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TO ALL OUR AFFILIATES

STATE BANK OF INDIA OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, BENGAL CIRCLE

REPORT ON 59TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 59th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the State Bank of India Officers' Association Bengal Circle scripted a historic chapter in the pages of the circle on January 11, 2025, at Nazrul Mancha, Kolkata where around 4,900 officers from all across the circle agglomerated to witness one of the grand organisational extravaganzas.



2. The dais and the hall beckoned hailing two great souls of the soil Shri Birsa Munda and Shri Salil Chowdhury on their 150th and 100th birth anniversaries, respectively where the theme christened as, "**Where the Mind is Without Fear**," drawing inspiration from Viswa Kabi Rabindranath Tagore's ideals.



(President, AISBOF), and Comrade Ranga Nath Sanyal (President, Circle Association).

3. The event kickstarted with hoisting of association and floral tributes paid to Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam, Shri Birsa Munda, and Shri Salil Chowdhury, led by dignitaries including Shri Satyendra Kumar Singh (CGM, Kolkata Circle), Comrade V K Bhalla (Chairman, AISBOF), Comrade Arun Kumar Bishoyi

4. A warm welcome, marked by enthusiastic applause from the participants, made the whole atmosphere electrifying followed by which the welcome videos showcasing the theme and various achievements of the circle set to tune, turning the inaugural session of the event even more enlightening and informative. The melodious rendition of 'Srijan', the cultural wing of the circle then just added more colour to a kaleidoscopic start of the 59th Annual General Meeting of the Circle.

5. Comrades Samrat Kundu and Reshma Shrestha anchored the Open Session of



the meeting, where Comrade Ranga Nath Sanyal presented "uttariyos" and bouquets to dignitaries marking gesture of a warm welcome. The lamp lighting ceremony was followed by felicitations to few outstanding contributors in different fields of their activities : - Comrade Dipak Kumar Basu - Pensioners' Rights; Comrade Asit Sinha-support for Specially-Abled Children; Comrade Pronab Sarkar-

Cooperative society diary compilation; Comrade Anjanava Ray and the Circle Medical Team for extending 24/7 medical support; Comrade Amal Kumar Chakrabarty and Comrade Gautam Kumar Dutta for their services in the Defence Cell; Editorial team for publication of Empowerment Series. A special edition of the association's magazine, SUP-VOICE, was also released during the occasion.



6. Comrade Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay, the General Secretary, SBIOA Bengal Circle then welcomed all the participants and acknowledged the Circle Management Committee's compassionate leadership. He highlighted transformative initiatives like Byatikramee Pathakram, Empowerment Series, Face-to-Face program, Daktaar Babu Online, talent showcase table calendars, and photography exhibitions as few of the activities that the circle has undertaken during the period under report. He talked high on conduct of the HR Synergy Meetings and where meaningful discussion on manpower shortages, special compensation for critical assignments, and the Circle Transfer Policy took place. He concluded with the AGM's tagline and expressed hope for a positive 2025.

7. Shri Satyendra Kumar Singh the CGM, SBI Kolkata Circle commended the Circle Association's initiatives, including blood donation camps, training programs, and various publications. He acknowledged members' dedication to the Circle's strong performance and urged them to focus on credit and deposit growth, customer relationships, and asset quality among many other priorities of the Bank. He paid special emphasis on innovation, technology adoption, and prompt grievance resolution. Calling the workforce, a "powerhouse" he urged everyone to embrace the three C's - Courage, Commitment, and Care.



8. The undersigned congratulated SBIOA, Bengal Circle on the momentous occasion with special mention of the Circle's welfare initiatives, citing them as examples and a matter of emulation for other circles. He highlighted the 17% wage hike, DA merger, load factor addition, stagnation increments, enhanced superannuation benefits, and CAIIB incentives among many other key achievements of the 9th joint note and the roadways travelled in pursuit to clinch them. He reiterated opposition to the NPS and thanked former Chairman Shri Dinesh Khara for the Kolkata Synergy Meet. He stressed on work-life balance, employee well-being, constructive feedback, and responsible social media use. He raised concerns about workload, Sunday/holiday work, and urged support for AIBOC's proposed strike with prominent demands like- 5-day work-week, recruitment, protection for Bankers and many other issues of greater significance.



9. Comrade Vinay Kr Bhalla (Chairman, AISBOF) lauded the Circle leadership for the high turnout and reaffirmed the Federation's commitment to members' safety and well-being. He commended the achievement came through the 9th Joint Note and emphasized work-life balance of the officers.



10. Comrade Arun Kumar Bishoyi (President, AISBOF) thanked members for their



unity and commended pension enhancements and special pay implementation. He highlighted manpower shortages and their impact on employee happiness. He further urged the members to escalate concerns being encountered by them on a regular basis for redressal. He

stressed adherence to procedures along with the importance of maintaining a good health.

11. Comrade Sudip Dutta, General Secretary, SBISA Bengal Circle, in his deliberation, expressed satisfaction with the joint efforts of both organizations. He commended SBIOA Bengal Circle's consistency in terms of regularly organising the AGM since 1965. He noted the Bank's focus on core business but raised concerns about rising NPAs. He addressed NPS abolition and a five-day workweek, while applauding the Federations' role in preventing privatization move of the Government.

12. Comrade Dipak Kumar Basu, the General Secretary, Federation of SBIPA and



SBIPA Bengal Circle praised the presentation of the cultural program and expressed gratitude for the leadership's recognition for his assigned responsibility. He urged prioritizing retiree concerns and highlighted the issues connected with increase of pension. He appealed for support from fraternal organisation during the upcoming coordination meeting with Bank management.

13. Comrade Krishnendu Mukherjee, President, AIBOC West Bengal State Unit in his deliberation highlighted the State Unit's initiatives and termed the recent DFS guidelines unjust, urging protest by the members.

14. Comrade Ranga Nath Sanyal concluded the Open Session with a vote of thanks, reaffirming SBIOA Bengal Circle's commitment to unity, integrity, and excellence. The event emphasized direct engagement with members, strengthening trade union rights and benefiting the officers' fraternity, the working class, and the Bank as a whole.

The 59th Annual General Meeting of the Circle, thus marked its culmination scripting a huge and all-around success story that shall remain fresh for long.

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With greetings

Yours comradely,



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