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Dear Canpals,

It is a boisterous merriment to visit ***The Manchester of South India – Coimbatore***. It is the second largest city of Tamil Nadu and is rightly called as “***The textile Capital of South India***” because of the huge number of industries which involved in the fabrication of textiles. Coimbatore is among the fastest growing tier-II cities in India and houses more than 25,000 small, medium and large industries with the primary industries being engineering and textiles.

Coimbatore has a rich legacy when it comes to Trade Union perspective. The heavy industrialisation of the city has resulted in the growth of trade unions, which paved the way for protecting the rights and welfare of employees. I could witness the deep-rooted Trade Union culture among the Canpals of Coimbatore during my interaction with the Team.

When I reached Coimbatore Airport on 19th October at 9 PM, I was overwhelmed by the love and affection of more than 75 Canpals of Coimbatore and Tiruppur Region, who had assembled along with **Shri.Eswaramoorthy -Vice President, Shri. Sundararajan P - OGS & CCO and Shri.Radhakrishnan - DGS**. Despite raining cats and dogs, the Team displayed absolute resolve, which is the very strength of our Mighty CBOA.

Many women Canpals were present at the airport, which portrayed the strength of women's wing of the region. After succinct interaction with our Canpals, I have travelled to the place of stay.

Helping hands embody the spirit of compassion and unity, reminding us of our shared responsibility to uplift one another. Whether through small acts of kindness or dedicated support, offering help can make a profound difference in someone's life. Next day early morning, **Canpal Activity** was arranged at Marudhamalai area, where more than 200 blankets were distributed to the poor people in the forest area. I thank the Coimbatore Team for this wonderful arrangement and congratulate them for this responsible gesture towards the society.

Subsequently, the **Combined Regional Committee Meeting of Madurai Circle** was conducted at Coimbatore. All the office bearers of Madurai Circle from across the southern districts of Tamil Nadu gathered to attend the program, which was conducted at *Hindustan Arts and Science College, Coimbatore*.

The love and affection of Canpals of Coimbatore Region was exhibited by their Traditional style of reception arranged at the program venue. The stoic display of dedication and trade union fervour washed away any fatigue that I had from my travels. It was a great occasion to interact with the office bearers who are the ever-present face of CBOA at ground level. The quality of deliberation in the meeting and the topics that came up for discussion reaffirmed my faith that as long as my regional level teams have this supreme quality and connect with the members, no other organisation can even think of competing with CBOA.

During my interaction, I have requested all the office bearers to be available to our Canpals round the clock. I also took the opportunity to re-orient the RC teams towards our motto of

“Owning the Performance and Demanding our Rights”. Almost all the latest happenings in the Banking industry were informed to our RC Teams and requested to take the message to each and every Canpal via regional/district level meetings.

After my speech, the questionnaire session commenced and it lasted for more than two hours, which speaks volume of the eagerness of our office bearers in gathering new information and keep themselves updated. Every question exemplified varied dimensions of the banking industry, which is quite heartening to witness.

During the program, we have felicitated our beloved **Vice President Shri.Eswaramoorthy**, who retired from the services of our Mother Bank on 30th of October. Our beloved Vice President is one of the strong leaders of our Mighty CBOA, who is always there for the growth of our Mighty CBOA. In the words of Albert Schweitzer **“Example is leadership”**. Our Vice President **Shri.Eswaramoorthy** is a supreme leader who led by example. I whole heartedly thank our beloved Vice President for guiding our Canpals and Team CBOA meticulously. On this note, I convey my wholehearted wishes to our beloved Vice President for a happy, healthy and peaceful retirement life.

During the program, I have witnessed the outstanding works of two young talents. The Regional Secretary of Coimbatore – II **Shri.Athreyah** has published a book entitled **“Banking Titbits – 500”** and the same was released during the meeting. This book is the outcome of sustainable efforts of **Shri.Athreyah**, which encapsulates the circulars in a crisp manner. I convey my best wishes to **Shri.Athreyah** for his fabulous efforts, which will help each and every Canpal in their daily work.

Another wonderful book, **“My healing Journey”** was published by **Smt.Suganya**. The book is an absolute motivation to any individual who wants to be a confident and better person. I express my best wishes to **Smt.Suganya** for such a fabulous

work. The Canpals Family is eagerly waiting to witness your success and future wonders.

After the meeting, I had the opportunity to meet our former Chairman **Shri.Vanangamudi Sir**, and we had a very enriching discussion. The experience was quite amazing.

Later, a **General Members' Meet** was arranged by Team Coimbatore. The cultural programs during the meet were wonderfully planned and executed. The interaction with all the Canpals of Coimbatore portrayed their unwavering support and unflinching faith towards our Mighty CBOA.

I convey my heartfelt thanks to **Shri.Sivakumar – Regional Chairman, Shri.Antony Maria Anitha – ARS, Shri.Karthick – ARS, Shri.Senthilkumar – ARS, Shri.Vishnuvardhan – ARS, Shri.Dinesh Mohan – DS, Smt.Arthika – DS, Parthiban - DS, Shri.Manoj, Smt.Sivaranjani, Smt.Geetha, Smt.Nifana, Shri.Ahmed Ali, Shri.Prem Nishanth, Shri.Soundar, Shri.Saravanan, Shri.Thirunavukarasu, Shri.Vivek, Shri.Vivek Chandran, Shri.Sridhar Dinesh, Shri.Kamala, Smt.Kanchana, Shri.Sathish, Shri.Manikandan, Shri.Srikanth, Shri.Ravikumar, Shri.Sabarish, Shri.Arul Prakash, Shri.Pratheep and Smt.Sruthi Kanimozhi** for meticulously planning and executing my complete itinerary in a well ordered way. The complete team gave their best efforts in making the program a remarkable event.

I convey my heartfelt gratitude to **Shri.Eswaramoorthy -Vice President, Shri. Sundararajan P - OGS & CCO, Shri.Radhakrishnan – DGS, Shri.Athreyah – RS, Shri.Anandhan – RS, all the Central Committee Members, Regional Secretaries, District Secretaries and all the active office bearers of Madurai Circle** for making my maiden visit to Coimbatore a grand success.

Friends, we have entered into the second half of FY 2024-25. It is our primary duty to improve our CASA Ratio to have a strong Balance Sheet. Let each and every one of us put our best foot forward in garnering new business for our Mother Bank. Together, let us ensure that our Mother Bank stays a step ahead and set a benchmark in every industrial parameter.

You care for the Bank and CBOA cares for you!

Flaw-Free Banking! Fraud-Free Bank!

DISCIPLINE IN CBOA, DEVELOPMENT IN CANARA BANK!

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ravi Kumar K', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

RAVI KUMAR K
General Secretary