

# ALL INDIA STATE BANK OFFICERS' FEDERATION

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# CIRCULAR NO. 66 TO ALL OUR AFFILIATES

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### Dear Comrades,



### THE FLAME CONTINUES ILLUMINATING!!!

With a heavy heart and a profound gratitude we bid adieu to a luminary who glittered bright in the horizon of trade union movement all along. A repository of dedication, value, perseverance and honesty at its core, Comrade Sharma had it all to cliff the hierarchy but the saint felt it pious to direct his devotion towards welfare of his fellow colleagues. Deepak

Sharma though has taken superannuation from active services of the bank shall thus be remembered as one of the Galactic leaders, a champion on his own right who lived his life king-size and ensured better life for his fellow colleagues. Our esteemed colleague, leader a philanthropist, Comrade Deepak Kumar Sharma glorified the position of the General Secretary of All India State Bank Officers' Federation for over a period of 2 years and scripted many uncharted success stories making his tenure as one of the golden phases of our mighty Federation. Under the leadership of Comrade Deepak Kumar Sharma, the federation has risen from strength to strength and earned laurels all along. With the eventual departure of this multi-talented personality the federation shall surely suffer a void that might be a herculean task for others to fill up.

The flame that illuminated in a humble family in the mystic month of November 1964, continued brightening the serene sojourn of Shogi, a small agglomerate but with promising attributes to chariot God's proposal transforming the lives of millions through a philanthropic passion, we call it, Comrade Deepak Kumar Sharma. Comrade Sharma embarked on a journey of stanch dedication for the cause of trade union movement that prepones a resolve to extradite the pains of his fellow colleagues. The expedition though had never been so promising as he made it, the road that he crossed had never been free of thorns, the ocean that he sailed along, had never been as convincing and calm as it appeared to be. It had been the conviction that prevailed over predicaments making him emerge as the champion of the trade that the master sculpted with his artistic majesty. His career, spanning over three decades, has been marked by resilience, determination, and a steadfast commitment to justice, equality, and dignity. His journey in trade union started from very early days of his promotion to the officers' cadre and it had been a saga of long 31 years of commitment, dedication and perseverance to say a bit of its all.

Comrade Sharma's professional campaign commenced in 1993, as an officer committed to alleviating the struggles of his peers. From his early days Comrade Sharma displayed an innate understanding of the challenges faced by his fellow colleagues. He actively participated in the trade union movement, holding various leadership positions in SBIOA Chandigarh Circle, AISBOF, and AIBOC. His tireless efforts have significantly contributed to the welfare and rights of the officers' fraternity. Later, he assumed even greater responsibilities as a National Leader being in the chair of our mighty federation, first as President and then as the General Secretary from December the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. During all these days Comrade Sharma chased a dream culminating towards safeguarding the Dignity of officers and ensured its restoration and then for its perpetual sustenance. His journey thus has been a demonstration of resilience, a symphony of intellect and compassion juxtaposed with an indomitable human spirit unmatched and unscathed as ever.

A scholar, a poet and a sportsmen Comrade Sharma's visionary leadership, coupled with his eloquent assertion and steadfast courage, clubbed with his intellectual acumen, athletic vigour and sportsmanship has steered AISBOF out from many crisis situations. From his initial role as Assistant Secretary at the Zonal Office in Haryana, to serving as President and later General Secretary, Comrade Sharma has contributed immensely towards fortification of trade union rights and its practices. His contributions to the federation have been invaluable and exemplary. To bring all these to his stride, the path he preached had been the path of Justice, fraternity and equality and thus with his radiant flame of philosophy illuminated the path of countless fraternal compatriot and shall continue inspiring million souls as well the future generations of leaders.

As Comrade Sharma embarks on a new chapter in his life, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and with heart brimming with admiration for all his exceptional services for the cause of the memberships. His tireless advocacy for officers' rights, his visionary leadership and above all his simplicity and honesty shall remain attributes to emulate and use it for the best purpose suited to the fraternity. We wish him a fulfilling retirement filled with joy, peace, and prosperity.

Let us honour Comrade Deepak Kumar Sharma's legacy by carrying forward the torch of unity, solidarity, and progress that he so dearly embraced and endured all through his journey with honesty being at its core.

With Comradely Regards,

With greetings,

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