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To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 45/2023 dated 03.10.2023 issued by the Secretary, AIBOC (West Bengal State Unit), the contents of which are self-explicit.

With revolutionary greetings,

Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay
(General Secretary)

Letter No. AIBOC/WBSU/29/2023

Date : 03.10.2023

Smt. Mamata Banerjee,
Honourable Chief Minister,
Government of West Bengal,
Nabanna, Howrah - 711102.

Respected Madam,

**SUB: APPEAL FOR INCLUSION OF "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY",
"JANMASHTAMI" AND "EID E MILAD"
IN THE HOLIDAY LIST OF THE STATE UNDER N.I. ACT**

At the outset, we, on behalf of AIBOC, West Bengal State Unit, convey our sincere and hearty pre-saradiya greetings to you and your entire team.

02. After lifting of the restrictions of pandemic, the state is now looking forward to celebrate the upcoming festivals like Durga puja, Kalipuja, Diwali, Bhatri Dwitai (Bhai Dooj), Chhath, Jagadhatri Puja etc. in a grand manner. So, the entire state is in a festive mood. We heartily believe that festivals in Bengal not only bring happiness and entertainment to the people but also play a great role in strengthening the bonding and relationship amongst all religions irrespective of caste and creed.

03. In this regard, we like to mention that when women empowerment has become need of the hour in the world, our state has emerged as a role model to the country for upliftment of the women and girl-child in the Society. The literacy percentage of women has improved to a large extent in the state. Our State is pioneer in implementing many women-centric programs under your visionary leadership. Recently, Women Empowerment Bill has been passed in the Parliament and your effort in this respect is well known. We know that the **8th March is observed as International Women's Day** all over the World. So, **if you kindly include this day in the Holiday list under N.I. Act, it will create a huge impact not only in West Bengal but also send a strong positive message to the whole country.**

04. We also like to mention that "Janmashtami" and "Eid e Milad" are celebrated by the people with huge enthusiasm and a deep sentiment is associated with it. We firmly believe that at your behest with consistent initiative, the traditional festivals in our state create ample opportunity to strengthen relationship and bonding amongst all sections of people to maintain harmony and peace in the society. On these days Central Government and almost all the State Governments have declared Holidays. **The people of our state including employees of financial Institutions will be immensely benefited if you kindly add the above festivals in the Holiday List of the State under N. I. Act.**

05. We, therefore, request you to kindly consider our appeal and issue necessary advisory to your good office to declare holidays on the above mentioned occasions under section 25 of N.I. Act, 1881 so as to enable all the citizenry of the state including bank employees to celebrate the festivals with profound happiness and enthusiasm. This will immensely boost the morale of the bankers in rendering banking services with zeal and zest. At the same time, we once again reaffirm our best assistance in taking forward the State under your guidance and leadership.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay)

Secretary

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