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42ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ADMINISTRATIVE ZONAL COMMITTEE, BURDWAN

The 42nd Annual General Meeting of SBIOA (Bengal Circle) AZC, Burdwan was held on January 08th, 2023 at Sanskriti Lok Mancha, Burdwan, Purba Burdwan. The meeting started at 12:00 Noon with flag hoisting of the Association by the leadership, management functionaries and the SBIOA seniors followed by offering flower to the martyrs. The main programme was started with a combined presentation of audio, video and live performance. The members contributed to the completely in-house presentation were Comrade Anirban Ghosh, Comrade Sumanta Das, Comrade Abhijit Das, Comrade Souvik Neogi, Comrade Payel Kaibarta, Comrade Samit Hazra, Comrade Suprakash Mukherjee under the guidance of the Chief Regional Secretary Comrade Prabir Sorkhel. The entire house highly applauded the mesmerising performance.

The Open Session was anchored by Comrade Mouli Das. After a short introduction she welcomed all dignitaries one by one to the dais who were felicitated by **Uttorio** and **Saplings** by Comrade Pramod Kumar, Zonal President, Chief Regional Secretary Comrade Prabir Sorkhel and Assistant General Secretary in-charge of Burdwan Module Comrade Indrajit Sankar Bhattacharyya. The Inaugurator of the programme was Comrade Amaresh Vikramaditya, Vice President of AISBOF and General Secretary of SBIOA (Patna Circle). The Chief Guest of was Shri Ajit Kumar Poddar, respected Deputy General Manager (B & O) of SBI, Durgapur Module. Comrade Asitava Kundu, Deputy General Secretary of AISBOF and the President of SBIOA (Bengal Circle) and the undersigned were the Guests of Honour. Comrade Sanjay Mukherjee, Deputy General Secretary of SBISA, Burdwan Module and Comrade Dipti Narayan Dutta, Zonal Secretary of SBIPA were the Special Guests in the event.

At the outset, Comrade Prabir Sorkhel, Chief Regional Secretary welcomed all the dignitaries on and off the dais and the members present there.

The Chief Guest DGM (B&O), Shri Ajit Kumar Poddar stated that he was fortunate enough to join as DGM (B&O) of the Module 3 years back. He thanked all the members for lifting the flag of the Module high and to be ranked as one of the top Modules, pan India basis. He appreciated the steps taken by the Officers' Association in publishing books, arranging classes etc. He also appreciated the positive attitude of the modular leadership in the development of the Module. He ensured to go shoulder to shoulder always with the Association and would have loved to prolong his stay in the Module.

Comrade Amaresh Vikramaditya, General Secretary SBIOA (Patna Circle), greeted all on behalf of the entire Patna Circle. He enlightened the house with:

- The need for our Association in our State Bank Family, where the bank was treated as father to our members and our beloved Association played the role of our mother.
- He also mentioned how our Association leaders had worked relentlessly 24x7 during the Covid era, for our members.
- He said that 5-days banking was important but as of now, relentless fight against Privatisation of PSBs had been our ultimate priority. He emphasised furtherance of the "Bank Bachao Desh Bachao" campaign in social media.
- He appealed to the house for supporting the noble initiative of SBIOA Patna Circle for opening a Guest House in Mumbai especially for treatment of Cancer patients.

Comrade Sanjay Mukherjee, DGS of SBISA, thanked Comrade Prabir Sorkhel and his Team for such vibrant arrangements. He pointed out:

- Residual issues of our 8th Joint Note
- He told only with the development in the Banking Industry, entire economy and the nation would progress.

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Comrade Dipti Narayan Dutta, Zonal Secretary of SBIPA in his deliberation said that:

- It was extremely unfortunate for SBIPA not to be a trade union entity, but several demands of our pensioners needed to be addressed/clinched.
- He appreciated the efforts by our Association, who always fought hard for our seniors.
- He thanked Comrade Soumya Datta for his relentless efforts during the previous wage settlement for updating Family Pension.

After the Open Session, the Business Session was started by Zonal President, Comrade Pramod Kumar. After a brief introduction he read out the Notice and took pledge of the Association accompanied by the entire house.

Comrade Prabir Sorkhel, Chief Regional Secretary presented the Report of the CRS in the house. Explaining few points mentioned in the report he shared some pertinent information how the Circle Association was working and helping the AZC. He also informed the house how our Association opposed the unjustified penalty for E-Kuber imposed by Bank at various branches and due to its continuous persuasion RBI refunded one penalty, deducted from joint custodians in Rampurhat Branch. He concluded with an open Invitation to the members to discuss on the Secretary's report.

Comrade Rajib Kumar Bandyopadhyay, Zonal Treasurer of AZC Burdwan, then placed the audited Statement of Accounts.

Following members had discussed on the report and audited Statement of Accounts. All of them supported the report of the Secretary and audited Statement of Accounts.

Comrade Debottam Thakur of RACC Suri narrated a real life incident and related how Association played the supportive / helpful role in banking.

Comrade Pijush Kanti Biswas of Bhedia Branch pointed out the following:

- The modalities of OTMS to be rectified along with the file upload size.
- The Practice of Window Dressing, Limit Utilisation to be stopped.
- Management should understand that "Customer is always Right" could not be a universal truth in reality.
- Fraud detection and Audit Compliance Support team Helpdesk to be introduced at RBO.

Comrade Vijay Kumar of RACC Bankura said:

- In case of Role Based Certification Examination old-system should be followed.
- Logout time should be monitored like the widely discussed log-in time.

Comrade Ujjwal Kumar of Asansol Branch mentioned that:

- Now a days, Artificial Resources / Outsourced Agencies were more relied upon than its own Human Resources by the Management.
- No scanner was provided by the Bank for OTMS compliance. Members were using mobile scanners and gmail for the same, which made our members prone to Data Infringement.

Comrade Abhishek Dey, from Burdwan Branch highly appreciated the quality of the report placed by the Chief Regional Secretary. He discussed following facts:

- FOS recruitment, utilisation and monitoring should be done more tactfully.
- Definition of Dependent with present monthly income slabs of Rs 12,000/- should be revised to Rs 50,000/- per month.
- Medical Bill reimbursement facility should also be extended to family members of the officers suffering from critical diseases, irrespective of their monthly income.
- The contract of external verification agencies expired on 31st March 2022, and thus post facto approval for utilization of these agencies should be immediately obtained.

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Comrade Pramod Kumar, Zonal President asked the House for adoption of the Secretary's report and audited Statement of Accounts. The entire house unanimously adopted the proposals.

Comrade Indrajit Sankar Bhattacharyya, AGS-in-Charge of Burdwan Module shared pertinent information about how the Association was working at apex level as well as in Burdwan Module and urged upon the members to stand beside the Association all the time.

Comrade Sabuj Mistry, Vice President, SBIOA (Bengal Circle), congratulating all on his personal behalf and said that the Banking Scenario had totally changed since his joining in the Bank. In the rat race, if one had to survive, he/ she had to stay under the umbrella of the Association.

Circle President Comrade Asitava Kundu congratulated the house for such august gathering and pointed out that:

- Unparliamentary languages were used by few controllers which needed to be squarely contested.
- Difference of Salary between officers and Award Staff needed to be addressed immediately.

The undersigned appreciated the tremendous involvement of Team Burdwan in taking the Association to such a height. He highlighted in his enlightening speech that:

- Late working culture should be avoided especially at single officer branches.
- Manpower planning to be reverted back to old designation based system.
- Recruitment of Circle Based Officers in the Circle.
- The development in '5 days work week' demanded by UFBU
- Introduction of Grade Pay – the latest position.

He concluded his deliberation stating that the time had arrived to take the movement from Protest to Resistance.

The Business Session concluded with Vote of thanks by Comrade Tapas Debnath, Regional Secretary, Burdwan Region I.

The house paid tribute to the legendary singer Lata Mangeskar by playing National Anthem recorded by her with which members joined in chorus.

With revolutionary greetings,

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