

Banga Maitri Sansad

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Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting of Banga Maitri Sansad held on 30th June 2024 for the Year 2023-24 at Senior Railway Institute, Prabhat Colony, Santacruz East, Mumbai.

The 76th AGM of Banga Maitri Sansad held on 30th June 2024 at 11.00 hours at Sr. Railway Institute, Prabhat Colony, Santacruz East. The participant's list is annexed.

The meeting was scheduled at 11.00 am but due to the nonfulfillment of the Quorum, the meeting was adjourned and again reconvened at 11.30 am as per the agenda of the meeting at the same venue.

Proceedings

AGENDA 1: To welcome the Chairman.

The house welcomed Chairman Dr. Suptendu Roychoudhary, Chairman, BMS Board of Trustees.
The House also welcomed Mr. Debabrata Mitra, President, BMS.

AGENDA 2: To read and confirm the minutes of the last AGM.

The Joint Secretary Mr. Indranil Mukherjee read the minutes of the last AGM held on 15th April, 2022 for confirmation. The House confirmed the minutes.

Resolution No. 1 RESOLVED that the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of BMS held on 23rd July 2023, which was displayed in the notice board at BMS Club and is hereby confirmed.

- Proposed By: Mr. Arunava Mukherjee
- Seconded by: Mr. Kunal Bhaduri

It was confirmed and approved unanimously by the House.

AGENDA 3: Secretary's report (read by Joint Secretary Mr. Indranil Mukherjee)

In absence of the general secretary, Mr. Subir Dutta, joint secretary Mr. Indranil Mukherjee read out the secretary's report.

The joint secretary highlighted the fact that due to the medical crisis of GS Subir Dutta, he has taken up the responsibility.

The summary of the key points mentioned in the Secretary's report for BMS :

1. **Membership:**

- There has been a significant increase in membership payments for the year 2024.
- Most members have updated their annual membership.
- New members have joined the organization: Manasee Sarkar, Nairita Bhattacharya, Keya Mukerji, Soham Chakraborty, and Munmun Sarkar Basu.

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2. ****TAN and Duplicate 12A Certificate****:

- The organization has applied for the Duplicate 12A Certificate and received a copy of the Registration number dated 19.03.2008.
- The organization has a ten-digit alphanumeric TAN (Tax Deduction and Collection Account) number.
- Appreciation was extended to Bivas Chakraborty for his contribution in this regard.

3. ****Communication****:

- Emphasized the importance of communication in today's world.
- Encouraged members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains the relevance and sanctity of the forum.
- Highlighted the diverse backgrounds and occupations of the members, emphasizing the value each member brings to the organization.

4. ****Club Improvement****:

- Emphasized that the responsibility lies with present-day members and office bearers to not only continue the legacy but also enhance the club's quality.
- Mentioned the implementation of a Code of Conduct following past incidents and urged members to adhere to it.

5. ****Communication on WhatsApp****:

- Noted the need for members to refrain from posting political content in the main BMS WhatsApp group to ensure important messages are not overlooked.
- Requested suggestions from the members on how to prevent the recurrence of such posts.
- Informed about a separate WhatsApp group for personal messages and discussions, with a shared link for interested members to join.

6. ****Charity and Social Contributions****:

- Highlighted the organization's commitment to social and charitable causes.
- Acknowledged the increased need for charitable contributions due to changing norms and regulations.
- Proposed ideas like converting the Khichuri Bhog into a Free Community Food service to enhance charitable work and engage in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities.
- Encouraged members to invite corporate sponsors and donors to participate in the Bhog Prasad distribution.

7. ****Events and Activities****:

- Due to financial constraints, the organization was unable to organize the annual Picnic this year.
- Despite challenges, the organization successfully conducted events such as The Blood Donation Camp, Poila Boisakh/Borshoboron, and Rabindra Najrul Sondhya cultural evening.
- Encouraged the Durga Pujo Cultural Committee to involve more members in in-house activities for increased participation.

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8. ****Special Guest Visit****:

- Respected Swamiji Sri Atmagatananda ji Maharaj from Ramakrishna Mission visited the club to interact with the members.

9. ****Court Case Regarding Club Building****:

- The BMC has issued a notice declaring the Aor Biew building A wing as unsafe for inhabitants and subject to demolition.

- Mr. Almeida, the owner, has filed a case and obtained a stay order on the demolition.

- Members like Bivas Chakraborty and Suptendu Roychowdhury are actively involved in the Airview tenants Association WhatsApp group.

- Legal guidance has been provided by member Amritraj, who is a legal professional, and Suptendu Da.

- The court case is ongoing at Dindoshi court, with a hearing scheduled for July 9th.

10. ****Acknowledgment****:

- Expressed gratitude to the members for their unwavering support during a challenging year.

- Acknowledged the contributions of certain members without naming them individually.

In general the organization's resilience in overcoming challenges, engaging in meaningful activities, and addressing important legal matters concerning the club building has been a cornerstone in the past year.

The report reflected on the organization's dedication to improving its operations, maintaining a positive environment, and enhancing its charitable endeavors.

Overall, our organization has had a successful and active year with positive developments in membership, administrative matters, and communication strategies.

The house acknowledged the report wholeheartedly.

Resolution No. 2: RESOLVED that the Secretary's Report, read out by the Joint Secretary is hereby acknowledged.

- Proposed By: Mr. Subrata Debnath
- Seconded by: Mr. Shagnik Mukherjee

It was **passed** unanimously by the House.

AGENDA 4: Treasurer's Report

The treasurer Mr. Sujay Basu placed read his report about the various income and expenditure for the year ended March 31, 2023.

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Resolution No. 3: RESOLVED that the treasurer's report placed in the House was approved and is hereby adopted.

- Proposed By: Mrs. Anindita Mitra
- Seconded by: Mr. Rajesh Mukerji.

It was **passed** unanimously by the House.

AGENDA 5: The draft of the approved internal audit accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023, was placed before the house to adopt the income and expenditure for the year 22-23.

Treasurer Mr. Sujay Basu placed the internally audited accounts for the FY 2023. He informed the House that the auditors could not complete the final audited accounts as the portal opens only in July. However, the audited account will be placed in the House as and when it is received from the auditors.

The House approved the internally audited accounts.

Resolution No. 4: RESOLVED that the internally audited accounts placed in the House was approved and is hereby adopted.

- Proposed By: Mrs. Rini Mukherjee
- Seconded by: Mrs. Bandana Dey

It was **passed** unanimously by the House.

AGENDA 6: To appoint Auditor for the financial year 2024-25.

We had appointed a new audit firm **M/s. Bhavesh & Associates** to do the audit for the FY 23-24. Mr. Arunava Mukherjee suggested **M/s. Bhavesh & Associates** to continue as auditor for the FY 24-25. The House accepted and approved to appoint M/s **M/s. Bhavesh & Associates** as auditor for the financial year 2024-25.

Resolution No. 5: RESOLVED that M/s. **M/s. Bhavesh & Associates** be appointed as auditor for the FY 24-25.

- Proposed By: Mr. Bivas Chakraborty
- Seconded by: Mrs. Kavita Mukerji

It was passed unanimously by the House.

AGENDA 7: To approve the resignation of Subir Dutta from all posts held by him in BMS.

Following a verbal and written communique by Mr Subir Dutta requesting him to be relieved of all posts held by him, Mr. Indranil Mukherjee made the house aware of the health condition of Mr. Dutta following his hospitalisation and ongoing recuperation.

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Resolution No. 6: RESOLVED that Mr. Subir Dutta has resigned from all posts held by him in BMS.

Proposed By: Ms. Gargi Deb

- Seconded by: Mr. Nirjash Roy Chowdhury

It was passed unanimously by the House.

AGENDA 8: Formation of BMS Managing Committee

The house decided to continue with existing BMS Managing Committee for conducting the smooth functioning of the club activities and organizing various events/festivals in 2024-2025. A few changes were needed with the stepping down of our earlier GS Mr. Subir Dutta due to his infirmity and Mr. Kunal Bhaduri due to personal reasons.

Resolution No. 7: RESOLVED that Mr. Indranil Mukherjee was selected as the General Secretary of BMS and Durga Pujo subcommittee.

Proposed By: Mr. Debabrata Mitra

- Seconded by: Mr. Arunava Mukherjee

It was passed unanimously by the House.

Resolution No. 8: RESOLVED that Mrs Kavita Mukerji was selected as the Joint Secretary of BMS.

- Proposed By: Mrs. Arpita Mukherjee
- Seconded by: Mrs. Vidisha Deb

It was passed unanimously by the House.

Resolution No. 9: RESOLVED that Mrs Rini Mukherjee was selected as a new member of the BMS Managing Committee (MC) and Mr. Suman Layak inducted into the MC this year.

- Proposed By: Mrs. Sanchari Mukherjee
- Seconded by: Mr. Samiran Chakraborty

The House unanimously passed it.

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Considering the total number of Members of BMS, the number of members of the Managing Committee is decided at eleven (11), to conform with the provisions of Maharashtra Cooperative Societies Act 1960 and with those of Bombay Public Trust Act 1950 and in the said number of the Managing Committee, members Scheduled Caste (SC), Schedule Tribes (ST), Neo Buddhists (NBs) and 2 female members are considered.

BMS Managing Committee

PRESIDENT - Mr. Debabrata Mitra

GENERAL SECRETARY - Mr. Indranil Mukherjee

TREASURER - Mr. Sujay Basu

JOINT SECRETARY – Mrs. Kavita Mukerji

MEMBERS

- Mrs Rini Mukherjee
- Mrs Anuradha Banerjee
- Mr. Nirjash Roy Chowdhury
- Mr. Subrata Debnath

The house could not find any members from Scheduled Caste (SC), Schedule Tribes (ST), Neo Buddhists (NBs) community in the house and therefore as per provisions of the law, these 3 posts kept vacant for the time being.

The house also decided to create a pull of resources to be called in the MC meeting as per requirement and the General Secretary will decide to call members in the MC meetings as and when required

- Ms. Vaishali Chakraborty
- Mr. Suman Layak
- Mr. Haradev Mukherjee
- Mr. Rajnath Bose
- Mr. Chandan Deb

Our present Internal Audit team needed to be shuffled with Indranil Mukherjee, moving out and a new team was formed fresh, and the house believed the internal audit committee should consist of the following members:

1. Mr. Shirshendu Basu
2. Mr. Sandeepan Banerjee and
3. Mr. Samiran Chakraborty

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AGENDA 9: Change in the composition of the Board of Trustees (BOT)

Resolution No. 10: RESOLVED that Mr. Indranil Mukherjee was selected as a new member of the BMS Board of Trustees (BOT) to fill up the post left vacant due to the resignation of Mr. Subir Dutta.

- Proposed By: Mr. Arunava Mukherjee
- Seconded by: Mr. Nirjash Roy Chowdhury

The House unanimously passed it.

AGENDA 10: Change in the composition of the Durga Pujo committee

Formation of 77th year Durga Puja sub- committee.

The new **Pujo Managing Committee** is formed in consultation with the newly elected Managing Committee.

Chairman- Mr. Subrata Debnath		
Secretary – Indranil Mukherjee	Joint Secretary Mrs. Kavita Mukerji	Treasurers Mr. Sujay Basu Mr. Rajesh Mukerji
Vice - Chairperson Mr. Nirjash Roy Chowdhury Ms. J D Baishnab Mrs. Subarna Bhattacharya Mr. Sandeepan Banerjee	Pujo Rituals Committee Mrs. Chinu Mazumder Mr. Haradeb Mukherjee Mrs. Arpita Mukherjee Mrs. Mun Mun Roy Chowdhury Mrs. Sangita Chakraborty	Cultural Committee Ms. Anindita Mitra Ms. Rupashree Deb Ms. Gitika Banerjee Ms. Anuradha Banerjee Ms. Sangita Chakraborty Ms. Sanchari Mukherjee
	Mrs. Bandana Dey Mrs. Sonali Chowdhury Mrs. Sreyoshi Basu Mrs. Sanchari Mukherjee Mrs. Shampa Mukherjee	
Bhog Committee Mr. Chandan Deb Mr. Rohit Basu Mr. Soumya Deb	Marketing & Publicity Committee Ms. Gargi Deb Mr. Suman Layak Mr. Abhijit Dey Mr. Vikrant Bijay Dutt	Pandal Committee Ms. Urvashi Majumdar Mr. Subrata Debnath Ms. Vaishali Chakraborty Ms. Gargi Deb

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Resolved that the Pujo subcommittee will be organising different festivals under the guidance of BMS Managing Committee.

- Proposed by: Mr. Subrata Debnath
- Seconded by: Mr. Samiran Chakraborty

AGENDA 11: Charity Commission work

Mr. Bivas Chakraborty made the house aware of the developments in relation to the streamlining of the process at the Charity Commission. He with the help of Sandeepan Banerjee and a very good reference of Mr. JD Baishnab had made good inroads in accessing the various documents related to our club.

The house thanked him profusely for the same.

Other issues discussed with the permission of the Chair

1. Mr. Nirjash Roy Chowdhury made the house aware that as against common perception, he was not aware about the selection and choice of orchestra/ musical artists that had performed during the Durga Puja 2023 and was solely selected by the GS Subir Dutta.
2. Look into options to form a sub committee for charity 80G related issues.
3. It was also discussed and suggested by Mr. Suman Layak to use various tools to streamline the communication on Whatsapp platform.



Debabrata Mitra
President BMS



Indranil Mukherjee
General Secretary, BMS