

From the Desk of Working President:

I take this opportunity to extend my warm greetings and gratitude to all our members and their families on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting and Nostalgia, the family get-together event of Old Boys Association Sainik School Goalpara (OBASSG). It is indeed an absolute honour and great pleasure for us that GoC of 51 Sub Area, Maj. Gen. A K Sharma, VSM, has agreed to grace the occasion as Chief Guest and Col. Dheeraj Kr. Bishwakarma, Principal of our Alma Mater as Guest of Honour.



As working president of OBASSG for last two years and as President i/c for almost last 6 months, I have a mixed feeling on the performance of the Team EC, OBASSG. On the one hand, I am quite satisfied that the team has been able to pull off the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of our Alma Mater along with support from the SSG authorities. During the last one year, we could achieve some of the goals we had set for ourselves and missed quite a few of them. For the success of the activities and events, I would credit the entire team OBASSG for their dedicated and sustained efforts. For all the failures and drawbacks, I personally would like to own the responsibility as somewhere I could not deliver as a leader of the team. My sincere apologies.

As far as OBASSG is concerned, it indeed has become a kind of brand in the social circle and is being recognised by a large section of the society for the activities it has been undertaking. I am sure, the General Secretaries report would capture some of them! However, I admit that we still have to strive for so much more. Specially, regarding the acquisition of land, having a permanent office, raising a corpus which can sustain the cost of our major activities even without much support of sponsors, etc.

It may also be noted that Guwahati being the hub of the OBASSG, we must be able to lead other units and chapters by example and also be able to provide some kind of supports. I feel, we have a long way to go in this regard. Hereby, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the members of those units and chapters for keeping the OBASSG flag flying despite all the drawbacks of the central committee.

I am sure that, the new executive committee to be elected today and which will be at the helm of the association for the next two years, will be able to make a headway with respect to the outstanding issues of the Association. My best wishes to the incumbent team with an assurance that the team that I lead will be at their support in all such activities, as and when it is required.

Few issues which I feel need to be addressed, as far as OBASSG is concerned, are:

- Increasing memberships, specially from younger batches
- Inclusiveness (families)
- Lack of volunteers / foot soldiers

Without addressing the above issues, I feel, OBASSG might not be able to achieve its full potential. Therefore, I appeal to all of us to kindly get actively associated with various activities of the association.

I take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all such OBAs (both registered OBAs and unregistered OBAs) who are contributing silently for the betterment of the Alma Mater.

Also, last but not the least, I would once again like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve the association for the last two years. I am very hopeful and optimistic that the incumbent Executive Committee will be able to achieve far more and make the association's flag fly higher and higher.

Thanking you

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