

# State Banks' Staff Union (Kerala Circle)

(Affiliated to All India State Bank of India Staff Federation)

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Circular No.03/21  
To All Unit Secretaries



State Bank of India  
Local Head Office  
Poojappura  
Thiruvananthapuram-695 012  
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Dear Comrade,

## Com. A. Raghavan

Com. A. Raghavan, the accredited leader of our Union, has laid down his office as General Secretary of SBSU (KC) on 30.04.2021.

He was born on 4th April 1961 to Shri. A. P.Govindan and Smt.A.P.Kalyani. He hails from Chokli Village, in Kannur District. He did his schooling from Olavilam U P School and Ramavilasam High School. After acquiring graduation in Chemistry from Government Brennen College, Thalasserry, he joined the Bank's service on 17.06.1981.

On his transfer to Thalasserry Branch in 1983, he was moulded to the trade union activities by Com. K. Raja Kurup, the Unit Secretary at that time. Soon he was inducted as Unit Secretary of Thalasserry Branch.

When the APG Trade Union Institute was formed in 2008, he has been brought to deliver classes in various zones because of his presentation skills. He is a voracious reader and a wonderful orator who has put a lot of hard work to impart knowledge among the young generation about trade union history and made them aware about the changes occurring in economic and banking industry.

In 2009, Com. Raghavan became the Asst. General Secretary of Kannur Zone. When a new module was formed at Kozhikode in 2013 and on retirement of Com. A.P. Ravindran, he was chosen to become the Deputy General Secretary of Kozhikode Module.

In the 7<sup>th</sup> General Council of SBSU(KC) held at Tagore Theatre, Thiruvananthapuram held on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2018 Com.A.Raghavan was elected as the General Secretary of SBSU (KC). His tenure as General Secretary was the toughest journey both in terms of reviving the trade union activities and also for gathering more memberships to enable SBSU (KC) to sustain as the largest trade union in SBI, Thiruvananthapuram Circle.

His contributions both towards the Bank's growth as well as the welfare of the employees are innumerable. The more his responsibilities grew, the harder and longer

he worked. Com.A Raghavan has strained every nerve to gear up the rank and file to trade union line and for their eventual accomplishments.

His discipline, hard work and intelligent mind backed by a steadfast commitment to the cause of his comrades have enabled him to scale formidable peaks. The touching fact remains that he always showed much concern for the members in the lower cadres. The pertinent questions that he raises at the right platforms have brought plenty of applause from his fellow comrades. He is a person of both, unassuming simplicity and humanity, which have won the hearts of all. He practiced what he preached and that made him a good leader. He is persistent, honest and never feared to speak/face the truth. Naturally he has turned out to be called by everyone as 'Raghavettan'.

Com. Raghavan's another landmark achievement is that he has been hailed by both the management and the employees. While turning the pages of history in his journey so far, one can find that Com.A.Raghavan has been responsible and instrumental in rejuvenating our units and tried to made all of them more vibrant by his interventions during APG Trade Union camps and various other organisational programmes. He worked with them, guided and nurtured them.

The last 39 years and 10 months and 14 days of Yeomen Trade Union service is his GREATEST CAPITAL and ASSET. One could talk to him or argue with him for hours as an EQUALS. In meetings, he listens to criticisms with a simple smile and never explodes but gives clarifications to the finest level. While replying to discussions, his words are measured, balanced and provoked none.

He is happily married to Smt. K. Bindu, a teacher. His elder daughter Gayathri.R. is a Civil Engineer and is married to Shri.Jithin from IT field and his son Gautham.R is working as an Electrical Engineer.

We take this opportunity to sincerely acknowledge the great services of Com.A. Raghvan to our might organization and its members. State Banks' Staff Union (Kerala Circle) wish him an active, healthy and happy superannuation.

Yours comradely,



(Philip Koshy)  
General Secretary

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