

Strike call not Justified: SBT management

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State Bank of Travancore (SBT) has said that the strike call given out by its staff and those of other SBI associate banks on Friday is 'not justified.'

The All-India Bank Employees Association, of which State Sector Banks Employees Association of associate banks is an affiliate, has given the strike call.

The main point of contention is the career progression scheme for clerical staff in SBI that is sought to be replicated in associate banks and its service conditions.

Despite several rounds of bilateral discussions, the association remains opposed to the scheme which, according to the management, would not only empower the staff but also improve customer service.

The scheme is optional for the employees and has been in force in SBI since 2009. It has been well received and is also accompanied by substantial monetary benefits to the employees.

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