

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY, OBASSG

A very good morning to one and all present today. Honourable President of today's meeting, Sachindra Das da, Chief Guest of today's meeting, Esteemed Life Members, respected members and guests. I extend my heartiest welcome to you all to the 26th AGM of OBASSG. I hope that we shall all be having a very fruitful and fulfilling day.

On behalf of EC, OBASSG, I begin by extending my warm and sincere wishes to all on the Diamond Jubilee of Sainik School Goalpara (SSG), our Alma Mater. Completion of sixty years of any educational institution is a matter of extreme pride for everybody associated with the institution. For the alumni, apart from pride, it is the joy and pleasure in witnessing the public recognition of thoughts and impressions of their institution that were always so close to their hearts. It is a proud and gratifying moment for all of us and the occasion calls for a grand celebration.

At the outset, let me offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to the august house that had assembled at Narengi Officers' Institute (NOI), Narengi Cantonment, Guwahati a year ago and had shown faith in us, the team EC, to carry forward the mantle of OBASSG till 2025. I hope this report will somewhat justify the faith reposed in us.

The plans for the celebration of Diamond Jubilee of our alma mater have been afoot for quite some time now. The last AGM had taken the decision to celebrate all calendar events of OBASSG as a part of the Diamond Jubilee celebration for this year. During this period, from handing over the charges on 10 December, 2023 till date, a few activities and events have been organised by OBASSG. I would like to record some of them here, as below:

- ▷ **Celebration of Republic Day:** OBASSG celebrated Republic Day unfurling the national tricolour at Catholic Cathedral premises, Rukminigaon, Guwahati on 26 January, 2024. Around 40 OBASSG members were present to mark the occasion.
- ▷ **Memorial Foundation Stone Laying:** As a part of the Diamond Jubilee celebration, in the last AGM, a decision was taken to construct a Memorial in memory of departed souls associated with Sainik School Goalpara. For the same, foundation stone laying ceremony was held at Sainik School Goalpara premises on 23 May, 2024. President, OBASSG Sri Sachindra Das laid the foundation stone in presence of Col. Y. S. Parmar, SM, Principal, SSG, other officers and staff of SSG as well as some OBA members. Also present on the occasion was SP(Goalpara), Sri Nabaneet Mahanta, APS an alumnus of the school and a life member. I am happy to share with you all that we have completed the construction of the Memorial in stipulated time and the inauguration of the same will take place on 12 November by the Chief Guest invited from school side.

- ▶ **Plantation at SSG:** To celebrate the Sixty years of our Alma Mater, a plantation drive was carried out at SSG on 6 June, 2024. Chief Guest for the programme was Sri Khanindra Nath Barman, IFS (Retd.), also an alumnus of SSG. The Guest of Honour for the programme was Sri Tejas Marishwamy, DFO (Goalpara). OBA members present on the occasion were Sachindra Das, President, OBASSG, Brig. (Rtd.) Ranjit Borthakur, Bipul Sarma, Nitish Goswami, Timir Das, Amulya Sarma, Sukumar Das, Kishori Mohan Medhi and Dinamani Sarma. Plantation drive was carried out in association with Goalpara Forest Division and Sainik School Goalpara.
- ▶ **Blood Donation by OBASSG Members across the Chapters:** on Independence Day this year OBASSG organized its annual voluntary blood donation camp at B. Borooah Cancer Institute (BBCI) centrally. Besides, various units and chapters organized such camps at respective locations like Jorhat, Tezpur, Goalpara and Kokrajar. A total of 100 units of blood were donated by the members. We would like to thank HDFC bank for being the refreshment partner of the blood donation events. We thank the managements of Blood Banks/ Hospitals at all the locations, especially BBCI for the encouragement and the continuous support to carry on the event, year after year.
- ▶ **Life Members' Meet-** From last year, we have started a new calendar event and that is Life Members' Meet. This year also we organized the Life Members' Meet on 29 September, 2024 at Chinmoya Mission premises, Sixmile, Guwahati. There were around 35 Life Member present at the Meet. Special thanks to Sri Girija Kanta Barman, one of the Life Members for sponsoring the event.
- ▶ **BDS SADHYAM HALF MARATHON-** The second edition of BDS Sadhyam Half Marathon was organized successfully on 6 October, 2024 at Sarusajai Stadium, Guwahati. For the second

consecutive year, we have organized the half marathon and I am happy to share with you that we had 35% more participants compared to last year. The 21KM half marathon was organized in the competitive category for both men and women categories separately. A fun run (5KM) for enthusiasts was also held on the side lines. Altogether more than 325 runners took part in the event, of which 200 took part in the half marathon. A total prizemoney of Rs 2 lakh was given to the winning participants. Medals, T-shirt, and breakfast was given to all the participants. In the women's section the first three prizes were won by Rekhamoni Saikia, Anita Das and Rinki Kumari Chouhan respectively. They were given a medal and a gift hamper each and prize money of Rs. 25,000, 15,000, and 10,000 respectively. Puran Rai, Durga Bahadur Budha and Akash Patel bagged the first three positions respectively in the men's category that comprised a medal each, a gift hamper and prize money of Rs.35,000, 25,000 and 15,000 respectively. The title sponsor of the event, for the second consecutive year, was Barman Diabetic Specialities, a leading diabetic clinic of Guwahati. Proud to share with you all that the proprietor of the clinic, Dr. Karuna Kanta Barman, is also a life member. The associate sponsors were Oil India Ltd and IOCL. Partner sponsors were PNB, GEE PEE. The event publicity partners were DY 365, *The Assam Tribune* and Radio Gupshup. The two runs (21 KM & 5KM) were flagged off by Rajesh Nambiar, Executive Director and state head of IOCL, one of the sponsors. I would like to thank the men behind the show for this event, and they are Girija Kanta Barman, Alkesh Barman and Ataur Rahman, member of the Assam Athletics Association.

- ▶ **Prashnam - The Open Quiz:** For the third consecutive year, **Prashnam**, our flagship open prize money quiz competition was

successfully organized on 26 October, 2024 at GMCH Auditorium, Guwahati. The competition was presented and organized by OBASSG with support from NEDFI, SBI and Arizona Sports Arena. Our publicity partners were *The Assam tribune*, DY365 and Radio Gupshup. The competition was ably conducted by quizmaster Dr. Upakul Sarmah, a well-known name in the quizzing circle. Altogether 96 teams from various parts of the state took part in the prelims. I am happy to share with you all that written quiz competition for the school student was a new ad-on to this year's **Prashnam**. Around 26 numbers of schools from all over Assam took part in the competition. Prizes were given to the top five teams in the school category. The total prize money for this year edition was Rs. 1,01,000/-. Besides, trophies and certificates were also given. The audience also had a great time grabbing **Prashnam** customised mementoes as gifts. The top six teams in the prelims contested the closely-fought finals with the following finalists placed respectively from first to sixth - Ochintya Sarma and Bhaskar Chakrabarty, Sayan Mazumdar and Biswayan Bhattacharjee, Rajibul Awal and Sayantan Saikia, Biswajit Sarma and Jitaditya Narzary, Dilip Sarma and Dipankor Kaushik and Jyotishman Gogoi and Shakya Shamik. The prize money respectively was Rs 30,000/- , 20,000/-, 15,000/-, and 7,000 each for the last three. The entire event was hosted by Dr. Abhigyan Prasad, the organising secretary and Dr. Jagadish Nath, working president of OBASSG. 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.

- ▷ **CRC- Constitution Review Committee-** The 25<sup>th</sup> AGM had resolved to form a Constitutional Review Committee and the EC was duly tasked to move in this regard.

Accordingly the EC, in its first meeting held on 10 December 2023, formed the CRC comprising the following members:

- ▷ Sri Subhash Das, IAS (Rtd.) -Chairperson
- ▷ Cmde. (Rtd.) Kamlesh Choudhury, Member
- ▷ Adv. Masidur Islam, Co-Ordinator
- ▷ Anowar Hussain Saiki, Member
- ▷ Runjun Gogoi, Member

The committee invited suggestion from members through various channels. On 29 August, 2024, the amended constitution was handed over in a sealed cover to the President, OBASSG by the Co-Ordinator. In the EC meeting held on 8 September 2024, the President placed the same for discussion and adoption. The amended constitution was adopted with three suggestions and the same was placed in the Life Members' Meet held on 29 September, 2024. And today, the amended constitution incorporating changes suggested in The EC and the Life Member' Meets will be placed before you in the AGM. I hope, we will adopt it unanimously. In this regard, I want to thank the CRC, specially the Chairperson and the Co-Ordinator.

- ▷ **Attending Road Renaming programme and Bust inauguration at SSG-** On 7 April 2024 a team from OBASSG visited the school on invitation to attend the Road renaming programme. Also, the bust of martyr Major Ngangom Joydutta Singh, Vir-Chakra (posthumous) was unveiled by his wife Mrs. Subadani Devi on the same day. The programme of renaming the roads from Goalpara to Sainik School and from Sainik School to Dudhnoi as SSG Road 1 and SSG Road 2 was held in front of Rhino Gate and the same was graced by Sri Khanin Choudhury, the DC of Goalpara.
- ▷ **Theme song for the Diamond Jubilee-** A theme song has been produced as a part of the Diamond Jubilee celebration from

association side. The song will be release today in the evening at **NOSTALGIA 2024**.

- ▷ **12A and 80G recognition-** I am happy to share with you all that provisional registration under 12A of Income Tax Act from A.Y. 2025-2026 to 2027-2028 has been granted by the Income Tax Department. Processes for obtaining the final registration under 12A as well as under recognition for 80G are under process. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to my President, Sachindra Das da for his singular effort he has put in to get all these done.

- ▷ **DJ celebrations:** Esteemed members, our Alma Mater will be celebrating its Diamond Jubilee on 12 November. As I have already mentioned previously in my report, all our events during the year have been dedicated to the DJ celebrations. Moreover, the **Memorial** being built by us at SSG will be inaugurated that day. I am extremely happy and proud to share with you all that the **DJ Lunch** will be entirely sponsored by us. Also, we are sponsoring **S K D Band**, a well-known group who performed in our last AGM. Looking at these expenses as well the regular expenses regarding the events and the AGM, the EC had fixed some rates and requested member to register or donate. I am happy to share with you that more than 550 members have registered and some members, who won't be able to attend any of the events, have also donated. I thank all those members and hope that the numbers will increase in the future. I also exhort all of you to visit SSG on 12 November.

- ▷ The last year also witnessed the eternal departure of some of our brothers. We have already observed a one-minute's silence for them. I again pray to the Almighty for eternal peace of the departed souls. I would be failing in my duties if I do not mention late Wing Commander Manoj Bora da.

After the Association was revived in 2004, he was elected the President. He had been instrumental in bringing OBA to this level. We would always remember his contributions.

On 25 November 2023, I was given the mandate by this august house to lead our association. Given that all of us have our own professional commitments, I tried my best to do the justice to the faith you had reposed in me. It is there for everyone to judge. In the road of carrying out my responsibilities, I am lucky to have an able and highly supportive team at the EC who have been guiding and helping me in every step. I am sure, in the coming year too, I shall be blessed with their continuous guidance, support and cooperation. I express my sincere gratitude to my honourable President Sri Sachindra Das da along with the advisors to this EC, namely our super senior Sri Nripendra Choudhury da, Sri Subhash Das da and Sri Debananda Gohain da. I also place on record my sincere gratitude to all our esteemed Life Members and members who have contributed in some way or the other. Last but not the least, on behalf of OBASSG, I sincerely thank our valued sponsors who have helped us either in cash or kind.

Lastly, I want to thank some members of my association from bottom my heart, without whose cooperation nothing could have been possible for me to execute or organize all events and activities of OBASSG in last one year.

**LONG LIVE OBASSG LONG LIVE SSG JAI HIND**

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November, 2024 at NEDFI Auditorium,  
Ganeshguri, Guwahati