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Date: 05/08/2024

To
All the Members of the
National Executive Committee of
The Bharat Scouts and Guides

SUB.:- Minutes of the National Executive Committee Meeting of the Bharat Scouts and Guides held physically as well as virtually on 27th July, 2024 at 11.00 A. M.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith the Minutes of the National Executive Committee Meeting of the Bharat Scouts and Guides held physically as well as virtually on 27th July, 2024 at 11.00 A.M. for your kind perusal.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

(Darshana Amar Pawaskar)

Director

Encl.:- As above.

Copy submitted for kind information to:-

1. Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner of the Bharat Scouts and Guides.
2. Hon'ble Additional Chief National Commissioner of the Bharat Scouts and Guides.

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MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Bharat Scouts and Guides was held physically as well as virtually on **27th July, 2024 at 11:00 A.M.** under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. K. Khandelwal, IAS (Retd.), Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner, The Bharat Scouts and Guides.

Following members were present.

Physical presence

01.	Dr. K. K. Khandelwal, IAS (Retd.)	Chief National Commissioner	Chairman
02.	Shri Satyanarayan Sharma	Vice President	Spl. Invitee
03.	Smt. Geetha Nataraj	Vice President	Spl. Invitee
04.	Shri M. A. Khalid	Additional Chief National Commissioner	Member
05.	Shri Shyamal Kumar Biswas	Chief Commissioner of Scouts	Member
06.	Shri Manish Kumar Mehta	National Commissioner of Scouts	Member
07.	Shri K. Sukumara	National Commissioner of Scouts (Adult Resources)	Member
08.	Prof. E. U. Rajan	National Commissioner (Hqrs.) for Rovers	Member
09.	Shri G. Swamy	National Commissioner (Hqrs.) for NTC	Member
10.	Wg. Cdr. M. M. Joshi	National Commissioner (Hqrs.) for Special Programme	Member
11.	Shri N. B. Mote	National Commissioner (Hqrs.) for Growth	Member
12.	Shri Alok Goel, FCA	National Treasurer	Member
13.	Shri Madhusudan Avala	Addl. International Commissioner of Scouts	Member
14.	Dr. Harish L. Metha	National Advisor (Membership Growth)	Member
15.	Shri R. M. Kala	National Advisor for Administration	Member
16.	Dr. Somnath Yadav	State Chief Commissioner, Chhattisgarh State	Member
17.	Shri Amar B. Chettri	Executive Director cum Joint Director of Scouts (Programme & Training)	Member
18.	Shri Arup Sarkar	Deputy Director of Scouts (Boy Programme), BS&G	Spl. Invitee
19.	Ms. Tusha Chawla,	Legal Consultant, BS&G	Spl. Invitee

20.	Shri Maniram Sharma, IAS	State Commissioner(Admn.) cum State Secretary, Haryana State	Spl. Invitee
21.	Shri Prassanna Shrivastava	Secretary to the Office of CNC cum Director, Special Programme	Spl. Invitee
22.	Shri L. S. Verma	OSD to Chief National Commissioner	Spl. Invitee
23.	Smt. Darshana Amar Pawaskar	Director cum Joint Director of Guides (Programme & Training)	Secretary

Virtual Presence :-

1. Smt. Rupinder Brar, IRS, International Commissioner of Guides - Member
2. Shri P. R. Nadkarni, National Commissioner of Cubs - Member
3. Dr. Sulochana Sharma, National Commissioner of Bulbuls - Member
4. Smt. Savitaben J. Patel, National Commissioner of Guides (Adult Resources) - Member
5. Dr. S. K. Sharma, National Advisor, National Headquarters - Member
6. Shri Debaditya Chakraborti, IAS (Retd)., State Chief Commissioner West Bengal State - Member
7. Shri M. Sushil kumar Singh, IPS(Retd.), State Chief Commissioner, Manipur State - Member
8. Shri Paras Chandra Jain, State Chief Commissioner, Madhya Pradesh State - Member

Obituary References: -

The house observed one-minute silence prayer in honour of the departed soul.

Sl. No.	Name & Designation	State	Date of demise
01.	Ms. Diana E. Kharshiing, SC (G)	Meghalaya	10.10.2023
02.	Shri R. Lalramhluna	Mizoram	25.11.2023
03.	Captain M.V. Pranjal, Rashtrapati Scout	Karnataka	29.11.2023
04.	Dr. Veena Pradhan, Former SC (G)	Rajasthan	31.12.2023
05.	Shri D.S. Raghav, Former SCC	Madhya Pradesh	05.01.2024
06.	Shri Shyamal Karak, Former SOC(S)	Eastern Railway	17.01.2024
07.	Smt. Kamalakshi Hegde, HWB (G)	Karnataka	05.02.2024
08.	Shri Santosh Kumar Dixit, LT(S)	Uttar Pradesh	22.04.2024
09.	Shri P.V. Gunasekaran, ALT(S)	Tamilnadu	12.06.2024
10.	Shri M. David, ALT(S)	Tamilnadu	27.05.2024

Apology received from the following members: -

1. Dr. K. P. Mishra, Vice President and State Chief Commissioner, Odisha State
2. Dr. Ravi Kota, IAS, State Chief Commissioner, Assam State
3. Shri Jitesh Arun Sheth, Deputy National Commissioner of Rovers

4. Smt. Amelia Swer, National Commissioner of Rangers
5. Smt. Geetika Kharola, National Commissioner (Hqrs.) for Growth- Guide Wing

The Meeting started as per Agenda.

Agenda Item No. 01: Prayer

The Director In-charge of the Bharat Scouts and Guides and Secretary of the Meeting welcomed the Chairman and all members of the National Executive Committee Meeting. The meeting began with the Bharat Scouts and Guides Prayer.

Agenda Item No. 02: Roll Call: Attendance Verification

Attendance verification of all physical as well as virtual members was confirmed and the meeting started.

Agenda Item No. 03: Approval of the Agenda: Confirmation of the meeting Agenda

The Director In-charge and Secretary requested the Chairperson and members to confirm the meeting Agenda. The same was confirmed as proposed by Shri R.M. Kala, National Advisor for Administration and Seconded by Shri G. Swamy, National Commissioner (Headquarters) for NTC.

Agenda Item No. 04: Approval of Minutes of the last virtual/physical meeting of the National Executive Committee held at the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters, New Delhi on 14th October, 2023 and Agenda Item No. 05: Action Taken Report

The minutes and the Action Taken report were reviewed and approved by the members unanimously, duly proposed by Shri R.M. Kala, National Advisor for Administration and Seconded by Shri G. Swamy, National Commissioner (Headquarters) for NTC.

Agenda Item No. 06: Chairperson's Report: Overview of recent activities

The Chairman welcomed the Vice President and the members of the National Executive Committee. He said as we stand together today, united by our common purpose and bounded by our shared values. We are at a crucial juncture in the history of our organization. As we face a myriad of challenges, from external pressure to internal shifts, our commitment to our core values is more important than ever. It is a time for us to stand firm in our beliefs, to uphold the dignity of each individual and to foster a culture of respect, recognition and active participation in both our movement and the wider society. This year is particularly

momentous as we are on the cusp of celebrating 75th Years of The Bharat Scouts and Guides- a remarkable milestone that not only allows us to honour our rich legacy but also compels us to look forward with renewed vigour and vision Our past is filled with glorious achievements and our future is brimming with possibilities. He requested the members for firm dedication and commitment to the noble cause of our movement.

Agenda Item No. 07: Secretary's Report: Highlights of administrative updates

The Secretary presented the highlights and updates of the Bharat Scouts and Guides through a Video presentation.

Agenda Item No. 08: Treasurer's Report: Financial status and updates

Shri Alok Goel, FCA, National Treasurer of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, provided an overview of key points related to finance 2023-24 through a Power Point presentation. He appraised the house about the Income Tax compliance update for the Assessment Year 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 & 2021-22 & GST. He presented the financial highlights about FCRA bank balances and investments, General bank balances and investments, IRF, Flag Day collection, Collection against Adventure Programmes/Activities, Grant in Aid received, Sales of Supply Service Department. The Chairman asked to issue a Letter from the National Headquarters regarding non-use of the PAN, TAN and GST Number from his desk. He also suggested the state charter to be reviewed and redesigned. He discussed in detail to prepare a policy documents for the Supply Service Department for strengthening the department as well as the National Headquarters and issue a circular to all the State Associations of the Bharat Scouts and Guides to place bulk order for the material/equipment from the National Headquarters and there is no requirement to go through the tender process as BSG has completed the process.

Shri G. Swamy, National Commissioner (Headquarters) for NTC requested the Chairman to spare some portion of building on rent basis as previously the National Headquarters given 1st Floor and Ground Floor to GAIL (India) Limited on rent basis. The Chairman informed the house that our first priority is to become self-reliant and strengthening the BSG Shop as it is our major source of income. Shri S. Prassanna Shrivastava, Director Special Programme along with Shri Deepak Mehra, Supply Service Officer are working to prepare the procurement of the materials, SOP for sale and purchase. All the materials are categorised in 11 categories and their sub-categories to further bifurcate the items with quality specifications. They are also preparing the procedure to supply the bulk orders received from the State Associations and delivery the same within the stipulated period. The Chairman appraised the house in the AS1/Dir/27-07-2024

next 03 months we will update the proforma's for all day to day office work, adventure activities, camps, events, awards and competitions, finance and supply etc. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of all office and event activities operation and policies to run the organisation efficiently and the E-Office will be installed and make NHQ a paperless office. Reduce the formalities of filing work and save the storage capacity of the record room. All old records are scanned and the relevant records and documents to be kept digitally.

Agenda Item No. 09: 75th Anniversary Celebration and 19th National Jamboree Planning: Preparations and updates

Shri Bablu Goswami, Nodal Officer of 75th Year of BSG Celebration presented the preparation and updates on 75th Anniversary Celebration and Planning of 19th National Jamboree through a Power Point presentation. He also briefed the house that the 75th Anniversary Celebration will begin from 07th November, 2024 and will continue until 07th November, 2025. The year 2025 marks a significant milestone for an organisation that has played an instrumental role in shaping the character and skills of young Indians since its establishment in 1950. He also informed that the Diamond Jubilee activities are categorised in 08 categories. He informed that the applications for stamp and Commemorative Coins are submitted to the respective Departments.

Shri P.R. Nadkarni, National Commissioner for Cubs wanted to know about the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Bharat Scouts and Guides is a Diamond Jubilee or Platinum Jubilee. Shri Madhusudan Avala, Additional International Commissioner of Scouts clarified about 75th Anniversary is Diamond Jubilee as per the department of post and finally the house decided to be named as a Diamond Jubilee year.

The Executive Director requested the Chairman to constitute a Steering Committee and Task Force for effective implementation, Strategic Direction and Guidance. The Chairman announced the constitution of Steering Committee consisting of Shri Satyanarayan Sharma, Vice President of BSG as Chairman, Dr. K. P. Mishra Vice President, Smt Geetha Natraj Vice President and Shri M.A. Khalid, Additional Chief National Commissioner and 02 or 03 members from each State as a member of the committee.

Shri Satyanarayan Sharma, Vice President on the request of the Chairman launched the official logo of 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Bharat Scouts and Guides digitally and the same was appreciated by the house unanimously as proposed by Shri Manishkumar Mehta, National Commissioner of Scouts and seconded by Shri R.M. Kala, National Advisor for Administration.

It was also discussed that in the BSG logo it should be 1909 instead of 1908 as we have evidence of the same.

Agenda Item No. 10:- President Scout/Guide/Rover/Ranger Certificate: Status update

The Chairman informed the house that the Bharat Scouts and Guides has submitted the certificates of Rashtrapati Scouts/Guides/Rovers/ Rangers for the year 2016 till 2021 to the Ministry to further forward to the President's Secretariat for the facsimile signature of the Hon'ble President of India. The house appreciated the efforts of the Chairman on resolving the long pending issues of 2016 & 2017 Rashtrapati Award Certificates. The house stood and applauded the efforts of the Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner.

Agenda Item No. 11:- Hosting World Guide Jamboree and APR WAGGGS Conference in 2025: Progress and planning

The Chairman apprised the house about the hosting of World Guide Jamboree and APR WAGGGS Conference in 2025. He proposed 03 locations for hosting the same i.e. Jaipur, Chandigarh and Dehradun. He also informed the house that he talked with the owner of the Resort at Choki dhani, Rajasthan regarding the food and other facilities. The National Headquarters has to organise a meeting in Jaipur with the state officials of Rajasthan State in this matter at the earliest.

Agenda Item No. 12:- Online Youth Management System (OYMS): System updates and enhancements

The Secretary presented the updates status and enhancement of OYMS System of the Bharat Scouts and Guides through a Power Point presentation and requested all the state associations to complete the registration on priority.

Agenda Item No. 13:- Review of Youth Programme in Alignment with National Educational Policy: Programme revisions and alignment

Shri Madhusudan Avala, Additional International Commissioner of Scouts, briefed about the comprehensive review of the Youth Program in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. This review includes the incorporation of new sections and a progressive scheme. The primary objective is to ensure the Youth Program remains relevant, engaging and educational for youth in preparing them to be active and responsible citizens.

He outlined that there are six areas of focus—social, physical, intellectual, character, emotional, and spiritual—and six developmental stages—early childhood, late childhood, puberty, adolescence, young adulthood, and youth. Each age section follows a progressive scheme that includes a badge framework and an advancement framework. The proposed changes reflect a commitment to continuous improvement and adaptation to the evolving needs of society and its youth. Mr Kala advised to give a final draft of the revised programme to ministry and Prime minister office to be incorporated in the syllabus. The house unanimously approved the proposals for the revised Youth Program policy in aligning with the National Education Policy, appreciating the efforts made in this regard.

Agenda Item No. 14:- Draft Annual Report for the year 2023-2024: Update for recommendation to the National Council

The Chairman appealed the State Associations to submit their reports at the earliest those who have not submitted till date so that draft Annual report for the year 2023-24 has been prepared and submitted to the next National Executive Meeting and further recommend to the National Council for its approval.

Agenda Item No. 15:- Long Pending Financial Dues: Update on IRF, Flag Day and Supply Service Department Dues

The long pending dues of IRF, Flag Day and Supply Service Department with the relevant records/data of the State Association were presented asking all the states to clear their respective dues.

Agenda Item No. 16:- Update on Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA): Compliance and updates

The Chairman informed the house that FCRA Certificate was issued to the Bharat Scouts and Guides in the year 1998 and now it is 26 years old. A request letter has been sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs to reconsider the renewal application. The case is still under consideration.

Agenda Item No. 17: - Proposal for State Chief Commissioner's Conference: Discussion on proposed conference

The Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner informed the house that the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters, is planning to organize a State Chief Commissioners Conference, either within the country or abroad, for a duration of 3 to 5 days. He appealed the State Associations to come forward and decide

to host this conference, requesting them to send their proposals to the National Headquarters within the next three months for consideration.

The Chief National Commissioner also expressed his displeasure at the absence of State Chief Commissioners from the meeting of the National Executive Committee. The Addl. Chief National Commissioner highlighted that hosting a commissioner's conference will work effectively only when atleast 50 % of the members are attending the event.

Agenda Item No. 18: - Any Other Business:

- (i) **Proposal for edit in Rule No. 66 of APRO Part-1.** The house unanimously approved to edit the proposals and to read as "No member of the State Association shall participate, camp, or represent in any other state's event without prior sanction of the home State Headquarters and the National Headquarters."
- (ii) **Environmental Scouts and Guides- Proposal for Auxiliary Unit** of the Bharat Scouts and Guides affiliated with the National Headquarters. Paryavaran Samrakshan Gatividi (PSG) is an initiative aimed at fostering environmental stewardship among the youth. This unit will operate under the aegis of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, aligning with the organization's mission to contribute to the community and nation-building through the engagement of young people in various service-oriented activities. The House accepted Environmental Scouts and Guides (PSG) as an auxiliary unit of the Bharat Scouts and Guides.
- (iii) **Proposal for standardisation of Bharat Scouts and Guides Flag size and its usage.** The house unanimously approved the proposals placed by Mr. R.M. Kala of Uttarakhand State with a suggestion to submit with translation in English version to the National Headquarters for the perusal of the Rules Committee.
- (iv) **Common Pennants receiving procedures during Unit Meeting and Adult Training Courses** is unanimously approved by the house for its implementation with immediate effect.
- (v) **Voluntary Retirement of Shri Raj Kumar Kaushik**, Director, the Bharat Scouts and Guides and designation of Smt. Darshana Amar Pawaskar as the Director In-charge. The VRS submitted by Shri Raj Kumar Kaushik and acceptance of his VRS is informed to the house and confirmed.
- (vi) **Update on Renovation Work Post-2023 Floods:** The Chairman informed the house about the renovation work undertaken at the National Headquarters following the floods in July 2023. Offices have been relocated from the third and second floor to the ground floor. The Chairperson

requested the Treasurer to have an expenditure audit done internally and present this report in the next National Executive Committee meeting.

- (vii) **Collaboration of Big 6 Youth Organisations in India-** The Big 6 comprises the six largest youth movements in the world: World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), World Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (The Award) The Chairman briefed about the collaboration to promote youth and to create visibility, The house unanimously approved.
- (viii) **Approval to establish Sea Scout/Guide Auxiliary Unit Headquarters** at Mangalore, Karnataka State is unanimously approved and appreciated Karnataka State for the proposals.
- (ix) **Lady Teachers to be enrolled as Lady Rover Scout Leader (Kerala State)** The proposal of Kerala State Bharat Scouts and Guides to allow female teachers to undergo Basic Rover Scout Leader Training Course is duly accepted by the house as a special case on Pilot basis only in Kerala state, due to lack of male teachers and looking into the promotion of the Rover Section. The State Chief Commissioner can grant permission as the case may be to allow female teachers to undergo the Basic Rover Scout Leader Course and act as a Rover Scout Leader in Higher Secondary Schools in Kerala State.
- (x) **Litigation Policy of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters-** The Revised Litigation Policy as placed and was accepted unanimously.
- (xi) **Introduction of International Friendship Award:** - Shri Madhusudan Avala, Additional International Commissioner of Scouts briefed introduction of International Friendship Award the Chairman informed as all the other committees an awards committee to be constituted The proposals is unanimously accepted with having two levels as gold and silver etc. 4
- (xii) **Alumni Scouts and Guides-** The Director informed the house about the proposal of Alumni Scouts and Guides and is approved unanimously by the house.
- (xiii) **Tasks ahead in maintaining continued Good Governance in The Bharat Scouts and Guides-** Shri S. Prassanna Shrivastava, Director Special Programme briefed about maintaining Good Governance in The Bharat Scouts and Guides. The same is as per the Strategic plan of the Bharat scouts and Guides.

Smt. Geetha Nataraj, Vice President of the Bharat Scouts and Guides requested the Chairman to include the State Commissioners of Scouts / State Commissioners of Guides as the members of the National Executive Committee. As per Rule No.36 (Page no. 32), the State Chief Commissioners are only the members of National Executive Committee and very few State Chief Commissioner are ladies. The Chairman assured to look into the matter.

The Chairman presented the Warrant to Dr. Somnath Yadav, State Chief Commissioner of Chhattisgarh State Bharat Scouts and Guides.

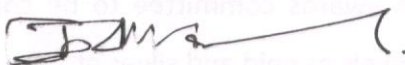
Shri M. A. Khalid, Additional Chief National Commissioners was felicitated for being conferred with the highest international scouting award i.e. Bronze Wolf Award. The Chairman extended heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Shri Khalid ji for his well-deserved honour. The house enthusiastically applauded and congratulated Shri M. A. Khalid.

In response, Shri M. A. Khalid expressed his gratitude to the Hon'ble Chairman and all the members of the National Executive Committee.

The Chairman also presented the Messenger of Peace Star Award 2022 to NHQ staff- Shri Analendra Sarma, Assistant Director and Shri Jahangeer pasha during the meeting and congratulated both for their achievements.

The Chairman thanked all the members for their active participation and valuable suggestions shared during the meeting.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair by Shri Amar B. Chettri, Executive Director followed by National Anthem.



**(Dr. K. K. Khandelwal), IAS(Retd.)
Chief National Commissioner and
Chairman**



**(Darshana Amar Pawaskar)
Director and Secretary**