

Secretary Report

52nd Annual General Meeting

Date : 25th May, 2024

Venue : Bishwaratna Hotel, A T Road, Guwahati

Hon'ble President, GMA, respected Office Bearers and my colleagues in the GMA Board of Directors, Advisors esteemed members and distinguished guests present here today in the 52nd Annual General Meeting of GMA.

The Guwahati Management Association (GMA) is pleased to present the Secretarial Report for the financial year 2023-24 at its 52nd Annual General Meeting. Following the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, GMA resumed its activities with renewed vigor. New leadership was elected with formation of a new Board of Directors on April, 7, 2023, and a series of impactful events were organized throughout the year, all aligned with the GMA's constitution.

Highlights of Organized Events :

- Economic Growth and Challenges :** A panel discussion on "Impediments in the Growth of Assam's Economy and its Possible Remedies" was held on May, 31, 2023. It brought together prominent economists, entrepreneurs and policymakers to address the state's economic landscape. Dr. Amrit Pal Singh, HOD, Commerce, Gauhati University, Mr. David Pratim Gogoi, a young Entrepreneur, Mr. S K Beria, Chartered Accountant and Mr. Hemanta Narzary, IAS (Retd) participated in the panel discussion which was moderated by Mr. Swapnaanil Barua, IAS (Retd). Their insights provided valuable perspectives for future development strategies.
- Combating Social Issues :** Recognizing the critical issue of drug abuses, GMA hosted a panel discussion on "Social Responsibilities Towards Curbing the Rise of Drug Menace" on June 24, 2023. Mr. Pankaj Chouhan, Intelligence Officer, Narcotics Control Bureau, Mr. Amrit Bhuyan, Supdt. Of Police, CID Branch, Dr. Maythali Hazarika, Associate Professor, Clinical Psychology, GMC, Mr. Sondeep Hanse, Chief Functionary, Drug Prevention for Assam & Meghalaya, MSJE and Ms. Anamriya Barua, Project

Coordinator, Drug Prevention for Assam & Meghalaya MSJE, Gol were the panelists and Mr. Shanatikam Hazarika, Former President of GMA played the role of moderator of the panel discussion. Therefore, this event featured participation from law enforcement machinery, public health professionals and addition recovery advocates, fostering a collaborative approach to tackling this complex social problem.

- **Celebrating Legacy and Knowledge Sharing :** The 54th Annual Foundation Day of GMA was organized on August 20, 2023. It served as a celebration of GMA's rich history. Distinguished member and former President of GMA Mr. Shantikam Hazarika delivered a captivating speech on the highly acclaimed events of GMA from the time of its initiation and on the contributions of former renowned office bearers, members and well-wishers in its transformation to a glorious and vibrant organization. The President of GMA, Mr. Chiranjit Chaliha presented to the members, a commemorative book on his father, a renowned freedom fighter, Late Kuladhar Chaliha. The event was marked by an enchanting musical soiree presented by the GMA members and guest artists. The event not only fostered a sense of solidarity among members but also ensured the preservation of GMA's legacy for future generations.
- **Enhancing Managerial Skills :** The D N Barua Memorial Managers' Competition, a flagship program of GMA was held on September 29 & 30, 2023. This event meant for honouring the memory of a prominent visionary figure, a former President of GMA while promoting professional development. This event brought together managers from diverse sectors like refineries, tea companies, power generation & distribution companies, healthcare organizations etc. fostering knowledge sharing and friendly competition in a testing environment. The participants were top notch and the event was a big success.
- **Industry Insights :** A lecture on "Tea Industry in Assam and India, its ups and downs in last 200 years and future prospects of Tea Industry and Tea Tourism in Assam" was organized on December 9, 2023. The thought provoking lecture provided in-depth observations from Dr. Pradip Baruah, Chief Advisory Officer and Chief Scientist, Tocklai Tea Research Institution, Jorhat. The event explored the historical trajectory of the Assam tea

industry, its current challenges and opportunities and the potential of tea tourism to contribute to the state's economic growth.

- **Inaugural Training Program :** GMA embarked on a new initiative by offering its first ever EDP training program "Managing Workplace Conflict" on February 24, 2024. This program led by qualified GMA member, Mr. Diganta Sarma, equipped participants of different organizations with essential skills for navigating and resolving workplace conflicts constructively.
- **Inter-Institutional Collaboration :** The "Bhabesh Hazarika Memorial Inter-Institutional Management Quiz Competition" was hosted on February 25, 2024 in the spirit of healthy competition, intellectual engagement and harmonious collaboration. All together 38 teams comprising 76 participants from different educational institutions took part in the competition. Teams from Guwahati Medical College & Hospital, National Law University, Assam and Gauhati University, were declared as winners of 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize respectively

The quiz competition was conducted by renowned Quizmaster and presently the Working President of GMA, Mr. R.N. Kalita in his unique style and charisma.

The event honoured the memory of a dedicated GMA leader, Late Bhabesh Hazarika while fostering intellectual engagement among the students.

- **Communication and Management :** A guest speaker event organized on March 31, 2024 featured a renowned author and Sahitya Akademi awardee discussing the "Impact of Communication on Management Strategy". This session highlighted the importance of clear and effective communication in achieving organizational goals and creating a positive work environment.

Beyond the Events :

- The GMA Board of Directors was convened regularly throughout the year to provide strategic directions, review ongoing activities, ensure the association's financial status etc. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Late Bhabesh Hazarika for his unwavering dedication and leadership till the end moments of his life. He played a pivotal role in successful implementation of various programs of GMA and bringing glory and fame to this

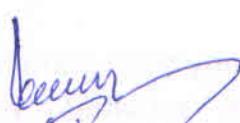
organization. The challenge of void created by his sudden and tragic demise was overcome by the GMA BoD through its sincere and committed efforts towards implementation of various programs of GMA without disruption.

The financial position of GMA is well reflected in the Auditor's report for the financial year 2022-23 which has been circulated to the members. However, a detailed financial report will be presented by the Treasurer before the August House for necessary discussion and adoption.

The upcoming annual magazine of GMA, namely "GMA News" promises to be a captivating read, featuring valuable contributions from our esteemed members. We are actively seeking advertisements to support the publication of this vital mouth-piece of GMA and hope to bring it out within a short time.

Lastly, as General Secretary of GMA, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the President, office bearers, directors, advisors, members and the many organizations that have generously provided support throughout the year. Without their dedicated support, help and cooperation, it would not have been possible on my part to discharge the responsibilities entrusted to me. Their unwavering commitment and collaboration are instrumental to GMA's success. I also extend my humble appreciation to Guwahati Refinery (IOCL), Numaligarh Refinery Ltd. (NRL), North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi), Assam Gas Company Ltd. (AGCL), North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO), Brahmaputra Crackers and Polymer Ltd. (BCPL), Assam Petrochemicals Ltd.(APL) etc. and all such organizations and GMA members who have extended their support and inspirations to GMA's endeavors.

With sincere thanks and gratitude to all, once again.



Prabhat Konwar
Hony. General Secretary
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Dtd. 25th may, 2024