



# Salt Lake City BA Block Residents' Association

**36th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
28 June 2015



**Annual Report & Audited Accounts  
for the Year 2014-15**

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### NOTICE

12 June, 2015

**Respected Members,**

The 36th Annual General Meeting of the Salt Lake City BA Block Residents' Association will be held on 28 June 2015 (Sunday) from 11-00 am at 'UTSARGA', BA 122/1 Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700 064 to consider the following.

#### AGENDA

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 29 June 2014.
2. To adopt with or without modification the Annual Report of the Association for the Year 2014-15.
3. To pass the Audited Accounts of the Association for the Year ended 31.3.2015
4. To appoint qualified Auditor and to fix remuneration thereof.
5. To transact such business as fixed by the Executive Committee which are as follows:
  - a) To consider enhancing the wages for Nights Guards
  - b) To discuss Membership issues and allied matters
6. To transact such business as may be brought forward by giving 14 days' prior notice from any member who is not a defaulter
7. To consider resolution(s) by the Members of the Association after being properly proposed and seconded by any Member of the Association who is not a defaulter.
8. To conduct General Elections to be held and to elect the Executive Committee and Office-Bearers for the Year 2015-16.

**Thanks and Regards,**

Yours Sincerely,

**(Subhendu Kundu)**

Secretary

# **ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2014-15**

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**Respected Members,**

On behalf of the Executive Committee 2014-15 and my personal behalf, I heartily and warmly welcome you all to the **36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting** of the **Salt Lake City BA Block Residents' Association**.

Hon'ble Members, before we begin the proceedings, I, with a heavy heart, inform you that some of our Members have left us for the Heavenly Abode. We are deeply saddened by their demise and extend deep condolences to their families. For us, the sense of void is too strong to overcome. These Members inspired us, guided us and contributed significantly to make our Association a vibrant forum. Please join me in paying homage to the departed souls.

**The revered Members who have passed away in the past year:** Mr Sukhendu Roy Chowdhury (BA-8); Mr Dilip Das (BA-75) and Mr Subhas Chakraborty (BA 92) and Mrs Indira Mitra (BA 157).

## **FORMATION OF THE \*EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2014-15**

The Executive Committee 2013-14, in deference to the wishes of the Association Members, decided to conduct the election of the Office-Bearers and other Executive Committee Members for the year 2014-15 through secret ballot, if required. The entire election process was conducted and executed by a two-member panel comprising Mr Sukharanjan Dasgupta (BA-79), a renowned journalist, and Mr Sabyasachi Nayak (AA-41), an advocate of Calcutta High Court. The Annual General Meeting held on 29 June 2014 unanimously approved and ratified the election process and also the election of the office-bearers and other Executive Committee Members for the year 2014-15. Notably, there was no contest for the said election, because out of the 62 Members who had collected their nomination forms from the Election Panel, only 21 Members were in the fray, after withdrawal of nomination papers and scrutiny was done. Mr Sabyasachi Nayak announced the names of the Office-bearers and Executive Committee Members who were elected unopposed, at the AGM.

*\*This is to inform you that the election process and the election of the Office-Bearers and the Executive Committee 2014-15 has been challenged by three of our members – Mr Anindya Chatterjee (BA-136), Mr Kaushik Chandra (BA-177) and Mr Subhajit Bhattacharjee (BA-89) – in the Learned Court of 3rd Civil Judge (Jr Divn) at Sealdah: Title Suit No. 167 of 2014. I would like to inform you that all the above-mentioned Members – Mr Chatterjee, Mr Chandra and Mr Bhattacharjee had collected nomination forms, and as such, took part in the election process, even though they did not submit the nomination forms.*

*I would also like to inform this august gathering that so far there is no order from the Learned Court restraining the present Executive Committee from holding any election of the Office-Bearers and Executive Committee for the year 2015-16. And since the tenure of the Executive Committee 2014-15 is going to end, the Executive Committee 2014-15, for the greater interest of*

*the Association and as per its Memorandum and bylaws, has decided to call the AGM and hold the Election of the Office-Bearers and the Executive Committee for the Year 2015-16.*

Though I would like to refrain from making further comments on this because the matter is sub judice, it is my duty to put it on record in this august forum:

- That in deference to the spirit of the decisions taken at the last AGM, the current Executive Committee has decided to defend the said case.
- That the Executive Committee 2014-15 has appointed advocate, Mr Neelmadhab Ganguly, to defend the case.
- That a sum of Rs 9,650 was spent on legal matters, including the advocate's fees during the year under review.

For the record, the Executive Committee 2014-15 held 6 meetings in the past one year and took some important decisions. The key decisions include **Installation of air-conditioners on the ground floor of our Community Building, Launch of Block Website ([www.bablocksaltlake.com](http://www.bablocksaltlake.com)), and Re-introduction of Children's Day Out.**

#### **NEW MEMBERS/ MEMBERSHIP**

I am happy to announce that the Executive Committee has approved the membership of a few residents. Please join me in welcoming the new members, who, we are confident, will add strength to our Association. **The new members are:** Mr Narendra Nath Mukherjee (BA 5/6), Mrs Subhra Chatterjee (BA 13/1), \*Mrs Sunanda Roy Chowdhury (BA 8); Mr Biswajit Sur (BA 21), Ms Ranu Pal (BA 29), \*Mrs Sadhana Das (BA-75), \*Mrs Krishna Chakraborty (BA 92), Mrs Sanghamitra Basu (BA-98) and Mr Rajib Kumar Das (BA 118). A list of Members who have cleared their dues has already been displayed on the Notice Board and also uploaded on our Block website. **For the record, the number of the Members of the Association is 268.**

*\*As per conventions, Mrs Roy Chowdhury, \*Mrs Das and \*Mrs Chakraborty have been granted Membership in place of their deceased husbands.*

### **IMPORTANT INITIATIVES**

#### **BIRTH AND DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF DR BIDHAN CHANDRA ROY**

*1 July 2014*

Like the past years, we remembered in a befitting manner Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, the first Chief Minister of the State and the man who envisioned this satellite township. Many Members and residents gathered at 'Utsarga' to pay homage to the "architect of modern West Bengal". A few members spoke of Dr Roy's vision, colossal personality and, above all, his personal contribution to transforming a wetland into one of the most envied residential townships.

## **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

*15 August 2014*

Like the past years, the Block Association celebrated Independence Day, the day India won political freedom and became the master of her own destiny. Mr Suresh Sarkar, a veteran resident and Member of the Executive Committee, hoisted the National Flag. The day was marked by insightful speeches by our senior Members. They all underscored the need for greater harmony and deeper bonds among people, cutting across castes and faiths.

## **DURGA PUJA & LAXMI PUJA**

*30 September-7 October*

Durga Puja was the high point of our activities. With everyone taking part in the most spontaneous manner, Durga Puja, the mother of all festivals for us, was a huge experience. Graced by the presence of Prof Malabika Sarkar, former Vice-Chancellor of Presidency University, on Maha Sasthi, Durga Puja came alive with Community Bhog organized on Maha Saptami, Maha Ashtami, Maha Nabami and a Grand Dinner held on the Day of Bijoya Sammilani. It was the first time that "Ananda Mela" was organized on all the three days of the Puja. The Puja Committee put up a few stalls in and around Utsarga, where our residents, mainly women, sold lip-smacking food items. A colourful Puja Souvenir was brought out on the occasion. There was also a mind-boggling medley of cultural shows – songs, quiz and plays held on the days between Bijaya Dashami and Laxmi Puja. The Festival once more showed our Block residents' innate ability to rise to the occasion and work hand in hand to make it a wonderful experience for us all. I congratulate not only the Puja Committee but the entire 'Team BA Block' as well on their huge contributions to making the Festival a resounding success. I am happy to inform you that the Puja Committee transferred a sum of Rs 240,725 to the Block Association's account. The closing balance is Rs 203,823. The advertisement collection – Rs 254,800 – was perhaps the highest ever recorded in our Block. I must also inform you that out of the total advertisement booking of Rs 258,300, a sum of Rs 243,300 was collected till the end of the financial year. A sum of Rs 15,000 from the Salt Lake (Sector I) branch of Punjab National Bank remains unrealized. It may be noted that Rs 11,500 was realized from the previous year. The surplus amount in the Durga Puja and Shyama Puja accounts 2014 is Rs 198,127.

## **SHYAMA PUJA**

*23 October 2014*

Soon after Durga Puja hangovers subsided, Shyama Puja and Diwali or the Festival of Light was organized in the most befitting manner. Diyas were lit, crackers burst and a spirit of bonhomie could be felt all around as the Members and Residents worshipped Goddess Kali with their families and friends. Lovely food was served to those who gathered to watch the puja rituals.

## **ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER**

*10 January 2015*

With 452 members and residents and 8 guests gathering, mellifluous songs sung by Srikanta Acharya and Anurag Ghosh of Zee Bangla Sa Re Ga Ma Pa fame, delicious food and beverages served, and an air of warmth and revelry all around, the Annual Get-Together 2014 turned out to be a memorable occasion. We thank our Members and Residents for their whole-hearted cooperation. Special words of thanks go to the senior members who made it to this much sought-after event despite their frail health.

## **ANNUAL SPORTS**

*11 January 2015*

The Annual Sports was held at the playground opposite the Hariyana Vidyamandir campus where participation was large and spontaneous from residents of all age groups. The Sports & Games Sub-Committee deserves our thanks for successfully organizing this annual event.

## **NETAJI JAYANTI**

*23 January 2015*

Like the past years, the Block Association paid respect to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, whose exemplary leadership never fails to inspire us. Many recounted interesting tales on Netaji. A sit-and-draw competition was organized for our Block children on the occasion.

## **SARASWATI PUJA**

*25 January 2015*

The Library Sub-Committee of the Block Association organized Saraswati Puja at Utsarga where residents of all age groups worshiped the Goddess of Learning. The Library Sub-Committee deserves our appreciation from all of us for successfully organizing Saraswati Puja.

## **REPUBLIC DAY**

*26 January 2015*

National Tri-Colour was hoisted, interesting speeches were made and fresh perspectives shared as a gaggle of residents gathered at the Children's Park to celebrate the Republic Day which was also marked by pledges by our Members and residents to play their part in upholding the democratic ethos and values.

## **SENIOR CITIZENS' GET-TOGETHER**

*15 February 2015*

Like the past few years, a Senior Citizens' Get-Together was held at Utsarga where a great number of senior members, both men and women, gathered for a memorable experience. With delectable food items served, interesting stories and anecdotes shared, songs sung and poems recited, it was a day many will treasure for long.

## **DOLJATRA**

*16 March 2015*

Thanks to the wholehearted support from our Members and Residents, Doljatra organised at the Children's Park once more proved that we can come out with flying colours. The celebration was a lovely mix of songs, food, exchanges of goodwill and loads of laughter and warmth. I thank the Cultural Sub-Committee for its dedicated work to make it a spectacular success.

## **CHILDREN'S DAY OUT**

*28 March 2015*

After a gap of two years, we organized Children's Day-Out at Botanical Gardens at Howrah. It was a wonderful occasion for our Children who spent a lovely time at the world famous home to a priceless variety of plants, trees, shrubs, etc. The children came back refreshed and enlightened. Many children were accompanied by their parents. On the way back, there was a brief stopover at Victoria Memorial, an architectural wonder and treasure trove of history.

## **POILA BOISAKH**

*15 April 2015*

Like the past years, the Block Association celebrated Bangla Nabobarsho, the Bengali New Year with the customary fervor and gusto. The Cultural Sub-Committee organized a Cultural Programme where residents of all age groups took part and performed.

## **RABINDRA JAYANTI**

*23 May 2015*

In organizing Rabindra Jayanti, the Cultural Sub-Committee once more showed its great organizational ability and quest for excellence. About 200 Members and Residents savoured a wonderful evening of songs, recitation, *srutinatak* and dance. Prof Debarati Shome, a well-known singer and academic, enthralled the audience with her mellifluous voice. The day was marked by memorable performances by all age groups – from the three-year-old to 80-plus. I thank the Cultural Sub-Committee for making the event a resounding success.

## **SPECIAL INITIATIVES**

### **AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON EYE DONATION**

*31 August 2014*

On the occasion of National Eye Donation Fortnight (25 August 2014 to 8 September 2014), Salt Lake City BA Block Residents' Association joined hands with the International Eye Bank, Calcutta, (AD-202, Salt Lake, Sector I, Kolkata 700 064), to hold an awareness programme on "Eye Donation" at Utsarga. A fair number of members and residents assembled to hear those who spoke on the need for making eye donation a societal movement.

## **LAUNCH OF BLOCK WEBSITE**

*30 September 2014*

I am happy to say that the Block Association now has its own website ([www.bablocksaltlake.com](http://www.bablocksaltlake.com)), which was launched by Professor Malabika Sarkar, the former Vice Chancellor of Presidency University, on Durga Sasthi. This is an initiative taken to bring greater efficiency and transparency in the working of the Block Association. I urge our esteemed members to follow the website, where notices and circulars on all Block activities, Members' list and other information are regularly uploaded. This nicely-designed website is also embellished with photographs and videos of important Block events and activities. I call upon our Members to come forward with better ideas, valuable inputs – anything that will add value to this initiative.

## **INSTALLATION OF SEVEN AIR-CONDITIONERS ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF UTSARGA**

*30 September 2014*

I am happy to inform you that seven air-conditioners have been installed on the ground floor of Utsarga. We have already applied for upgrade of the power line to meet the additional load.

## **LIAISON WITH BIDHANNAGAR MUNICIPALITY AND WARD NO. 25 COMMITTEE**

In an attempt to forge deeper coordination and a healthy and enduring partnership with the Bidhannagar Municipality and Ward No. 25 Committee, the Executive Committee has been in close contact with the local Councillor, Mrs Snigdha Mazumder. I am happy to inform you that we have a lovely fountain installed adjacent to 'Utsarga' with the Ward No 25 Councilor's Funds. The Executive Committee acknowledges the initiatives taken by Mrs Mazumder. Please join me in thanking the Hon'ble Councillor and her Ward No. 25 Committee team.

## **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

*21 December 2014*

A Special General Meeting (SGM) was held to review the donation amount and other related charges for using 'Utsarga', for our Donor Members as well as non-members and outsiders for social or other occasions. The SGM made the following decisions: Non-Members and Outsiders of our Block will have to donate Rs 20,000 for using Utsarga for one full day. Rs 10,000 per day extra will be charged if air-conditioners are used and a security deposit (refundable) of Rs 5,000 will be levied. The SGM also decided that there will be no provision of half-day use. The SGM empowered the President and the Secretary to make a final decision on the electricity and other allied charges for the use of air-conditioners for Donor Members, and also the donation for 'Shraddha Rituals' of our Members. It has been decided that Donor Members will be charged Rs 4,000 extra a day for the use of air-conditioners and the donation amount for the use of Utsarga for Donor Members will remain unchanged at Rs 5,000 a day. As to the 'Shraddha Ritual' of our Members, only a sum of Rs 1,000 per day will be levied as incidental charges such as garbage removal and water and there will no extra charges for using the ACs.



## **FUNCTIONING OF SUB-COMMITTEES**

### **Hariyana Vidya Mandir Sub-Committee**

We continued to maintain a cordial relationship with the management and teachers of the institution. We congratulate the school, its management, teachers and students on the the brilliant performance in both Class X and Class XII Board (CBSE) examinations.

### **Subscription Collection Sub-Committee**

I am happy to announce that the Subscription Collection Sub-Committee has collected subscription from all our members. The list does not show a single defaulter in the year under review. I congratulate the Subscription Collection Sub-Committee on this extraordinary job.

### **Library Sub-Committee**

I would like to put on record that our Block Library, which is among the oldest in this satellite township, is not getting enough participation. The number of reading members has dwindled and we feel that the Association needs to come up with some innovative ideas to make the Block Library a true centre of cerebral activities. The Library Sub-Committee deserves our praise and salute for their silent and unselfish services.

### **Night Guard Sub-Committee**

Night guard is one of the essential services the Block Association renders to its Members and Residents. The Night Guard Sub-Committee did its job commendably. No theft, minor or major, has been reported in the past year. I thank the Night Guard Sub-Committee for this.

### **Children's Welfare and Sports & Games Sub-Committee**

Children Welfare Sub-Committee remains our focus area. Situated opposite Utsarga, the Children's Park was created for small kids. However, we notice with increasing concern that the Children's Park, which is supposed to be a place for small children only, has virtually been taken over by young lads for playing football and cricket. This has led to a very thinner presence of our Block children in the Children's Park. I call upon the younger lads to use a proper playing field nearby. The Association spent Rs 1,000 on buying two footballs for young children. The Children's Welfare and Sports & Games Sub-Committee organised a one-day cricket tournament and a one-day football meet. I thank the members of the Sub-Committee for a good job overall.

### **Community Building Maintenance Sub-Committee**

Utsarga, the Community Building is the epicentre of our Block Association where all our major activities take place round the year. In our view, proper maintenance of the Community Building should be of utmost importance, and considerable time and energy should be devoted. Recently, we installed glass doors in the main gate as well on the first floor to make the Main Hall and the Hall upstairs suitable for use of ACs.

### **Cultural Sub-Committee**

I have already mentioned the activities undertaken by the Cultural Sub-Committee which did a wonderful job and upheld the Block's rich cultural tradition. I thank the Cultural Sub-Committee for its commendable efforts.

## **FINANCIAL MATTER**

I am happy to share with you that the financial position of our Block Association has vastly improved during the year under review. We have significantly recovered from the severe financial crunch witnessed even a year ago. The bank balance of the Block Association was only Rs 134,925.99 (opening balance) at the time when the Executive Committee 2014-15 took over. Currently, the current bank balance reads Rs 534,295.74. I would also inform you that we made a new fixed deposit of Rs 100,000 in Syndicate Bank.

### **CONCLUSION**

Personally, it was an honour to be entrusted with the job of the Block Association Secretary. It was a pleasure and privilege to work with a group of wise and dedicated members who have always guided and stood by me. Their collective wisdom, intellect and hard work made the job of the Executive Committee 2014-15 a lot easier. I thank the President of the Block Association for his guidance and support. I also extend my personal gratitude to all our Members for their support and cooperation. I sincerely hope that the Block Association will grow stronger in the days to come and set a glorious example of bonhomie and camaraderie – the hallmark of BA Block.

**Kolkata, 12 June 2015**

Thanks and Regards

Yours Sincerely

**(Subhendu Kundu)**

Secretary