

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARYFROM 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2014 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015



On 17<sup>th</sup> August 2014 an Annual General Body Meeting of Assam Mountaineering Association was held and a 21 member new Executive Committee headed by Sri Satyen Sarma as President and Sri Manash Barooah as General Secretary was formed. I, on behalf of the present Executive Committee, thank all the members of Assam Mountaineering Association (AMA) for vesting us for subsequently with the responsibilities to promote mountaineering & allied sports in North East.



#### HANDING AND TAKING OVER OF CHARGE:

The new Executive Body took over the charge from the previous Body in the Executive Committee Meeting held on 30th August 2014 in AMA office. In this meeting, the House approved the change of signatory to Ajit Chandra Deka (Treasurer) and also appointed Sri Kishore Baruah as Internal Auditor. The following new sub committees were also formed: These are: 1. Equipment Sub Committee 2. Institutional Training Sub Committee 3. Programme Planning Sub Committee 4. Corporate House Traing Sub committee.

### MOUNTAINEERING AND ADVENTURE SPORTS DAY: 5TH OCTOBER 2014



Like the previous years this time also this programme was held with great success in the Conference Hall of the State Museum in the presence of dignitaries, old and new AMA members, and many well wishers. AMA felicitated Sri Dzeen Phookan for his support and guidance to AMA in developing adventure sports in Assam for almost three decades.Next, Sri Deepak Ranjan Kalita, Pranoy Bardoloi, Hiten Nabis and Satyen Sarma were also felicitated for their contributions to promote adventure sports in North east. They expressed their joy and happiness to each one of AMA for honouring them in such a memorable manner.

#### **DECLARATION OF THE TEAM OF ASOM EVEREST EXPEDITION**

On 18.09.2014, Sri, Tarun Gogoi, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam and also the Chief Patron of the Asom Everest Expedition 2015 Organizing committee, declared the names of the Everest Team under the leadership of Manash Barooah General Secretary ,AMA in a graceful function held at Assam State Assembly Auditorium, in presence of Sri Debabrata Saikia, MLA & Member Secretary, SLACC, and Sri Ajay Tiwary, IAS, Commissioner & Special secretary, Sports, Govt. of Assam. SPECIAL ADVANCED MOUNTAINEERING COURSE AT HMI:

The eleven member team of ASOM EVEREST EXPEDITION 2015, under the leadership of Sri Manash Barooah, reported at HMI, Darjeeeling, on 18th November, for undergoing a Special Training, as a part of their preparation for Everest. This three week long training was organized with the active help and cooperation of HMI, Darjeeling. The Principal, HMI, assigned Mr. Kushang Sherpa, one of the very few mountaineers of the world, to have climbed Everest through the all faces, as the Course Director, of this Special Training. To help him, was Noredup Sherpa who was also a Everester.

Extensive training on Jhumering and rapelling with about 20 kg load in rock which was given to each trainee. Trekking to Tiger Hill with fully loaded rucksack in given time was another part of the training. The training was tougher in the HMI, Base Camp, and it was toughest in the moraine of the ABC, at an alstitude of 17,000 feet, in extremely cold condition. We were meticulously taught the technique of ladder crossing across the crevasses.Pasang Sherpa was very strict with the training and he tried to teach everything that will be actually done in Everest, as best as he could. Our members performed very well and were awarded with Grade "A" in this Special Advanced Mountaineering Training. But, Sri Pranoy Bardoloi could not complete the course due to his personal reasons. I take this opportunity to thank our respected instructors for their excellent training to us.

#### 46<sup>TH</sup> LOCAL BASIC ROCK CLIMBING COURSE:

This important programme was a great success this time also. We got good response from our youth, who came from not only Guwahati but other parts of Assam also to participate in the training. Our moto has been always to help them build a strong physical and mental stamina which will enable them to face any challenge in life, to teach them how to work in a team with mutual understanding and respect, to build in them leadership quality, and to love the nature and protect our environment. This time about 60 boys and girls participated. And, Sri Dhruba Jyoti Bora was the Course In Charge.The techniques of Basic Climbing like bouldering, free hand three point climbing, chimney climbing, long sling rapellings, rope coiling, and knot practice were

taught to each trainee in great details in the Rohini Kumar Buyan Memorial Rock Field, Guwahati and Dirgheswari Rock Field in North Guwahati. On the final day, the trainees were taken inside Basistha forest where they learnt the techniques of river crossing. A test was taken here on that day. In addition, lecture on prevention of Acute Mountain Sickness was also given for them by our Association Doctor.

#### 25th CHILDREN ADVENTURE ORIENTATION COURSE:

In order to catch them young AMA has been conducting this programme for last 24 years. We got tremendous response from the children, in the age group of 5-12 years and their parents this year also. Sri Bikram Saikia was the Course In Charge.The training was held on 25th to 28th December 2014.



Initial training on rock was given at RKB Memorial Field and on penultimate day, it was combined with the Youths programme at Basishtha forest where the children learnt river crossing training alsong with their adult friends. Great care was taken for the safety of the children to avoid any kind of accidents during training.

#### 20th ALL ASSAM ROCK CLIMBING TRAINING :

AMA organizes this training every year to help those interested trainees, who could not come every Sunday to join the Local Training in Guwahati. This year the training was held from 21th to 24th January, and about 15 trainees participated and they performed satisfactorily. Sri Parag Kumar Das was the Course In Charge.

#### NILU TALUKDAR MEMORIAL ROCK CLIMBING COMPETITION:



This important event of AMA, held in memory of our beloved member, late Nilu Talukfar, was held on 1st February 2014 in the RKB Memorial rock field. Sri Ratan Basumatary was the Course In Charge. About 30 avid rock climbers participated in the competition. The International

Rules were follwed here also.

The winners of the competition are :

Boys: 1. Hemen Das 2. Kaushik Das 3. Rajani Kanta Deori

Girls: 1. Nitu Basumatary 2 Dimpy Das 3 Ama Merry Marak

#### VARIOUS HIGH ALTITUDE TREKKINGS ORGANIZED BY AMA (2014-15)

- Phalut High altitude Trekking: A team of 16 members went to trek to Phalut, including Sandakphu, from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014. Dhruba Jyoti Bora and Amar Jyoti Deka was the Leader and Manager respectively. It was very educational and interesting trek for the team.
- 2. Sandakphu High Altitude Trekking: From 11<sup>th</sup> January to 18<sup>th</sup> January'15, a 20 member AMA Team was engaged in Sandakphu trek, under the leadership of Kishore Kumar Baruah. The team besides viewing the Everest, Kanchenjunga and other worlds highest mountain from sandakphu, also trekked to Darjeeling and viewed the sun rise from Tiger hill also. It was a very enjoyable programe.
- 3. Dzongri Trekking: Rajani Deori took a team to trek to Dzongri. The programme was of 8 days duration, from 10<sup>th</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup> April'15. All the members successfully reached the Dzongri Top.
- Everest Base Camp : A two member team of AMA lead by Suresh Boro associated by Bhasker Das Completed trek to Everest Base Camp from 17<sup>th</sup> Nov to 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015.

#### AMA EXHIBITION AT AXOM XAHITYA XABHA SESSION AT KALIABOR (31ST JANUARY TO 4TH FEBRUARY 2015):

As per the request of the Organizers of the Xabha, AMA sent a team with various exhibition materials to the Xabha Session, under the leadership of Sri Biren das, a very senior member of AMA. Our mountaineering equipments, some souvenir articles of past expeditions and photographs of AMA history were displayed in the exhibition on all four days. Thousands of people visited our stall daily and admired our activities. But, our members faced lot of difficulties as the accomodation, drinking water and toilet facilities were not good there.

#### **TEZPUR TRAINING (10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> January'2915)**



Maitreyee sangha of Tezpur requested AMA to conduct training at Tezput for their children. Accordingly, AMA sent a team of instructors there , who had trained about 75 children during the three day programme. Similar training will be conducted there next year also.

#### **RELEASE OF MP FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AMA OFFICE:**

Great news for us was that Sjt. Bhubaneswar Kalita, Honb'le MP (RS), has released a sum of Rs. 10 lakhs from his MP-LAD (RS) Fund for the construction of new AMA Office building.Out of 10lakhs, Rs 6 lakhs has been already released by Deputy Commissioner, Guwahati Metro . I, on behalf of AMA, take this opportunity to thank Kalita Sir for his generous help.

#### **EVEREST FLAGG OFF AND AMA BADGING CEREMONY:**



Honb'le Chief Minister of Assam, Sri Tarun Gogoi with several of his cabinet ministers namely Sri Chandan Sarkar, Sri Ajit Singh, were preset in this graceful ceremony held on 25th March at the Conference hall of the NEDFI House. Hon'ble CM highly appreciated the efforts of AMA for promoting Adventure Sports in Assam and he wished that the youth of Assam will be able to develop their personality by taking part in this challenging activities. Sri Tarun Gogoi then ceremonially handed over the National Flag, AMA Flag and the Ice Axe to the Leader of the Everest Expedition amidst the big applause of the audience. The certificates and badges to the participants of various trainings of AMA were also given in this function. In the occasion the Hon'ble Minister of Sport Sri Ajit Singh grant a cycle to Shri Hamen Das.



Another important Agenda of this function was the release of an unique book, titled "GIRI-SANKARAN", a four hundred and eighty page book, compiled by Satyen Sarma, and published by AMA. This book actually is a "HISTORY OF MOUNTAINEERING IN ASSAM".

#### ASOM EVEREST EXPEDITION 2015:

The most important event of adventure sports history of Assam was the "ASOM EVEREST EXPEDITION 2015". AMA took the leadership role in organizing the First Ever Everest Expedition from the state of Assam, with a team of Assamese Mountaineers. But, due to devastating earthquake of 7.9 Rickter scale and the massive avalanche that hit the EBC on 25th April 2015, which killed 18 people at EBC instantly, our dream of scaling Everest could not be fulfilled. But, for the prayers of the people of Assam, all the eleven of us were saved, though we were hit by the avalanche while we were in training at Khubu Glacier at that time. (Detail Report enclosed).



#### MT.DEO TIBBA EXPEDITION (MAY–JUNE 2015)

AMA had sent a strong team of 8 members to climb Deo Tibba in Himachal Pradesh, which is regarded as a technically tough peak, under the leadership of Abanita Baruah Bhuyan. 5 of the members established Summit Camp on 30th May under heavy snow fall and waited there for three days. But snow fall did not stop and every one had to return to BC with a heavy heart. Expedition was finally abandoned. (Report Enclosed)

#### CONSTRUCTION OF AMA OFFICE BUILDING:

A Executive Committee Meeting held on 7th May 2015 took the resolution to start the construction of new AMA Building as soon as possible. A Committee was aslo forme to suprvise the constructio with the following members: 1. Satyen sarma 2. Ashok Jhuria 3. Ajit Deka 4. Pulak Mahanta and 5. Manash Barooah. The casting of the first floor is already complete and the rest of the construction is progressing very satisfactorily. (Report Enclosed)

#### SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP AT NAZIRA:



This camp was held on 11 &12July 2015 at Nazira to expand the adventure activities of AMA out side Guwahati also, as AMA was receiving many requests to conduct such programmes from different organizations recently. In this training at Nazira, AMA instructors imparted training to about 58 boys and girls on climbing, rapelling and also rafting in a local pond. Sri Debabrata Saikia, MLA, also was present in the programme. It was a great success. I would like to thank Mr Saikia for his immense support and co-operation to make this event a great success. Camp Coordinator was Mayaur Mahanta and In Charges Dhrubajyoti Bora and Bikram Saikia (Jointly)

#### **MT.STOCK KANGRI EXPEDITION:**

A seven members team of Assam Mountaineering Association led by Shri. Manash Barooah had climbed the Mount Stok Kangri on 17<sup>th</sup> August around 12:30 p.m. The team left Guwahati on 10<sup>th</sup> August via Delhi to Leh.



The seven members' team members are:

Manash Barooah, Leader

Dhrubajyoti Bora Dy. Leader

Mayur Mahanta, Nabajyoti Sarma, Kaushik Das, Parag Kumar Das,

Karan Shandillya

Team started trekking from Stok Village on 13<sup>th</sup> August towards Base Camp, via STOK Village first day- Changma (13,087 ft) Second day- Mankorma (14,200 ft.) and established their Base Camp (16,300 ft.) on 15<sup>th</sup> August. The area is totally dry, trek beside a hilly river with low oxygen. The location is totally different as compared to other Himalayan region. For acclimatization the team prepared themselves near the base camp on 16<sup>th</sup> August. Finally they prepared for the summit on 17<sup>th</sup> August, the team members Switch ON their Head Lamp at around 12:30 am and started climbing. Negotiating thru a narrow ridge and finally reach the Stok Kangri Glacier (almost 6 kms. and more than 60 degree angle in some part). Team ready for the final climbing with the Boots and Crampon, and reached the 'Soulder' of Mount Stock Kangri, the team members are Rope-Up for final ascent, the ridge is very narrow, rock climbing with Crampons is not a easy where team face the maximum portion of rocky in the ridge towards the peak and successfully summit the Mount Stok Kangri (6153 mtrs. / 20,187 feet) at around 12:30 pm. summiteers are Manash Barooah (Leader), Dhrubajyoti The Bora (Dy.Leader), Mayur Mahanta and Kaushik Das, and they hosted the National Tri Colour with the flag of Assam Mountaineering Association. And started descending from the top and reached the Base Camp (16,300 feet) safely.

They left the Base Camp on 18<sup>th</sup> August'15 and reached Leh after trekking the same route via Stok village.The team return to Guwahati via Manali ,New Delhi on 25<sup>th</sup> August2015.

#### PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION:



For the first time AMA had organized a grand Mountaineering Photography Exhibition at the art gallery of Srimanta Shankardeva Kalakhetra, Guwahati, Form 5<sup>th</sup> Octber to 12 th October 2015. About 400 photgraphs illustrating AMA history of four decades were displayed, which had drawn large crowd daily. This exhibition was inaugurated by Sri Utpal Baruah, a renowned photographer of Assam.

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, MOUNTAINEERING & ADVENTURE DAY:



Like the previous years, this important event was held at the Srimanta Shankardeva Kalakhetra Auditorium. AMA honoured and felicitated 18 past mountaineers for their contribution to AMA in various constructive manner for promotion of adventure sports in Assam. They are:

- 1. Sidhartha Bhattacharjee
- 2. Moonindra Kumar Sarania
- 3. Mridul Saharia
- 4. Rashmi Baruah
- 5. Prithwiraz Narzary
- 6. Manoj Saikia
- 7. Kishore Kumar Baruah
- 8. Abanita Baruah Bhuyan
- 9. Bina Devi
- 10. Marylyn Farwell
- 11. Mamun Rashid
- 12. Bisakha Dutta Dev Goswami
- 13. Rekha Kurmi
- 14. Munin Das





Two senior and distinguished well wishers of AMA, Late Bipul Chandra Kalita( posthumously) and Paresh Pathak were also felicitated for their support and guidance to AMA.

The AMA Calendar for 2015-16 was also declared on the same occasion. The Calender is enclosed.

Mighty Brahmaputra River Bamboo Rafting Expedition Team was also flagged of by Sri Chandan Sarkar, Hon'ble Minister of Water Resource Assam. The National flag and AMA flag was also handed over to Sri Parbati Prasad Gautam, The Leader of the team. Detail report enclosed.

#### BAMBOO RAFTING IN MIGHTY BRAHMAPUTRA FROM SADIYA TO GUWAHATI:

This was another exceptional adventure programme undertaken by AMA in 2015 and it was first of its kind in the North East. A team of 17 AMA members along with 8 other personels, under the leadership of Sri Parbati Prasad Gautam, sailed across the mighty Brahmaputra from Saikhowa Ghat

( crossing Sadiyas on the way) to Guwahati, covering a distance of 635 km, in 12 days.



The bamboo raft was constructed at Saikhowa Ghat with 150 big Keko bamboo and 150 janti bamboos, which measured 50 feet long and 20 feet wide. It took 16 days to complete the construction of the raft by the local experts of Saikhowa. The raft was deign exclusively by AMA. Starting at Sadia on 29th October'15, the raft reached Machkhowa Ghat in Guwahati on 9th November'15 after completing a very adventurous marine journey. The team was given a very warm reception at Kachamari Ghat, Guwahati by Sri Tarun Gogoi himself, great patron of adventure sports. (The Leaders Report Enclosed).

#### PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF NAMDAPHA:

AMA will send a team with the members of Tiger project for an Exploration Programme at NAMDAPHA Forest in January next year. There are many unexplored mountains in those remote areas. AMA will try to find possible routes to these mountains during this exploration. In order to make a priliminary survey, a AMA team comprising Manash Barooah, Kishore Baruah, Dhruba Jyoti Bora, and Henry David Teron visited some place of the area and interacted with the forest officials of that area recently. Noteworthy that Sri Dev Prakash Bankhwal, IFS, Inspector General of Forests, National Tiger Conservation Authority, Govt. of India, and Kamal Azad, Field Officer, NTP, Govt. of India, also actively took part in this exploration recee.

#### FINANCIAL GRANT BY GOVT. OF ASSAM & OTHERS

#### We are very thankful to:

- 1. Govt. of Assam for snanctioning Rs. 13,75,000/- (Rupees Thirteen lakh seventy five thousand only) for organizing and conducting various AMA programmes and Rs.2,00,00,000/-(Rupees Two Crore for Assam Mount. Everest Expedition 2015.
- 2. Ministry of Sports & Youth Welfare, Govt. of India, for sanctioning 25 lakhs for Asom Everest Expedition 2015. Rs.22,00,000/-( Twenty two lakhs )of this amount has been already received.
- 3. Numaligarh Refinary Ltd, Numaligarh, for donating Rs. 3,0000/-(Three lakhs only) for trekking and expedition.
- 4. Department of Tourism, Govt. of Assam, for sanctioning Rs.2,00000 ( Rupees Two lakhs only) for adventure activity of AMA.
- State Level Advisory Committee for student and youth ,Assam for sanctioning Rs 75,000/- (Rupees. Seventy five thousand only) for Summer Adventure Camp, Nazira.

#### **ACCOUNTS DETAILS:**

Detail accounts up to 09-12-2015 with audited statement of individual accounts of various programs are enclosed with the report.

#### HOJAI COLLEGE TRAINING

AMA is expanding its activity, involving educational institution situated outside Guwahati also. The Principal, Hojai College, Hojai, Nagaon, Assam, requested AMA to give trainings to the members of Scouts & Guides of Hojai College. AMA conducted a training on Basic Rock Climbing & River Crossing for 12 girls and boys from 6<sup>th</sup> November to 8<sup>th</sup> November'2014. Abanita Baruah and Dhruba Jyoti Bora were the Course Instructors. Dr. Caroline Basumata of Hojai College, accompanied them as Team In Charge.

#### **BASIC AND ADVANCED COURSE OF OUR MEMBER:**

Like the previous years, the following AMA members completed successfully Basic Mountaineering Course & Advanced Mountaineering Course at HMI, Darjeeling, being sponsored by AMA.

#### BASIC COURSE

Bhaskar Baruah Jayanta Nath Uddipon Kashyap Riju Handique Jeet Gogoi Zia Sarkar <u>ADVANCE COURSE</u> Jayanta Nath <u>Adventure Course</u> Sujaan Buragohain <u>MOI</u> Karan kr. Sandillya

#### **ONE TIME EX GRATIA TO NESIM AKHTER**

As per our appeal, Govt. of Assam, declared the sanction of Rupees 40,000 (Rs. Forty thousand only) and a Siver Plate, as one time ex gratia, to Late Nesim Akhter, a pioneer lady mountaineer and IMF Executive from Assam.

#### **AFFILIATION TO OTHER ORGAISATION :**

AMA granted affiliation to the following three adventure sports organizations namely :

- 1. Lawyers Adventure Club, Guwahati High Court
- 2. Sikhar, Guwahati
- 3. North East Adventure Foundation
- 4. Karbi Anglong Mountaineering Club
- 5. Assam Sport Climbing Association

#### AMA OFFICIAL INVITED FOR IMF AGM

Other activities worth mentioning are, Satyen Sarma and Manash Barooah invited to cast their vote in the AGM of IMF, New Delhi, in November 2014. And these two AMA executives attended the prestigious policy making meeting of IMF, and exercised their franchise in the IMF election.

Sri Karan Sandilya of AMA completed successfully the first ever "Climathone" organized by IMF at Manali.

#### **INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMMES:**

Director, NPS International School, Lokhora, Guwahati, requested AMA to conduct training for their students regularly on a tie up module. AMA agreed to it and accordingly, the following programmes were held.

 Exhibition on Mountaineering Equipments on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015: This exhibition was organized in the school premises and a large nos. of students and teachers visited the same. Along with the training, a live demonstration on climbing and rappelling was also conducted in the school same day.

- Trekking cum River Crossing Programme on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015: A day long trekking cum river crossing training programme was organized for NPS students at Basistha area where 37 students and 02 teachers took part successfully.
- 3. <u>Water Sports Training</u>: On 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015: 23 students were imparted training on basics of Kayaking, Canoeing and Rafting at Dighaliphukhuri. This training was conducted with the support of ATDC.
- 4. Special Orientation Programme for Foreign Delegates:



One International Kids Film festival was organized by NPS Interanational School from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> December'15. Students from Italy, Sweden, Russia, Brazil and South Africa also participated in this festival. At the request of the NPS School authority, AMA water sports training at Dighalipukhuri where 8 foreign students and 23 local students from NPS took part. ATDC supported us this time also. I convey my thanks to them for their help and cooperation. Probably, AMA is the first organization in the North East to have conducted training of adventure sports for any foreign students, in its 47 years history.

5. Disaster Management Training Programme at Hojai College, Hojai: On 19-09-2015, Saturday, Assam Mountaineering Association organized a daylong "Disaster Management Orientation Training Programme" with the collaboration of Hojai College Scout & Guide Unit at Hojai College, Hojai.

The objectives of the day long programme are-

- To orient the participant about the Importance of Disaster Management
- To provide practical demonstration and practice on Search & Rescue.

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The programme was inaugurated by the Principle of Hojai College, Hojai. Then, Rajani Deori, the Resource Person, gave a power point presentation on the different aspects of the subject. In the afternoon, demonstration and practical session was given by AMA instructors, Parag Kumar Das, Bhaskar Baruah, and Uddipan Kashyap. Dr. Carolin Basumata, In Charge of Hojai College Scout & Guide Unit took great initiative in organizing this programme.

#### 6. Winter Adventure Camp at Montfort School:

Montfort School 10<sup>th</sup> Miles organized winter adventure camp fron 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 collaboration with Bharat Scouts and Guides. On 29<sup>th</sup> December AMA instructor provide rock climbing training to 146 student in the camp.

#### 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Basic Rock Climbing Training:

This important programme started from 22<sup>nd</sup> November'15. 88 young boys and girls took part in the training very enthusiastically on all the 5 consecutive Sundays, where they learnt not only all the basic techniques of rock climbing but advanced techniques like, Jummering was also taught to them. Rajani Deori was the Course In charge. As the part of the training, selected trainee will be taken to High Altitude trekking in the Himalayas.



#### 26<sup>th</sup> Children Adventure Orientation Camp:

Large number of children (5-12 years), about 75, joined this eagerly awaited programme of AMA, this year also which was held on 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> December'2015. Sri V.K Pipersenia, IAS, The Chief Secretary, Govt.of Assam, was the Chief Guest of the Inauguration of the programme, held in the Assam State Zoo, on 25<sup>th</sup> Decmber morning. Appreciating the steps taken by AMA for promoting adventure sports in Assam, Sri Pipersenia, encouraged the children and flagged off the team for the training ground. These children will also be taken to the Himalayas for High Altitude Trekking. Sri Dhruba Jyoti Bora was the Course In Charge and Shri Ashok Kumar Jhuria was the Coordinator.



#### IMF Annual General Meeting .

Sri Satyen Sarma, President, AMA, participated in AMA of IMF, New Delhi, on 19 Nov 2015 And cast his valuable vote there. Col. H. S. Chouhan was reelected as the President, IMF. The Indian Mountaineering Foundation selected our President Shri Satyen Sarma as Chairman for N E Region.

#### **CONDOLENCE FOR LATE AMRIT PHUKON :**

**Amrit Phukan**, Senior Advocate General, Govt. of Assam, and also past Working President of AMA, died on 14<sup>th</sup> Octber'2015. AMA held a Condolence and honoured the body with AMA flag and flower.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

I would like to conclude my report by thanking my AMA members for reposing their faith upon me and giving me another term to serve the Association. Sri Satyen Sarma, President of AMA, has always been very helpful, and guided me throughout my tenure. I convey him my grateful thanks. Also, I put on record my gratitude and thanks for, Swapnil Baruah, Sri Parbati Prasad Gautam, Sri Ajit Kumar Deka, Sri Kishore Kumar( specally for helping in audit/ Jagadish Basumatary, accounts), Dr. Abanita Baruah Bhuyan, Mayur Mahanta and my most helping junior group, Dhruba, Santosh, Karan, Parag, Jayanta, Jeet, Kaku (Bhaskar) Riju, Suresh .....

Remarkable achievements in 2014&2015 were, The First Everest Expedition 2015 from Assam, and the First Ever Mighty Brahmaputra River Rafting Expedition, organized by AMA. The Grand Photography Exhibition and Release of 400 hundred page book on AMA history also deserves special appreciation from one and all. These all could not have been successful without active support of all the members of AMA, and I thank all of them from the bottom of my heart once again.

Thanking you all

(Manash Barooah) General Secretary

# LONG LIVE AMA.