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Dear Comrades,

Sub: 55th National Conference at Kakkanad, Ernakulam dated 24.08.2025

The 55th National Conference cum annual general body of the South Indian Bank Officers' Association was held at the Rajagiri Engineering College KE Auditorium, Kakkanad, Ernakulam on 24.08.2025. The Conference witnessed a large number of participants, including lady comrades from various parts of the country.

Much before the inaugural function, leaders and members assembled at the ground of the conference venue to witness the flag hoisting ceremony. The SIBOA flag was hoisted by its President, Com. Anoop Puthran amidst slogan shouting at 9.30 am. By 9.35 am, the inaugural function was started with a rangapooja.



Since elections or related handing over of charge etc was not involved, the business session was scheduled at 9.45 am, contrary to normal practice. Same was presided over by Com. Anoop Puthran, President along with Com. Praveen R, General Secretary, Com. Jiji K.R. Dy General Secretary and Com. Lalu K.G., Treasurer making up the presidium.





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The GS presented the General Secretary's report. The Treasurer presented the audited Statement of Accounts for F/Y 2024-2025, both of which were simultaneously shared with delegates through our official whatsapp group. After swift deliberations, both the GS Report and the Statements of Accounts was approved by the house. GS also read out the proposed amendment which was approved by the house, thereby modifying the periodicity of the General body to triennial, coinciding with the elections to the executive committee. After that the President wound up the business session. This was followed by a Ganapathy sthuthi by Com. Bhagavathi from Palakkad RO.

The business session was followed by cultural programme of comrades from different regions until 11.35, when the Honourable MD & CEO arrived, as scheduled. Soon, the inaugural session was started with a prayer song. Formal welcome address was rendered by Com. Praveen R, General Secretary, who reminded that in our Bank, SIBOA has always remained proactive and responsible even while enjoying the status of an exclusive trade union of Officers.



He also mentioned the good work rendered by the co-ordination committee, mostly comprising a very young team of officers, led by Comrades Dhanesh and Rakesh Kunnath and masterminded by Com. Nithin Raj, Vice President. In his presidential address, Com. Anoop Puthran expressed the joy of each SIBian on the wonderful financial result we have had and also pointed out that our Association was also entering the 60th year. He also applauded the efforts of the staff members in bringing forth such a good result. He further expressed his concern that the efforts should be properly acknowledged and requested the MD to expedite the pending internal settlement.



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Sri P.R. Seshadri, MD & CEO, during his inaugural speech, expressed pleasure at seeing so many officers from across the country gathered and welcomed them.



He went on to mention that the management dreams about building a Bank, that is quite unique, at the same time keeping with the traditions of the institution. Quoting his later father, he mentioned that a life well lived is one that is appreciated by one's peers and advised everyone to be guided by that. He went on to assert that he doesn't want to create a Kotak Bank or a HDFC Bank, but SIB itself in a ++ version. He also stressed on the importance of usage of science in banking industry and went on to point out that we are re-assessing the detailed processes that we have in branches and trying to align them with times. While concluding his speech, he also expressed his expectation that all of us can work together for the betterment of the Bank.

SIBOA Gold Medals and other Awards to the children of members for their outstanding performances in the field of academics were presented by our M.D. as well as by GS. Com. Deepan Harikumar, General Convener expressed vote of thanks marking the end of inaugural session.



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Thereafter, the cultural programmes continued throughout the day, crossing lunch interval also and was concluded around 6.30 pm.



Yours faithfully,

(Praveen R) General Secretary