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TO ALL OUR MEMBERS:

1ST GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF SBIOA (MAHARASHTRA CIRCLE)
A MASSIVE SHOW OF VIBRANCY AND SOLIDARITY HELD ON 29TH MAY 2022

We reproduce hereunder the text of AISBOF Circular No. 37 dated 01/06/2022 contents of which are self-explanatory for information of the members.

With revolutionary greetings,


(Deepak K Sharma)
General Secretary

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TO ALL OUR AFFILIATES

Dear Comrades,

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The historical 1st General Council meeting of Maharashtra Circle was a head-turning event. More than 1000 members congregated at SBOA Public School, Nerul, Navi Mumbai, the venue of the historic meeting from every nook and corner of Maharashtra and Goa State. The stage was named “**Com. Vijay Khedgikar Manch**”, as a tribute to the memory of the great leader, one of the heroes of the epic '69 indefinite strike and former General Secretary of the erstwhile Mumbai Circle.

2. The venue bore a festival look with the beats of traditional drums and bugles and the guests were welcomed with Maharashtrian Tutari and with customary Pheta. The event started with the hoisting of the Association flag by Com. Rupam Roy, Chairman, AISBOF, Com. Deepak Kumar Sharma, President, AISBOF, Shri Ajay Kumar Singh, Chief General Manager, Maharashtra Circle, Com Udaram Hedao, President, SBIOA Maharashtra, Com Bhushan Mahajan, General Secretary of SBIOA Maharashtra and the undersigned in presence of all the leaders of the affiliates and activists of the host circle. Jai Bhavani Jai Shivaji, Bank Bachao Desh Bachao reverberated across the venue as the guests made their way to the auditorium. The entrance is named “**Keshav Thaokar Pravesh Dwar**”, as a mark of tribute to the late former General Secretary of the undivided SBIOA Mumbai Circle.

3. Com.Udaram Hedao, Com. Bhushan Mahajan, President and General Secretary of the Circle Association was welcomed onto the dais amidst thunderous applause. Rich tributes were paid to the veterans - Com. Keshav Thaokar, Com. Vijay Khedgikar, former General

Secretaries, Mumbai Circle, Com.T. N. Goel, former President of AISBOF, Com. Shantha Raju, former General Secretary of AISBOF and AIBOC, had passed away during their current tenure.

4. President and General Secretary of Maharashtra Circle welcomed all the dignitaries on the dais with a bouquet and a Photo frame of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The dignitaries on the dais were Shri. Ajay Kumar Singh, CGM, Maharashtra Circle, Shri. Alok Kumar Chaturvedi, Dy. General Manager & CDO, Maharashtra Circle, Com. Nilesh Pawar, Secretary AIBOC Maharashtra-I, Com Anil Gamre, General secretary, SBI SC/ST/BC Employees Welfare Association, Mumbai Metro Circle. True to tradition, former office-bearers were facilitated, which included Com. Himmat Mahant, former General Secretary, Mumbai Circle, Com. Sunil Shinde, Former General Secretary of Mumbai and Maharashtra Circle, Com Anil Nare, former President Mumbai Circle, Com. Anil Balkawade former General Secretary, Mumbai Metro and other veterans.

The office bearers of other Circle Association/AISBOF present on the dais included:

Com. Nilesh Radia	President	Ahmedabad
Com. S.K. Srinivas	General Secretary	Bangalore
Com. Sanjay Kumar Sharma	President	Chandigarh
Com. Nallaperumal Pillai	President	Chennai
Com. Jatinder Pal Singh Sethi Com. Sushil Ahuja	President General Secretary	Delhi
Com. Appa Swamy S Com. A. Sai Prasad	President General Secretary	Hyderabad
Com. Ramavtar Singh Jakhar Com. Vinay Kumar Bhalla	President General Secretary	Jaipur
Com. V.K.Premchandran	President	Kerala
Com. A.K. Agnihotri Com. Pawan Kumar	President General Secretary	Lucknow
Com. Mohan Shamji Gohil Com. Manohar Baboo Devrukhkar	President General Secretary	Mumbai Metro
Com. Amresh Vikramaditya	General Secretary	Patna
Com. Narendra V Kulkarni	Treasurer	AISBOF

5. The event started with the rendition of Ganesh Vandana by Kumari Sai Mahajan in the form of a dance recital, which was followed by a traditional Maharashtrian group dance led by Smt. Geetanjali Pitale. This was followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the guests and dignitaries. A short documentary on the journey of SBIOA Maharashtra Circle was screened. On behalf of the Circle Association, Shri Ajay Kumar Singh, Chief General Manager, handed over a cheque of Rs 1 lakh to Balagram Sanstha situated in Gevarai of Beed District which is taking care of destitute kids.

6. Com. Bhushan Mahajan, General Secretary (Maharashtra Circle) welcomed the delegates. In his address, he appreciated the encouragement of Shri Ajay Kumar Singh, CGM who has always been open to suggestions and has provided easy access. He also said that issues pertaining to officers' fraternity were being flagged regularly to Circle Management and many of them have been addressed by the management. He further said that he was hopeful that the issues remaining will be resolved at the earliest. He requested Shri Ajay Kumar Singh, CGM to virtually inaugurate the new guest house at Nashik. During his address, Com. Mahajan also announced that as per the decision of the CEC, the value of the memento to retirees has been enhanced from Rs. 3000/- to Rs.6000/-, and the financial assistance to the family of the deceased members has also been enhanced from Rs.2 Lakh to Rs.3 Lakh. He said that the issue of transfer between Mumbai Metro and

Maharashtra is yet to be resolved. He requested the Federation to address this long pending issue on priority. He also touched upon the issue of customer service, compliance, and the threat of the Bank losing its premier position in the wake of the merger of HDFC and HDFC Bank. He thanked the Federation leadership for the successful signing of the 8th Joint note. He also thanked the Federation leadership for resolving the lease rental issue between the two circles after bifurcation. He requested the Federation leadership to prioritize the issue of parity of salary between officers and award staff.

7. Com. Manohar Devrukhkar, General Secretary, Mumbai Metro in his address requested both the circle management to resolve the issue of the 2017/2018 batch transfer to their respective circles. While assuring that the officers will take care of customer service in branches, he expressed concern about the internal customer service.

8. Com. Anil Gamre, General Secretary, SBI SC/ST/BC Employees Welfare Association, Mumbai Metro Circle requested both the management and the Federation to resolve the contentious issues that had surfaced following the bifurcation of Mumbai Circle.

9. Com. Nilesh Pawar, Secretary AIBOC, MS-I expressed his happiness in inviting him to the 1st General Council of Maharashtra Circle. He greeted and wished fruitful deliberations in the business session. He touched upon the threat of privatization, the need for strengthening banks and associations, the need for improvement of customer service, social media campaigns against privatization, and the necessity to make “**Bank Bachao Desh Bachao**” movement a mass movement. He also touched upon the disparity in treatment given to the bank employee’s vis-à-vis to Government employees in taxation on NPS.

10. Com. Rupam Roy, Chairman, AISBOF in his brief address appreciated both Maharashtra and Mumbai Metro Circles for their vibrant slogans “**Jai Bhavani Jai Shivaji**” & “**Har Har Mahadev**” and the enthusiasm that was on display during the last Triennial at Guwahati. He assured the support of the Federation to the issues pertaining to officers of both Circles. He wished the success of the 1st General Body Meeting of Circle Association.

11. Com. Deepak Kumar Sharma, President, AISBOF captivated the entire house with the thunderous and mesmeric address. He congratulated the host circle. He appreciated the leadership for remembering the valuable contribution of veterans and naming the dais as **Com. Vijay Khedgikar Manch**. He observed that the rich tradition of Maharashtra was meticulously followed by the present leadership. He said that Maharashtra has produced many saints and warriors who guided the entire country. This spirit of fighting was in the blood of the people of Maharashtra. He lauded the role of the Circle leadership who was working continuously for the betterment of the members. He appreciated that Circle Association was taking care of the Bank as well as the Association and called upon youngsters to shoulder the responsibility. He said that officers owe their duty to Bank as well as to the family and Management should avoid summoning officers to work on holidays. He called upon officers to avoid mis-selling products and discourage unethical practices. He expressed his grief and sympathy towards the comrades who sacrificed their lives during Covid pandemic. He shared the concern that Government was keen on Privatization and this needed to be opposed by every means, including social media campaigns. He also touched upon some of the pending issues like 5 days a week, pension updation, NPS, etc. He said that the issue of transfer between Maharashtra and Mumbai Metro needs to be resolved amicably by Associations and Circle Management. He appreciated the General Secretary for his informative Secretary’s report. He wished for the success of the General Council.

12. Shri Alok Chaturvedi, DGM, CDO expressed his happiness and assured support in resolving the issues. He said that majority of the compassionate appointments have been completed in the circle. He assured full cooperation in resolving issues of members.

13. Shri Ajay Kumar Singh, Chief General Manager, Maharashtra Circle expressed his happiness in joining the members as a chief guest of the function. He said that contribution of the circle to the profit earned by the bank was approximately 10% and complimented all officers for their diligent work. He recalled his association with the trade union and said that he was aware of the ground reality and problems. He called upon all to be sincere and transparent while functioning. He said that issues if any, may be brought to his attention for resolution. He also said that he has instructed HR functionaries to dispose of the claims and bills without delay. He expressed concern about unauthorized absence, rising staff NPAs and the penalty levied by RBI. He called upon joint custodians to exercise care and caution.

14. The undersigned expressed happiness in attending the General Body meeting of one of the vibrant circles in the city of Mumbai, which he considered his second home. He was jubilated to witness the large participation of youth and lady officers. He also appreciated that the Circle Association had conducted Regional Conferences across the Circle and had involved the youth. He complimented Com Bhushan Mahajan for his humanitarian initiatives which included an instant decision to donate Rs 1 lakh to the USTM Chancellor at Guwahati during the last Triennial General Council and helping out a girl, who had lost her father, the sole bread earner of the family in Kolkata to pay her school fees. During his address, the undersigned endorsed the recent promotion policy implemented by the bank and said that it would be beneficial to the institution as it favoured the officers deployed at branches. He touched upon the issue of parity of wages/scales, delinking of mandatory learning from perks, compassionate appointments, the need for the appointment of CBOs in all circles etc. He also called upon the internal customers of the bank i.e. staff needed to be treated fairly. He shared the concerns on bank privatization, and how the mass movement **#BankBachaoDeshBachao** and the epic Bharat Yatra forced the Government to keep the issue on the back burner. He cautioned that the threat persists and we should be ready to fight again. He also cautioned that the rat race for numbers and CDS grades was affecting the team spirit and were inimical to the image and goodwill of our esteemed institution. He concluded the address by raising the slogan - **“BankBachaoDeshBachao”** which reverberated across the venue.

15. In his Presidential address, Com. Udaram Hedao urged the members to take part in the activities of the Association. He further urged the members to maintain restraint while expressing views about the Association on social media, particularly WhatsApp. He appealed to the federation to take up the issue of conversion of RMROs/CROs to Generalist officers.

16. The entire programme was superbly anchored by Com. Aditi Sangwai, Com. Padmashree Bhagat, Com. Dattaprasad Pawar and Com. Ambarish Deshpande.

17. The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Com Pradip Kelkar, Vice President of the Circle Association.

The undersigned congratulates SBIOA Maharashtra Circle for their grand show of solidarity. The conference was an eye-opener as a fledgling Circle Association had displayed its innate strength in a befitting manner.

With greetings,

Yours Comradely,

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(Soumya Datta)

General Secretary