



**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Date 22 February 2020, Time 11:30am 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 Lokesh Gairola         | : | Jt Secy             |
| 5. Sh K N Pandey             | : | Treasurer           |
| 6. Sh S D Sharma             |   |                     |
| 7. Sh L S Negi               |   |                     |
| 8. Sh Kailash Chander        |   |                     |
| 9. Dr Sharad Pandey          |   |                     |
| 10. Ms MeenaKandwal          |   |                     |
| 11. Dr Archana Sharma Pandey |   |                     |

**Special Invitee**

12. Sh N S Bisht

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

Dr SaritaYajurvedi, Sh. SK Joshi, Dr S S Aswal

**ABSENT**

Dr Satyendra Singh, Sh Indu Bhaskar Bhatt

**Welcome Address:** Chairman welcomed all the members present for the meeting. Following points were discussed in detail:

**Application for 80G of IT Act1961.**

Application for exemption under Section 80 G was submitted with the IT Department in Aug 2019. Two meetings were held with the department in Feb 2020. The IT authorities have asked for some additional information. The information was compiled by Shri Sundriyal, Secretary, Shri K N Pandey, Treasurer, Shri G D Gaur, Vice President and Shri N S Bisht, Auditor during the meeting. The same will be submitted to the IT authorities on 24 Feb 2020.

**Way forward Water Seminar.** President informed the EC that a detailed proposal to seek CSR funds from ONGC is under preparation for water rejuvenation project in Uttarakhand for rejuvenation of two tributaries of River Kosi. Rejuvenation of River Kosi is one of the two flagship projects of the State of Uttarakhand for rejuvenation. Two more requests have been received by Uttarakhandi for rejuvenation work; one from Chokhutiya/Dwarahaat block and another from Nainidanda block. Data for undertaking both these projects needs to be collected for preparing a project proposal. Shri G D Gaur is working on collecting the data for Chokhutiya/Dwarahaat block and Shri Sundriyal and Shri Kailash will be working to collect the

data for Nainidanda block. Shri J S Bisht and Shri Sudhir Sundriyal have been contacted for help in getting the required inputs for Nainidanda block.

If funds are made available and the projects are executed successfully, the effort will go a long way towards enhancing Uttarayani's body of work accomplished.

### **Centre of Excellence (CoE) at Rudraprayag:**

As already informed to all the esteemed members of Uttarayani that a Meeting of Integrated Management Committee of Centre of Excellence was held on 11.02.2020 in DM's Office, Rudraprayag, for starting the various courses in COE. The meeting was attended by Mr. H.C.Jayal and J.P.Bahukhandi on behalf of Uttarayani. The meeting decided the following:

1. BPO operation courses, free of cost, will be run by Asset Infotech, Dehradun for a period of 03 months
2. Tourist Guide training will also be conducted by them
3. NDA classes will be started from 1st April at a nominal fee of Rs 100/-
4. Classes for Grade-C examination have already commenced.

MOM of the meeting of IMC have been communicated to Uttarayani members.

It was decided to nominate Col DP Dimri or Sh KR Arya for interview board for selection of faculty as per their availability.

### **Upcoming Event :**

**HOLI MILAN**( Get Together ) All members are invited with family members on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 11:00 am onwards and make the event colourful and memorable one. Program will be followed by Pahadi Lunch.

**Venue:** N D Tiwari Bhawan, 219 DDU Marg, New Delhi 110002.

**Attraction:** Inhouse presentation by Sh SD Sharma, Dr SaritaYajurvedi and Sh. KN Pandey ji & Team.

Any member (solo/ group) interested to perform as per occasion, pls inform Sh SD Sharma, Sh. KN Pandey ji, Dr SaritaYajurvedior MrsMeenaKandwal ji. We shall request the members that groups not be invited to perform at the function on payment basis.

**Medical Camp :It was decided to conduct the next medical camp in the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> week of March 2020.** Dr Sharad Pande is requested to make necessary arrangements for the same.

**Social Media (Uttarayani WhatsApp platform):** Secretary informed the members that Uttarayani WhatsApp platform was created to exchange original thoughts, constructive views/suggestions/ knowledge/ideas for furtherance of the objectives and spirit of Uttarayani to bring in a positive change for the people of Uttarakhand hills and also enable the members to benefit from our social networking in a faster and effective way for the cause of Uttarakhand and Uttarayani.

Presently only 250 members are in Uttarayani WhatsApp group. Due to inappropriateness of a large number of posts in the group about 150 members either left the group or were removed after giving repeated warnings for not adhering to group advisory from time to time. However, all members are part of the smaller groups created for ease of better interactions and group administration. All relevant information about Uttarayani is shared with every member via the smaller WhatsApp groups as well as EC members interacting personally with the members in their respective groups from time to time.

The larger common for all members WhatsApp groups were set for Admin only settings for two weeks due to a influx of large number of unwarranted posts in wake of Delhi Elections to avoid disharmony in the group. A number of members appreciated this move while a few of the members did not like the Admin only settings. It is surprising that some esteemed senior members of the group are not able to grasp the spirit and soul of Uttarayani and find it difficult to respect social media advisory. These members seem to take pride in blindly forwarding political or irrelevant information in this platform making it a junk mail box. More often than not members missed out on important information posted in the group. A number of members left the group due to such onslaught of irrelevant posts.

As many of us are in service and have to abide by Government's cyber policy guidelines, it was unanimously decided to encourage members to exchange information on smaller groups administered by EC members. All relevant information for cause of Uttarakhand and Uttarayani will be shared by respective group admins in their groups.

Members of the EC, therefore propose that:

1. Larger WhatsApp groups (Uttarayani and Uttarayani 2018 to be renamed as Uttarayani Chat Group 1 and Group 2 (if required) and to be set to make all active members as administrators of the group.
2. All relevant information about Uttarayani and exchange of ideas will continue to happen as heretofore via the smaller group administered by EC Members.

#### **Books and Other Facilities for the Schools.**

Some members had given donation to Uttarayani for providing books to schools and libraries. The work in this regard is in progress and will be completed by end of Mar 2020.

**New Member** Sh Arjun Singh Rawat joined Uttarayani last month.

**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.SD Sharma Ji for hosting today's meeting and making suitable arrangements.

**B M SUNDRIYAL, Secy Uttarayani**