

MINUTES OF MEETING

OF

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UTTARAYANI

Venue: 302-303, Bhikaji Cama Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi;

Date: 15 Sep 2018; Time: 17:00 to 19:45 hours

- 1. Attendance:** The following members were present:
 - 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 J P Maithani, Organising Secretary
 - g. Shri O P Joshi, Ex-officio Member
 - h. Shri G D Gaur, Member
 - i. Shri K L Sah, Member
 - j. Dr Shankar Singh, Member
 - k. Shri K R Arya, Member
 - l. Shri Lokesh Gairola, Member
 - m. Shri J P Bahukhandi

 - 2. Leave of Absence.** The following members had requested for leave of absence and granted:
 - a. Shri B S Tolia
 - b. Shri S P Pokhriyal
 - c. Shri K B Dhaukhandi
 - d. Gp Capt Sandeep Rawat

 - 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. He expressed his appreciation for good attendance of Members. After the welcome address by the President, the agenda items were taken up for discussion with the permission of the Chair.
- Part I: Agenda Item No 1. Progress on MoM held on 25 Aug 2018.**
- 5.** Secretary updated the EC with the status of various points taken up for discussion during the EC Meeting held on 25 Aug 2018. The status is as given in succeeding paragraphs.

 - 6. Progress on Souvenir.**
 - a. Dr Shankar Singh updated the members of the EC with the current status of the souvenir. He apprised the members about:
 - i. Poems and articles he has himself written,
 - ii. The relevant articles on the cultural and historical heritage he has researched from the available literature

- iii. The articles received from the members and other authors.
- b. Dr Singh presented, to the Members of the EC, an indexed list of 32 such articles including poetry, cultural and historical heritage, personalities and such other interesting subjects. He also informed the Members that all the articles that were available in hard copy have been converted into soft copy.
- c. Shri K N Suyal mentioned that the Souvenir is an annual publication and at times in the past we have not been able to release the Souvenir annually also. He, therefore, opined that there was a need for releasing a Quarterly News Letter of Uttarayani. The point was discussed by the Members. Shri GS Rawat and Shri OP Joshi expressed that some dedicated effort is required to undertake such an activity and an effort made in this regard in the past could not take off. Shri Sundriyal mentioned that the updated website of Uttarayani can host the News Letter for reading pleasure of the members. The President said that the modus operandi for the same will be finalised in the next meeting.

7. Consolidated Ammendments to MoA. Secretary informed the Members of the EC that a number of ammendments to the Memorandum of Association and its Rules and Regulations (MoA) taken in the past as well as fresh proposals received in the meantime along with the suggestions received from the Members of the EC were consolidated and taken up for discussion during the meeting of the EC held on 25 Aug 2018. After detailed discussion on each proposal, The Executive Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the ammendments to be taken up for approval in the next meeting of the of General Body. The recommendations of the EC were circulated to all the members of Uttarayani through the medium of WhatsApp Group of Uttarayani Members.

8. Distribution of Compendium (युवाओं का भविष्य).

- a. Secretary informed the Members that during the previous meeting of the EC on 25 Aug 18, Shri Tolia had distributed around 100 plus copies of the Compendium to each of the Members present during the meeting and requested the members to update the EC regarding the distribution of the same. Shri Krishan Arya, President, informed the Members that he visited Almora and had distributed approximately 100 copies of the Compendium in various colleges in Almora. However, he said due to paucity of time he could not conduct the seminar and the same is being coordinated to be conducted at a future date.
- b. Shri Gaur mentioned that he will be visiting Dwarahat soon and along with Shri K R Arya and possibly also Shri K L Sah, they will visit some schools in that area to distribute the Compendium and conduct awareness sessions.
- c. Shri Gaur also informed the Members of the EC that Uttarakhand Government has approved to sponsor the textile training expenses including board and lodge of 550 youths from Uttarakhand. Members requested Shri Gaur to make available the details of the scheme so that they could spread the message in their respective areas and help fill the seats allocated to the respective districts.
- d. Shri K N Suyal informed the Members that he will be visiting some of the schools and colleges in Garhwal region and distribute the compendium there. Shri O P Joshi, depending on the time available with him, may also travel with Shri Suyal.

- e. Shri G S Rawat mentioned that during the impending visit of the CoE Committee Members to Rudraprayag for finalisation of the Trust Deed, distribution of Compendiums will also be undertaken.
- f. Dr Shankar Singh mentioned that during his visit to Uttarkashi for the impending Medical Campo, he will also visit some schools/colleges to distribute the books.
- g. Finally, President urged all members to undertake this task in earnest and also asked the Members of the EC to involve the other members of Uttarayani to undertake the responsibility of distribution of the Compendium in their respective areas.

9. Attendance of the Members of the EC and Contribution to Our Causes.

- a. Secretary informed the Members of the EC about the serious concern regarding continuous abstention from the activities of Uttarayani as well as the absence of the Members of the EC in its meetings. Secretary informed the Members that in view of this, President along with the Members present during the Meeting of the EC held on 25 Aug 2018 had taken a decision to relieve Shri Ballabh Chandra Sharma Nawani and Shi KL Sah from the membership of the EC. However, sufficiently motivated though the efforts of Shri K N Suyal, Shri KL Sah attended the EC Meeting on 15 Sep 2018 and undertook additional responsibility of fund mobilisation and compendium distribution. He was, therefore, re-inducted into the EC. Members of the EC welcomed Shri KL Sah and appreciated him for the responsibilities he wholeheartedly accepted.
- b. Secretary also informed the Members about the resignation of the following members:
 - i. Shri K R Arya resigned from the position of Organising Secretary and continues as a Member of the EC. His resignation as Organising Secretary was accepted by the President.
 - ii. Mrs Malti Rawat resigned from the membership of the EC due to reasons of personal commitments. Her resignation was accepted by the President.
- c. In view of the above, the following changes were made by the President in the EC Membership:
 - i. Shri J P Maithani was appointed as the Organising Secretary. Members welcomed and congratulated Shri Maithani on his appointment as Organising Secretary.
 - ii. Gp Capt Sandeep Rawat was inducted as a new member of the EC.

Part II: Agenda Item No 2. Points to be taken up for Discussion on 15 Sep 2018.

10. Souvenir – Progress and further decisions

- a) Secretary through the Chair requested the Editorial Board to commence the review and selection of articles received/written/researched by Dr Shankar Singh.
- b) The Members also felt the need for organising additional articles to have a better choice.
- c) Secretary also requested the Chair and the Members to decide on a policy on number of articles per author to be permitted to be printed in the Souvenir. President and the Members were of the view that the best case scenario would be one article per author. However, if the quality of the article was exceptional and the subject was very relevant to the readers of Souvenir, maximum two article for a couple of authors may be permitted. In case of paucity of the articles also additional 1-2 articles per author may be permitted for a limited number of authors.

- d) It was also decided that, since the Membership List of Uttarayani is being published on the update website of Uttarayani and the same will be updated as and when required, there was no need to print the Membership List of Uttarayani in the Souvenir.

11. Souvenir – Advertisement and Sponsorship: Progress and further decisions

- a. The rates of advertisements were discussed and revised. It was also decided that all advertisements will be printed in colour.
- b. Approximately 30 copies of the sponsorship letter were printed in the letterhead of Uttarayani and handed over to Shri GS Rawat, Shri KN Suyal, Shri KL Sah, Shri BM Sundriyal, Shri JP Maithani, Shri Lokesh Gairola and Dr Shankar Singh for collection of advertisement.
- c. Shri KN Suyal suggested that DO letters be written to various dignitaries for sponsorship and advertisements from their respective departments. The suggestion was welcomed and President said that he will write the DO letters.

12. Eye Camp

- a. Dr Shankar Singh handed over the final proposal received from Devbhoomi Netralaya (registered under Uttarakhand Registration Act. Registration Number: 370\IV\09) that will be organising an Eye Camp in Ganesh Nagar in Uttarkashi district from 20 to 22 Sep 2018.
- a. He informed the members that all administrative arrangements for the Camp will be made by Devbhoomi Netralaya.
- b. It was decided that an appropriate banner will be designed by Uttarayani and will be printed by the Agency. Shri GS Rawat took the responsibility to get the banner designed with the relevant details received from Dr Shankar Singh.
- c. President requested Dr Shankar Singh to attend the camp which he gracefully accepted. Members advised Dr Shankar Singh to take pictures of the various activities of the camp, interview a couple of patients as well as make a few videos of the activities of the camp. It was also suggested that the Uttarayani Banner should be clearly visible in these pictures and videos. Dr Shankar Singh accepted all the responsibilities.
- d. Dr Singh was also requested to prepare a report of the Camp after his return.
- e. However, the payment of advance of Rs 50,000/- to Devbhoomi Netralaya conducting the Eye Camp on behalf of Uttarayani could not be made as the cheque book was not readily available with the President. The cheque shall be collected from the President before leaving for the Camp.

13. Uttarayani Website.

- a. Secretary gave the following update to the EC Members regarding the status of website development:
 - i. The website development has been completed and final round of testing is underway
 - ii. Two rounds of testing have been completed and the issues observed and additional inputs given after each of the two rounds have been completed by the developing agency.
 - iii. The website should be available for use by general public in next 1-2 weeks.

- b. Secretary informed the Members of the EC that the updated website will host the MoA, Minutes of EC and GB Meetings, Financial Reports, Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, Membership List and such other relevant information pertaining to Uttarayani. The site will also host the Latest News about Uttarayani.
- c. Some of the members checked the website on their mobile phones and found it to be working satisfactorily.

14. CoE.

- a. Secretary informed the Members that a meeting of the CoE Facilitation Committee was held in August. The meeting was attended to by Shri GS Rawat, Col DP Dimri and Col BC Pandey. The agenda was to shortlist the name/designation of the potential members of the CoE Trust. Secretary readout the names/designations of 20 such potential members identified during the meeting. Col Dimri, the Coordinator for the CoE, was requested to further coordinate with the identified names for their acceptance of the trusteeship of the CoE Trust.
- b. Secretary apprised the Members that the trust formation is the primary key to all other activities of the CoE to begin and due to delay in finalisation of the Trust since long, all work at the CoE was held up. It was also taking a very long time to communicate with the identified names of the potential trustees. In order to find a way out of the impasse the CA was consulted. He suggested that the Trust can be formed with as low as three members and a settler.
- c. There was another meeting held between Col Dimri and Col B C Pandey to discuss a way out. It was discussed that the Trust should be formed with the readily available 5-6 members and clause to induct a Governing Body be included in the Trust Deed. The Members of the Governing Body should be inducted and annexed to the Trust Deed as and when the acceptance from the identified potential members is received.
- d. Subsequent to the above discussions, copy of a Draft Trust Deed has been sent by Col Dimri. The draft deed was circulated among the members of the EC by Shri GS Rawat.
- e. Shri KR Arya educated the Members with certain procedural aspects of forming the Trust. Shri Arya also asked whether the permission of the Govt of Uttarakhand has been obtained to include the District Magistrate, Rudraprayag in the Trust. This was answered in the affirmative by Shri GS Rawat and Col Bipin Pandey.
- f. Shri Bahukhandi mentioned that DM Rudraprayag has already formed a trust comprising of the Govt Officers. He was informed that in telephonic discussion with the DM, this fact was never brought out by him and he had been requesting the members of Uttarayani to visit Rudraprayag to finalise the Trust Deed as soon as possible. Shri GS Rawat informed the Members that the CoE Facilitation Committee shall be visiting Rudraprayag soon and requested the members to accompany to participate in the discussions for finalisation of the Trust deed.
- g. Col Bipin Pandey opined that if the Trusteeship primarily comprises of Govt officials, it will start functioning like any other Govt department and will have to follow the syllabi and the structures defined by the Govt of Uttarakhand. Such a situation may dilute the objectives for which the CoE has been created. The point was supported by most of the Members. Shri OP Joshi advised that since the land belongs to the Govt of Uttarakhand, it may be difficult to not include the Govt officials in the trust.

- h. Shri GS Rawat clarified that his name has been proposed as a settler in the draft trust deed. Shri KR Arya and Shri OP Joshi mentioned that one needs to have some ownership in the properties to be given to the Trust. Shri GS Rawat replied that the amount of the share has been mentioned in the draft Trust Deed, however, he will be making an appropriate contribution towards a share in the Trust properties.
- i. It was finally concluded that the CoE Facilitation Committee will be visiting Rudraprayag soon and interested members were welcome to join to participate in the discussions.

15. Points from Members.

- a. Shri OP Joshi suggested that the General Body Meeting should be held soon. The President also reiterated the need for holding the meeting of the General Body at the earliest in view of several issues pending disposal. Shri OP Joshi and Shri KN Suyal suggested that the General Body meeting be held after Diwali. However, President felt that it might be too late to hold the meeting after Diwali. The point was discussed and it was decided that the General Body Meeting would be held towards the end of Oct 2018 and most likely on 28 Oct 2018.
- b. Shri OP Joshi suggested that we should start the process of opening up local chapters of Uttarayani in Uttarakhand. President informed the Members that the point was discussed during the EC Meeting held on 25 Aug 2018 and the approval of the General Body was required for the same. The point shall be taken up during the upcoming meeting of the General Body of Uttarayani. Dr Shankar Singh suggested the name of Prof Negi to be nominated as a coordinator in Almora and Shri KN Suyal seconded the suggested name. It was finally agreed upon that once the proposal is approved by the General Body, the process of inducting local members and forming local chapters shall be taken up.

16. Closing Remarks by the President. President thanked all the members present for enthusiastically participating in the meeting and making valuable contribution. President requested all members to be present in large numbers for the EC Meetings and make valuable contribution to the Organisation.

17. There being no other point, the meeting was closed with a Vote of Thanks to all members present.



(Col (Dr) Bipin Pandey)

Secretary

16 Sep 2018