



## **STATE BANK OF INDIA OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION CHANDIGARH CIRCLE**

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**TO ALL UNITS/MEMBERS,**

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### **REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND OFFICERS' MEET AT SHIMLA**

A grand show of unity and solidarity was displayed by the membership of Shimla Module on 07<sup>th</sup> August, 2022. The jubilation and passion for trade unionism was vivid and conspicuous at the 'Queen of Hills' as more than 200 officers across the length and breadth of the Himachal Pradesh state descended at East Bourne Hotel Shimla to attend the Regional Conference and Officers' Meet of SBI Officers' Association.

The venue was filled with enthusiastic members from both BPR and Non-BPR Regions including lady comrades, who assembled in large number to participate in the Regional Conference.

Unprecedented was written all over this Regional Conference with historic presence of Com. Soumya Datta, General Secretary and Com. Deepak K Sharma, President of All India State Bank Officers' Federation along with the circle leadership led by Com. Sanjay K Sharma. Veteran leader and ex-General Secretary, SBIOA Chandigarh Com. D K Sharma also graced the occasion. The leadership was accompanied to the dais by the Module membership amid thunderous applause. The Module representatives welcomed Com. Soumya Datta, Com Deepak Sharma and entire central team in Shimla module.

The meeting was chaired by Com. Anjan Keshav, Zonal President Shimla Module. The meeting commenced with the welcome remarks by Com. Narinder Chauhan, Dy. General Secretary, Shimla Module. Delivering his welcome address, Com. Chauhan not only shared the recent developments in the module but at the same time minced no words in becoming the true voice of the Module membership as he admirably presented all the issues concerning the membership in the module to the Federation leadership.

Shri Sanjay Sharma, President SBIOA Chandigarh Circle, in his inaugural address welcomed Com. Soumya Datta and applauded the role of federation and association in the progress of Bank. He appreciated the positive approach and working of the federation leadership. He urged upon all the members for active participation in all association activities and be ready for any call if our justified concerns are not addressed.

The undersigned joined his President in extending warm welcome to the Com. Soumya Datta and thanked all members for their wholehearted participation in the regional conference. He admitted that this regional conference is being held at Shimla after a long gap due to the pandemic situation and promised to hold such regional conferences in every region in the days to come. He assured the members that activities of association will be a continuous process in future. He apprised the members about the issues discussed in Circle Negotiating Council Meetings including work life balance and issues relating to transfers. He also shared the developments on specific issues pertaining to officers working in difficult centers and high altitudes. He declared that the Bank belongs to us and Circle Association would always be in frontline to share and shoulder the responsibilities to take the Bank to greater heights in the days to come. He also urged upon the youth to actively participate in this struggle and come forward as they are the backbone of any organization. Com. Sharma reiterated that SBIOA is committed to keep the members updated with the latest developments and maintained that the Circle Association would continue to look after the welfare of all the members with utmost sincerity, honesty and transparency.

Com. Sharma introduced centre representatives of SBIOA Chandigarh Circle - Com T S Saggi (Dy General Secretary), Com Priyvratt (Vice President and President Designate), Com. Pankaj Sharma (Vice President), Com. Dinesh Gupta Devghariya (Organising Secretary), Com Atulya Prakash Sharma, (Secretary Finance) and Com. Sanjay Mahajan (Dy. Secretary Finance) to members amid thunderous applause.

Eminent poet and Organising Secretary of SBIOA Chandigarh Circle, Com. Dinesh Gupta Devghariya recited his much-acclaimed poem- "Iss Chappan Inchi Seene Mein Apna Bhi kuch Hissa Hai" and through the poem underlined the contribution of Banking Industry in Nation building. The atmosphere was electrified by emotional and supercharged recitation of the poem.

Amidst much exuberance and fervor, Com. Soumya Datta, General Secretary, AISBOF & AIBOC, was invited to address the gathering. The audience welcomed him with thunderous applause. Com. Datta, appreciated the wonderful manner in which the Regional Conference was organized. He thanked the Circle and Module Leadership, organisers and members for showering their affection. He ignited the spark by raising the slogans of "SBI ZINDABAD, SBIOA ZINDABAD, AISBOF ZINDABAD and BANK BACHAO DESH BACHAO". He stressed upon the issues that were pertinent in the present scenario of India's economy. He mentioned that the need of the hour was to protest against the design of the government and to resist the slow destruction of Banks by different ways. He deliberated at length on various issues concerning the membership like Five Day Work week, Wage Revision, regulated working hours, work-life balance, Cross Selling vis-a-vis Mis-selling and staff shortage. He detailed the stand taken by Federation and Confederation on pending issues of last wage revision.

He also shared developments on the ongoing campaign Bank Bachao Desh Bachao and urged upon members to whole-heartedly support it on streets as well as on social media. During the conference, 200+ members followed the Facebook Page and subscribes to the YouTube channel of 'Bank Bachao Desh Bachao'.

Com. D. K. Sharma, a veteran leader, former DGS of HP Module and General Secretary of Circle Association also shared his experiences and showered his blessings.

Com. Anjan Keshav, President, SBIOA Shimla while offering the vote of thanks congratulated the leadership for taking so many initiatives for strengthening the organization. He applauded the roles of Com Soumya Datta and Com. Deepak Sharma in strengthening the Federation and hoped that Federation and Circle Association would scale new heights in days to come.

Many Young comrades and large number of lady Comrades graced the occasion. We congratulate and compliment the comrades of Shimla Module and team of volunteers who made the event memorable.

With revolutionary greetings,



(Deepak K Sharma)  
General Secretary

