



MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Date 02 April 2020, Time 1:00pm onwards
VENUE: ONLINE

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. Dr Satyender Singh | | |
| 7. Sh L S Negi | | |
| 8. Sh Kailash Chander | | |
| 9. Dr Sharad Pandey | | |
| 10. Ms MeenaKandwal | | |
| 11. Dr Archana Sharma Pandey | | |

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

Dr SaritaYajurvedi, Sh. SK Joshi, Dr S S Aswal, Sh SD Sharma , Sh Indu Bhaskar Bhatt

Welcome Address: Chairman welcomed all the members present for online meeting and Wished a very happy Ramnavmi and a safe lockdown period to near and dear ones of all Uttarayani family. Hope we come out of this situation at the earliest..

Following points were discussed in detail:

Application for 80G of IT Act1961. Exemption u/s 80G granted to UTTARAYANI. Certificate received on 28th February 2020. A great achievement by Executive team.

Way forward Water Seminar. President informed the EC that a detailed proposal to seek CSR funds from ONGC is submitted 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.

Secretary informed EC about meeting with Shri J S Bisht and Shri Tejpal Sundriyal representative of क्षेत्र पंचायत नैनीडांडा in which representative of क्षेत्र पंचायत नैनीडांडा was advised to liase with GRAM PRADHANS of their area and finalize a location where revival of water source can be undertaken as a pilot project. We will get an idea of the efforts, time and expenditure required for carrying out such job. This job needs to be undertaken at the earliest as summers are approaching and we can't wait for the funds. Secretary had talks with some members willing to voluntarily contribute for this noble cause and already handed over an amount of Rs 21000/= to the representative.

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 in water conservation.

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.

Col DP Dimri or Sh KR Arya were nominated by EC for interview board for selection of faculty as per their availability. Interview scheduled for 7th March was postponed due to Government staff strike in Uttarakhand and rescheduled for 20th March, which was postponed indefinitely due to CORONA pandemic across India.

Following Events of Uttarayani were postponed due to CORONA pandemic across India.

HOLI MILAN on 7th March 2020

Medical Camp in 2nd / 3rd week of March 2020

GBM planned in the last week of March.

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. All members are also part of the smaller groups created for ease of better interactions and group administration.

Over a period of time this main WhatsApp group "Uttarayani" is becoming just a time pass chat platform. In spite of repeated group Advisories issued time and again, some of the members intentionally and blindly forwarding posts which are not in good taste and are creating ill feelings amongst members. 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.

Members of the EC, therefore propose that **Uttarayani platform of communication be closed with immediate effect.** All members in the group are informed that WhatsApp group "Uttarayani" is no longer an official platform of communication of Uttarayani.

A new group will be formed in due course of time with new rules and regulations and all willing members will be connected again..

Meanwhile the smaller groups managed by EC members will continue as earlier.

All members are requested to EXIT the present Uttarayani group.

New Member Sh Aditya Kumar Mamgain and Shri Manoj Dhyani, DIG CRPF joined Uttarayani since our last meeting. Their membership was approved by the EC and we whole heartedly welcome the new members.

COVID 19 Pandemic: Members discussed prevalent COVID19 situation specially with reference to Uttarakhand. Although state Govt is taking all necessary steps to restrict the spread of virus in state, it is also our moral responsibility to spread awareness amongst people in our native villages and come forward to help in every possible ways. Any such case in your notice may please be brought to notice of EC so that necessary help may be arranged. Since the lockdown started across India from 23rd March onwards, many Uttarakhandi families working in many factories etc have left their cities for security at our hometown. It is essential that they don't become carriers of the disease. Villagers should not hide the information of such persons and rather help them in Quarentine/ self isolation.

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.

**B M SUNDRIYAL,
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