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### To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 27/2025 dated 04.06.2025 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/08/2025

Date : 04.06.2025

Smt. Mamata Banerjee,  
Hon'ble Chief Minister,  
Govt. of West Bengal,  
Nabanna,  
325, Sarat Chatterjee Road,  
Howrah - 711102.

Respected Madam,

### APPEAL FOR DECLARING 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025 AS JANMASHTAMI HOLIDAY UNDER N.I.ACT

The undersigned expresses his profound respect and heartfelt gratitude to your magnanimous authority for including Janmashtami in the list of Holidays under N.I.Act in our state since 2024. Your prudent decision has made it possible for bankers and everyone employed in Financial Institutions to observe this very important occasion with religious fervour throughout West Bengal. In this connection, the undersigned would like to take the privilege of bringing an important issue to your kind notice. We draw your kind attention to the notification issued from the GOWB vide letter no. 4712-F(p2) dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024, wherein Janmashtami has been marked as a Holiday under the Negotiable Instruments' Act on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

2. Madam, you are kindly aware that religious occasions / Pujas such as Janmashtami are observed according to the date and time arrived at by Hindu religious scholars / pundits published in Almanacs such as *Vishuddha Sidhhanta*, *Beni Madhab Sil Panjika* etc. In such Almanacs, Janmashtami Puja is shown to be observed on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025. In fact, Belur Math, one of the premier monastic orders of our State and Country, in their list of celebrations, have also marked the celebrations of Sri Krishna Janmashtami on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Thus, it is clear that in all Bengali households, Janmashtami will have to be observed, with keeping of fast and worship of Lord Krishna, on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Under these circumstances, your magnanimity in the declaration of Janmashtami as a Holiday in the State under N.I.Act, to enable us to worship Lord Krishna and observe the occasion with religious fervour and dedication, will go in vain if Janmashtami is marked as a holiday under N. I. Act on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

3. In view of the above, the undersigned requests your good authority to kindly bestow your benevolent and kind consideration in declaring 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025 as a holiday for celebrating Janmashtami, in lieu of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025, for which kindness the undersigned on behalf of the entire Banking community will remain ever obliged.

4. Thank you again for your time and consideration. The undersigned remains expectantly hopeful and obliged for your favourable response in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-  
(Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay)  
Secretary  
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