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To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 16 dated 23.02.2023 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,

16th GENERAL BODY MEETING OF SBIOA (KARNATAKA) CIRCLE A MASSIVE SHOW OF SOLIDARITY

16th General Body Meeting of Bengaluru Circle was held on 12.02.2023 at Jnana Jyothi Auditorium, Bengaluru Central University, Bengaluru. It was a show of solidarity and the cultural exuberance of the State.

2. Event began with a colorful procession taken out from the historical Mysore Bank Circle Campus, which stands as a



witness to many independence movements including the Quit India Movement, historical meetings, innumerable demonstrations and strikes of the banking industry. The procession was



participated by the Leaders of the Federation, Office Bearers of all Circle Associations, and Members. The attractive, vibrant drum beats of Dollu Kuniitha, native to Karnataka State attracted the attention and set the tone for the day. The flag of the Association was hoisted by the Chief General Manager Shri Nand Kishore, in the presence of CMC Members, Federation Leaders and Office Bearers, and the President and General Secretary of the Circle Associations.

3. Event began with Ganesh Vandana by Com Prema G Naik, an eye-soothing dance performance - Shiva Tandavaby



Association's Basaveswar Nagar School Children and Bharat Natyam by Spurthi Khushal. The stage was named after Com Shantharaju, paying rich tributes to the doyen of the supervisory trade union movement. A minute's silence was observed in memory of the souls departed. A documentary on the trade union movement was played. A video message from Shri Om Prakash Mishra, DMD (HR) & CDO was screened who conveyed his greetings to the new team SBIOAK while sharing the bank's concerns which included customer service & compliance and seeking positive contributions.

4. Comrades Nagesh V N, President and Kiran S Mathad, General Secretary were called on to the dais to welcome all other dignitaries and Com Chavan K L (President-Elect), Com K.N.Giriraja (General Secretary Elect), who welcomed all Guests, leaders of Federation and other Circle Associations. The dignitaries welcomed on the dais were Shri Nand Kishore, CGM, Com R Balaji, Chairman-AISBOF, Com Rupam Roy, President-AISBOF, Shri Radhakrishnan, GM,NW-I, Shri Sandeep Bhatnagar GM, NW-II, Shri. Anurag Joshi,GM,NW-III,Shri S.N Kulkarni GM, Ethics, Shri Alok Kumar Dwivedi, DGM-CDO and Com Ravi Kumar GS, SBISU.

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5. The office bearers of the Circle Association/AISBOF were present at the event, making the event a special one.

Com Nilesh Radia Com Pinakin BrahmBhatt	President General Secretary	Ahmedabad
Com C.Surya Kumar	General Secretary	Amaravati
Com Gowardhan Mishra Com Sanjeev Sabhlok	President General Secretary	Bhopal
Com.Asitava Kundu	President	Bengal
Com P.Nalla Perumal Pillai	President	Chennai
Com Appa Swamy S Com A.Sai Prasad	President General Secretary	Hyderabad
Com Vinay Kumar Bhalla	General Secretary	Jaipur
Com Biju T Com Rajesh S	President General Secretary	Kerala
Com Arvind Kumar Sinha Com Pawan Kumar	President General Secretary	Lucknow
Com Mohan Shamji Gohil & Com Manohar Baboo Devrukhkar	President General Secretary	Mumbai Metro
Com Bhushan Mahajan	General Secretary	Maharashtra
Com Kamlakar Singh Com Amaresh Vikramaditya	President General Secretary	Patna
Com Narendra V Kulkarni Com Padmakar Sunil Talvadekar	Treasurer Assistant Secretary	AISBOF

6. Com. Vinod Sakaray, Chairman, Reception Committee welcomed all the dignitaries. The function commenced with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries present on the dais followed by Nadageethe.



7. Com. Kiran S Mathada, General Secretary, in his opening address, welcomed all the Guests and leaders and touched upon many issues such as work-life balance, staff accountability affecting bank business, 5 days banking, mandatory learning, wage

revision and residual issues etc. He said that as a breach of any circular instruction is seriously taken, the Corporate Centre's circular on work-life balance should also be looked at similarly. He said that there are many issues concerning officers, and these will be discussed in the business session. He called upon members to actively participate in business sessions.



8. Shri. Nand Kishore, CGM in his inaugural address congratulated the newly elected team and wished them all success. Even though the circle is progressing with all the parameters, the deposit area is lacking. He recalled and appreciated the cordial relationship of the Circle Association.



9. Com R. Balaji, Chairman referred to Bengaluru as a holy place of trade unionism and recalled the contribution to the Bengaluru Circle and leaders Com. Godbole, Com.GD Nadaf, Com. Muthuswamy and Com. Sudarshan etc. He touched upon issues of pension updation, Commutation, the need for unity and the efforts of AISBOF/AIBOC in the revision of family pension and pro-active steps of the Federation in promotion policy, work-life balance, leave encashment, enhancement of perks and other benefits.

10. Com. Rupam Roy, President-AISBOF & General Secretary, AIBOC took the podium with huge applause. He congratulated team SBIOA (K). He assured support from the Federation. He cautioned that the new team has more responsibility as the circle is struggling very hard. He narrated the importance of public sector banks and countered the

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narrative that Private Sector banks are more efficient than PSBs. To support his argument, he highlighted the performance of PSBs especially SBI, citing statistical data on the share of the business, number of employees, business per employee etc. He also pointed out the loss of manpower due to slower connectivity and cross-selling. He said that PSBs are serving 4 times more customers than Private Sector banks. His analysis of how the private bank is able to provide more competitive rates on advances was thought-provoking. Private Banks are providing

unsecured business loans through their subsidiaries at very high interest rates to the rural poor and lower middle class as was done by money lenders before Nationalization of banks. This has enabled Private Banks to quote the lower rate of interest in metros.

He expressed concern that our products and process need to be relooked. He said that our Circle Management functionaries do not have the discretion to quote the rate and compete with private players. He urged members to mobilize public support to save public sector banks to serve the poor & middle-class people of the country.



He also shared the developments in 5 days banking, NPS& Pension updation. He stressed that the responsibility of implementation of work-life balance is also on members to raise their voices and not work on Sundays/holidays.

11. Shri. Divedi DGM, CDO congratulated the newly elected team. He urged upon the members to help each other to make the working environment conducive in the bank. Com Ravi Kumar, General Secretary, SBSU(K) extended the fraternal greetings and recalled the cordial relationship with the circle Association.

12. Com. K.L. Chavan, Secretary General, NAFESE extended the fraternal greetings. He recalled the good fraternal relationship with SBIOAK. He also said that being President-Elect of SBIOAK will take SBIOAK to greater heights. He thanked the membership for electing him as President. He assured that he will make every effort to make the Association stronger.



13. Com V N Nagesh, in his Presidential Address referred to the struggles of the supervisory trade union movement, how strong it is despite not being covered under ID Act, the importance of the Ratification of ILO Convention 87 & 98, the successful Sit-Down-Strike of Women of America in the 1930s, General Strike of 1969, the journey from denial of a day's casual leave to paternity leave facility, how AIBOC spear-headed the movement of #BankBachoDeshBachao and opposition to #FRDI as common citizen's agenda successfully. He expressed pride that he wears #BankBachoDeshBachao attire (wear your voice) and the importance of supporting the movement.

14. Com. Giriraja KN, Regional Secretary, AO4, Bellary and General Secretary Elect rendered Vote of Thanks. He thanked the Circle Management, Com Rupam Roy, Com Balaji, leadership from the Federation, President and General Secretaries of other Circle Associations, guests and members for making the event a grand success.

15. The event was well anchored by Com Vadiraja K N and Com Madhuswini Desai. The Federation wishes the SBIOAK (K) a very vibrant and fruitful tenure ahead.

With greetings,

Yours Comradely,

Sd/-

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