

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hon'ble Chief Guest of today's meeting Major General P. S. Joshi, GOC, 51 Sub Area, respected Guest of honour Col. Y. S. Parmar, Principal, Sainik School, Goalpara, our respected Advisor Sri Nripen Choudhury da, Roll No.1, the senior most cadet of Sainik School, Goalpara, THE General Secretary and the Treasurer of OBASSG.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all my respected seniors, classmates and juniors of our alma mater Sainik School, Goalpara to this Silver Jubilee Annual General Meeting of OBASSG as President. Incidentally, I am not the elected President of OBASSG but President by default only as our elected President Brig. Ranjit Borthakur had put in his resignation in the middle of the term. I may add here that the Hon'ble President had first tendered his resignation on 19/03/2023 citing his inability to continue in the post for personal reasons. The EC tried its best to convince him to withdraw the resignation, and subsequently, he did continue to preside in the EC meetings and it was perceived that he had withdrawn, although he did not withdraw his resignation formally. However, the Hon'ble President again tendered resignation vide letter dated 06/09/2023. Immediately, an emergent EC meeting was held and a delegation of three senior members, namely, Sri Nripen

Choudhury da, Advisor, myself as Working President and Sri Anowar Hussain as Ex-officio member was constituted to approach and convince the President to withdraw his resignation. As mandated by the EC, we met the Hon'ble President to dissuade him from resigning the presidency at this crucial juncture of OBASSG's 25th Silver Jubilee AGM, when we are in the midst of a hectic schedule. However, he expressed his inability to continue in the post due to his unavoidable personal circumstances. Thereafter, the Executive Committee in its meeting held on 28/09/2023 resolved that keeping in mind the insistence of the Hon'ble President to relinquish his post and failing to convince him to withdraw his resignation despite the best efforts, the EC decided to relieve the Hon'ble President from his duties as President, and directed the senior most Working President to carry out the duties of the President in his absence from immediate effect.

It is a great blow to the organization of OBASSG, and personally a great loss for me as he is one of the closest friends from my same class of 1972 pass out batch. Moreover, he is such a multi-dimensional great personality that I am finding it impossible to step into his shoes. Anyway, we have to continue to function and in the greater interest of OBASSG, I am doing whatever is possible on my part.



Last but not the least, a lot of controversy erupted last year over the logo unveiled in the 24th AGM. Perceivably, it was mentioned in the logo as 25 years of OBA which is factually incorrect. After the AGM, it was noticed that an inadvertent error had occurred in the Logo prepared and presented in the AGM. Subsequently the same was discussed in the EC meetings that followed and the Logo was accordingly modified to mean 25th AGM. I may add from the deliberations of the EC that it was never the intention of EC to mean 25 years of OBA but only 25th AGM in 2023 as against 24th AGM in 2022. Moreover, the last AGM had adopted the logo and not the EC. The meaning which was proposed to be conveyed should be holistically looked, both in letter and spirit, and not only in letter. It was always intended to mean 25 years of AGM and not 25 years of OBA. This can also be gauged from the report of the GS presented in the 24th AGM available in last year's magazine Bridge wherein he mentions that OBASSG will be celebrating Silver Jubilee AGM in 2023.

Incidentally, I may mention that by a strange co-incidence, I had also to preside in the last 24th AGM in 2022 as Sri Borthakur was out of Guwahati due to a family function. In the presidential

deliberation on that day, I had emphasized that from tomorrow our Silver Jubilee year will start culminating to the 25th Silver Jubilee AGM in 2023, and as such, we need much more presence and active participation from all our members so that we can celebrate the Silver Jubilee AGM in 2023 in a very grand manner.

In this silver jubilee year of our association, we have been able to do a number of activities that have brought laurels to the Association. As the report of the General Secretary has the details, I will here only propose thanks and gratitude to the everyone involved, right from ideating to the execution of the events. On a personal note, I would urge the members to attend the events in more numbers.

And lastly, we have already entered the diamond jubilee anniversary of our Alma Mater. As such, we also need to deliberate how OBASSG would like to get involved in the celebrations. I am sure the next EC, which will be elected today, will make the celebrations befitting to our stature. My best wishes to the team.

With these, I once again welcome all and hope we all shall have a fruitful day ahead. Finally, my sincere thanks to all members of OBASSG present in today's meeting.

Long live OBASSG

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