

Secretary's Report on Uttarayani Activities

Respected Members,

1. It is with great pleasure that I present this report on the activities, decisions, and progress of Uttarayani since July 2024. Our organization, established in 1991 and registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, continues to work with dedication towards its mission of 'Learn, Earn and Return'.

Meetings Held

2. Since July 2024, 09, Executive Members' meetings, including two virtually and one General Body Meeting, were held to review and plan the ongoing and upcoming initiatives. During the General Body meeting, key decisions were discussed and approved. Some of the important decisions which took place during these meetings are as under:-

(a) Various committees were formed to conduct the events taking place under Uttarayani.

(b) Following new members joined the Uttarayani in last one year:-

- (i) Bipin Chandra Raturi
- (ii) Sh Kishan Singh Rana
- (iii) Sh A R Pranav Semwal
- (iv) Dr Pramod Pal
- (v) Sh Raj Kumar Negi
- (vi) Sh Amitabh Panwar
- (vii) Sh S S Kothiyal, IG(Retd)
- (viii) Smt Laxmi Bisht
- (ix) Shri P C Joshi

(c) After general Body meeting held on 17th Oct 2024 a vibrant cultural programme showcasing unity and diversity of Uttarakhand was organised during GBM at Shaurya CRPF Officers' Institute, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. All the members and families appreciated the programme.

(d) During GBM the following major decisions were taken: -

(i) Fees and Annual subscription. Fee has been revised to Rs.5,000/- for single and Rs.8,000/- for membership with spouse. In addition, mandatory annual subscription has been increased to Rs.1,000/- per calendar year for all members.

(ii) Following amendments in MoA were approved by GBM: -

(aa) "Group A / Class-I Officers with mandatory origin or natives of the hill region of the state of Uttarakhand of the Central or the State Government / Union Territory Administration and Officers of equivalent rank of Central or State Public undertakings, Armed Forces, Para Military Services, Doctors and Professors in public/government institutions, **serving or retired** at the time of making the application for enrolment to Uttarayani, are eligible for the membership of Uttarayani.

(ab) **New Provisions for Associate Membership**

Associate membership will be open for non-Government professionals like Doctors, Lawyers, Entrepreneurs and experts/ eminent personalities etc. in Uttarayani with the following terms and conditions: -

- Any individual willing to join as associate member of Uttarayani should be of the origin of or a native of Hill areas of Uttarakhand. Applicant should be holding a senior management / executive level.
- Initially, 10% of total number of members will be permitted to join as Associate Members.
- Associate members will have no voting rights.
- They can be part of EC as Expert/ Co-opted members.

After five years, Associate membership will be reviewed and the individual can continue to be a member after EC approval or the membership can be terminated.

- Eminent personalities / professionals / experts who can contribute towards various aims and objectives of Uttarayani can be considered to be Associate Members.
- **Membership fees for Associate Members will be as under: -**

Membership fee - Rs.15,000/-

- Annual Subscription - Rs.2,000/- per calendar year for 5 years including annual subscription.
- Applicant may also opt to pay One Time Rs.25,000/- for 5 years including annual subscription.
- Applicant must be an income tax payee for previous 3 years and shall furnish income tax return filed with IT Deptt.
- EC will have full powers to accept or reject the applicant as Associate Member. Associate membership will be given to the selected persons only after approval of Executive Committee.

(ac) **Annual Subscription** - To manage day-to-day functioning of Uttarayani, it was decided to charge **Rs.1,000/-** Annual Fee for calendar year from 01 Jan to 31 Dec every year.

- New membership Form with revised Fee and Rules will be prepared by Secretary Uttarayani. **Rs.5,000/-** (Single) and **Rs.8,000/- (with spouse)** will be charged.

Social Activities conducted by Uttarayani

3. Following social activities were conducted by Uttarayani in last one year: -

(a) A team of Uttarayani led by Sh S P Pokhriyal, DIG (Retd) visited various places / schools of Uttarakhand from 21st Nov 2024 to 25th Nov 2024 to pay homage to the following Martyrs in front of their relatives / villagers. The team also conducted career counselling sessions and motivational talks for children of various schools of Ranikhet and its surrounding areas.

SNo.	Name Martyrs	Date & Place of incident	Name of relative/villagers
1.	Martyrs Rajendra Singh 19 Kumaon	30/05/1984 Siachen Glacier Operation Meghdoot Operation	Smt Radhika Devi (Wife)
2.	Martyrs Sanjay Bisht 19 Para Force	22/11/2023 Rajouri Kalakot Operation Rakshak	Sh Sanjay Bisht (Brother)
3.	Martyrs Brijesh Routela 7 Kumaon	30/06/2021 Sikkim	Father
4.	Martyrs Madan Singh 17 Kumaon	07/04/2023 Sikkim	Smt Prava Devi (Wife)
5.	Martyrs Jeevan Singh Bisht 15 Kumaon	06/09/2009 Kargil Jammu Kashmir	Sh Bhopal Singh Bisht (Brother)
6.	Martyrs Bachhe Singh 6 Kumaon	1962 China War	Smt Bimla Devi (Daughter)
7.	Martyrs Bhopal Singh Rautela 19 Kumaon	1965 Kargil Jammu Kashmir	Sh Bhopal Singh Bisht (Brother)
8.	Martyrs Deepak Singh Kubabi 48 Jammu	14/08/2024 Kargil Jammu Kashmir	Sh Bhopal Singh Bisht (Brother)

(b) An open house discussion was organised at Gajender Vihar, Dehradun on 9th Feb 2025 to allow members to share the issues related to Uttarakhand and present a road map for Uttarayani to contribute towards mitigation of those issues and prepare a road map. Based on the inputs received from esteemed members, President Uttarayani has written a letter to Chief Minister Uttarakhand.

(c) A Holi Milan event was organised on 8th March 2025 at Sylvan Chef Resort. Around 150 guests including members and families participated in the event. Holi with Dhol / Damau / Masak Baja and Pahadi Holi Geet with Jagar & mandan was aimed at fostering unity amongst the members and showcasing Uttarakhandi way of celebrating the festivals.

(d) A team led by Sh R K Barthwal, President, Uttarayani along with Col R D Nautiyal, Vice President, Sh K R Arya, Member and Sh G B Pathak, Member, Organizing Committee visited remote areas of

Uttarakhand in Pithoragarh district and interacted with villagers from 23/04/2025 to 25/05/2025. Team of Uttarayani coordinated by Sh G B Pathak conducted career counselling sessions and motivational talks for children of following colleges and schools:-

- (i) Degree College Berinag
- (ii) GIC Raynagar
- (iii) GIC Berinag
- (iv) GIC Jabukathal
- (v) GGIC Berinag
- (vi) Sadhana Inter College, Berinag
- (vii) Little Angel School, Berinag
- (viii) GIC Kande Kirauli
- (ix) Govt Inter College Syankote, Distt Bageshwar
- (x) Govt Inter College Bhantola
- (xi) Govt Inter College Kameri Devi
- (xii) Himalaya Govt Inter College Chaukori

(e) The initiative of Uttarayani was well appreciated by students and family members and they requested President Uttarayani to conduct such sessions periodically to motivate children and plan their career ahead.

(f) Uttarayani paid homage on demise of Sh K C Joshi on 10th April 2025, who was a former member of Uttarayani.

4. The year can be summarised as of great success for Uttarayani with future oriented changes in the MoA and joining of new young members in Uttarayani. Few successful events were conducted by team of Uttarayani in Dehradun with a view to contribute towards betterment of our beloved State. Under the guidance of the President and Senior members of the Governing body and with support from all members of Uttarayani, we have been able to achieve the objectives of Uttarayani by furthering the essence of our motto "Learn, Earn & Return".

Jai Hind, Jai Uttarakhand.

(Jagdish Prasad Maithani)
Secretary
Uttarayani.