

A message from the General Secretary, AAM

Respected members of the Assam Academy of Mathematics,

Namaskar!

You are aware that I have been given the responsibility of General Secretary of the Assam Academy of Mathematics at the general body meeting held on April 30, 2022, at North Lakhimpur. I express my gratitude to all the AAM members for your faith in me for such a responsible position in the state-level organization. Though I had been acting as joint secretary of the Academy for many years and was actively involved in all AAM activities, I was not mentally prepared to hold the post of General Secretary. I believe there are more eligible and efficient members for the post who could have devoted more time than me. To fulfill the aims and objectives of the Academy, we will need your support and active cooperation. The main objectives of the Academy include

- (i) Provide a platform for Mathematics related activities.
- (ii) Grow more interest in Mathematics among students.
- (iii) Reduce and remove Mathophobia.
- (iv) Create an environment where Mathematics can be treated as an interesting subject.
- (v) Search students who are exceptionally good in Mathematics.
- (vi) Grow research environment in the Region.

Established on July 18, 1986, with few members, the Assam Academy of Mathematics has ex-

panded over the last 36 years in terms of its life members, AAM branches and academic activities. We have more than twelve hundred life members, twenty-two active branches of the Academy and forty-seven Olympiad examination centres. We have a good number of members staying outside the state and in foreign countries and contributing to AAM activities.

Assam Academy of Mathematics regularly conducts state-level mathematics Olympiads, academic lectures, and training programs for students and teachers. The Academy publishes books, the popular bilingual magazine on mathematics named Ganit Bikash, and a research journal named Journal of Assam Academy of Mathematics. The Academy also frequently conducts competitions on mathematics-related topics, namely, quizzes, exhibitions, essay writing, speech etc., to popularize and grow more interest in mathematics among students. The Academy observes National Mathematics Day, International Day of Mathematics, Foundation Day of the Academy, and the annual congress of the Academy. From the next volume onwards, the journal of AAM will be published online. A dedicated sub-domain has already been created for JAAM. Hopefully, within the next few years, JAAM will get indexing in international standard forums.

In addition to the executive committee of AAM,

to perform its regular activities, we have five sub-committees, namely

- (i) Academic sub-committee
- (ii) Olympiad sub-committee
- (iii) Organization and Publicity sub-committee
- (iv) Ganit Bikash sub-committee
- (v) Journal sub-committee

Details of all the committees and email addresses of the committee members can be found on the AAM website: www.aamonline.org.in

Though we have a good number of life members from all parts of the state, we need to work hard on accommodating more members to the Academy so that AAM activities can be spread to every corner of the state. Our aim should be to reach out to every single student of Assam. For this, we will have to be strong organizationally. With the expansion of the Academy and its activities, clerical activities also increased. Since all the office bearers of AAM have professional responsibilities and official bindings, sometimes we cannot deliver as expected.

One of the demands of the present time is to have a permanent office and office staff to perform our regular activities systematically and within a time-frame. But as of now, we do not have sufficient funds for official accommodation. The financial support we receive as an annual grant from the state government is for regular activities only. Practical suggestions and corporations from the members are welcome on this issue.

The processes of some of the new initiatives have already been started and are under discussion are:

- (i) Digitalize the life member list and display it on the AAM website.
- (ii) A digital mechanism to connect life members on every single event.
- (iii) Prepare soft copies of all the past volumes of the Ganit Bikash.
- (iv) Increase the number of MO centres.
- (v) To open at least one branch in each district in the state.
- (vi) Display AAM branches and their activities on the AAM website.
- (vii) Publish a news brochure quarterly.

We have a belief system and a sense of responsibility to work for society and the upcoming generation. Teachers who are teaching mathematics inside the classroom are also voluntarily contributing outside the classroom with dedication. To fulfil the dreams and expectations of the Assam Academy of Mathematics, to provide a wider platform for Mathematics related activities, to create an environment where Mathematics may be treated as an interesting subject, and to grow research interest in Mathematics, we will need intellectual support and active cooperation from all the members and well-wishers of the society. To make a smoother communication process, a few dedicated email ids have been created are:

- (i) For general communication: mail@aamonline.in
- (ii) General Secretary: secretary@aamonline.org.in
- (iii) President: president.aam@aamonline.org.in
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- (v) Editor, JAAM: editor.jaam@aamonline.org.in
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On behalf of the Executive Committee
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