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Vote of Thanks - Rongali Bihu Celebrations 2024

On behalf of the AAC (Assam Association Chennai), I would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the phenomenal success of this year's Rongali Bihu Celebrations.

Building a Strong Foundation

We are grateful to our past General Secretaries for their dedication in organizing previous Bihu celebrations, which laid the groundwork for this year's event. Their efforts provided a strong foundation upon which we could build.

Early Planning and Teamwork

This year's success began with early planning. A big thank you goes to the venue team – Brindaban, Bijoy, Prakash, Siddartha, and Satyam – for tirelessly exploring numerous options and ultimately selecting Blue Lagoon based on several key criteria. Their efforts started well before Magh Bihu itself.

Securing Sponsorships

Funding our events is always a challenge, and we are incredibly grateful to several members who stepped forward with sponsorships through their personal and organizational contacts. A round of applause for Deben Doloi, Gautam Bailing, Prakash Das (his first), Pritirekha for the lead from Assam and Mowkunhi for securing the sponsorship. It was truly heartwarming to see a contribution from many members, including myself.

It is also important to acknowledge all the members who tried to secure funds but did not come through, looking forward to further pursuing them for our upcoming events. Dipankar, Satyam, Uday, Siddarth and Himjyoti.

A Spectacular Stall and Service

Mowkunhi and Anju played a pivotal role in securing the fantastic stall this year along with leads provided by Meeta Sarma and Neeta Medhi. We have in total 11 stalls. The exceptional service provided by the dedicated stall volunteer team – Deva, Dipankar, Mayurakhi, and Swapnanil – left a positive impression on all the stall owners.

Engaging Pre-Cultural Events

The pre-cultural event was a hit! Thank you to Gitashree and Brindaban for creating the interactive "Rongali R Rong" competition that tested participants' Assamese knowledge and got everyone moving with group dances.

A Delightful Performance by Our Young Stars

Immense praise goes to the Kids Committee for their dedication. Mowkunhi, Kangkana, and Pritirekha spearheaded the initiative, teaching and coordinating a remarkable performance by 17 children (aged 4 to 16 years). It was truly heartwarming to witness their talent and enthusiasm.

Vibrant Cultural Program

The cultural team, led by Jadu, focused on incorporating more group activities this year. Jadu, along with his cultural team Madhumita (Chorus), Meeta Sharma/Bornali (Jheng Bihu), Runumi for her tireless efforts in assembling a Husori team from scratch, their performance truly captured the essence of Rongali Bihu.

The cultural team did a fantastic job of creating a lively and engaging program. An additional thanks to Anjan for managing the sound and ensuring all tracks were played on time.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes to the following individuals who significantly contributed to making a difference

- Purabi Bordoloi for teaching the children's prayer.
- Pritirekha Doloi for choreographing and teaching the children's dance.
- Mowkunhi for managing and choreographing the fashion show.
- Mouchumi for choreographing and managing the Traditional Dance
- Jyotishna and Prasenjeet for their captivating performance.
- Satyam, Chitralekha, and Meghna for being the emcees.
- Thanks to Papu, Binanda, Mrinal and Vikram for bring the Bihu spirit in the Husori team
- Prasenjit for giving us the confidence that the sound system would not disappoint us, it was a calculated gamble we have taken Jadu/ Brindavan and Prakash

Special Recognition

- Flag Hoisting by **Prof Pradeep Kr Sarma** of Sikkim University (Former President of AAC).
- Cultural program inauguration with lighting of the lamp by **Mrs Deepali**

Patawary, Prof. Pradeep Sarma, Deben Doloi Vice President AAC, and myself.

- Guest of Honour **Mr. Shunchongam Jatak Chiru IAS**, Principal Secretary, Commissioner of Fisheries.

The Backbone of the Event

The registration desk, efficiently managed by Prakash, Manoj Boro, Gitashree, Sudipta, and Kaushik, ensured a smooth check-in process for everyone. Prakash and Brindaban also deserve recognition for managing the lucky draw coupons with exciting prizes.

Communication and Web Pages

Anshuman Dutta played a crucial role in managing both internal and external communication, including our Facebook and Instagram accounts and press releases in Assam. We are grateful to Siddartha Saikia for revamping our website <https://AACOnline.in> with the help of his team, Abhisekh, Nilam, Anshuman, Sudipta, and Diganta. Indraneel Das for publishing our press release in a National Daily.

Venue and Support

We extend our sincere thanks to Tapas Dey, Joint Resident Commissioner - Assam Bhavan Chennai for allowing our members to practice space for the numerous group events. A big thank you to Sashi and their team for managing the sound system, lighting, video, and photography. Finally, we appreciate the hospitality and support of Surinder and Team of Blue Lagoon staff throughout the event

Last but not least, our deepest gratitude goes to the dedicated parents, performers and the enthusiastic audience whose presence and participation truly made this event a resounding success

Lastly..the core committee/ Sub Committee for providing the much needed support in exploring options, debating, taking decisions and following it up with actions. For the long hours of meeting and preparation behind the scenes.

A Shared Success

The immense effort put in by each and every one of you is what made this year's Rongali Bihu Celebrations.

Gautam Deori

General Secretary AAC