

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**OF**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UTTARAYANI**

**Date: 06 Oct 2018; Time: 16:00 to 19:30 hours; Venue: CSOI, KG Marg, New Delhi**

- 1. Attendance:** The following members were present:
  - a. Shri Krishan Arya, President
  - b. Col (Dr) Bipin C Pandey, Secretary
  - c. Shri B M Sundriyal, Joint Secretary
  - d. Shri B S Tolia, Cultural Secretary
  - e. Shri O P Joshi, Ex-officio Member
  - f. Shri G D Gaur, Member
  - g. Dr Shankar Singh, Member
  - h. Shri K R Arya, Member
  - i. Shri C M Bahuguna, Ex-President and Special Invitee
  - j. Shi H C Jayal, Ex-President and Special Invitee
  - k. Shi Lal Singh Negi, Ex-Secretary and Special Invitee
  - l. Shri J P Bahukhandi
  
- 2. Leave of Absence.** The following members had requested for leave of absence and granted:
  - a. Shri S P Pokhriyal
  - b. Shri K B Dhaulakhandi
  - c. Gp Capt Sandeep Rawat
  - d. Shri Lokesh Gairola
  
- 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 conveyed special thanks to the Special Invitees and welcomed them on his and on behalf of all members of Uttarayani. 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 15 Sep 2018.**

- 5.** Secretary updated the EC with the status of various points taken up for discussion during the EC Meeting held on 15 Sep 2018. The status is as given in succeeding paragraphs.
  
- 6. Progress on Souvenir.** Dr Shankar Singh informed the members of the EC and Special Invitees that sufficient number of good articles have been received for Souvenir.
  
- 7. Eye Camp.** Secretary informed all members present regarding the two day Eye Camp held in Uttarkashi and requested Dr S S Aswal, the organiser of the Camp, to update all members present about the Camp. Dr Aswal informed all members about the Camp. A detailed report with patient list has been filed by Dr Singh. Summary of the report is given below:

- Name of the project : Eye Cataract Surgery Camp in Uttarkashi
- Doctors: Dr. Chitra Singh and 3 Assistants with Optometrist: Sh. A S Semwal
- No of registered patients examined: 185
- Nos of patients operated: 81 (against a commitment of 50)
- Villages covered: 75 through distribution of pamphlets
- Co-sponsored by Uttarayani and Devbhoomi Netralaya
- Contribution of Uttarayani: Rs 1 lakh towards 50 operations @ Rs 2000/- per patient.
- Uttarayani representatives at the camp: Dr S S Aswal and Shri Lokesh Gairola.
- All administrative arrangements were made by Devbhoomi Netralaya.

**8. Distribution of Compendium (युवाओं का भविष्य).**

- a. Secretary Shri B S Tolia to update members regarding the books distributed by him during the past one month. Shri Tolia informed that he had distributed approximately 500 plus books in 20 colleges (Intermediate and degree colleges). Secretary informed the members that after receiving the books sent by Shri Tolia ji, principals of two colleges had contacted him to organise the awareness seminar in their school and promised to collect students from 10-12 nearby colleges for the seminar.
- b. Shri Gaur collected approximately 400 books from Shri Tolia for distribution in various colleges during his travel to Uttarakhand in October-November 2018.
- c. Dr Aswal and Shri Lokesh Gairola conducted awareness sessions at three colleges in Uttarkashi and distributed approximately 150 copies of युवाओं का भविष्य.

- 9. Uttarayani Website.** Secretary requested Shri B M Sundriyal to update the members regarding the status of the website. Shri Sundriyal said that the website was ready for members to browse through except a few minor glitches which were being corrected. The revamped website is mobile friendly and has many additional features.

**Part II: Agenda Item No 2. Points taken up for discussion on 06 Oct 2018.**

**10. Agenda for ensuing General Body Meeting (GBM) and the Issues Raised in Social Media.** These two points were thrown open to the Members present for discussion.

- a) Shri C M Bahuguna expressed the following views:
  - That the elections to the EC held on 27 May 2018 were not conducted in a fair manner.
  - That Mr Arya did not support Mr Bahuguna's proposal of Mr K N Suyal as Presidential candidate.
  - That Mr Arya did not take any action on certain tasks recommended by Mr Bahuguna to be undertaken with the help of Lt Gen Khanduri, Ex CM Uttarakhand.
  - That in view of the above Mr Bahuguna strongly expressed that My Arya should resign as the President of Uttarayani.
  - That the privatization of Uttarayani should not be done. This point was made with reference to a proposed amendment in Uttarayani MoA regarding offering Uttarayani membership to select Corporate Members.

- He also informed the members present that he called up the District Magistrate, Rudraprayag on 30 Sep 18 to stall the formation of the Trust for CoE.
- b) Shri HC Jayal expressed similar views as that of Shri Bahuguna. He gave the following additional points:
- That it has been more than six months after the present EC was formed and no GBM has been held even after a lapse of six months. He was reminded by the Secretary that the present EC was elected/nominated by the GB on 27 May 18, in which Mr Jayal was present and that Mr Jayal, being the ex-president, should not be raising the point of not calling for the GBM as early as in September itself. To this Mr Jayal further pointed out that during his tenure as President, the GBM was held every two months. This point was immediately contested by Shri L S Negi, who was Secretary of Uttarayani during the same time as Shri Jayal was the President. Mr Jayal finally accepted the correct status and he was further informed by the Secretary that the GBM is being called for on 28 Oct 2018.
  - He also demanded that Mr Arya, President Uttarayani should resign and was of the view that the election process was not conducted in a proper manner.
  - Mr Jayal mentioned that the matter of CoE has never been brought before the GB. At this point Secretary expressing his surprise said that he has been into EC only for the last 4 months and during this period the CoE has been discussed during all the EC meetings, a coordination committee for the CoE has also been formed and the committee has already met 3 times. Secretary expressing his deep concern said that Uttarayani is into the CoE work since 2013 and it was a matter of great concern that in the past 5 years the subject has not been brought before the GB. At this point Shri OP Joshi said that it was incorrect to say that the matter of CoE was not brought before the EC as he as Secretary has brought the subject of CoE before the GB.
- c) Mr Bahukhandi, at this point, referring to a preliminary draft of the Trust deed drawn for the CoE Trust in which some members had been incorrectly addressed. Secretary handed over the finalised draft of the Trust deed and requested the special invitee members to make their comments on the basis of a finalised document rather than on a preliminary draft. .
- d) Mr Bahukhani expressed his reservation regarding Corporatisation of EC and said that it was not acceptable. This point was made with reference to a proposed amendment in Uttarayani MoA regarding offering Uttarayani membership to select Corporate Leaders. Shri Op Joshi also expressed his reservation regarding the proposal. After the special invitees had repeatedly expressed their concern regarding opening up of membership of Uttarayani to select Corporate personalities, Secretary mentioned that Uttarayani membership as on date stood at 400 and opined that this issue be brought before the entire General Body and a majority view be taken rather than going by the opinion of the few people present at the meeting. At this point Shri Op Joshi said that the point should not be brought before the GB and read over the contents of Clause 19 of the MoA. Secretary requested him to read the said Clause in conjunction with Clause 7 (iii) of the MoA.

- 11. Views of Shri Arya, President Uttarayani.** After Special Invitees had expressed their opinion, Mr Arya put across his views regarding the election process.
- a. He said that there have been many Presidents in the past who had extended tenure of 3 to 5 years and questioned the Special Invitees as to why his second tenure, which was brought upon him through a fair process of election conducted by one of the highly respected veteran member of Uttarayani.
  - b. He categorically said that he has no reason to resign especially at the diktat of the Special Invitees and some other members who had expressed their views in social media. He emphasised that he was elected by the majority of GB and declared elected by the Returning Officer through a fair process. He will rather go through a duly called for election process and properly handover to the new incumbent should the GB allow the election process to be held.
  - c. Shri Negi at this point mentioned that everyone should gracefully accept the election results and that there was no reason for Mr Arya to resign and further that as per the existing Rules and Regulations of Uttarayani, there is no provision to remove a duly elected President.
  - d. Shri GD Gaur once again explained the process in which the election was held and said the process could not be fairer than what was followed.
  - e. Mr Arya, President Uttarayani, suggested to the members present that the agenda for the ensuing GBM should be holding the elections for the EC. This suggestion was not accepted by the Special Invitee members instead they stressed upon Mr Arya submitting his resignation, which he denied saying that there were no reasons for doing so.
- 12. CoE.** Shri GD Gaur, requested the Secretary to narrate the experiences of his recent visit to Rudraprayag to finalise the CoE Trust. Secretary informed the members present that:
- a. After revising the preliminary draft Trust deed, it was reviewed by an advocate who primarily deals with trust formation and suggested a few changes which were incorporated in the draft. The deed was once again reviewed by three members.
  - b. Since the responsibility for running and funding the CoE operation lay entirely on the Trust, the membership of the Trust was arrived at by considering names of well-respected and renowned personalities whose names would attract CSR funds and who may also contribute themselves.
  - c. An Advisory Board was also included in the deed comprising of corporate leadership and other renowned personalities to advise the Trust as well as donate for the cause.
  - d. Secretary Uttarayani was included as a member of the Trust by appointment as per approval of the EC.
  - e. Secretary further mentioned that should the Trusteeship primarily comprises of Govt officials, it would start functioning like any other Govt department and would 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 had been created. The point was supported by most of the Members.
  - f. 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. He was informed that the Govt officials including the DM were indeed part of the Trust.

- g. Having done the spadework, three member team comprising of Shri GS Rawat, Vice President Uttarayani; Col BC Pandey, Secretary Uttarayani; and Col D P Dimri, Coordinator CoE left for Rudraprayag on 28 Sep 18.
- h. The first meeting after reaching Rudraprayag was held with Mr Kala, Chief Education Officer of Rudraprayag. Mr Kala expressed his happiness and mentioned that the three member team should return only after the trust was registered and CoE was taken over by the Trust.
- i. A visit to the CoE building was also made.
- j. Later in the afternoon around 5:30 pm meeting was held with the District Magistrate and his team members who were in some way associated with the CoE. The draft deed was handed over to the DM for review. The DM went through the contents of the deed in parts reading some clauses and glancing at others multiple times. We asked him for his suggestions.
- k. The DM said that the trust was the only way forward in which the CoE could be run and further stated that Government had no wherewithal and funds to run the CoE.
- l. He also said that apart from the DM, there should be little more representation of the Govt in the Trust and a local member be also found to be included in the Trust to ease out reporting and coordination. The point was readily agreed to and he was informed that we could include additional members as desired in the Advisory Board.
- m. After complete synergy and agreement, the DM called Sub Registrar's office to organise registration of the Deed. The DM informed us that due to the server having been shut down for the day centrally, he would organise Sub Registrar's office to be opened on Sunday, 30 Sep 18 and advised us to reach there by 10 AM the next day. Before leaving for the Sub-registrar's office on Sunday, the 30<sup>th</sup> Sep, we called him over phone. He expressed his helplessness by saying that his attempts to log in to the central server were not materializing as the server was still shut down being Sunday. The DM after confirmation from the Sub Registrar, expressing his regrets informed us that the registration could only be done on Monday, 01 Oct 18 at 10 am.
- n. Around 1:30 pm on 30<sup>th</sup> Sep, we received a text message from the DM stating that he was flooded with calls from some of the members of Uttarayani who were not in favour of the trust and that there was some conflict in Uttarayani and that we could go ahead with the Trust registration only after internal conflicts in Uttarayani were resolved.
- o. The team felt insulted and let down and did not know the motive of the people who called the DM objecting to the registration of the Trust. The experience was frustrating due to the fact that the building was completed two years ago and for the first time, the DM was in complete agreement to the Trust deed and organised for its registration on Sunday. Had the server been open, the deed would have been registered.

**13. Closing Remarks by the President.** President thanked all the members present for participating in the meeting. There being no other point, the meeting was closed with a Vote of Thanks to all members present



(Col (Dr) Bipin Pandey)  
Secretary  
16 Oct 2018