

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY, OBASSG

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Institute, Narengi Cantonment, Guwahati*

A very Good Morning to one and all present today. Honorable Chair of today's meeting, Chief Guest of today's meeting, respected guest of honour; esteemed EC members of OBASSG; respected life members, members and guests. I extend my heartiest welcome to you all to the 24th AGM of OBASSG. I hope that we shall all be having a very fruitful and fulfilling day.

I am grateful to each and every esteemed OBASSG member for having trusted this EC two years ago and bestowing the responsibility of the organization for the last two years. This report tries to capture the gist of all the events and activities that OBASSG undertook during the last year.

Hereby, I would take the opportunity to thank each and every member of team EC for their excellent efforts, sincere hard work and dedicated focus. If we have achieved any success, it is actually because of the good work done by each one the team and the credit goes to all of the team members! I congratulate all of them for the excellent efforts. However, wherever we could not achieve as per expectations, I am to be blamed for it and I own the entire responsibility for them!

In the last year, since the 24th AGM on 26 November 2022, the Executive Committee met 13 times, 10 physically and thrice virtually to plan and discuss issues, events and activities of the association. Moreover, members have been regularly meeting



and interacting informally, many a times, at different places to discuss ways to take OBASSG and our Alma Mater forward. I must admit that many of the non-EC members also took the pain to be part of those interactions thereby contributing immensely. During this period, a few activities and events were planned and organized by OBASSG. I would like to record some of them here, as below:

1. OBASSG SILVER JUBILEE AGM Cycle Rally on 19th of March 2023 at Khanapara, Guwahati: Titled "Pedaling Towards a Greener Future: Join the Sustainable Transportation Revolution", OBASSG kick started its Silver Jubilee AGM Celebrations with the cycle rally themed "Pedaling Towards a Greener Future: Join the Sustainable Transportation Revolution." This event was conducted to promote sustainable transportation options and raise awareness about the environmental impact of using fossil fuels for transportation.
2. Celebration of Republic Day: OBASSG celebrated Republic Day by hoisting the national tricolor at Catholic Cathedral premises, Rukminigaon on 26th January, 2023. Around 35 OBASSG members were present to mark the occasion.
3. Blood Donation at Various Places on 15th August, 2023: The 77th Independence Day of our nation was celebrated by OBASSG by organising Voluntary Blood Donation Camps at Seven places (Guwahati, Dhemaji, Nalbari, Tezpur, Goalpara, Sivsagar and Jorhat) in the state simulta-

neously. A combined total of 201 units of blood from 7 locations were donated during the drive.

4. Entrepreneurship, Career Counselling, Career Development, Social Awareness and Motivational Programs: OBASSG on its own and in association with MSME Development Institute have conducted about 10 such programs across the state during the past tenure.

5. Late Manash Borah Memorial Debating Competition: The prestigious Manash Borah Memorial North East Inter Institutional Debating Competition was once again organized this year on 31 May 2023. Around 32 participants from various colleges and universities across the region participated in the debating competition on the topic - "The Benefits of Artificial Intelligence Outweigh the Potential Risks to Humanity".

6. BDS Sadhyam Half Marathon: This was organised successfully on Sunday 29 October 2023. The 21 km half marathon was organized in the competitive category for both men and women categories separately. A fun run (5 kms.) for enthusiasts was also held on the side lines. Altogether more than 250 runners took part in the event, of which, 183 took part in the 21 km half marathon. A total prize money of Rs. 2 lakh was given to the winning participants, with the prize money being equally divided among male and female runners. While the first six prizes in each category was 40,000/-, 20,000/-, 10,000/-, 5,000/-, 4,000/- and 3,000/- respectively, contestants of the half marathon,

placed in positions 7th to 15th, were also awarded 2,000/- each, apart from medals. The participants of fun run, who could complete the distance of 5km, were also given medals. The title sponsor of the event was Barman Diabetes Specialties, a leading diabetic clinic of Guwahati while the associate sponsors were Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC), State Bank of India (SBI), and Mahanadi Coal Fields (MCL). The event partners were DY 3665 and 93.5 Red FM.

7. 59th School Raising Day: We all are extended family members, courtesy SSG! As such, it holds a special place in our hearts and may be because of this School Raising Day is considered a very special day by all of us. Since last some years, school authorities decided to hold OBA Meet with a congregation of old boys and their families by the authorities at SSG on special day. However, due to Covid pandemic, the event wasn't hosted by SSG. But this year, when it started again, we could witness a huge turnout of old boys at the school on the 12th November, 2023. The day is special for OBASSG for another reason also, OBASSG formally presents few scholarships / prizes to some outstanding achievers of the school, instituted by members of OBASSG in memory of their family members. We are thankful to Mr. Loken Das da, OBASSG life member, for instituting 'Nagendra Chandra Das memorial scholarship' to be given every year to the topper of SSG entrance Examination from vernacular

medium background. We are thankful to 1993-2000 batch for awarding another scholarship along with Mridul Kalita Trophy) to the student bagging highest marks in the school in PCM at AISSE, Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Ananta Bhuyan da for awarding a scholarship to the topper from the school at AISSCE and Mr. Porag Saikia and family for awarding "Late Pranab Jyoti Saikia Award" to the Best Athlete. Making this year's raising day special, the 1991-98 batch presented equipment and machineries and have set-up a Robotic and AI Lab in the school. My sincere thanks and gratitude to all the members of the said batch. This kind of gestures certainly is expected from every batch, undoubtedly.

8. Prashnam, the open quiz: Open Prize Money Quiz Competition was successfully organized on 19 November 2022 at GMCH Auditorium, Guwahati. The competition was organized and presented by Old Boys Association, Sainik School Goalpara (OBASSG) with support from NRL, SBI, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, IKI Air Fresheners. The competition was ably conducted by Quizmaster Dr. Upakul Sarmah, a well-known name in the quizzing circles and currently the Deputy Registrar of TISS. Altogether around 70 teams from various parts of the state took part in the Prelims. There was a total of Rs. 1,00,001/- as Prize Money on offer with Rs. 35,000/-, Rs.25,000/- and Rs.20,000/- for the first three teams and Rs.7,000/- each for the losing finalists. Besides there were trophies,



Medals and gift hampers for the finalists. The audience also had a great time grabbing attractive gifts. The entire event was hosted by Dr. Abhigyan Prasad, the Organising Secretary. I would like to thank each of our partners and associates for standing behind

like solid rock and making the event such an astounding success.

The total list of events which were conducted, as part of the celebration of Silver Jubilee AGM year, are given below for the information of all:

Day	Event Name	Event Type	Status
19 th March 2023	Cycle Rally	Open For all	Completed
15 th -25 th March 2023	Online Art Competition	Wards of Old Boys	Completed
08 th April 2023	Pre-Bihu Celebration	OBA members and Family at "Seneh", the Old Age Home, Kahilipara, Guwahati	Completed
15 th -25 th April 2023	Online Photography Competition	Wards of Old Boys	Completed
31 st May 2023	Manash Borah Memorial Debate Competition	Open For all	Completed
July, 2023	Entrepreneurship & Career awareness program (Theme: Productive Youth, Brighter Bharat)	Awareness campaign at Educational Institute (South Point School, Guwahati)	Completed
July, 2023	Awareness program on Sanitation, Hygiene and Entrepreneurship in Rural Assam	Hatigarh Tea Estate, Paneri, Udalguri	Completed
30 th July, 2023	Life Members Meet	Life Members of OBASSG (Chinmoy Mission, Six Mile)	Completed
15 August 2023	Blood Donation Camp	Open For all	Completed
9 th September, 2023	Get-together of Past EC members of OBASSG	All past EC Members of OBASSG (PWD Convention Centre, Dispur)	Completed
13 th September, 2023	Entrepreneurship Awareness Program	Morigaon H S School, Morigaon	Completed
24 th September, 2023	Social Plantation Programme Theme: More Trees Better Earth)	Balaji Mandir, N.H.37, Gorchuk	Completed
30 th September, 2023	Felicitation of Patrons of OBASSG	Sponsors, Partners & Supporting organizations	Completed
29 th October 2023	Sadhya Half Marathon	Open For all	Completed
18 th November 2023	Prashnam- The National Open Quiz	Open For all	Completed
25 th November 2023	OBASSG Annual General Meeting	OBA members and Family	Completed
25 th November 2023	OBASSG Silver Jubilee Celebration Cultural Night and Family Dinner	OBA members and Family	Scheduled and Prepared



Another achievement that this EC can be proud of is that the naming of the roads leading to SSG from Goalpara and from Dhudhnai as Sainik School Road-1 and Sainik School Road-2 respectively. Credit for this achievement is due to the team led by Brig. Ranjit Borthakur da. Thanks also to the PWD and the district administration, Goalpara and the local MLAs for their support and cooperation in this regard. Sincere and special thanks to Manipur Chapter for broaching the idea.

It gives me immense pride and honour to let you know that I was fortunate to have an able and highly supportive team at the EC to back me, support me and guide me in every step. As said earlier, there were many of our members, outside the EC too, who stood rock solid behind us in steps that we took. I wish to record my sincere gratitude and appreciation for all those esteemed members for the smooth conduct of events and programmes. I express my special gratitude to each of the executive committee members led by our Hon'ble President i/c Sachindra Das da and Brig. (Retd.) Ranjit Borthakur da, our Hon'ble President till few days ago. I would be failing in my duties if I do not thank Nripen Choudhury da, Lt. Gen. Rana Kalita Da, Anil Sarma da, Anowar Hussain Saikia da, Girija Kanta Barman da, Utpal Parashar, Masidur Islam da, Siddhartha Sankar Baruah da, Abhigyan Prasad, Kishori Medhi, Mridul Deka, Alakesh Barman, Muid Zaman, Mansh Gogoi, Diyu Bharali, Panchal Baruah, Pranab

Jyoti Barman, Dhriti Mohan Sarma, Deepjyoti Deka for constant support and for everything. I would also like to record our sincere thanks and appreciation for our various chapters and units for their activities during the period.

Outside the EC, special mention must be made for Satyendra Nath Kalita da, Diganta Gogoi da, Som Sankar Biswas da, Subhash Das da, Dr. Rajjyoti Das da, Mukul Saikia da, Jugal Bora da, Asif Reza Ali, Jayanta Goswami da, Bharadwaj Gogoi, Rupam Sarma, Anirban Choudhury, Devajit Kalita da, Tapash Ghosh, Biswajit Kakoti, Parag Saikia, Loken Das da, Maj. Gen. Ananta Bhuyan Da, Prasanta Choudhury da, Deep Roy and many others whose names I am not being able to re-collect at this moment. I extend my sincere apology to all of those friends and brothers. But one thing is certain that whatever we have achieved is because of the teams' efforts. The shortcomings, I feel there are many, are entirely mine. I would also like to express our sincere gratitude and hearty thanks to all our valued sponsors, partners and patrons. Special mention to Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Barman Diabetes Specialities (BDS), Mahandi Coalfields, DNPL, SBI, AGCL, Guwahati Refinery (IOCL), Assam Gas Company Pvt. Limited, NEDFI, Repose (SRD Group), The Assam Downtown University, GNRC, The Assam Tribune, DY365, Red FM, Oil India Limited, NRL, ARIZONA Sports Arena, IKI Air Fresheners, AERC et. all. I must also mention



about the support and hospitality received from the authorities and staff of Narengi Military Establishment and big thank you to them too.

Dear friends and brothers, with my association with OBASSG for so many years, I have realized that as the alumni association of Sainik School Goapara, the kind of reputation that school and its alumni have, we still have miles to cover and work even more harder. One hard fact which need to be thought about is, how do we bring the similar sort of bonding and camaraderie at the level of the association, which is therewithin batchmates? It's an irony that we have not been able to leverage this strength of bonding and camaraderie that we share among batchmates to the level of our association. Use of technology may a help in this regard and therefore, we now have implemented a new digital strategy in the form of revamped website, social media integration etc. to try and overcome physical barriers of distance and time. I would appeal everyone to exploit the features of websites, social media tools and other digital means to remain connected with each other, keep giving feedback on activities and works of OBASSG. All kinds of constructive criticism are most welcome and I assure on you all that we would accept such constructive suggestions with open mind and work on those.

As we all are aware that, Silver Jubilee of

OBASSG AGM would be celebrated in 2023 and the Diamond Jubilee of our alma Mater in 2024, as such I would appeal everyone to take active part in planning, deciding, supporting and executing of events and activities to celebrate both. If we want to make OBASSG stronger and sustainable, we need to deepen the bond, to bring more and more members on board and have larger participation.

Many a times, for all good work done are credited to the team EC of OBASSG, but I would like to openly confess that there are much more non-EC active OBASSG members without whose constant support and cooperation, it wouldn't be possible to carry out any activity, let alone make a success out of it! Therefore, I, from core of my heart, would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all such members for being there. You all are not just a huge support but also a constant source of inspiration.

Before I conclude, would like appeal and request all members to kindly support and cooperate the next EC and the SSG authority to make the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the Alma- Matar spectacular.

As GS, on my personal behalf and on behalf of the entire team, I express my thanks and gratitude to the people behind the screen and all others present here, once again.

Cheers to the SSG spirit; long live SSG; long live OBASSG!

Jai Hind!

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Guwahati*