

Report on the 52nd AGM of Guwahati Management Association

The 52nd Annual General Meeting of Guwahati Management Association was held on the 25th of May 2024 at Hotel Vishwaratna, Guwahati. The AGM was presided over by President Sri Chiranjit Chaliha and attended by a large number of members.

The session started with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries and senior members. A minute's silence was observed by the members in memory of Harendra Nath Das, former Chief Secretary, Govt of Assam and an active member of GMA who passed away recently. Two new members, Sri Rajiv Baruah and Sri Santanoo Thakuria were introduced to the gathering. In his welcome address President Sri Chaliha highlighted the programmes and activities in the previous financial year. He recalled the dynamism, organisational acumen and leadership skills of Late Bhabesh Hazarika, Working President GMA, whose tragic and untimely demise created a void in GMA. However, the leadership team including Hony Secretary Sri Prabhat Konwar, new Working President Sri Robin Kalita, Treasurer Sri Santanu Choudhury and others have worked hard to make GMA a vibrant organisation which has been amply demonstrated by the successful conduct of various programmes and the large attendance in the AGM. Sri Chaliha suggested that GMA should take up mega projects and that the MOUs signed with various institutions should be made operational.

In his Report, Hony Secretary, Sri Prabhat Konwar informed the members about the projects and programmes undertaken by GMA in the past year. He specially highlighted the successful conduct of the Flagship Programme, the D N Baruah Memorial Managers Competition as well the Bhabesh Hazarika Memorial Management Quiz Competition. The Managers Competition saw participation of young managers from diverse sectors such as oil, tea, power, health etc and garnered a surplus of Rs 62000.00. The Management Quiz Competition evoked tremendous enthusiasm among students of all leading educational institutions. It was conducted by one of the finest quizmasters of the NE Region and incidentally, the Working President of GMA, Sri Robin Kalita. The competition was organised by the generous contribution of a large number of members of GMA and Hotel Vishwaratna and the surplus generated was Rs 89000.00

The Hony Treasurer Sri Santanu Choudhury placed the Audit Report with the Balance Sheet and P & L Account for FY 2022-23 of GMA before the house and sought the members observations. As the members did not raise any objection, the accounts were accepted unanimously with a round of applause. Next, the matter of appointment of the Internal Auditor of GMA was discussed. It was unanimously decided to reappoint Sri Choudhury as the Internal Auditor. Sri Santanu Choudhury gave a detailed analysis of the income and expenditure of GMA. He voiced his concern on the declining trend of membership fees over the last three years. Out of the total 262 active members of GMA only 64 members (25%) paid their membership fees in the FY 2023-24. For FY 2024-25 only 15 members have paid their fees till date. The situation is very alarming as GMA cannot function as a professional body if the members do not pay their dues in time. He urged each and every member to take a step forward and pay their membership fees for FY 2024-25 along with the previous dues, if any, at the earliest.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Sri Bibhuti Dutta, Vice President GMA.

The President announced the end of the formal Meeting. The MOC of the evening Smt Namita Deka Agnihotri then invited members to present songs. What followed was the enthralling performances of popular songs by Smt Alakananda Chakraborty, Sri Robin Kalita, Sri Pulin Neog and the light-hearted rendition of English Nursery Rhymes set to the tune of Assamese Biya Naams by Sri Parag Phukan. The evening concluded with a grand dinner.