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TO ALL OUR MEMBERS:

Dear Friends,

GREETINGS ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

We convey a very warm greeting to you all on the 74th Independence Day of our Nation. Let us dedicate this day in paying Homage to the numerous Freedom Fighters who fought relentlessly for the freedom of our beloved nation. We also bow our heads to the UNKNOWN SOLDIERS who guard our nation against external and internal threats and don't even hesitate to offer the supreme sacrifice of laying down their lives in the service of the Nation. **May the sacrifice of all these valiant men and women kindle a glittering light of Patriotism in our hearts!**

The spirit of Freedom is exhilarating. Those who have experienced subjugation know the value of Independence. It is this spirit that is imbibed in our Constitution when it guarantees the Right to freedom to its citizens, be it the freedom of speech and expression, freedom of assembly, freedom to form Associations, freedom of movement, freedom of profession, occupation, trade & business.

While we talk of freedom we have to understand that it is hard won, and even harder to protect. We may not be under a foreign rule today, but we need to ask ourselves, "ARE WE REALLY FREE?". Do we have the courage and conviction to protect and safeguard our personal freedom? Among our various ambitions, our professional goals pose a formidable challenge. Sometimes we tend to sacrifice our freedom in pursuit of these goals. Pursuing our goals to achieve excellence is appreciable; however we should not, knowingly or unknowingly, fall in the trap of a vicious cycle of overenthusiasm. Recently a communication emanated from a Circle viral on social media platforms laid emphasis on ADOPTING FAIR PRACTICES IN YONO NFS TRANSACTIONS. For quite some time now we have been witnessing the adoption of unfair practices to achieve higher goals in various campaigns launched by the Bank. We must keep in mind that such campaigns are launched by the Bank for business growth; but our attempt to score a few brownie points by resorting to unfair means is counter-productive. We not only end up wasting precious work hours for the Bank but even expose the Bank to various risks. PLEASE DO NOT FALL PREY TO THIS RAT RACE. We are humans, let us remain such. **On this auspicious day let us pledge to work sincerely for the growth of our beloved institution and collectively take this responsibility of being truly free - by realizing that as we demand our rights, we need to fulfill our duties too in an honest manner with the single motive of keeping the flag of our beloved Organisation high.**

COVID 19 pandemic is a threat to humanity. There is no let-up in its propagation. The number of new infected cases being detected is steadily increasing every day. Our colleagues too are falling victim to the dreaded disease. Many precious lives of fellow SBIians have been lost to this infection. In our line of duty the risk exposure is quite high and therefore our safety lies in our own hands. We need to be in a state of high alert while rendering services to the public and ensure not to bring about any dilution in following the SOPs circulated by the Bank and the local administration. Let us ensure our personal safety and that of our families.

STAY VIGILENT, STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY.

JAI HIND.

Sincerely Yours,

**(Deepak K Sharma)
General Secretary**