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We reproduce hereunder the text of the **AISBOF Circular No. 20** dated 01.03.2021, the contents of which are self-explicit.

With warm greetings,

(Ajit Kumar Mishra)
GENERAL SECRETARY

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Nazrul Manch in City of Joy - Kolkata was the destination of over 3600 officers of SBIOA (Bengal Circle) as they congregated thereat from nooks and corners of the circle- from Andaman to Sikkim. 55th Annual General Meeting of Bengal was the event which beckoned this massive presence on 27th February, 2021.

2. The meeting preceded by hoisting of the flag of SBIOA by the President, AISBOF Com. Deepak K Sharma and the undersigned in the august presence of the local Management functionaries, the Presidents and General Secretaries of various affiliates of AISBOF and the Circle Association office bearers. The venue reverberated with thunderous slogans, raising the passion of trade unionism in each member present on the occasion. More endearing was the significant presence of women and youth, infusing the conference with vigour and vitality.

3. The meeting commenced with the melodious and rousing rendition of the opening chorus, performed by the members of the Siliguri Zone of the cultural wing of the Circle Association 'Srijan'. The group, who hailed predominantly from the hills of Darjeeling charged the entire atmosphere with their mellifluous rendition. This was followed by

lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries present on the dais which included Comrade Deepak Sharma, President, AISBOF, the undersigned along with Janab Md. Saad Imteyaz Hussaini, General Manager(North Bengal & Sikkim), Kolkata Circle, Shri Dilip Sadashiv Nirkhe, General Manager (South Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar Islands), Shri Ashok Kumar Mahakul, General Manager (FI & MM, Bengal), Shri Subrata Mujherjee, General Manager(Addl. CVO), Kolkata Circle, Shri Debadarshi Tripathy, DGM & CDO, Kolkata Circle, Comrade Asitava Kundu, President & Comrade Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay, General Secretary of SBIOA (Bengal Circle), Comrade Nilesh Radia, Dy.General Secretary, AISBOF & President, SBIOA(Ahmedabad Circle), Comrade Sabyasachi Swain, Vice-President, AISBOF & General Secretary SBIOA (Bhubaneswar Circle), Comrade Sanjay Kumar Sharma, Dy. General Secretary, AISBOF & President, SBIOA(Chandigarh Circle), Comrade Nallaperumal Pillai, Dy. General Secretary, AISBOF & President, SBIOA(Chennai Circle), Comrade R. Balaji, Vice-President, AISBOF & General Secretary , SBIOA (Chennai Circle), Comrade Manimaran Seeni, EC Member, AISBOF & Treasurer, SBIOA (Chennai Circle), Comrade Jatinder Pal Singh Sethi, Dy. General Secretary, AISBOF & President, SBIOA (New Delhi Circle), Comrade Sushil Ahuja, Vice-President, AISBOF & General Secretary , SBIOA(New Delhi Circle), Comrade R Govinda Rajan, Dy. General Secretary, AISBOF & President , SBIOA(Mumbai Metro Circle), Comrade Arun Balkawade, Vice-President, AISBOF & General Secretary , SBIOA (Mumbai Metro Circle), Comrade Ajit Kumar Mishra, Sr. Vice-President, AISBOF & General Secretary, SBIOA(Patna Circle), Comrade Sashidhar Choudhary, Vice President, SBISA(Bengal Circle), Comrade Dipak Kumar Basu, General Secretary, SBI Pensioners' Association (Bengal Circle), Comrade Sanjoy Das, Secretary, AIBOC (West Bengal State Unit) and the undersigned.

4. Following the lighting of lamp, the veterans and SBIOA Seniors namely Shri Tapan Mitra, Comrade Rabin Gopal Maitra, Comrade Asit Kumar Sinha, Comrade Bimalendu Biswas, Comrade Ajit Kumar Chattopadhyay, Comrade Pronab Kumar Sarkar were befittingly felicitated for their exemplary support to SBIOA (Bengal Circle) by Com Deepak K Sharma, President, AISBOF and the undersigned along with Com Asitava Kundu and Com Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay.

5. The special edition of the journal of the Circle Association- 'Sup-Voice' along with 'Hand Book on "Customer Grievance Redressal Mechanism" and an app named 'SAMPRIKTO' were released by Janab Md. Saad Imteyaz Hussaini, General Manager(North Bengal & Sikkim), Kolkata Circle and Chief Guest of the meeting.

6. Com Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay, General Secretary (Bengal Circle) in his warm and passionate welcome address greeted the dignitaries and the members. He briefly touched upon the activities and achievements of the Circle Association and also highlighted the various issues taken up during the CNC meetings.

7. Janab Md. Saad Imteyaz Hussaini, General Manager(North Bengal & Sikkim), Kolkata Circle and Chief Guest of the meeting, congratulated and thanked the officers' fraternity for the yeoman services rendered by them during pandemic and achievement of Circle as it remained amongst the front runners in MD ranking matrix. He thanked Circle Association for many of its initiatives and the active participation of officers. He reiterated

the importance of customer service and urged on migrating bank's business on digital platform, improving compliance culture.

8. The undersigned during his address expressed happiness for the wholehearted participation of members. He warmly congratulated the Circle Association who had "Dared to Do" by organizing the massive gathering during these trying times. He shared the arduous journey of recent wage revision which finally was signed on 11th November, 2020. He acknowledged with sincere appreciation the positive role of Comrade Sunil Kumar, former President of AIBOC and Shri Alok Kumar Chowdhary, DMD Finance, the then Chairman of negotiation committee in clinching many new benefits to the Officers' fraternity through the 8th Joint Note. The undersigned also called upon the fraternity to be in readiness for the upcoming challenges of privatization of Public Sector Banks. He gave a clarion call to resist this anti-people initiative of the Government by mobilizing public support. Highlighting the services rendered by the PSBs to the people and the Government, he stated that it was actually a "**Bank Nirbhar Bharat**". The undersigned made it categorically clear that AIBOC will be fighting tooth and nail to resist Govt.'s move towards privatization of PSBs. He lauded the HR initiatives of Bank during COVID-19 pandemic when 215 employees as on date succumbed to the deadly virus. Appreciating the publication of Hand Book on Customer Grievance Redressal Mechanism, he urged on being courteous to the juniors, peers and subordinates in the work place as well as to all customers to enhance our brand image. He appreciated the functioning of the Circle Association under the new team of Comrade Asitava Kundu and Comrade Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay in taking the Circle Association forward. He concluded wishing a grand success of the meeting and formally inaugurating the meeting.

9. Com. Deepak Kumar Sharma, President (AISBOF) mesmerised the gathering by his prolific oratory skills. He admired and appreciated the participation of large number of members of the circle in the Annual General Meeting. He appreciated the publication of various Hand books by the circle association, which not only help the members in increasing their knowledge base but will also help in rendering better customer service. Referring to Chairman's message of "*Positivity*", he urged the membership that the positive approach should prevail in all walks of life by adopting Work Life Balance, dignity and respect to all. He appreciated the role of AIBOC leadership under the leadership of Com. Soumya Datta for the decent wage revision and that also during the Pandemic. He appreciated the PLI; 5/7 days leave encashment, enhancement of Banks share in NPS, increase in family pension and so many other things in the 8th Joint Note. He briefed the members about the pending issues including financial and non-financial which they have raised with the Management of SBI during their visits to the Corporate Centre. He denounced the acts of the Bhopal administration, who had forcibly sealed a branch of our Bank. He appreciated and congratulated the members as well as the leaders of Bhopal Circle for the end result of the agitation against the local administration. AISBOF had a glorious tradition of standing up to every atrocity and this time also we fought and won. He alerted all the members present in the hall about the move of the central Government for privatising two public sector Banks. He told the gathering that our Government had an agreement with IMF for privatising all the Public sector in the year 1991 and this move

of the present government is one step ahead in the same direction. He appreciated the role of Public sector Banks in the development of this great country. He appealed to all present to remain united and attend to every call given by the Associations for saving the Public sector Banks. At the end he congratulated the leadership of Bengal Circle as well as all the members of the circle for the wonderful gathering and wished them success for the 55th Annual General meeting. He thanked the organisers for giving him an opportunity to share his views.

10. Comrade Sashidhar Choudhary, Vice President, SBISA (Bengal Circle), greeted the congregation and extended fraternal support.

11. Comrade Sanjoy Das, Secretary, AIBOC (West Bengal State Unit), appreciated the theme of the meeting "**Let us dare to do**" and urged upon fighting against move of privatization of PSBs with public support.

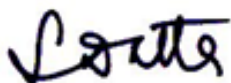
12. Comrade Dipak Kumar Basu, General Secretary, SBIPA, extended fraternal support, thanked AIBOC for taking up the issues of pensions and family pension and expressed confidence in AIBOC in taking forward the issues of retirees to a logical conclusion.

13. Comrades, the Annual General Meeting in Kolkata was yet another show of strength of supervisory trade unionism. The massive gathering, participation of women and youth indicated the innate strength that we possess. It demonstrated the urge of the officers to be united. This also provided us an opportunity to interact with them, understand and get connected to the ground, to forge a bonding so that the trade unionism and the legacy flourishes and proliferates for the common good of the officers' fraternity, working class and the bank as well.

14. We congratulate our affiliate, SBIOA (Bengal Circle) and the vibrant leadership and membership who made the event an outstanding success. Later in the day, the reports from SBIOA (Bengal Circle) indicated active participation by the members during the business session and about the meaningful deliberations by the participants, which proved that the meeting achieved its objective with profound success.

With greetings,

Yours Comradely,



(Soumya Datta)
General Secretary