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ELDERS' MEET AT COIMBATORE

"The best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person"

History is a great teacher, and it inspires people especially when the past is considered as a golden era. Remembering the stalwarts and paying our rich tributes to their sacrifices in building the great edifice of our Association is our duty. It is also an occasion to learn and get inspired.

Elders meet was first held in the year 1993. It was started as a thanksgiving function to our elders who has sacrificed their day and night for building this glorious edifice. Every year it was held only at Chennai. Elders across the state travelled to Chennai for attending the meet. To reduce the hardship faced by the elders to travel all the way to Chennai, our "Member Centric" General Secretary Com.G.Selvaraj has announced that Elders Meet will be held at all Modules viz., Coimbatore, Trichy, Madurai, Salem and Chennai. The announcement has created a jubilant mood among the elders. To commemorate the Silver Jubilee year of Elders Meet and to show our gratitude, **the first ever module wise and 25th Silver Jubilee Elders' meet**, was conducted in a grand manner at SBOA School Auditorium, Coimbatore on 08th July 2018.



Our gratitude towards our elders began with a medical camp by SRC Lab, Coimbatore. The tests conducted were for BP, Fasting Sugar and Lipid Profile. Many elders have underwent the medical tests.



The meeting commenced with a prayer song and the dais was adorned with both past and present office bearers of our great organization. More than 150 Pensioners and 50 youth comrades participated in the meet.

A classical Bharathanatyam dance by Ms.Sowbarnika and a brilliant performance by our SBOA School students emphasizing the importance of agriculture set the tone for the day. All the participants of the meet were overwhelmed by the performance. The enthusiasm and energy felt in the meeting hall created a doubt in the minds of all whether it's an elders' meet or a youth conference.

Two documentaries on SBIOACC narrating the history of our Circle association and the sacrifice made by the forefathers of our Mighty Association were screened. The documentary paid rich tributes to all the past Regional Secretaries of

Coimbatore Module and the General Secretaries of our Circle Association. The documentary also recounted various struggles and the innovative initiatives made by our veterans for the improvement of members' welfare.

Com. Mohanan, DRS, Coimbatore module delivered welcome address. In his address, he praised the efforts of all former office bearers including zonal secretaries. His warm welcome speech literally changed the atmosphere into exuberant one. The Presidential address was delivered by our beloved President Com.R.Balaji. He touched upon the issue of pension revision during bipartite settlement which is a major concern of all the elders. His speech clearly manifested the fact that our motherly organization is very much concerned about the issues of pensioners.

The Chief Guest Dr. V.Rajesh Babu, M.S., M.CH, Ganga hospitals, Coimbatore spoke about various health issues, in particular Neurology. The Presentation given by him was greatly perceived by the elders.

All the former office bearers spoke on the occasion. Com.K.Parthasarathy, Former GS, SBIOACC, Com.D.T.Franco, Former GS, AIBOC & SBIOACC, Com.A.Krishnan, Former President, SBIOACC, Com.M.Arunachalam, Com.N.Shanmugam, Com.M.Rajamanickam, all former Regional Secretaries of Coimbatore Module also spoke.

Special Address was delivered by Com S.Saravanamuthu, GS, SBI Pensioners Association. He thanked our beloved G.S Com G.Selvaraj for conducting Ist ever module wise elders meet.

With a thunderous reception from the elders, our member centric and dynamic GS Com G.Selvaraj delivered his speech. He acknowledged the various efforts taken by our forefathers to make the Association flag fly high.

He also announced various benefits to our beloved elders.

- Simultaneous Pension revision with wage revision and he assured to take up the issue with the Federation.
- Rent free accommodation for all Former Officer Bearers in our Association Guest houses.
- Requesting Management to post full time Doctors at Dispensaries. Ensuring availability of all medicines in dispensaries.
- Liaison with LHO to offer proper and recognizable service to the pensioners at all our branches.
- Demand the management for provision of dispensaries at all big centres, failing which the association is ready to look out the possibilities of starting the dispensaries at those centres.

All the former Office Bearers were garlanded and presented with a memento by our profound leader Com G.Selvaraj along with our President Com R.Balaji, as a mark of respect. All our elders who participated in the meet were presented with a gift hamper.

Com. Rajavelu, RS(Elect) of Coimbatore Module, has proposed vote of thanks.

It has been decided that similar Elders meet will be held at the following centres:

Salem - **22-07-2018**

Trichy - **29-07-2018**

Madurai - **05-08-2018**

Chennai - **12-08-2018**

Having filled with loads of joy in the hearts, a sumptuous lunch was arranged for our elders.

“If you don’t know history, then you don’t know anything. You are a leaf that doesn’t know it is part of tree – Michael Crichton”

The Elders meet has created an insight in the minds of our Youth Comrades who learnt about the history of our Association and the struggles and sacrifice made by our elders for the betterment of today. The delight in the eyes of the elders proved one thing that this mighty organization is in safe hands and will continue to prove its mettle in the days to come.

Yours faithfully,



(G SELVARAJ)
GENERAL SECRETARY