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The significance which is in unity is an eternal wonder – Rabindranath Tagore.

Dear Canpals,

What a beautiful experience at **Kolkata** ! On my maiden visit, I was mesmerized to see city's richness of art, tradition and its values. Besides this, the city also has deep imprints of trade unionism fundamentals embedded in its history. This made my visit to this city all the more special. Reminiscence of the same was visible in my brothers and sisters of Kolkata, when I saw their exquisite display of camaraderie and teamwork under the leadership of *DGS&CNT Shri Ujjal Da*. Friends, I am truly overwhelmed with your staunch support. Your strong commitment and Steller display of dedication towards CBOA has made my visit a memorable one.

Kolkata is a land of legends, for it was birth place of revolutionaries of modern society like **Rabindranath Tagore, Mother Terresa, Swami Vivekanand** and many more luminaries. Kolkata was at the forefront of the Indian renaissance as well as the Indian independence movement. This city, therefore, had a catalytic effect on both nation as well as human capabilities building.

On 22nd April, I visited our Kolkata Circle Office for **CIRCLE LEVEL JOINT MEETING & JOINT REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING**. I was welcomed by a mammoth crowd of young and energetic Canpals, with their roaring slogans led, by highly inspiring **DGS&CNT Shri Ujjal Da** along with our dearest brother **Regional Secretary Sukant** and team. This was followed by a generous welcome at the entrance of circle office by our sister comrades in traditional bengali manner, showcasing region's true richness of tradition.

I was pleased and enthralled to see our beloved brothers and sisters welcoming in such a unique way. Most of all, I was touched with the fact that this diversity of culture and lifestyle is all united under the flag of CBOA. Hearing the unabated slogans on CBOA was electrifying and reassuring. You all gave me unforgettable memories to cherish.

We, then proceeded to have Circle Level Joint meeting with our most Respected Kolkata Circle Head, **Shri Sandeep J Gaware Ji, CGM** and other Circle Executives. Therein, we had a detailed and fruitful discussion with the management on various issues including having a Holiday Home at Gangtok. The request was immediately taken up too.

Then next on agenda was the Regional Committee Meeting which was attended by Regional Committee members of the entire state. The event was marked by cake cutting to celebrate a very important milestone of our beloved CBOA achieving a massive **48000+ membership** base.

Needless to say, this was possible sheerly because of your unflinching support, hard work and strong belief. It is because of your belief that we all are one big family committed to a common goal of mutual progress and our mother Bank's development.

During the meet, I had the privilege of interacting with young minds including the marketing officers of the region who were beaming with fresh ideas and possible implementation strategies. During my interaction, I also received their feedback on day to day constraints and challenges on the field faced by them for which I promised them all the necessary support and guidance, wherever and whenever required.

Another remarkable moment followed when our Kolkata unit witnessed meeting of minds with leaders of AINBOF. This was a platform where CBOA and AINBOF discussed on various matters relating to industry level issues of banking fraternity. I was honoured and overwhelmed when **AINBOF General Secretary Shri Sanjay Das** came to greet me personally with his entire team at the venue. We shared our views about various issues, future of the trade union movement in bank and the changing banking landscape. The discussions went fruitful.

Friends, I am sincerely thankful to our elder brother **Shri Ujjal Narayan Saha, DGS& CNT**, our dear brother **Shri Sukant, RS**, CC members along with all the Regional Secretaries, RC Members, and every CANPAL of Kolkata unit for organising such a mammoth meeting. It was genuinely overwhelming. I thank each one of you for your concerted efforts in making this event a grand one.

Friends, last financial year was a remarkable one for our bank, for which the Q4 results are yet to be announced. I am positive that we fared well. It was all because of your undivided focus, commitment and hard work that we are on a strong growth path. I consider each one of you as the key drivers of this growth of our mother. Now, this time the stated objective is to achieve Rs. 20 Lakh Crores of business well before the end of current financial year. I believe that it's not difficult to achieve the goal, provided we all realize our true potential in the process. To achieve the same sustainably, the mantra given by our beloved MD&CEO is CSR, i.e. CASA, Service Charges and Recovery. Undoubtedly, all the three sub-heads are extremely critical for our Bank's growth and profitability. Underscoring this purposeful mission, let us all systematize our efforts to ensure that the total business of 20 lakh crores target is achieved well before the timeline.

Friends, in this journey, I seek all your continued faithfulness towards CBOA and your dedication towards our Mother Bank. Let us empower each other because, we are more powerful, when we empower each other! I am always proud of each one of you.

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Your General Secretary

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