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To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 60 dated 14.08.2023 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)

77TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS **"NATION FIRST, ALWAYS FIRST"**

As we approach the 77th Independence Day on August 15, 2023, it gives us immense pleasure to reach out to our vast and dedicated AISBOF family.

2. The theme for this year, "**Nation First, Always First**", beautifully resonates with our slogans on national unity and development. The journey of our nation since its hard-won independence is monumental, characterized by its upholding of freedom, democracy, and equality. We must not only reminisce but also rekindle our commitment to these core values.
3. Our Independence Day stands as a testament to the sacrifices and unyielding spirit of countless freedom fighters. Their relentless pursuit for a free India from the clutches of the British Raj should constantly remind us to appreciate and uphold this dearly earned freedom.
4. As we come together to celebrate our nation's Independence Day, it's imperative to reflect on the freedoms that shape our society and our institution. Freedom is not just about historical battles won, but also about the ongoing struggles to maintain our rights in the current age.
5. The '**freedom of speech**' allows every individual to express their thoughts, ideas, and concerns, fostering an environment of understanding and progress. It's crucial for us to champion this right and create a space where every employee feels heard and valued.
6. Moreover, in an age of digital ubiquity, the '**right to disconnect**' is becoming increasingly significant. Ensuring a balanced work-life dynamic is essential to vent out excessive pressure and maintain our collective mental and emotional health. As bank employees, the demands or expectations can be high, but it's imperative that we ensure boundaries that protect our personal time and well-being.
7. Our institution, driven by its mission, vision, and values, seeks to create an atmosphere where everyone will feel heard, valued, and balanced. It is this balance and mutual respect that will propel us to even greater heights of success.
8. As we come together this Independence Day, let's make a genuine commitment to living by these freedoms. Our nation's essence lies not just in our past but in the future we shape. Let us keep our heads held high, maintaining our self-respect and dignity, embodying the teachings of our forefathers, protecting the peace, and cherishing the unity of our great nation.

Wishing you all a peaceful and meaningful Independence Day.

Happy Independence Day.

#Our Unity Long Live#

With Revolutionary greetings,

Yours comradely,

Sd/-

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