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Dear comrades,

I am truly happy to meet you once again through this In-House e-magazine.

We remember the values and vision of Mahatma Gandhi for an equitable nation. His commitment to upliftment continues to inspire our work as bankers serving the society. Thus, every year on October 2, we celebrate Gandhi Jayanti to commemorate his immense contribution to every Indian's life. Let us remember the preachings of this great man that can guide us to the right path.

India's banking industry has undergone a transformation. Nationalised banks, once the stronghold of the government, are now being reshaped through consolidation and a growing push towards privatisation.

Public sector banks have long been the backbone of India's social and rural development.

We bankers have reached the most remote villages, standing beside farmers, small-scale industries, and low-income families. But these inclusive services may begin to shrink if privatisation continues.

People's trust in public banks runs deep, built over decades of service and integrity. Sudden privatisation could shake that trust and create insecurity among millions who depend on us. Public sector banks were built to serve the nation, not to compete in a corporate race. We lend where private banks hesitate because our goal is not profit but purpose.

If privatisation shifts the focus from service to shareholders, from inclusion to income, it will leave behind the poor, the elderly, and the underbanked. Privatisation in such a form comes at the cost of people.

Yes, we have faced challenges like mismanagement and rising NPAs, but the answer lies in reform and strengthening, not in selling our institutions away. The goal of our economy must be both growth and fairness, and our public sector banks represent exactly that balance. Our union strongly opposes privatization and requests all our members to be prepared for day of the organizational call by the union. At this delicate and crucial time, our union stands firmly with every member. Let us continue to work, and unite to build ourselves and our industry stronger than ever before.



V.SRIDHARAN
GENERAL SECRETARY

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SBI WINS GLOBAL FINANCE AWARDS: NAMED WORLD'S BEST CONSUMER BANK AND BEST BANK IN INDIA 2025

Our Bank has once again proven its excellence on the global stage. SBI has been honoured with two prestigious titles World's Best Consumer Bank 2025 and Best Bank in India 2025 awarded by Global Finance.

This remarkable recognition was received in October 2025 at the annual World's Best Bank Award Ceremony, held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., during the IMF-World Bank Annual Meeting. The winners were selected based on their performance over the past year, as well as their reputation, innovation, and management excellence. The Global Finance Editorial Board made its selections with valuable input from corporate finance executives, analysts, and bankers from around the world.

It is a proud moment for all of us.



SBSU KERALA CIRCLE CELEBRATES SILVER JUBLIEE: 25 YEARS OF LEGACY

The SBSU Kerala Circle was formed following the decision of the SBI Board on **21st July 2000** to establish separate circle for Kerala. Subsequently, the Central Committee of SBSU Chennai circle met on **23rd September 2000** and passed a resolution authorizing the formation of new circle at Kerala and to register a new union. Until then, all branches in Kerala functioned under the Chennai Circle.



On 2nd October 2000, under the leadership of Com. H. Ganapathi and Com.D. Venugopal Reddy, a resolution was passed that led to the election of Com. N. Komaldas as the Interim President and Com. V. G. Siddharthan as the Interim General Secretary. This decision was later ratified in the 31st General Council of the Chennai Circle and the 1st General Council of the Kerala Circle held at Trivandrum.

The official inauguration of the Kerala Circle was celebrated with great pride on 25th November 2000, marking a historic moment in our organization's journey. Today, the baton has been passed to a new and young generation leaders - Com. Rajath and Com. Akhil, who continues to lead with vigour, courage, and a clear sense of purpose.

On behalf of the State Bank Staff Union Chennai circle, we extend our warmest greetings and heartfelt congratulations to the comrades of the Kerala Circle on the joyous occasion of their Silver Jubilee Celebration, being held at Trivandrum on 25th October 2025.

Our President and General Secretary along with all former Presidents & General secretaries were invited as Guest of Honor, they participated and graced the occasion and were given a warm reception.

MEMBERS' MEET OF SALEM CITY BRANCHES HELD AT SBI COMMERCIAL BRANCH, SALEM

The members' meet for Salem city branches was held on 9th October 2025 at Senganthal hall of SBI commercial branch Salem, bringing together a large number of active members, office bearers of Sub-office, Salem, which was a grand success. The session commenced at 6:30 PM with a warm welcome address by DGS Com. Sathish kumar. The meeting covered several key discussions and updates concerning the union's ongoing initiatives, welfare programs, and future plans.



Highlights of the evening included:

Our beloved president Com. P.A Khaja Fkrudeen in his Presidential Address, elaborated the current circle level happenings and initiatives taken up by our mighty union with the circle management.

Our visionary General Secretary Com. V Sridharan explained in detail about the activities of our union. over the past quarter, including negotiations, welfare support measures, Messenger recruitment, PLI, 5-day Banking and current happenings at the Federation level. Our President and General secretary handed over the cheques for the GJMAS awardees for the year 2025.

Com. Sreeram son of Late Com. Selvaraju K, who has been appointed as Junior Associate under the REVISED SCHEME FOR COMPASSIONATE APPOINTMENT, met our General Secretary and President presented shawl and thanked them. Then the forum was opened for the interactive session, where members voiced their issues, opinions, offered valuable feedback and suggestions.



Our beloved General Secretary in his response, addressed the issues viz working hours, Overtime, Inter Module and Inter Circle Transfer, Holiday Home, and single man branches, Gold loan processing which are raised by members. The meeting was concluded around 8:00 pm with the vote of thanks by Com. Vignesh Raj, AGS Zone XXIII acknowledging the contributions of all members, office-bearers, and volunteers who made the event a success. Vice president Com. M.Premkumar, other AGSs of the Salem Sub office Com. D Lazer, Com. R. Nithish, Com. M.Santhosh also participated.

The meeting reaffirmed the union's commitment to unity, progress, and brotherhood embodying the true spirit of collective strength and mutual support.

100TH CCC MEETING HELD AT LHO CHENNAI



Our Union, SBSU (CC) the only recognised union in State Bank of India (Chennai Circle), attended the 100th Quarterly Circle Consultative Committee meeting with the Circle Management for the July-September quarter.

This 100th meeting is an important milestone. It shows the long history of trust, cooperation,

and healthy industrial relations between the Management and the Union. Over the years, these meetings have helped both sides understand each other better, address issues, and work together for the welfare of employees and the bank.

The CCC meetings have always been a useful platform to raise staff concerns, discuss workplace improvements, and strengthen union-management relations. Reaching the 100th meeting highlights the commitment of both the Management and the Union to maintain constructive dialogue and continue healthy bilateralism.

This meeting is not just another routine discussion, it is a celebration of many years of strong and positive trade union-management relations in State Bank of India.

The 100th Circle Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting with the State Bank Staff Union, Chennai Circle, was conducted at the Local Head Office (LHO), Chennai, on 08.10.2025.

MERIT AWARDS 2025: 61 STUDENTS AWARDED UNDER GOLDEN JUBILEE MERIT AWARD SCHEME (GJMAS)

We inform that in response to our Circular No.7 dated 7 July 2025, we have in all received 62 applications from the eligible Members for the Merit Award. All the applications have been scrutinised and 61 Merit Awardees have been selected in different categories on the basis of marks obtained by them for the year 2024-2025.

In this regard, we wish to advise our Members that the scheme when formulated in the Golden Jubilee year of our union in 1997, providing 50 merit awards of Rs. 1000/- each. In the year 2007, while celebrating the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of our Union, the number of awards was increased to cover 60 wards.

The Award amounting to Rs.1000/- per Awardee are being disbursed to the respective beneficiaries by means of Cheque through our Assistant General Secretaries.

DGS CONCLAVE 2025 HELD AT COM. D. VENUGOPAL REDDY TRADE UNION TRAINING INSTITUTE, CHENNAI

The DGS Conclave was held on 29th October 2025 at our Com. D. Venugopal Reddy Training Institute, Mylapore, Chennai.

The event witnessed the active participation of the Vice President, DGS, and Treasurer from the Headquarters, along with all DGS, DGS (BRS), and Vice Presidents of all Modules.

The conclave served as a platform for meaningful discussions, exchange of ideas, and strengthening of unity among office bearers.



A session on Cybercrime Awareness in Banks was conducted by Shri V. Rajendran, former IOB employee and Chairman of the Digital Security Association of India. He elaborated on the various types of frauds arising due to digitalization and explained effective methods to prevent such crimes. The session was well received by our office bearers and served as an eye-opener.

COM. NIVETHA M- NANJUNDAPURAM BRANCH, COIMBATORE CM TROPHY, SILVER MEDAL -



Ms. Nivetha M, Junior associate, Nanjundapuram branch, Coimbatore, who was recruited under Sports Quota during 2025 won 2nd place in the Tamilnadu CM Trophy State Level Badminton Tournament, and a cash prize of ₹75,000 for her remarkable performance. She also participated in Mangalore India International Challenge 2025 and Telangana India International Challenge 2025.

WHERE SERENITY MEETS DIVINITY :SREE ARDHANAREESWARA TEMPLE

Sree Ardhanareeswara Temple situated at Arakkumparamba, Kerala, is surrounded by water for 365 days, called Jalavasam. The idol of the main deity of the temple is believed to have emerged there on its own. It may be noted that two stones have blended together as one to form the idol.

Photo by Premkumar
Vice President
Sub-Office Salem



BE VIGILANT

One NRI Home Loan of ₹95.00 Lakhs (for property purchase) sourced by SSL was submitted on 28.09.2025 along with legal & valuation reports to HLC Coimbatore North Branch.

Customer from Kozhikode, Kerala, claimed to be employed with M/s Transguard, Dubai.

Customer submitted: Passport

Embassy-attested employment letter (10.06.2025)

Payslips (June-Aug 2025)

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Asked to verify employment via hr@transguard-group.com

Employment confirmation was initially received from that mail ID.

However, on detailed scrutiny:

Account statement found edited

Whois.com check showed hr@transguard-group.com created only on 23.09.2025

Official HR mail (as per LinkedIn) is hr@transguardgroup.com they confirmed he is no longer employed

Passport shows last entry to India in June 2025, with no further exit stamp

Excellent vigilance and timely detection by the team prevented a potential fraud. Kudos to all involved for the alertness and due diligence shown.

GUEST HOUSE FACILITIES FOR MEMBERS AT TRICHY AND CHENNAI

Our Union is having a guest house in Trichy, Tamilnadu.

SBSU (CC) Com SP RAMAN GUEST HOUSE

FLAT NO 109&110,

OXINA CASTLE, KAMALA NIKETAN SCHOOL ROAD, TIRUCHIRAPALLI 620 001 (Land Mark behind Ayyappa Temple)

RENT:

UNION MEMBER 600/= PER DAY

OTHERS 750/=PER DAY

For booking contact: General secretary @

Mobile: 9444412040 (or)

sbsugeneral@mail.com

SBI Staff Co-operative Society Ltd., Chennai is having a guest house at Chennai

Com. T. E. BALASUBRAMANIAM GUEST HOUSE

HELIOS

Flat No 2B Second Floor

Old No. 111- New No.22 B B Road, Perambur Chennai 11

RENT:

MEMBER 750/-

OTHERS. 1000/-

For booking contact: sbisocx342@gmail.com



HOLIDAY HOME AT OOTY AND KODAIKANAL

Our circle has 8 holiday - cum- convalescent home facilities at Chennai, Vellore, Velankanni, Madurai, Rameshwaram, Kanyakumari, Ooty, and Kodaikanal. Recently, the holiday homes in Ooty and Kodaikanal were closed due to lack of facilities. Due to the persistent efforts of our union, we are glad to inform you that our Corporate Centre has accorded permission for opening new Holiday Homes at Kodaikanal with 7 rooms and at Ooty with 6 rooms. HRMS online booking will be enabled from 1st December 2025. Till such time, members may contact CWC Secretary Com. Raghunathan at mobile: 9444441491 for bookings. We request everyone to make use of this facility. We are also happy to announce that the Holiday Home at Kumbakonam will be commencing shortly.



Hotel Vgrand

130, Shoram Palace Road,
Ooty, Tamilnadu - 643001.

Nachiappa Palaniappa Grand Inn

No.45, Convent Road, Kodaikanal,
Tamilnadu - 624101.

GROUP INSURANCE IHLS

Members who have availed housing loan under IHLS may verify coverage of their loan outstanding under group insurance scheme

List of accounts available in SBI Times site.

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