

Report on Annual General Meeting of DPA on April 20, 2024

The Annual General Meeting of Delhi Printers' Association was held at Harkishan Singh Surjeet Bhawan on April 20, 2024.

After greeting the members, the former President of DPA Mr. Sunil Jain requested the President Mr. Prakash Dass, Hon. General Secretary Mr. Puneet Talwar and Treasurer Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal to take their seats on the dais. In his welcome address Mr. Prakash Dass expressed his gratitude to the members for reposing their confidence in him and for electing him as President for the 2023-2024 term. He said he sincerely values the cooperation, support and suggestions he received from them, due to which he and his team could organise various activities of the association highly successfully and take essential decisions for the betterment of the association and the members. Then he requested the Hon. General Secretary Mr. Puneet Talwar to present his report on the activities of Delhi Printers' Association during the outgoing year.

The Hon. General Secretary Mr. Puneet Talwar welcomed the members to the AGM and thanked them for their presence in a big number. He stated that the Minutes of the last year's Annual General Meeting of DPA, which was held on April 15, 2023, had already been circulated with the Notice for that day's AGM, and sought their confirmation. The Minutes were confirmed as proposed by Mr. Sunil Jain and seconded by Mr. Ashok Aggarwal.

Then the Hon. General Secretary drew the attention of the members to the printed copies of his Annual Report for 2023-2024 lying on their seats and, as desired by the members, he read out only the highlights of the activities and achievements of the association during the past year. Referring to Annexure 'A' of the Annual Report he read out names of the persons who passed away during the period April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024. At his request the members stood up to pay homage to the departed souls and to pray for their eternal bliss.

The Annual Report on the Working of the Association during the period April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 was also considered and adopted when Mr. Chandra Mohan Punyani proposed and Mr. D.K. Vohra seconded it.

The Treasurer Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal presented the Audited Statement of Accounts for the Year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, stating that the Accounts had already been circulated and sought their Consideration and Adoption. As there was no query the Accounts were adopted when Mr. Rajesh Sardana proposed and Mr. Mukesh Kaushik seconded it. Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal added that he would like to thank the members of the Executive Committee, Sponsors, Advertisers, DPA staff including Mr. Zaki Anwar, for lending their active support to him for his smooth working.

The Hon. General Secretary requested Mr. Vijay Mohan to inform the members about the sale of DPA's old Printers' Bhawan in Naraina and purchase of an alternative building in Patparganj Industrial Area. Addressing the audience Mr. Vijay Mohan said the whole of the outgoing year in DPA passed very smoothly. The young team did wonderful and notable work. As regards the sale and purchase of DPA's Printers' Bhawan he said that he had already intimated the members about the step-wise developments that led to the sale and how he had got unanimous approval and permission from DPA members for sale as well as purchase of an alternative building during the Special General Meeting of DPA held on January 6, 2024.

About DPA's new Patparganj Printers' Bhawan Mr. Vijay Mohan was ecstatic in telling that it is an ultra modern two-side open spacious building with basement, ground floor, first floor and a semi-built second floor. It was constructed by DPA's well-wisher Mr. Krishna Kumar Gupta of Ashoka Publications for his own office but he did not use it. When contacted, Mr. Gupta readily agreed to give the building to DPA at a special lower than market price that DPA could afford to pay out of the sale proceeds of the Naraina Bhawan.

Realising the curiosity of the members about the modernity of the building Mr. Vijay Mohan said that since only a very few members had seen it, he had arranged to show a video presentation of the entire building for the audience at AGM. The lights in the hall were turned off and the video show started with a running commentary indicating all parts of the outside and inside construction from basement, ground floor, first floor, second floor and semi-second floor. The members saw the building with awe and admired it by giving a standing ovation. Mr. Vijay Mohan thanked the members for their views and told that it will now be possible for DPA to earn a handsome rental income.

When the agenda of the AGM was over, the Returning and Co-Returning Officers of DPA's Election for the 2024-2025 term Mr. Mukesh Kaushik and Mr. Sunil Jain went to the podium to announce the results of the Annual Election for the forthcoming 2024-2025 Term. After giving details of the process of filing and scrutiny of nominations Mr. Mukesh Kaushik told that since only 28 nomination papers were received for the 8 seats of Office Bearers and 20 seats of Executive Committee, there was no contest and the new team was unanimously elected for 2024-2025. He read out the names of the elected team and invited them one by one to the dais for welcome with garlands and a group photograph. The newly-elected team received a resounding welcome by outgoing Office Bearers and senior former Presidents.

The outgoing President for 2023-2024 Mr. Prakash Dass was honoured with a memento and a shawl by former Presidents in recognition of his exemplary stewardship, memorable decisions and for raising the benchmark of achievements for the printing fraternity. The Executive Secretary of DPA Mr. H. L. Khanna was also felicitated by the incoming President Mr. Puneet Talwar for his continued long services to the association.

After giving the vote of thanks Mr. Vijay Mohan invited the members to express their views, if any. Mr. Sanjay Sharma of Sharda Printing Press stated that everyone is fully satisfied with the different events organised by functionaries of DPA. However, he said that these days the younger generation does not prefer to set up a printing unit due to lack of knowledge about this business. He wanted DPA to initiate steps to start a training workshop and to help in providing necessary loan for new entrants. He was told that besides the availability of easy loan facility of the Janata Cooperative Bank, DPA has been organising power point presentations by non-banking financial institutions regularly. As regards the training workshop the new team would consider it for its feasibility in due course.

The AGM ended with high tea.