



## **INDIAN OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**

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### **MINUTES OF THE 111<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 2.10.2018 AT 10.30 A.M.**

The 111<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of the Indian Officers' Association was held on 02.10.2018 at 10.30 a.m. at Thiruvalluvar Auditorium, IOA Centenary Building, Chennai-14. Totally 383 Life Members of the Indian Officers' Association attended the meeting. Since it was Gandhi Jayanthi, floral tributes were paid to the statue to Mahatma Gandhi. The meeting commenced with Tamil Thai Vazhthu.

The General Body paid homage to the legendary leaders former Prime Minister Thiru. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, former Chief Minister Dr. Kalaignar Karunanidhi, the former Justice of Supreme Court Thiru. Rathinavel Pandian, the past President of IOA and other life members who passed away recently. As a mark of respect, two minute silence was observed.

Thiru. S.S. Jawahar, IAS, Vice President-1 welcomed the gathering. In his welcome address, he mentioned that today we are in the place where you will be tomorrow. This is democracy. No one should come to the conclusion that this Association is an individual's property. It is not a place where we can fight. At the time of the election, a few members can form a group to contest the election. After election, the divisions among us have to vanish. IOA is a place for healthy communication. The

amendment was proposed in good faith keeping in mind the welfare of the association, etc.

Dr. M. Rajaram, IAS (R), President of IOA in his presidential address expressed his warm greetings and deep gratitude for all the members particularly to our Vice Presidents, Joint Secretary, Treasurer and all our EC Members. To quote from his speech: It is no exaggeration to say that our EC has been acting as the anchor and radar of this great ship, IOA. I gratefully acknowledge their valuable contributions for the smooth functioning of the organization. I also deeply acknowledge the service our illustrious predecessors for their greatest contributions. We have been organizing various seminars. The basic concept of these seminars is to ensure that whatever we do is done with a sense of devotion. With the magnificent aid by Thiru Kamaraj, the then Chief Minister, we were able to put up an additional block of the hostel to accommodate 30 more students.

On this occasion, we recall with fondness the memory of our great leader Kalaignar Dr. M. Karunanithi, not merely because he was our Chief Minister or elected again and again for 13 times, or for his immense contributions for Tamil language and social justice, but also for providing able support for IOA by giving a loan amount of Rs. One Crore towards the construction of JPS shopping complex and inaugurating the same.

We also salute the memory of another great leader of this country, Bharat Ratna Sri Atal Bihari Vajpaye for his huge contributions to the Nation thro' Golden Quadrilateral Highway

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project, the new telecom policy, the Sarva Siksha Abiyan etc. He was rightly lauded as Ajathachathru – a man without enemies. This is a rare thing in politics. Many leaders who have visited our organization in the past have paid rich encomium for the great social services this Association was rendering to the poor, the needy and the differently abled.

IOA is one of the oldest and the best Associations nurtured with by many exemplary IOA officers. When they founded the Association, they had done it with vision and enthusiasm, even in naming it as Indian Officers Association at a time when we were ruled by the British. Moreover, this Association has got the unique feature of having both the serving officers and the retired officers from the different organs of the State as its members.

Our Association has crossed 110 milestones. Let us all hope, this will cross many thousand milestones in the years to come. Over the years, the Indian Officers' Association has grown, but perhaps it needs to grow more with strength. Associations like this play a very important role to foster the spirit of oneness among officers, so that they could interact, they could share their experiences and in the process it will help to serve the society and the administration.

In those days, the hostel did not have a warden, because the students were so well behaved. There was no need for overseeing what they do. Today the situation is different and different. Today we have an eminent professor who is a non-member as additional warden with no honorarium. The achievements of IOA are the results of the combined efforts of all members.

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We will continue to strive hard to take care of the welfare of the members in the days to come also.

Last year a sum of Rs. 75 lakh were paid as income tax due to change of the structure of the Association as Association of persons. In the proposed amendment, the word "trust" is nowhere used. This is an Association formed under the Societies Act.

The President also highlighted some of the projects/programmes carried out in the last one year.

- Control of pigeon menace in JPS Complex
- Renting out of Vacant shops
- Renovation of drainage system in the Library
- Renovation of bath rooms in student's Hostel
- Renting out of 5000 sq ft in the 1st floor of the Centenary Building
- Expansion of Library
- Purchase of evening papers
- Change of Bed Sheets in the guest rooms
- Reduction of rent
- Banana leaf service
- Adding Kesari, Vada, Payasam and milk for night menu
- Introduction of new variety food
- Reduction of menu rate
- Provision of pure drinking water in Student's Hostel
- Appointment of an experienced person as Additional Warden

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- Naming the Auditorium as “Thiruvalluvar Arangam”

Regarding additional guest rooms, 12 rooms will be constructed in the Second Floor and Third Floor Hostel Block, as given by the Thiru. Muthusamy, former Chief Engineer of TNHB in his report. The Association will aim at upgrading the existing guest rooms on par with Standard Hotels.

Thiru. Frank Stephen Louis, General Secretary (i/c) presented the Annual Report for 2017-18 and outlined the activities of the Association.

Thiru. V. Nagarajan, Treasurer presented the Accounts for 2016-17, 2017-18 with the Auditor’s report. It was approved after detailed discussion.

The President then took up the Agenda Items one by one.

- 1) i) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 110<sup>th</sup> AGB Meeting held on 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2017.

***After detailed discussion, the General Body approved the Minutes of the 110<sup>th</sup> AGM Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017.***

- ii) Approval of Statement of accounts for the year 2016-17, 2017-18 with Auditor’s Report

***After detailed discussion, the General Body approved the Statements of accounts for the year 2016-17, 2017-18 with Auditor’s Report.***

iii) Nomination of Statutory Auditor for the year 2018-2019

***It was proposed to appoint M/s. Viswanathan & Malathi, Statutory Auditor for the year 2018-2019.***

iv) Amendments to the Bye-laws of the Indian Officers Association – to restore the objects for Charitable Activities as existed on 20.05.2016 and other amendments in conformity with Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act

***After detailed discussions, the proposed amendment was dropped.***

v) Admission of Members:

**Regarding eligibility for admission for life membership, suitable amendments will be made so as to indicate clearly the various categories of officers eligible for admission as life members.**

vi) Admission Fee:

**Some members mentioned that the fee for life member application need not be revised and requested to continue at present rate of Rs.5,000/-. After detailed discussion, the GB approved the suggestion to collect Rs.5000/- as life membership fee excluding GST.**

vii) Fixed tenure for office bearers and EC Members:

**Regarding the suggestions made by some members that the members should not be made eligible to contest beyond 2 times (totally 4 years) and President informed that committee will be formed to examine the modalities.**

*Travelling Allowance:*

**Some members suggested that office bearers and EC members should not be given any travelling allowance, since they are expected to do voluntary service to the IOA. Therefore General Body resolved that in future no travelling allowance will given to the EC members for EC meetings.**

The President concluded the meeting saying that absolute transparency will be maintained in the administration of the IOA without scope for irregularities and appealed to the members for better understanding and cooperation to carry forward the good deeds of the Association.

The meeting came to an end after the vote of thanks by General Secretary, (i/c.) Thiru Frank Stephen Louis and National Anthem.

**Dr. M. Rajaram, IAS,(R)**  
*President*

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