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**“Knowledge comes from learning, wisdom comes from living”-
Gautam Buddha.**

Take a bow Patna! You have completely overwhelmed me with your love and warmth. I am overjoyed and grateful beyond words!

Friends, recently, I had the honour of visiting Patna, erstwhile ‘Patliputra’, one of the most flourished, prosperous and culturally rich centres of northern India in the ancient times.

On 26th April, when I arrived at Patna, I was indeed aware of the fact that it is one of the oldest living cities in the world, well surrounded by the Buddhist, Hindu and Jain pilgrimage centres of Vaishali, Rajgir, Nalanda, Bodh-Gaya etc. I also had an idea that the city is held sacred by the Sikhs too as the tenth Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh, was born there.

However, in the banks of holy river Ganga, amidst this divine

confluence of various religions, cultures and traditions, what I didn't expect was the sheer magnanimity of welcome by my brothers and sisters of Patna under the vibrant leadership of ***Vice President Shri Kislaya Ji & OGS Shri Sudanshu ji.***

What a reception! Friends, your warmth completely took me over when I saw all the undiluted love showered on me. You embraced me with both of your hands. I was overwhelmed!

It all started with the thunderous roar of our Canpals at the airport. I was thrilled beyond words to receive such a grand welcome. I must thank our Vice President Kislaya Bhai and Organising General Secretary Sudhanshu Bhai for being the chief architects of such a grand reception.

You have shown the world what passion and commitment can yield.

Friends, the city of Patna, situated on the banks of the river Ganga, is an epitome of unity in diversity, as it comfortably holds the convergence (Sangam) of religions and cultures.

CBOA too, finds a unique intersection with this divine city when it endorses the philosophy of Unity in Diversity, embracing all its members with open hands regardless of gender, age, religion, race, ethnicity, cultural background, languages, education, and abilities.

CBOA does not just acknowledge its members but also supports and appreciates their contribution towards our mother bank and our beloved association at every stage. ***CBOA is inspired by history and is well-placed to create it too!***

Further, on my arrival at the hotel, I had the opportunity to interact with our marketing officials - each high-spirited and young. I must say their energy levels were infectious while their ideas were noteworthy.

On 26th April, I visited our Patna Circle Office for ***CIRCLE LEVEL JOINT MEETING***, where we had a fruitful discussion on various issues pertaining to staff and other matters. I must say that the deliberations yielded a lot of takeaways. I sincerely thank our respected ***GM Shri Shrikanth Bandiwad*** for his warm gesture. I also thank our ***DGM Shri Shankar Lal, DGM Shri Mishra Ji & other HR Officials.***

I have also visited RO 1, RO 2 & CPH and socialized with the youngsters manning these units. Sri Kishlaya CCO, Patna also arranged for an exclusive Women's Meet and it was nice to exchange thoughts about the development of Bank and our beloved CBOA.

Thereafter, we proceeded for the mega-event - **MEMBERS MEET**. I must say that while walking on the floral path arranged by you, I could witness the warmth, enthusiasm and hope on every face.

Your beaming eyes and your commitment moved me. With 600 people coming together under one roof, this event captured a small glimpse of our total family of 48000 members. It was such a delight to see that all came with one motto, which is to cherish the grandeur of our mother bank and our beloved CBOA. It was simply mesmerizing!!

Despite the fact that the Member's Meet was arranged on a working day, a sea of enthusiastic Canpals from all over the state have congregated answering the single call of our **CCO Sri Kislaya**, which is a strong sign of the fidelity of our young Canpals towards the organization and what it stands for.

Friends, I want to put this on record that equally mesmerizing was the participation of women comrades in the event. I am sure that your unity, commitment and solidarity will carry the baton of CBOA a long way. For CBOA every member is precious!

The event also witnessed the warm felicitation to our **former General Secretary Shri. G V Manimaran** as a token of respect.

I was pleased and enthralled to see our beloved brothers and sisters welcoming us in such a unique way, under the exceptional leadership of Shri Kislaya ji, Shri Sudanshu Ji, Regional Secretaries, Central Committee members, Regional Committee Members, Volunteers, Women and all the Canpals.

Most of all, I was touched by the fact that this diversity of cultures and lifestyles thrive as a unity under the flag of CBOA.

I once again thank each one of you for your extraordinary efforts, commitment and involvement. Each one of us is the foundation stones of a beautiful edifice called Canara bank.

Friends, as we are in the initial phase of **FY 2022-23** we have set off toward our aim of achieving **Rs 20 lakhs crores**. But going by the intensity and enthusiasm of each one of you and your infectious positivity, I am taking the liberty to say that we will not just cross this figure but will cross it with ease. I can vouch for the fact that in-front of our spirited will and untiring determination, no target is unachievable.

I am confident that this mammoth organization and our mother Bank, will achieve its stated objectives. I have no ambiguity in my belief that our commitment towards CBOA and our dedication towards our Mother Bank will propel the Bank to even greater heights.

You care for the Bank and CBOA cares for you!

Flaw-Free Banking! Fraud-free banking!

DISCIPLINE IN CBOA, DEVELOPMENT IN CANARA BANK.



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