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## COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2025

We are happy to announce that a record number of beautification and improvement work have been undertaken by the Committee in the last year as in the previous years. We hope Members are happy with the progress and look forward to your continued support to help us take the Club to greater heights.

**The following development and renovation works have been successfully completed at the Club for the year 2024-2025:**

- 1. Permanent Bar Refurbishment:** The Permanent Bar has been completely renovated keeping the aesthetics and heritage of the club in mind. The bar now has a larger seating capacity and more group seating for Members. The veranda has been converted into a cosy smoking area.
- 2. Tea Lounge Renovation:** The Tea Lounge has also been fully renovated into a Resto Bar cum Hall of Fame with a refurbished bar and warm interiors. A new OHP (overhead projector) has been installed making it convenient for meetings, presentations and entertainment.
- 3. Mahakal Pathway Renovation:** The pathway leading to the Mahakal Temple above the Tennis Curt has been repaired and made into an accessible concrete pathway to make it easier for devotees to walk up to the Temple as part of the Club's contribution to the community and tourists.
- 4. Bamboo Room and Card Room Floor Polishing:** The Bamboo Room and Card Room flooring have been polished giving both the rooms more character and enhancing their charm. The upholstery of the Card Tables has been changed giving the card room a fresh new look.
- 5. Banquet Hall Kitchen Renovation:** The Banquet Kitchen has undergone complete modification and renovation as this was in a very dirty, disorganized and unhygienic condition. It now has clearly defined cooking, washing, and preparation areas, granite countertops, a refrigeration unit for food storage, and a systematically arranged storeroom with shelves—ensuring better hygiene, functionality, and workflow during large events like marriages and Club functions.
- 6. Dining Hall Renovation:** The Dining Hall adjacent to the Banquet Hall is being renovated to make it more comfortable and presentable as a dining area. The Banquet Hall, kitchen and Dining hall are our main income generating areas.
- 7. New Banquet Chairs:** 200 pieces of new chairs have been procured for the banquet hall which has enhanced the character of the Banquet Hall.
- 8. Billiard Room:** All three Billiard tables have been completely refurbished and the cloth changed to professional standards. The floor mat of the billiard room has also been changed. The chairs of the billiards room have been also been refurbished with new leather cushion. New wall to wall carpets have been installed in billiard room.

**9. Addition of a Committee/ Meeting Room:** The Administrative Building has been renovated with the addition of a new Conference/ Meeting Room above the office to host Committee/ Small meetings. A projector system has also been installed. The Chairman's Office, Vice Chairman's Office, Office Secretary's Office, and the Server Room have also been renovated.

**10. AI Software Implementation:** A new AI-based software system has been introduced in the Club office to ensure smoother and more efficient operations.

**11. Office Equipment Upgrade:** A new laptop has been procured for office use to support administrative functions.

**12. Airtel Lease Line Installation:** A new Airtel lease line has been installed to ensure stable internet connection for both the office and Members in every area of the Club Premises

**13. Skating Rink Washroom Renovation:** The washroom at the Skating Rink has been renovated with the addition of a shower area for the convenience of Badminton players, new geyser installed and repairs of the existing drainage system have also been completed.

**14. A National-level METCO Table Tennis Table** has been purchased for the Club bringing the total to two high-quality tables available for members.

**15. Club Garden Refurbishment:** The Club Garden has undergone extensive beautification with plants and flowers and will now be under periodic maintenance.

**16. Overhead Water Tank Safety Measures:** The overhead water tank above the office building has been secured with GI mesh covering to prevent monkey intrusion.

**17. Staff Uniforms and Footwear:** New uniforms and shoes have been provided to all staff members at regular intervals

**18. Main Gate and Security Shed Renovation:** The fencing near the main gate has been welded and refurbished, the security guard shed has been given a facelift.

**19. Staff Quarters Electricals and staircase:** New individual sub-meters and MCB boxes have been installed in the staff quarters to monitor and control electricity usage, prevent leakage and ensure accurate meter reading. The concrete staircase leading to the Staff Quarters which was in a precarious condition were extensively renovated for the safety of the Staff and their family Members.

**20.** Insulation under the roof of skating rink has been installed to overcome condensation and all leaks are constantly being monitored and attended to at the earliest.

**21. Badminton Court:** 8 additional lights has been installed for improved illumination. Old net stands have been upgraded with 4 new stands. Added a new shower room for players' convenience.

**22.** This renovation aims to bring the court up to tournament-ready standards and ensure a superior sporting experience for both members and visiting players.

**23.** Minor gym equipment have been purchased as per Members request/requirements. The Gym is constantly being upgraded on need basis.

## **24. Sports Activities:**

### **a. DGC Members' Sports Tournament:**

This year's Members' Sports Tournament witnessed the highest-ever participation across all disciplines—Lawn Tennis, Snooker, Billiards, Table Tennis, Squash, and Badminton. The tournaments were conducted in a very professional manner and within stipulated time and rules.

The Badminton Tournament, in particular, recorded the largest number of participants, culminating in thrilling finals followed by a members' lunch and tombola event that strengthened the sense of camaraderie among members.

### **b. Tennis:**

Darjeeling Gymkhana Club successfully hosted the World Tennis Masters MT200 – 2025 in association with the Bengal Tennis Association for the second time. This prestigious 7-day event featured international-level players and brought immense recognition to the Club within the tennis fraternity. Our members performed very well in the Tournament.

The Club also has friendly fixtures with the Gurkha Tennis Club London and The Urbana International Club Kolkata.

### **c. Badminton:**

The annual friendly badminton exchange with the Saturday Club, Kolkata continues successfully. Our members were hosted by SATC earlier this year and represented DGC with great zeal and sportsmanship. Y.S.D continues to uplift young talent and bring pride to the Darjeeling Gymkhana Club.

The Young Shuttlers Darjeeling which runs their training program in our Badminton Court has proudly completed six years of dedicated contribution towards promoting badminton among the youth. Over the years, hundreds of children have enrolled under its programs.

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### **d. Football:**

#### **Football Friendlies:**

This year, the Club initiated Friendly Football Fixtures, which saw active participation from members. Our Club played against The St. Paul's School Staff, ending in an exciting 3–3 draw after a strong comeback by our team.

The second fixture was played against Darjeeling DIB 40+ Team at Rang bull Ground, featuring many senior Club members. Despite the loss, the match was filled with enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

A series of such friendly fixtures has been planned to encourage member participation and increase Club engagement.

#### **New Affiliation Club list:**

- 1) Wheeler Club Ltd. Meerut.
- 2) Calcutta Cricket and football Club.
- 3) The Elite Club, Uttarakhand.
- 4) Puri Club, Odisha.
- 5) Insignia Signature Club, Scotland.

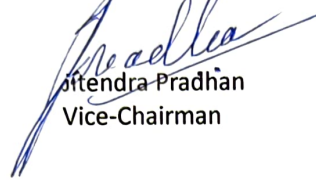
**Obituary:**


Mr. Om Prakash Goyal expired on September 2025

The year 2025 has been a remarkable period of growth, development, and revival for the Darjeeling Gymkhana Club—both in its infrastructure and sporting activities.

Through continuous renovation, member engagement, and the promotion of sports, the Club continues to uphold its legacy as one of the most prestigious institutions not only in the hills but all over India as well.

  
Jamling Tenzing  
Chairman

  
Anindra Pradhan  
Vice-Chairman

  
Pintoo Agarwal  
Hony. Secretary

  
Narayan Goenka  
Member Finance

**GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS**

Mr. Pema Sherpa  
Mr. Tashi Pencho Lama  
Mr. Phuntsok Thonden Gailly  
Mr. Sattyam Allay  
Mr. Bhim Prakash Lama  
Mr. P.N. Sherpa  
Mr. Ganesh Bardewa  
Mr. Indra Mani Subba  
Mr. Deepak Pradhan  
Mr. Sidhant Chettri

Dt: 28/10/2025