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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date 12 October 2019, Time 4:30pm onwards

VENUE: N D Tiwari Bhawan, 219 DDU Marg, New Delhi 110002

Attendance: The following members were present

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| 1. Col(Dr.) Bipin C Pandey | : | President, Chairman |
| 2. Sh G D Gaur | : | Vice President |
| 3. Sh. B M Sundriyal | : | Secretary |
| 4. Sh K N Pandey | : | Treasurer |
| 5. Dr Sarita Yajurvedi | : | Cultural Secretary |

Members

6. Sh S D Sharma
7. Dr Satyendra Singh

Leave of Absence. The following members had requested for leave of absence and granted:

Sh Indu Bhaskar Bhatt	Sh L S Negi
Sh Lokesh Gairola	Dr S S Aswal
Dr Sharad Pandey	Ms Archna Sharma
Sh Kailash Chander	Mrs Meena Kandwal

Welcome Address: Chairman welcomed all the members present in the meeting. President complimented and thanked EC members for organising a highly successful and very useful Seminar on Water Conservation on 01 Oct 2019. President said that Uttarayani is one of the oldest association of people of Uttarakhand origin in NCR. He informed the EC that there were over 4 dozen similarly named associations of Uttarakhand natives on NCR. President expressing his concern said that these other associations of Uttarakhand natives in NCR, despite being much younger, have gained more prominence. The programmes organized by them are more popular with much larger attendance including political leaders.

President requested all members of the EC to increase the frequency of their interactions with the Members within and outside their respective WhatsApp groups.

After the welcome address by the President, the following agenda points were taken up for discussion with the permission of chair.

The status of the points discussed during the meeting on 28 Sep 2019 was reviewed. The EC meeting on 28 Sep was essentially held to review the final preparations for the Seminar on Water Conservation in the State of Uttarakhand scheduled to be held on 01 Oct 2019 and allocate responsibilities to members for various activities during the seminar. President thanked all members for putting in their best effort in making the Seminar an astounding success.

The following agenda points were thereafter taken up for discussion.

A. Seminar on Water Conservation in the State of Uttarakhand and After Seminar Souvenir.

President, Col (Dr) Bipin Pandey informed the EC members about grand success of the Seminar. A brief on the seminar is appended below for information of all members of Uttarayani.

A one day Seminar on Water Conservation in the State of Uttarakhand was organized by Uttarayani at India International Center, Max Muller Marg, New Delhi on 01 October 2019 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Seminar was organized in five sessions. Eminent speakers including grass root level individuals with deep understanding of the water systems of Uttarakhand and Indian Himalayan Region deliberated upon various aspects concerning the water issues in the State such as water conservation, issues and challenges in rejuvenation, rain water harvesting, policies and management of water, importance of non-glacial rivers and natural sources of water, their fast depletion and drying up. The seminar ended with suggesting a way forward for all the stake holders, social organisations, state machinery and users of the water were discussed.

At the beginning of the Sminar, in true Devbhoomi traditions, the lamp was lit by Shri Prakash Dhami, MLA and President Uttarakhand Development and Research Foundation, Padma Shri Dr Anil Prakash Joshi, Col (Dr) Bipin Pandey, Presdient Uttarayani, Shri S D Sharma, Shri Alok Rawat and Shri K N Pandey. The Seminar proceedings were set in motion with President Uttarayani Col (Dr) Bipin Pandey and Secretary UDRF Shri G S Joshi delivering their welcome address.

At the beginning of the Seminar, Dr Bipin Pandey defined the context of the Seminar, its importance and objectives. He said that this seminar was the first milestone in Uttarayani's journey of Water Conservation in the State of Uttarakhand. He emphasised that we were looking for practical solutions which could be implemented with community participation. The seminar was anchored by MrsMeena Kandwal. Eminent speakers in the seminar included:

Padma Shri Dr Anil Prakash Joshi, Environmentalist
Shri Alok Rawat, Former Secretary Water Resources, Government of India
Dr Duegesh Pant, Former Director Uttarakhand Open University
Dr Sanjay Bajpai, Head Water and Energy Division, Govt of India,
Shri H P Uniyal, Adviser Niti Aayog, Government of Uttarakhand
Shri Sudhir K Sundriyal, Founder Feel Good
Shri STS Lepcha, Former PCCF and MD Uttarakhand Forest Corporation
Dr Vinay P Sinha, Professor TERI University
Dr GCS Negi, Geologist and Water Scientist at GBPNIHESD
Shri Jagat Singh "Jungle" Chaudhary, Founder "Jal, Jameen, Jangalaur Jeevan"
Shri Bishan Singh Baneshi, Founder Naula Foundation
Dr Bhaskar Dutt Patni, Member Expert Water Resources Government of India
Dr Sunesh Sharma, Scientist Tata Trust (Himmotthan)
Shri Kalyan Singh Rawat, Founder Maiti Movement
Dr MC Tiwari, Water Scientist
Dr Kamal Taori, Former Secretary Government of India
Dr P K Joshi, President Indian Society of Agriculture Economists
Shri Sushil Ramola, President Integrated Mountain Initiative

- B. Post Seminar Souvenir.** President informed all members that he had requested all the speakers to give a write-up on their thoughts expressed during the deliberations in the Seminar. Uttarayani will publish an "After Seminar Souvenir and Action Document". EC approved to print 100 copies of the document for distribution.
- C. Secretary B M Sundriyal,** informed the EC about holding another Special General Body Meeting to confirm and ratify resolution adopted in Special General Body Meeting held on 31st August 2019 regarding Amendments to MoA and Rules & Regulations of Uttarayani.

It is proposed to hold Special GBM on Saturday 02nd November 2019, at 4pm at N D Tiwari Bhawan, 219 DDU Marg, New Delhi 110002. Notice / Communication to all members about SGBM is being sent separately alongwith a copy of Amendments to MoA and Rules & Regulations of Uttarayani as proposed, discussed and adopted in SGBM held on 31st August for reference.

- D. Sh K N Pandey, Treasurer** updated the EC members about expenditure status till date and income of Uttarayani to reconcile the accounts. He also informed EC about progress in getting 12A & 80G exemption in consultation with the CA.
- E. President** also informed EC about grand success of basic medical screening camp for Eye, Ortho, Medicines, Neuro, Heart, Screening of BP & Diabetes and related diseases, conducted by Uttarayani at Pethshal, District Almora on 22nd September 2019, in association with Swami Vivekanand Health Mission Society.
Dr OP Meena & Dr Santosh (Ophthalmologist, RML Hospital), Dr Deepak Sundriyal (Physician AIIMS Rishikesh) and Dr Sharad Pandey (Neurosurgeon, RML Hospital) conducted the camp which was attended by more than 250 locals. Dr Deepak Sundriyal also delivered a talk on Cancer awareness. Shri Lokesh Gairola also participated in the camp as coordinator from the EC. All arrangements for the camp were made by Dr Sharad Pandey.
- F. Dr Sarita Yajurvedi,** Cultural Secretary informed EC about preparations / arrangements being made to conduct cultural evening for family members of Uttarayani on 23rd November. The Program will be presented by Uttarayani members and some well known artists from Uttarakhand to make the event a memorable one. The decision on dignitaries to be honoured during the Cultural program will be taken in the next EC meeting.

- G. Souvenir progress.** President requested EC members to arrange Funds for Publishing of Souvenir which will be released on the occasion of Cultural program.

- H.** It was proposed in earlier EC meetings to conduct following activities on 3rd November at N D Tiwari Bhawan, 219 DDU Marg, New Delhi.
- i. Quiz and Painting competition for Children,
 - ii. Mrs Uttarakhand for family members.
- Nominations were invited from members. However, due to no response from members despite repeated reminders, it is decided to cancel the event for now and may attempt to organize it with better preparations at future date to be decided later. .

Closing Remarks: President thanked all the members present for enthusiastically participating in the meeting and making valuable suggestions. There being no other point, the meeting was closed with a Vote of thanks.

The EC is grateful to Sh. S D Sharma Ji for hosting today's meeting and making suitable arrangements.

B M SUNDRIYAL
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