



# State Bank of India Officers' Association Chennai Circle



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**“Unity is strength... when there is  
teamwork and collaboration, wonderful  
things can be achieved.”  
– Mattie Stepanek**



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Dear Comrade,

I am delighted to reach out to all our esteemed members through this edition of our monthly e-Bulletin. As we move through the month of February 2026, it gives me immense satisfaction to reflect upon the collective strength, commitment, and unity demonstrated by our members across the circle.

The banking sector today is passing through a phase of rapid transformation with increasing expectations, technological advancements, and ever-growing customer demands. In such a dynamic environment, the role played by officers becomes extremely crucial in safeguarding the interests of the Bank while simultaneously delivering quality service to our customers. Despite the challenges such as staff shortage, mounting business targets, and operational pressures, our officers continue to perform with dedication and professionalism. Your unwavering commitment remains the backbone of our organization.

At the same time, it is important that we strictly adhere to the systems, procedures, and guidelines laid down by the Bank. Ethical banking practices, compliance with SOPs, and responsible decision making are essential not only for the growth of the institution but also for protecting ourselves from avoidable complications. Let us all reaffirm our commitment to responsible banking and ensure that every action we take reflects the highest standards of integrity and professionalism.

On the organizational front, the month of February witnessed several vibrant activities across our circle. Various Regional discussions, branch visits, Sports Meet and interactions with officers were organized in different modules which helped us understand the concerns of our members at the grassroots level. Such interactions strengthen the bond between the association and the membership and help us represent your issues more effectively before the appropriate forums.

Our association continues to take up important matters concerning officers' welfare with the appropriate authorities at circle level and through our Federation at Apex Level. Issues relating to working conditions, staff strength, career progression, and improvement in various benefits remain under constant follow-up. We assure our members that every legitimate concern will be pursued with sincerity and determination.

While we strive for excellence in our professional responsibilities, I would also like to remind all our members about the importance of maintaining a healthy work-life balance. The demanding nature of our profession often leaves very little time for personal life. However, taking care of our health, spending quality time with family, and nurturing personal well-being are equally important for sustained performance and happiness.

Comrades, the strength of our association lies in the unity and active participation of its members. Let us continue to stand together with the same spirit of solidarity, supporting one another and working collectively for the welfare of our fraternity and the progress of our beloved institution.

Let us march forward with renewed energy, confidence, and unity.

Comradely Yours,

A.Senthil Ramesh  
General Secretary

## AISBOF - EC Meeting

The 2nd EC Meeting of the 30th Executive Committee of AISBOF was held at Mumbai on 01.02.2026. Representatives from our Chennai Circle actively participated in the meeting under the able leadership of our Dynamic General Secretary, Com. A. Senthil Ramesh.



## Area Meeting

The Palani Cluster Meeting was conducted successfully with the participation of above 30 members from Palani cluster branches. The meeting was presided over by Chief Manager, Palani Branch, Com. Prem Kumar.

As an initiative and continuous guidance of our member-centric General Secretary, Com. Senthil Ramesh, whose efforts to strengthen member connect and field-level interaction made this meeting meaningful and productive.

Regional Secretary Com. Gurunathan, along with module office bearers addressed the gathering and clarified various queries raised by members.

Key points discussed included:

- 5 Day Banking
- \* PLI disparity issues
- \* Login and logoff time concerns
- \* Adherence to SOP guidelines
- \* ATM/ADWM operational issues
- \* Holiday working concerns
- \* Importance of password secrecy.
- \* Importance of proper VVR checking and compliance
- \* Maintaining health, ensuring family time, and focusing on self-development
- \* Coming together and actively participating in Association activities.



The active participation and constructive interaction of comrades made the meeting meaningful and productive.



## Branch Visits

Branch visits for the Tiruvannamalai Zone were completed by Zonal Secretary Com. Nakkeeran during February 2026.

These visits aimed to engage directly with the members, understand their concerns, and strengthen communication between the Association and branch units. Such interactions help in addressing issues promptly, fostering better workplace relationships, and ensuring that members feel supported and valued.

## Sports Meet

Sports meet were successfully conducted at all modules with great enthusiasm and participation from members with their family members. The event brought together colleagues in a spirit of sportsmanship, teamwork, and camaraderie. A variety of indoor and outdoor games were organized, and members actively participated, showcasing their talents and competitive spirit. The event provided a refreshing break from routine work and strengthened the bond among the banking fraternity.

The Association congratulates all the winners and participants for their excellent performance and sincere participation. We also extend our appreciation to the organizing committee and volunteers whose dedicated efforts ensured the smooth and successful conduct of the event.

Such events continue to promote unity, wellness, and fellowship among our members, and we look forward to organizing many more engaging activities in the future.

## Salem Module

The 6th Annual Sports Meet of SBIOA(CC), Salem was held at SBOA PUBLIC SCHOOL on 22/02/2026. It was inaugurated by Com. Pruthwiraj Sethi, Regional Manager - Reg-1. The occasion was graced by our Beloved General Secretary, Com.A.Senthil Ramesh and module office bearers .

We are extremely humbled by the huge turnout of our comrades along with their family, thereby creating an atmosphere of camaraderie, excitement & festivity.



## Madurai Module

The 14th Annual Sports Meet of the Madurai Module was inaugurated by Deputy General Secretary Comrade Senthil Kumar S on 8 February 2026.

Comrade Vimaladevi GM, Deputy Treasurer, Comrade Ganapathy G, Regional Secretary, and module office bearers participated in the event.

Shri Amit Ranjan, DGM B&O, Madurai Module, also spent some time at the event. More than 115 members participated in the sports meet along with their families.

The final day sports meet of Madurai module was inaugurated on 01.03.2026 by our General secretary Com.A.Senthil Ramesh. Members participated in large numbers with their family members.



## Madurai Module- Tirunelveli

The sports meet was conducted at our St.Xavier's school, Tirunelveli on 14th February 2026 for the members of Tirunelveli, Tuticorin and Kanyakumari Zones. Our Vice President Comrade Lazer Jeya Prakash inaugurated the event.

Shri.Alwin Martin Joseph was the chief guest. Regional Secretary Comrade Ganapathy G and module office bearers were present in the meet.

More than 110 members along with the family participated and enjoyed the sports activities.



## Tiruchirapalli Module

Annual sports meet was successfully conducted on 08.02.2026 at Trichy with the enthusiastic participation of nearly 200 members. Throughout the day, comrades along with their family members were actively engaged in various fun-filled sports activities organised at our SBIOA School, Trichy.

The programme was inaugurated by Com. Vellappan, RM of R1 Trichy, along with Com. Shankara Subramanian, AGM AO Trichy, and Com. Anbarasu, DGS, in the august presence of Trichy Module office bearers and members. Our beloved DGM, Com. Atul Priyadarshi, graciously joined us for the closing ceremony and expressed his happiness at being part of such vibrant association activities. Gifts were distributed to all the children, and the day concluded on a joyful note, leaving everyone with a sense of great satisfaction and togetherness.



## Tiruchirapalli Module- Nagapatnam Zone

Our Association organised a “Happy Sunday” games event for the Nagapattinam Zone on 22.02.2026 at the Heritage Building. The campus, which was earlier overgrown with bushes, was cleaned and levelled with the support of Com.Suryanarayanan (RM), Com.Bharathi(CM, AMCC), and Com.Vinoth Babu(CM, RACPC).

A total of 135 participants including officers, spouses, children and support staff from across the four districts of our zone enthusiastically took part in games such as Volleyball, Tennikoit, Musical Chairs, Lemon & Spoon Race, Tug of War and other fun activities. Prizes were distributed to the winners. The event was well appreciated and many members requested that such activities be organised regularly in our zone.



## Dearness Allowance – FEB TO APR 26

The Index Numbers for the quarter ended upto December 2025 are as under:

DA Payable for the months - Feb 26 to Apr 26	
Index for Months:	Index as per 2016 series
Oct 25	147.70
Nov 25	148.20
Dec 25	148.20
<b>Average</b>	<b>148.03</b>
New DA Rate (over 123.03)	<b>25%</b>
DA Rate for Previous Quarter	23.93%
Increase	<b>1.07%</b>

Dearness Allowance is payable to Officers is 25% slabs with effect from 01.02.2026.

## DEARNESS ALLOWANCE -Pensioners

DA for Pensioners - Feb 26 to July 26			
Retired between	Slabs As on Feb 26	Per Slab	DA Payable
Before 01.11.92	2282.88	0.67	1529.53%
01.11.92-31.03.98	2145.88	0.35	751.06%
01.04.98-31.10.02	2012.13	0.24	482.91%
01.11.02-31.10.07	1860.88	0.18	334.96%
01.11.07-31.10.12	1723.88	0.15	258.58%
01.11.12-31.10.17	1322.88	0.10	132.29%
01.11.17-31.10.22	844.88	0.07	59.14%
01.11.22 onwards	25.00	-	25.00%

## JIBO- Online Interaction

We are delighted to share that the Online Interaction for JIBO aspirants, held on 28.02.2026 was a grand success. More than 100 participants joined the session and gained valuable insights regarding the assignments and preparation strategy.

The interaction effectively cleared many doubts in the minds of the aspirants, and participants expressed that they felt more confident and motivated after the session.

All participants conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to the Association for this thoughtful initiative spearheaded by our Vibrant General Secretary Com. A. Senthil Ramesh. We place on record our sincere thanks to our esteemed faculty members Mr. Rajeesh and Mr. Ganesh Prasad for sharing their expertise and making the session highly informative and engaging. We also appreciate the enthusiastic participation of all members who joined the program.

We are happy to announce that SBIOA CC will continue to organize such developmental programs for the benefit of our members. The valuable feedback and suggestions from members will help us plan many more impactful initiatives in the days to come.

## Inter Module Transfer (IMT)

Under the proactive and member-centric leadership of Com.A. Senthil Ramesh, General Secretary, a dedicated link has been placed on the SBIOA CC website to capture the Inter-Module Transfer preferences of willing members.

This collective data will empower the leadership with concrete inputs for focused analysis and stronger negotiations, ensuring that Inter-Module Transfers are pursued in the true spirit of members' welfare and organisational justice.

## Recruitments / Selections during Feb 26

Faculty Position (SBILD) - SMGS IV

Business Analyst - MMGS II & MMGS III

Credit Officer - MMGS III, SMGS IV & V

### Badge Wearing Program - 09.02.2026

In solidarity with the nationwide struggle of Central Trade Unions against the retrograde Labour Codes and anti-worker policies, all seven major bank unions called for a Badge Wearing Programme. Our members across the circle participated with great enthusiasm, expressing their strong unity and commitment to safeguarding workers' rights.



### Executive Health Check-up

The first-ever Executive Health Check-up Programme was successfully organised on 08.02.2026 at Amudham Hospital, Tiruvannamalai, for the officers of our Tiruvannamalai Zone.



### Mandatory Learning

After our repeated request through the Federation, the last date for completion of Mandatory Learning, wherein dis-incentive will be effected has been extended to 28th February. Our circle, under the instructions of our General Secretary Com.A Senthil Ramesh contacted the members individually to ensure 100% compliance.

### Scholarship - 2025-26

After our repeated request through the Federation, the last date to apply/ approve scholarship requests was extended to 10.02.2026. Later as a one-time option, the module was again reopened to approve the pending requests on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28.02.2026.

## Circle Negotiation Council Meeting

Through meaningful discussions, potential conflicts can be resolved amicably, leading to improved industrial relations and workplace harmony. Regular engagement ensures that policies and changes are communicated effectively while giving employees a voice in matters that affect them.

As such the Circle level meeting (CNC) was held on 12.02.2026. The Chief General Manager Mr.Vivekananda Choubey presided the meeting along with the General Managers of Network I & II. CDO, AGM (HR), CM (IR) and other circle functionaries represented in the meeting with the module DGMs & CM (HRs). Our General Secretary Com.A.Senthil Ramesh led the team of Association along with the circle & module office bearers. Several pending matters and issues affecting members were comprehensively reviewed, and suitable decisions were taken to address them effectively.



## Regional Negotiation Council Meeting.

Regular meetings between the module management and Associations play a vital role in maintaining a healthy and productive work environment. These interactions provide a platform for open dialogue, allowing both sides to discuss workplace issues, employee welfare, productivity, and organizational goals.

### Chennai - North



RNC MEETING for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025-26 was conducted on 10/02/2026 for Chennai (North) Module. The meeting was presided over by the Module DGM (B&O), Shri. Benudhar Parhi and attended by All Regional Managers, CM HR and HR Managers along with our Regional Secretary Com. Ravikumar J and other module office Bearers

### Chennai South Module

The Regional Negotiating Council (RNC) Meeting was successfully held on 10.02.2026 at AO Chennai South. The meeting was presided over by the Deputy General Manager (B&O) along with the Regional Managers, CM (HR), and Manager HRs.

The Regional Secretary, Com. V. Saravananaraja, along with the module office bearers, represented the association and presented members' issues. The concerns raised were taken up as agenda points and discussed in a constructive and encouraging manner.



### Coimbatore Module

The RNC meeting of the Coimbatore Module was held on 24.02.2026. Members' issues were deliberated, and the module HR team and Controllers responded positively to resolve them at the earliest. Com. M Murugesan, Regional Secretary, was felicitated by DGM(B&O) Coimbatore during the RNC meet on account of his retirement.



### Inter Module Cricket Tournament

As part of celebrating our 60th Foundation Day, cricket tournaments were organized across all modules in the Circle during August 2025 at Chennai. All the modules participated with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. After the preliminary rounds, the Chennai South Module Team and the Trichy Module Team have successfully qualified for the finals. The grand finale is scheduled to be held on 14.03.2026.



## SCHEME FOR PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL FURNITURE AND FIXTURES TO EXECUTIVES /OFFICERS INTEGRATION OF APPLICATION, REIMBURSEMENT AND MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONALITIES OF FURNITURE AND FIXTURES IN HRMS

Ref : (Circular No.: CDO/P&HRD-PM/49/2025- 26 Date: Wed 4 Feb 2026 )

### THROUGH HRMS PORTAL

The scheme of availing advance, reimbursement of bills has been facilitated through online mode via HRMS portal.

The online portal comprises of 3 modules as below.

#### 01. PARENT CIRCLE MAINTENANCE

This is an one time exercise to update the circle of posting as an officer. The concerned official has to apply, recommended and approved by the appropriate authority as available in HRMS.

#### 02. F&F ADVANCE AMOUNT MANAGEMENT

An official if desires to avail advance, can apply through this menu. On approval, the advance amount is credited to salary account. In such case, bills should be submitted within 1 month. If the official desires to purchase from own funds, reimbursement is allowed up to 3 months.

#### 03. F&F BILL REIMBURSEMENT MANAGEMENT.

Request shall be submitted in chronological order of bill date. On approval, the eligible amount is credited to the account after reversal of advance amount if any.

Manual requests has been discontinued (except pending cases)

At present, applications for advance payment, submission of bills for purchased furniture & fixtures, approval and reimbursement are processed manually, through iFAMS application., To ensure enhanced operational effectiveness, improved compliance and reduced manual intervention, the Competent Authority has accorded approval for the integration of iFAMS with HRMS platform.

Path :  
HRMS - Help Desk -  
Create New Ticket -  
Claim/ Reimbursement -  
Furniture Fixtures - Create Tkt -  
Upload screenshot, Fillin the  
required data & submit.

### Branch Inauguration

Ambasamudram Branch was inaugurated by Mr. Joby Jose, General Manager NW II, on 21.02.2026 in the presence of the Deputy General Manager and Regional Manager.

Our Zonal Secretary Com. Paul Robert welcomed the guests and greeted the Branch Manager, Com. Natarajan, along with the members.



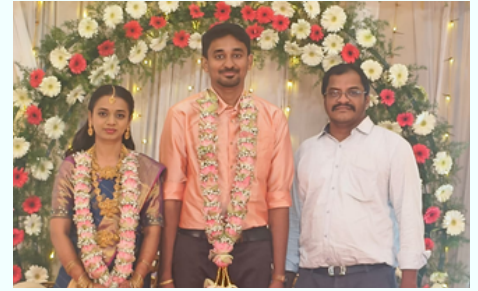
**Wedding Bells**



Marriage of Com. Rajeshkanna R, Deputy Manager, Dharmapuri Branch.



Wedding Reception of Com. Mr. R Mohan Kumar, Asst. Manager



Marriage reception of Com. K. Gowrishankar ( Assistant Manager, Krishnagiri Branch)



Com. S. Gayathri (Deputy Manager, RBO Tiruvannamalai) married Com. K. Meiazhagan (PO, ACB Villupuram)



Wedding Reception of Mrs. G Karpaga jothi D/o Com. Mrs. S K Latha, LHO



Wedding Reception of Mrs. G Ramaya D/o Com. Mr. Ganesh Mani K P



Vishwa J, Assistant Manager, Commercial Branch Madurai married Sathmiga P



Wedding Reception of Com. Mr. R Mohan Kumar, Asst. Manager



Marriage Reception of Com. N. Kamalapriya, Assistant Manager, Ranipet Branch, in Tiruvannamalai.

**Retirements - February 2026**

SL		NAME	MONTH	BRANCH	DESIGNATION
1	7221614	SHANKAR B BALASUBRAMANIAN	Feb-26	SME KUMBAKONAM	ASST MANAGER
2	4584406	RADHIKA R	Feb-26	LHO CHENNAI	AGM
3	4166310	SRINIVAS MURTHY	Feb-26	CAC COIMBATORE	MANAGER
4	3234800	MURUGESAN M	Feb-26	RACPC COIMBATORE	DEPUTY MANAGER

SBIOA (CC) wishes them a wonderful journey ahead filled with happiness, relaxation, and cherished moments.

## Cultural Wing - Coimbatore

The Cultural Wing of the Coimbatore Module organized a one-day trip to Kanthaloor on 08.02.2026, in which more than 180 comrades and their family members participated.

The trip was a delightful experience, taking us through the scenic beauty of Marayoor and Kanthaloor.

From a refreshing dip in waterfalls to the thrill of the zip line and an adventurous off-road trip at Murugan Malai, the day was truly memorable.



## AIBOC -Tamil Nadu State Unit



As part of the ongoing agitational programme launched by IOBOA, on behalf of AIBOC State Secretary Com.Ravikumar J addressing the gathering who's holding a demonstration on 23/02/2026 in front of IOB, Aminjikai Branch, Chennai

## Obituary

Com. S.Logeshwaran, AM, SMEC Salem (Husband of Com.Vidyasri, AM, Idappadi Branch) lost his life in a car accident near Tirupur on 26.01.2026.

## Bereavement

Com.K.Chandrasekaran (ACB Polur) lost his father Mr.J.Kuppusamy on 10.02.2026

Com. Subramanian V, Manager, HLC Tirunelveli lost his mother on 23.02.2026.

Com. Durga, TO, CB Coimbatore lost her mother Smt Jeyakodi on 03.02.2026.

Com. Balachandran, Assistant Manager, LIB Chennai, lost his father on 17.02.2026.

Com .Lazer Jeyaprakash, CCPC, lost his mother Mrs Mary Alice on 20.02.2026.

Com Mr. Arunachalam, lost his father Mr Meiyappan on 22.02.2026.

***“May the departed soul rest in eternal peace. May the Almighty give strength to the bereaved family members to overcome this irreparable loss.”***

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