA revision, executive health check-up coverage to dependent family members, lady officers' postings, sick leave for lady officers, child care leave, posting of both spouse in same station etc had been placed. He ended up his speech with slogans accompanied by all the comrades present there.

The Open Session ended and Comrade Dibakar Majumder, Zonal President, read out the Notice of the meeting before the house and members took Pledge of SBIOA (Bengal Circle). As per agenda No 1, he requested Comrade Barun Kumar Das, Chief Regional Secretary to present his Report before the House for discussion and adoption. Comrade Das read out significant areas of the report due to time constraints with due permission of the house. He thanked AGS in charge Comrade Debashis Mukherjee along with all the Circle leadership for their all sort of help and support. He also expressed his concern over the initiative of Government to privatise the PSU banks. He ended his speech with his sincere gratitude to the members once again.

Comrade Sankha Sarkar, Zonal Treasurer presented the audited Statement of Accounts to the house for discussion and adoption. Several members volunteered to discuss on the Secretary's report and audited Statement of Accounts. All of them supported CRS's report and the Statement of Accounts during their speech.

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Comrade Debasish Bhattacharjee, IFB proposed that the LFC on foreign travel might be resumed with a condition on payment of the tax portion by the willing members. He also expressed his gratitude for the long awaited revision of family pension which was indeed the result of long struggle of Association.

Comrade Tanushree Choudhary, SAMB-II thanked Association leaders for their all sorts of help and supports rendered to the members.

Comrade Subham Majumder Commercial Branch, Kolkata highlighted his concern regarding FIR by customers, against bank officers and subsequent actions taken by the police authorities. When Bank wanted to file a case against erring customer, the cooperation from police authority remained absent. He also requested the leadership to review the role of lawyers of the Bank in this regard.

Comrade Debjani Chakraborty, CCGRO made an appeal to increase the tenor of child care leave. She also requested leadership to implement work life balance in true sense and spirit.

Comrade Atanu Saha, GMUK talked about the transfer policy.

Comrade Barun Kumar Das, Chief Regional Secretary, replied to the discussions of the members suitably. The Statement of Accounts and the Chief Regional Secretary's report were accepted by the House. Zonal President Comrade Majumder then clubbed the agenda Organizational Development & Miscellaneous and invited leadership on the podium to deliver their valuable speech.

Comrade Debashis Mukherjee, AGS-in-charge of the Module shared reminiscence of the birth of AZC Corporate Module, eight years back with lots of hope and expectations. He also requested all the members to attend the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of Circle Association on 28th January 2023. He ended his speech thanking Comrade Barun Kumar Das, Chief Regional Secretary for organizing the meeting in such a befitting manner despite his enormous personal hardships.

Comrade Asitava Kundu, Circle President expressed his opinion about different issues of the Module. He informed the House about the suicide of Service Manager of Pelling Branch at the Branch Premises which left a deep impact on the officers' fraternity. He narrated several issues faced by the officers of NBG branches. He condemned the irrational pressure exerted by the controllers on the members only for their personal gain like promotion.

The undersigned expressed his gratitude to all the members and thanked to Comrade Manohar Baboo Devrukhkar, General Secretary of Mumbai Circle for his gracious presence. He informed the House that he had met the family members of the Comrade who committed suicide in Pelling Branch. He condemned the role of auditor which unfortunately remained a fault finding exercise rather than aiming at rectification or a learning tool. The Award Staff fraternity not taking interest in promotion exercise. He said that countless issues and grievances of the grass root level were discussed by the Association at the appropriate forum. He informed the house about various demands raised by our Federation about different allowances, compensatory off for officers working on Sunday/holiday or adding the leave in their PL balance. He also discussed about the contents of Charter of Demand. He informed about the latest development regarding 5-day banking, LFC to cover foreign countries etc. He said that the Association demanded for special leave on account of vacation policy. He said that the issue of non co operation by the police personnel during lodging an FIR by the bankers was discussed with SLBC convenor with a request to take up the matter with State Government authority and Commissioner of Police. He informed about implementation of a new programme from 2023 namely "FACE TO FACE", where the Circle Association leadership would try to meet each and every member at the Modules. He requested all the members to strengthen the hands of the Association in every step.

The meeting was concluded with Vote of Thanks proposed by Comrade Anirban Halder, member of AZC, Corporate Module followed by rendition of the National Anthem.

With revolutionary greetings,



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