

MINUTES OF MEETING

OF

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UTTARAYANI

Venue: 302, Bhikaji Cama Bhavan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi;

Date: 23 Jun 2018; Time: 12:00 to 15:45 hours

1. **Attendance:** The following members were present (attendance sheet attached):
 - a. Shri Krishan Arya, President
 - b. Shri G S Rawat, Vice President
 - c. Shri K N Suyal, Vice President
 - d. Col (Dr) Bipin C Pandey, Secretary
 - e. Shri B M Sundriyal, Joint Secretary
 - f. Shri B S Tolia, Cultural Secretary
 - g. Shri O. P. Joshi, Ex-officio Member
 - h. Shri G D Gaur, Member
 - i. Shri J P Maithani, Member
 - j. Dr Shankar Singh, Member
 - k. Shri Lokesh Gairola, Member
 - l. Shri J P Bahukhandi, **Special Invitee**. Being associated with Uttarayani since its inception, Shri Bahukhandi was requested to attend the meeting.

2. **Leave of Absence.** The following members of the executive had requested for leave of absence and were granted:
 - a. Shri S P Pokhiyal
 - b. Shri K B Dhaulakhandi
 - c. Shri K R Arya

3. **Chairperson.** The meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of Shri Krishan Arya, President, Uttarayani

4. **Welcome Address.** Chairman formally welcomed and thanked all members present in the meeting.

After the welcome address by the President, the agenda items were taken up for discussion with the permission of the Chair.

Agenda Item No 1. Reading and Passing of the MoM held on 30 May 2018

5. **Point No 5: Handing Over of Charge.** The following points were highlighted by the Secretary:
 - a. Non-Availability of the Registration Certificate of the Society. A photocopy of the certificate held with the President was handed over to the Secretary. However, the original registration certificate was not available and could not be traced.

- b. Amendments to MoA- The amendments carried out and the resolutions passed in the GBM to the effect were not available and could not be traced. Likewise the record of communication with the Registrar of Societies (RoS) was not available.
 - c. MoMs of GBM/AGM and ECM prior to July 2015 were not available. Shri J P Bahukhandi pointed out that these were available in one of the Souvenir of Uttarayni and he will make a copy of the same available to the Secretary.
 - d. Correspondence with RoS and filing of mandatory annual reports was not available. It was informed that such reports were not filed with the RoS in the past.
 - e. Record of projects undertaken by Uttarayani and outcomes thereof in past two decades of its existence was not available. President requested Shri Bahukhandi to write a complete historical perspective and the activities undertaken by the association since its inception to date, which he kindly agreed and submit the same by October 2018.
- 6. Point No 6. Programmes.** The ways to expedite conduct of one day seminar and distribution of the compendium on “युवाओं का भविष्य” were deliberated upon and the following decisions were arrived at:
- a. A letter will be written to the Education Secretary, Govt of Uttarakhand requesting him to advise all District Education Officers regarding the one day seminar and distribution of the compendium “युवाओं का भविष्य” being conducted under the aegis of Uttarayani and extend necessary facilities to the members of Uttarayani whenever they approach them for organising such seminars. Copy of this letter should be sent to the Chief Secretary of the State.
 - b. A letter will be sent to the District Magistrates to extend necessary facility to the members of Uttarayani whenever they visit the respective district to conduct the programme in schools located in the district.
 - c. A letter will be sent in Hindi to principals of the Govt Schools along with 10-12 copies of the compendium “युवाओं का भविष्य” and with a schedule for the seminar to be conducted.
 - d. Shri Bahukhandi suggested that, we should conduct such programmes in degree colleges instead of the Higher Secondary Schools. It was decided that degree colleges shall also be included in the programme.
- 7. Point No 7: Souvenir.** The modalities for printing of Souvenir were discussed. The following decisions were taken:
- a. Dr Shankar Singh was assigned the full responsibility for organising the issue of Souvenir and was appointed as the Chief **Editor** for this issue of the Souvenir. Shri O P Joshi and Shri G D Gaur were also made part of the Editorial Committee.

- b. It was decided that Secretary will invite articles on various themes from the Members of Uttarayani and other eminent personalities. The primary focus of the articles should be based on Uttarayani such as skill development for youth from hills, environment, success stories from the hills in sports and business, culture related, entrepreneurship ideas and self-employment etc.
 - c. Shri G S Rawat suggested that he will invite an article related to agriculture in the hills from Pantnagar Agriculture University and he himself will contribute an article. Shri K N Suyal and Bipin Pandey also committed to contribute an article each. Shri Bahukhandi was requested to write an article on the history of Uttarayani.
 - d. Dr Shankar Singh, Shri K N Suyal and Shri G S Rawat were requested to organise advertisements for the Souvenir.
- 8. Point No 8: EC and GB Meeting.** It was decided that:
- a. EC meeting will be held on 3rd Saturday of the every month.
 - b. The GBM will be held once every quarter.
- 9. Point No 9: Induction of New Members in the Executive Committee.**
- a. Secretary brought to the notice of the EC that the current strength of the EC is 17. The immediate previous EC had 15 members whereas the MoA stipulates a member strength of 12. It was decided that we should keep the member strength as stipulated in the MoA and the additional members inducted will be the special invitees nominated by the President. Shri G D Gaur clarified that the increase in the strength of EC is linked with the increase in the number of members. The membership of the society has increased more than five-fold since its inception. The increase in the EC strength is, therefore, justified and the MoA should be ammended accordingly.
 - b. Secretary with the help of a power point presentation presented to the EC that all four duties of the Committee pertain to the achievement of Aims and Objectives of the Society. He also presented to the EC, the Aims and Objectives of the Society as laid down in the MoA.
- 10. Point No 10: Office Stationary.** Shri GS Rawat was requested to get the stationary printed which he kindly agreed.
- 11. Point No 11: Permanent Office of Uttarayani.** Due to paucity of funds and no apparent sources of inflow of funds in future, it was felt that Uttarayani may not be in a position to have its own office in foreseeable future. Therefore, this point was dropped for further deliberations until Uttarayani is in a position to do so. It was, however, decided that Shri GS Rawat ji shall provide, in his office, a place for a file cabinet which could be used by Uttarayani for the intended purpose.
- 12. Point No 12: CoE at Rudraprayag.**

Shri JP Bahukhandi briefed about his last visit to CoE with Shri Pokhriyal and their discussions with DM Rudraprayag. It was discussed that the advisory committee with its members – Shri GS Rawat, Shri K N Suyal, Col Bipin Pandey, Shri J P Bahukhandi and Shri SP Pokhriyal will visit the CoE location to assess the ground level situation/ facts finding and advise the EC on further course of action with regards to the CoE.

With these discussions and assigning of responsibilities for various points elaborated in the MoM dated 30 May 2018, the MoM were passed and adopted by the EC unanimously.

Agenda Item No 2. New items to be taken up for discussion during the meeting on 23 Jun 2018

13. Activities since last EC Meeting held on 30 May 2018. Secretary informed the members that the following activities were undertaken since last EC meeting:

- a. Interaction with members to suggest the areas that they would like to contribute. Some members responded with their thoughts.
- b. Interaction with some eminent personalities to suggest projects that could be undertaken by Uttarayani.
- c. Shri Sundriyal ji interacted with vendors for revamping Uttarayani website.
- d. Spent time in studying the MoA and looking for Uttarayani records of the previous years.

Statutory Matters

14. Registration Certificate of Society and its Validity. As discussed earlier, photocopy (and not the original) of the Registration Certificate was available and it was apparent from the certificate that the Society registration is in perpetuity.

15. Filing of Reports to the Registrar of Societies. Secretary assured the house that all future reports will be filed with the RoS as stipulated in the MoA as per SRA 1860.

16. Ammendments to MoA and Rules and Regulations. Secretary assured the house that all ammendments that have been suggested thus far in the past and new ammendments suggested by the EC will be placed before the immediate next General Body for discussion and passing the necessary resolutions for the ammendments accepted by the General Body. These accepted ammendments and the resolutions of the General Body will be communicated with the RoS for approval and thereafter incorporated in the MoA.

Policy Matters

17. Aims and Objectives of Uttarayani. Giving reference to Point 9 (b) above, Secretary suggested that we should evaluate the activities of Uttarayani with respect to the stated aims and objectives. Shri J P Bahukhandi ji was requested by the President to prepare

a list of the activities of the Society with respect to its stated aims and objectives, which he agreed to do.

18. Roadmap for Uttarayani. With a view to decide on the future course of action to be adopted, several interesting and practical ideas were shared by the members:

- a. Shri Rawat ji suggested that private hospitals allotted Government land have certain number of beds reserved for the economically weaker sections and people from remote areas. These beds are generally vacant as people are not aware of the same. Shri Jagdish Maithani was requested to be the coordinator for this activity, which he agreed. He will coordinate with the hospitals about the availability of beds for this category of people and make this information available to all concerned.
- b. Shri Gairola suggested that we could undertake programmes such as Super 30 for brilliant students from poor families from Uttarakhand and provide them facility to prepare for competitive examinations.
- c. Dr Shankar Singh suggested that he could help organise medical camps in Uttarakhand.
- d. The President said that we should individually think on these and other projects that can be undertaken and decide during the immediate next meeting about all such projects that should be undertaken by Uttarayani.

19. Cultural Programmes. Secretary suggested that in order to promote culture of Uttarakhand, we should organise cultural programmes not only for the members of Uttarayani but also in different forums. Shri K N Suyal suggested that we could explore the possibility of creating two cultural centres one each in West and East Uttarakhand, which should conduct such programmes on regular basis. Shri Bipin Pandey suggested that we could also explore the possibility of approaching the Universities of Kumaon and Garhwal to introduce Uttarakhand Cultural Studies as a course of study and under this Uttarayani can offer its services to organise cultural programmes in the university campus on regular basis for the benefit of the students and public at large. Shri Tolia ji, being the Cultural Secretary, was made responsible to organise all cultural programmes.

Operational Matters

20. Publication of Uttarayani Souvenir. As decided earlier, Dr Shankar Singh was nominated as the Chief Editor for the forthcoming issue of the Souvenir. Shri O P Joshi and Shri G D Gaur were also nominated to be part of the Editorial Committee.

21. Printing of Uttarayani Stationary. As discussed earlier at Para 10 above.

22. Completion of One Day Seminar and Distribution of the Book. As discussed at Para 6 above about Programmes.

23. CoE at Rudraprayag. Shri Rawat ji informed the EC that he will be visiting Dehradun in a few days time. He could be accompanied by available members of the Advisory

Committee to visit the CoE site at Rudraprayag. The members upon return will update the EC for further necessary action to be taken by Uttarayani.

24. Revamping of Uttarayani Website. Shri J P Maithani and Shri Bipin Pandey brought out the necessity for revamping the Uttarayani website. Shri B M Sundriyal was assigned the responsibility to undertake the responsibility of the same. Shri Bipin Pandey volunteered to associate himself with Shri Sundriyal ji for completing the task. It was decided that a feature list of the website shall be prepared. Shri Maithani suggested that we should incorporate online payment system in the website to help members pay their subscriptions easily. Based on the feature list, quotes from 2-3 vendors will be obtained and the work awarded and completed at the earliest.

25. Annual Subscription. It was brought out that all members were not paying their annual subscription. There was no unanimity in collecting the annual subscription compulsorily from all members. Shri Bahukhandi suggested that it should be made voluntary. The issue was deliberated at length and the following decisions were taken:

- a. EC should start a subscription collection drive by requesting the members.
- b. The list of members with yearly payment details starting 2017 be uploaded on the website and members from whom subscription is due should be requested individually to pay. Shri O P Joshi mentioned that the treasurer has maintained a list of people who have paid subscription. The same needs to be obtained from him.
- c. The stipulations of Clause 5(b) be ammended from 3 months of non-payment period to 3 years of non-payment period.

26. Fund Mobilisation. President requested all members to help mobilise funds for Uttarayani. Shri Suyal ji, Shri Rawat ji and Dr Aswal ji were specifically requested to mobilise funds for publishing advertisements in the Souvenir.

27. Additional Points Discussed.

- a. Shri J P Maithani was assigned the duties of officiating Treasurer in the absence of Shri K B Dhaulakhandi who will be away for 4-5 months.
- b. Shri J P Maithani offered to provide secretarial assistance for official correspondence and other related activities.
- c. Shri B S Tolia was assigned to liaise with Income Tax authorities to renew 80 G exemption for the society. Shri K N Suyal offered to speak with his contacts in the Income Tax department who will extend necessary help to Shri Tolia. Shri G S Rawat ji offered to extend help that may be needed to obtain 80 G exemption. Shri G D Gaur offered to extend help in locating the old 80 G exemption form.

- 28. Closing Remarks by the President.** President thanked all the members present for enthusiastically participating in the meeting and making valuable contribution. President specially thanked Shri G S Rawat Ji for hosting the meeting in his office premises and providing lunch to the EC Members. Special Vote of Thanks was passed for Shri Rawat Ji with all members clapping their hands in appreciation.
- 29.** There being no other point, the meeting was closed with a Vote of Thanks to all members present.



(Col (Dr) Bipin Pandey)
Secretary
23 Jun 2018