



# **ALL INDIA BANK OFFICERS' CONFEDERATION**

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## **To All Affiliates/State Units/ Members**

Dear Comrades,

### **51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SBIOA (BENGAL CIRCLE) HELD ON 23.04.2017 AT COM B.B. DAS NAGAR (NAZRUL MANCHA) KOLKATA**

The 51st Annual General Meeting of SBIOA (Bengal Circle) marked a grand commemoration by the circle association on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017 at Com B.B. Das Nagar (Nazrul Mancha) as a mark of respect to Com BB Das, former President, AISBOF and the longest serving General Secretary of SBIOA (Bengal Circle). The stage was named after Com. Arun Kumar Chattopadhyay Mancha, former Central Committee member of SBIOA (Bengal Circle), both of them settled for a heavenly abode in the recent past.

The meeting was kick-started with hoisting of association flag by Com. D.T. Franco, President AISBOF, in presence of former General Secretaries amidst sky rocketing slogans and salutes, followed by an opening son, performed by members of the cultural wing 'Srijan' of SBIOA (Bengal Circle).

The dais was glorified with the presence of Circle President Com. Kalyan Kumar Dey General Secretary Com. Soumya Datta, Com. D.T. Franco Rajendra Dev, President AISBOF, Com. Y.Sudarshan, the General Secretary AISBOF, Shri Partha Pratim Sengupta, Chief General Manager, Kolkata Circle, Com Ramkumar Sabapathy and Com Anil Nare, the General Secretary and President from Mumbai Circle, Com. Sambit Mishra, and Com. Bibekananda Das, the General Secretary and President from Bhubaneswar Circle, Com.Ravindra Gupta and Com. Sushil Ahuja, the General Secretary and President of Delhi Circle Association, Com. Subramanyam and Com. B. Sukkaiah, the General Secretary and President of Hyderabad Circle Association, Com Rupam Roy, General Secretary of North-East Circle, Com Krishnanandan, President, Kerala Circle, Com Sabyasachi Swain, DGS, Bhubaneswar Circle, Com. S. L. Kulkarni, former Secretary, AISBOF and never the less Com. R. N. Banerjee, President All India SBI Pensioners' Federation.

Floral tributes were offered to the portraits of Com BB Das and Com Arun Kumar Chattopadhyay by the dignitaries, followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief General Manager, Kolkata Circle and the Chief Guest of the function along with the dignitaries who were present on the dais along with Com Pulak Pathak, who during the demonetisation exercise was deputed to RBO Berhampore and on his way he had met with an accident leading to amputation of his little finger of his left hand.

Lightening of ceremonial lamp was followed by some philanthropic activities by providing financial assistance to the needy and as an educational aid to the underprivileged students and an NGO. Shri Sankareswar Dutta, former General Secretary, SBISA and Director Central Board, was also given financial assistance for

the eye clinic 'Suvendu Memorial Seva Pratisthan' he had set up for the under privileged section of the society.

In the momentous occasion, the circle association also felicitated Com Ashit Sinha, former Vice-president of the Circle Association and Com Sisir Ranjan Ghosh, former Regional Secretary their yeomen services for the cause of the memberships in cases of medical exigencies. Com Aparash Sarkar, former member was also felicitated for the outstanding service towards the cultural wing in organising photo exhibitions.

Com. Soumya Datta, General Secretary, SBIOA (Bengal Circle) in his welcome address extended a warm welcome to all the dignitaries on the dais. He gave a brief account of the performance of the Circle Association and urged for full and dedicated co-operation from the members and extend their hands in his pursuit to make the Circle, the flagship circle of the country. He placed on record his appreciation for the role of the respected Chief General Manager for the empathy shown towards the issues involving members with particular reference to the disciplinary matters.

Comrade Dutta then requested the Federation leadership to take up the issue of Currency Chest joint custodians, who were being forced to attend office on every 2<sup>nd</sup> and Fourth Saturday and during block holidays. Further, he demanded that incentives be paid to the joint custodians for earning substantial commission from RBI by dint of their work. He also requested the leadership to take up the issue of PO-RB 2010 batch; whether they were still required to be posted in RUSU branches/establishments as the RBG had since been merged with NBG.

The occasion was utilized for release of a book collated by the Circle Association titled "Handbook on Assigned Roles" by the Chief General Manager, Shri Partha Pratim Sengupta, and a Special Issue of "Sup-Voice", News Bulletin of SBIOA (Bengal Circle) by Com Y Sudarshan, General Secretary, AISBOF Shri Partha Pratim Sengupta, Chief General Manager, Kolkata Circle in his key note address, lauded the Circle Association for their constructive work during the year for the betterment of the Bank and for the philanthropic activities undertaken by the Association. He praised the entire workforce for the stellar performance of the Circle in various parameters and attributed the success to the entire workforce. He urged upon the officers to gear up to face the competition the Bank was facing from the Private Banks, Foreign Banks, NBFCs, MFIs and emerging Fintech companies. He also mentioned that the digitalization initiative of the Government will also pose real challenges as apart from going through transformative DNA changes within ourselves, as the need of the hour was to educate, train and handhold customers as well. Else, the Bank will not only lose the market share but will also expose ourselves to the risk of 'Error of Omission'. Constant up-gradation of knowledge and knowing the right way of doing the assigned job are, therefore, crucial pre-requisites for all employees at all levels to remain productive in their roles and respective positions. He stressed that the need of the hour was Wealth Management and not Liability management and the need to move on to marketing oriented banking from Transaction banking.

Com. Y. Sudarshan, General Secretary, AISBOF, appreciated the wonderful manner in which the General Body Meeting has been organized by the Bengal Circle association every year. He appreciated the novel initiatives like digital attendance, live webcast of the programme, chanting of slogans, welfare activities. He said that he felt rejuvenated after attending such meetings attended by over 4000 members. He echoed the sentiments of the members and assured that this time the cherished demand of having 5 day week would surely be fulfilled. He gave a brief account of the yearlong activities of the Federation and the various benefits clinched during the course of the year.

Comrade Sudarshan highlighted the problems of the Officers working in the bank with particular reference to the difficulties encountered by the single officer branches, the pressure for cross selling, the issues related to CDS, specialist officers. He ensured that the Federation would continue to look after the welfare and interest of all the members and continue to provide support to the movement launched by AIBOC to safeguard the interest of the PSU Banks.

Com. D. T. Franco Rajendra Dev, the President of the Federation in his address complimented the Bengal Circle Association for the excellent show of solidarity and unity and the novel initiatives every year. He solicited contribution of the members of Bengal in the research wing of AIBOC to combat various challenges. Comrade Franco thanked Com Y Sudarshan for the historic decision of handing over the mantle of responsibility to him of leading the AIBOC. He informed the house that a Parliamentary Committee report vindicated the view that the much hyped Demonetisation exercise was a complete failure. It has affected the normal functioning of the PSU Banks. He stated that 11000 borrowers had garnered more than 30% of the total credit in the country. Inclusive credit was not happening. Despite pressure from the Supreme Court, RBI was not divulging the names of top willful corporate defaulters.

He suggested total transparency in CDS was the need of the hour as he felt is A 270 degree appraisal, where the reporting authority would be evaluated. Com Franco also opined that if adequate staff were recruited, there would be no need for door-to-door marketing. He urged upon the need to have a meaningful joint co-ordination committee between both Federations for taking up several key issues.

The other prominent speakers on the meeting were Com RN Banerjee, President, All India SBI Pensioners' Federation, Com Siddhartha Khan, General Secretary, SBISA(Bengal Circle) and Com G Subramanyam, Sr. Vice President AISBOF & General Secretary, SBIOA(Hyderabad Circle).

The meeting was efficiently anchored by Com Samrat Kundu, a youth wing activist of SBIOA (Bengal Circle)

Always at your Service

Comradely yours



(D.T. Franco)

**General Secretary**