



NOTE FROM PRESIDENT

Distinguished guests, respected seniors, dear classmates and junior brothers from our alma-mater.

At the outset, I wish you all a very good morning and extend on my own behalf, and on behalf of OBASSG, a very warm welcome to this 26th AGM of our beloved organization.

It has been a roller coaster ride for our association since the last AGM. We have also lost a few of our brothers in the interim which was very unfortunate. We lost one of the pillars of our Association Wing Commander Manoj Bora very recently. He had guided our association through thick and thin right from our formative years. He was our President too.

Today I remember all of those who have left for their heavenly abode and bow my head in tribute to them. May God bestow his blessings on their souls.

As you are all aware, this year is the Diamond Jubilee year of our Alma Mater which will culminate on 12th November, 2024 at the School. I on behalf of OBASSG urge upon you all to attend the same without fail.

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of our alma mater in a befitting manner, we have dedicated all the programs and events we carried out during the year to the celebration of Diamond Jubilee. In a gist, we conducted the following programs and events.

- Republic Day Celebrations at the Catholic Church premises, Six Mile;
- Plantation program at the School premises on 6th June;
- Blood Donation program on the 15th August at Guwahati, Goalpara, Tezpur, Jorhat and Kokrajhar;
- BDS Sadhyam half marathon on the 6th October;
- Prashnam Quiz on the 26th October.

Details of the above programs are covered in the report of the General Secretary.

Here I would like to thank all our tireless members who worked day and night to make these programs a success. I would fail in my duties if I don't thank the Sponsors of these events who with their benevolent contributions have helped us to execute these events in a smooth manner without any constraints.

I would like to thank BDS who went out of their way to help conduct the Marathon. Incidentally Dr. Karuna Barman who is an ExSSGian is at the helm of BDS.

You will be happy to know that our School in co-ordination with OBASSG has installed a bust of Martyr Major Ngangom Joydutta Singh,

Vr C (posthumous), who laid down his life in the service of the nation. The bust was unveiled in the school premises on 7th of April, 2024 in the presence of his wife Mrs. Subadani Devi. A team from the EC was also present on the occasion. It may not be out of place to mention here that Martyr Major Ngangom Joydutta Singh is the only VIR CHAKRA recipient from our School. We bow our head to him.

A project to rename the roads from Goalpara and Dudhnoi to Sainik School as Road No.1 and Road No. 2 was initiated by my predecessor President Brig. Ranjit Borthakur. He obtained all necessary sanctions from the PWD, civil authorities, local MLAs and the Govt. of Assam during his tenure. However, the function of renaming of the roads was held this year in front of Rhino Gate of the school on 7th April, 2024. Shri Khanin Choudhury, D.C. Goalpara unveiled the sign boards in the presence of Principal, Vice Principal, Adm. Officer, teachers, staff, family members and a team from the EC.

As part of Diamond Jubilee of the school, an idea to construct a memorial dedicated to the departed souls of all who studied, taught and worked in Sainik School Goalpara was mooted during the tenure of preceding President Brig. Ranjit Borthakur. The school authorities identified and allotted a suitable plot of land bounded on the north by the new auditorium under construction and on the south by Hockey ground. The EC with an internal team of engineers took up the work in right earnest. The foundation stone laying ceremony was held on 23rd May, 2014 in the presence of the Principal, Vice Principal, Adm. Officer, Quarter Master and other staff members. About 20 members of our association from Guwahati, Shillong, Goalpara and other stations of Assam also took part in the foundation stone laying ceremony. The memorial will be inaugurated on 12th November, our school raising day.

Now coming to our other issues , I have to inform you that we haven't been able to make much head way in procuring land for our association during the period which have been a long outstanding issue with us.

I am happy to share with you all that with persistent efforts, renewal of registration of OBASSG under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, which was earlier allowed upto 27/06/2021 was extended this year on 20/06/2024 till 19th June, 2027. Immediately thereafter, we applied for registration under section 12A of the Income Tax Act, which was provisionally allowed on 3rd July, 2024 from A.Y. 2025-2026 to 2027-2028. We have applied for regular registration under section 12A and also recognition under section 80G of the Income Tax Act, which would benefit donors to our fund for getting deduction from their total incomes and thereby reduce their tax liability. We were expecting these orders from the Income Tax Deptt. before the AGM, but till the date of writing this Note, we have not received the orders. As some days are still left for the AGM, if the said orders are received in the meantime, this will be announced in the AGM.

Lastly, though more than 6000 students have passed out from the school, the number of registered members is quite low in comparison. I urge you all to ponder upon this. An organization to be viable and dynamic needs the support and cooperation from each one of us. May I request all of you to contribute towards the growth of OBASSG.

Finally, I once again thank all of you and I am very optimistic that our organization will grow from strength to strength.

Long Live OBASSG.

Jai Hind.

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