



GENERAL SECRETARY REPORT

FROM

28th SEPTEMBER 2013 TO SEPTEMBER 16TH August 2014

I am very much privileged to have this opportunity to submit this report as the General Secretary of Assam Mountaineering Association in front of the august gathering who have gathered here on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of Assam Mountaineering Association today the 17th day of August 2014. Assam Mountaineering Association is the pioneer organization of the North East, which has been spearheading to promote mountaineering and other related sports since its inception in 1968. So, it is really a great responsibility of the General Secretary of such a reputed organization to plan and execute various programmes in this direction time to time. I would like to inform you all that Assam Mountaineering Association had undertaken many activities during past one year where many enthusiastic youths took part and practically learnt valuable lessons on mountaineering, rock climbing and protection of our mother nature and many vital aspects. I would be failing in my duties if I do not acknowledge gratefully the guidance and cooperation I got from Sri Satyen Sarma, President, AMA to implement all these programmes successfully.

Following is my brief report :-



5th October'2013 Mountaineering & Adventure Sports Day:

Late Rohini Kumar Bhuayn is regarded as the father of mountaineering in the entire north east. He died in the Himalayas during Kederdome expedition on 5th Octobr'1979. Assam Mountaineering Association is observing this day as Mountaineering & Adventures Sports Day since 2012. In 5th October, 2013 also, AMA organized a public meeting at Assam State Museum Auditorium where many adventure sports enthusiasts assembled. In this glittering function, Sri Parbati Prasad Gautam , a senior member of AMA was conferred with “Life Time Achievement Award” for his outstanding contribution for the development of mountaineering in Assam. But AMA also paid respect and tributes to few other senior members as well as other personalities who contributed immensely for the promotion of adventure sports in this part of the country. The names of personalities who were felicitated are: “for we are grateful to you” 1.Sri. Swapnanil Baruah 2. Sri.Prafulla kumar Mahanta 3. Dr. Arun Sarma . “For inspirationl memories in creating new hight of excellence.....” 1. Late Lalit Mohan Rabha 2. Late Nasim Akhtor 3. Late Bhagat Singh. “In recognition of his outstanding contribution towards promotion of mountaineering and adventure sports in the state of Assam” 1. Sri. Subodh Kumar Dutta. 2. Sri. Pran Gopal Bhagabati 3.Sri. Pranab kumar Dass 4.Sri. Prafulla Deka 5.Sri. Mrigen Das 6. Khanin Das 7. Sri.Khagendra N. Bora 8.Sri. Kanak Chandra Deka 9.Sri. Jisnu Dutta Goswami 10.Sri. Dr. Hareswar Mhanta

11. Sri.Dhanamaya Chetry 12. Dr. Debendra Nath Mahanta 13.Sri. Birendra Kumar Das 14.Sri. Bedabrata Lahkar 15.Sri. Archana Bhattacharyya 16.Sri. Amrit Kumar Phukan 17.Sri. Ajit Sarma and 18. Ajit Kumar Kalita.



45th Annual basic Rock Climbing training course

91 trainees (age group 12-35 years) participated in the 45th Annual basic Rock Climbing training course which was held on five consecutive Sundays ie 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th December, 2013. Sri Pallab Kumar Deka was the Convener and Sri Nabajyoti Sarma was the training in charge of the training programme which was successfully completed. Shri Atanu Prasad Baruah founder of AMA graced the occasion





24th children adventure orientation camp

104(One hundred and four) children in the age group of 5-12 years participated in the 24th Children Adventure Orientation Camp which was held on 24th , 28th & 29th December,2013. Sri Mayur Mahanta was the Convener and Sri Bikram Saikia was the training in charge the programme which was also completed successfully. Three times Everester Mrs. Anshu Jamsenpa of Arunachal Pradesh graced the occasion.



All Assam Rock Climbing Training Camp



After a gap of more the one decade AMA organized successfully All Assam Rock Climbing Training Camp from 06-01-2014 to 12-01-2014 at Guwahati. 12 nos. of trainees participated from various places of Assam. Shri Bikash Bordoloi was the training in-charge and Shri Ajit kumar kalita was the convener of this training. Sri Kishor kalita and Sri Bhubaneswar Prased also involved in the course as instructor.



Late Nilu Talukdar Memorial Natural Rock Climbing Competition

Late Nilu talukdar memorial natural rock climbing competition, the first of its kind in NE region, was held at late R.K.Bhuyan Memorial Rock Field on 23-3-2014. 20 nos. of boys and 13 nos. of girls had participated in the competition and Biplob Saharia organized the competition on behalf of

AMA . Mr. Kaushik Das, Mr. Sam John Sharma & Satya Dev Kewat secured 1st, 2nd, & 3rd position respectively among the boys. Nitu Bashumatary, Nupur Chetia, and Dimpy Das secured the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd position among girls competitors. The prize money was sponsored by Dr. Deben Mahanta, Sri Biren Das, Sri Kishor Kr. Baruah, Sri Manash Barooah. We also grateful to Sri Neren Deka ,Sri Ajit kalita and Sri Archana Bhattacharjee , who judged the competition.

Combined High Altitude Trekking to Sandakphu (12000ft)



AMA organized a combined High Altitude Trekking to Sandakphu (12000ft) in Darjeeling Himalaya during 25th to 31st March 2014. The team included 17 veterans, 17 children, 6 seniors with 4 instructors.

All the veteran members completed the trek successfully. Veteran team was led by Shri Biren Das, one octogenarian, who was ably assisted by Dy. Leader Shri Pranab kr. Dass(Lanuda). Shri Amarjyoti Deka was the team manager of all Groups. Biplab Saharia was the Team manager. The Flag off ceremony was held at AMAR GHAR the old age home in Guwahati. List of Veteran trekkers are :-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>
Pranab Kr. Dass	M	65
Prafulla Deka	M	65
Parbati Prasad Gautam	M	61
Dinesh Ch. Das	M	61
Pran Gopal Bhagawati	M	61
Bhargab Sarma	M	61
Hitendra Nath Bhattacharjee	M	62
Pranab Jyoti Mahanta	M	41
Bedabrata Lahkar	M	61
Dr. Jagadish Basumatary	M	52
Ratul Buragohain	M	42
Dhanmaya Chetri	F	55
Chandan Bordoloi	M	56
Birendra Kr. Das	M	75
Mriganga Sarmah	M	45
Archana Bhattacharjee	F	56
Abanita Baruah Bhuyan	F	48

Trekking to Arunachal Pradesh (9000ft).



AMA organized a trekking in Arunachal Himalayas (9000ft.) from 15-04-2014 to 21-04-2014. 18 nos. of members including the leaders & instructors participated and successfully completed, under the Leadership of Shri. Biplob Saharia and Dy. Leader Shri. Bikash Bordoloi. The team started trekking from Deben Village to Chander following the path which was a very rich in with natural beauties.

Certificate and Badging Ceremony

AMA also organized Certificate and Badging Ceremony for various programmes conducted during 2013-2014 at Rabindra Bhawan, Guwahati on 20/05/14. The ceremony was graced by Hon'ble minister of state (ind.), Sports & Youth welfare, Assam, Sri Ajit Singh were the Chief Guest and Hon'ble MLA and Member secretary SLAC for students and Youth Welfare,

Assam, Sri Debabrata Saikia as the Guest of Honour were present in the function.



Honoring Bimal Chandra Goswami:

Sri Bimal Chandra Gowami was a very reputed mountaineer of Assam and also served AMA as its Hony. General Secretary for several years. His successful ascent in Himalayas included Gongotri I (Alpine Style), Goirchen II in Arunachal, Kaktang in Sikkim etc. He also led AMA to peaks like Bhagirathi I, Gorichen II, Kamet etc. His contribution to develop AMA as one of the leading mountaineering organization in the North East will always be remembered with gratitude. Sri Goswami was not keeping well physically for some time. In recognition to his immense contribution to AMA, Sri Bimal Chandra Goswami was felicitated in this ceremony at Rabindra Bhawan with a memento in presence of many past and present generation mountaineers of the state.

In the occasion, certificates were awarded to all successful trainees of above programs along with the participants of Mt. Thingchinkhang Expedition and High altitude trekking team to Dzongri during May June 2013.

Ex Gratia Grant to Former Mountaineers of AMA:

It is a matter of great pleasure for me to inform the house that Govt. of Assam granted one time Ex Gratia Grant of Rs. 40,000/-(Rupees forty thousand only) and a silver plate to late Rohini Kumar Bhuyan and late Amar Talukdar in a function held at Rudrasingha Sports Complex, Guwahati on 8th June 2014. Sri Ajit Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Sports, Assam handed over the cheques to the family members of these two mountaineers. This proposal was submitted to the Govt. by AMA on 5th October 2012 on the occasion of first "Mountaineering & Adventure Day".

Asom Everest 2015

The preparation of "Asom Everest Expedition 2015" is in progress. The selection for pre Everest already completed. We are very happy to inform the house that out of 27 selected mountaineers 11 is from AMA including Leader and one Dy. Leader. The Govt. of Assam is sponsoring the project in full. For maintaining a separate account for Everest, we open new accounts at State Bank of India, Guwahati Branch as per constitution of AMA.



Pre Everest Expedition to Island Peak (6160 m)

In 2015 mountaineers of Assam will try to scale the world's highest peak, the Mount Everest (8848 m). As a preparation to this highly adventurous expedition, a 27 member team of mountaineers fully sponsored by govt. of Assam went to climb a peak popularly known as Island peak (6160 m) in the Everest region in Nepal during May-June, 2014. Of this team 11 mountaineers have successfully climbed the peak in two groups. on 2nd June 2014 , Manash Barooah, Upen Chakraborty ,Henry David Terang , Parag kumar Das and Biplab Saharia & on 3rd June 2014 Suresh Boro,Nanda Dulal Das,Chintu Deka, Pankaj Boro ,Bhaskar Barman and Kharsing Teron climbed the peak respectively.

The team lead by shri Manash Barooah of AMA, flew from Kathmandu to Lukla airport (2656m) on 26/05/14 from where the team started their trek to Island peak base camp the same day. After halting in places like Phakding, Namche Bazar, Deboche, Dingboche, and Chukhung the team finally

established the expedition base camp at an altitude (5200m). During their trek the members were mesmerized by the sheer beauty of the Nepal Himalayas with lofty snow clad peaks like Ama Dablam, Makalu, and Lhotse etc all around. They had also momentary glimpse of mighty Everest (8848m) from Tengboche monastery.

At the base camp all the members thoroughly checked their technical equipments and also did lots of jumming and descending under the guidance of the expert Sherpa, some of whom were Everest.

First Summit Party: 10 members left base camp for summit at 4.30 pm on 1/6/14. They rested at high camp (5600 m) for about six hours and finally left for the summit at 1 am on 2/6/2014 with their head lights on. After negotiating a very steep climb through a gully in rock and occasional slippery hard ice, the team reached a highly crevassed area.

Ladders were fixed over some craverses. At around 7-30 am on 2/6/14 the team reached the foot of a 270 m snow wall of approximately 70 degree inclination. It took about of three hours of very tiresome jumming to climb the entire wall. As soon as the wall was climbed, the summit was just five minute walk. Five members reached the summit between 9-45 am to 10-30 am. Other five members were witnessing the climb from below the wall. All the members started descending and reached base camp in groups at around 6 pm. But two members sustained injuries due to fall, which were properly managed in the Base Camp by the team doctor.

Second Summit Attempt: 11 members of the second party left base camp at 11-30 pm on 2/6/14 for the summit. Following the same risky route, the team reached the end of the rocky gully at about 5600 m at 3 am. Suddenly one lady members started complaining of nausea, vomiting and abdominal

cramp .the team doctor Mr. Jagadish Basumatary of AMA who was also going for the summit, immediately decided to take her down. One Sherpa showed exemplary strength and courage in carrying her down on his back from such an altitude. Ultimately the sick member was safely brought to base where she was given emergency medical care. Six members continued their approach to the summit cautiously and after negotiating the snow wall, the major obstacle, all of them reached the summit of Island peak by 10-15 am on 3/6/14 .thus all together eleven members successfully reached the summit of island peak in two groups.

Return from the Base Camp: - From Base Camp every one reached Chukhung by the evening of 3/6/14. In the morning of 4/6/14 a helicopter was hired to air lift our three sick members. The helicopter landed near our lodge at 8-30 AM. Biplab Saharia, Bikash Bardoloi and Suresh Boro were taken to the chopper and Pranoy Bardoloi accompanied them as escorts for arranging their medical treatment at Kathmandu. From Chukhung the rest of the team started their trek and finally reached Kathmandu on 11/6/14.

Other Achivments:

This is the greatest achievement of this year under the leadership of AMA the team of Assamese mountaineers is preparing for organizing a expedition to Mt Everest. We must thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Tarun Gogoi, Shri Ajit Singh Hon,ble minister Sports, Shri Debabrat Saikia MLA, Shri Praduyt Bhuyan along with all officials of Sports, Finance and Planning & development department of Assam Govt. for their kind supports and co-operation.

During our tenure, the Registration of AMA under the Register of Societies, Govt. of Assam has been RENEWED.

I am happy to inform the house that the Indian Mountaineering Foundation New Delhi, selected our organization as Governing Body member with voting right for next three year.

Printed version of Amended constitution / Bye law published and copy is available at AMA office.

The Assam Mountaineering Association highly appreciates the decision of Govt. of Assam to appoint Col.H S Chouhan, President Indian Mountaineering Foundation, New Delhi as Consultant for Institute of Mountaineering and Center of Excellence in Guwahati. We congratulate Col. Chouhan and hope that under his guidance the Institute will grow into one of the finest in India of its kind. It was a demand of AMA to Govt for setting up a mountaineering institute in Assam.

Training to Scouts & Guides::

Guwahati Open rover Crew and Ranger team organized an adventure cum cultural exchange programme at Donbosco School, Sonaighuli, from 4th to 8th July 14, where 300 to 400 trainees participated. As per their official request on 13th July the Instructors of AMA imparted them River Crossing Training.

Death of a member:

Sri Bibekananda Kakoti one of our past members died in a tragic road accident on 13/7/14 in Guwahati. The members of AMA hold a meeting in AMA office on 19/7/14 and condoled the premature death of Bibekananda

and also expressed their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Financial Grant by Govt. of Assam:

We take pride in informing the house that Govt. of Assam has sanctioned good amount of money for promotion of various adventure activities in the state during our tenure. Out of these AMA received the Lions Share for its good track records. I thank Sri Satyen Sarma, our President, and Sri Ajit Deka, Adviser, for their invaluable help and cooperation in this matter.

Equipments and Library :

In this period the requirement of technical equipment fulfill up to some extent. During the Per Everest Expedition in Nepal we procure some good quality technical equipment of our organization. Equipment and library book are also listed and the same are enclosed with this report.

Basic and Advanced Course to our member

During our tenure we have sponsored four of our members for AMC and two for BMC at HMI Darjeeling. Another 5 seats for BMC has already been booked for the month of October 2014 at HMI.

The present Executive Committee is deeply indebted to several Organizations and Institutions for extending their invaluable help and cooperation in transforming AMA into a strong and vibrant institute of adventure sports. We are also very grateful to the Directorate of Sports and Youth Welfare, Assam for granting us Rs 37.61 lakhs for various activities.

Numaligarh Refinery Limited deserves special mention in this regard granting us Rs 2 lakhs for organizing trekking to Sandakphu.

Accounts and Audited Statement

Accounts of all activity and General accounts of AMA is duly maintained during this tenure and the same had audited by our internal auditor as well as by Chartered Accountant. Copy of All certified accounts are enclosed with this report.

Before concluding my report I would like to acknowledge that Sri Satyen Sarma, our President, worked with great dynamism and farsightedness in putting strong life to our beloved AMA, which was almost on the verge of losing all its past glory, for want of love and care by its own members. We were also actively supported by committed senior members like Sri Ajit Deka, Mrs. Abanita Barooah Bhuyan, Sri Ashok Jhuria and Dr. Jagadish Basumatary, Sri P.P Gautam, Sri Kishor Kr Baruah , Sri Amarjyoti Deka, Sri Mayur Mahanta, Sri Biplob Saharia, Sri Ratan Basumatary and Sri Dhrubajyoti Bora . It was a joy to see that many old and new members have started to take part almost in all the programmes once again which undoubtedly is a healthy sign for AMA.

Thank you all.

Manash Barooah

General Secretary, AMA

17th Aug , 2014