

**Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the National Trust held on  
11-9-2019 2.00PM**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the National Trust was held at 2.00 pm on 11th September 2019 at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Smt. Shakuntala D. Gamlin, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) and Chairperson of the Board of the National Trust (NT). Over 200 participants from across the country were present in the AGM.

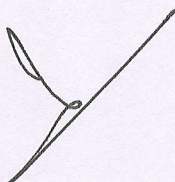
1. At the outset, the JS&CEO, National Trust welcomed the participants and requested Dr. Anuradha Mohit, Director, National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Secunderabad; Dr. Himanshu Das, Director, National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai; Shri D. Jacob, Coordinator, SNAC, Kerala and Shri Pankaj Maru, Coordinator, SNAC, Madhya Pradesh to give presentation on the activities of their organisations.
2. Dr. Anuradha Mohit, Director, NIEPID, while giving a detailed presentation on the activities of NIEPID informed that presently NIEPID is running total 203 programmes i.e. 71 Short Term programmes and 132 Parent Training Programs benefitting 4605 professionals/ parents of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She further informed about Medical and Rehabilitation Services, Special Educational Services and vocational services. She also shared information about other services like Home-based services; Respite-care services; Short stay home services; Technical support to state governments and public sectors & NGOs. She desired for convergence of the activities of NIEPID with the activities of the National Trust.
3. Dr. Himanshu Das, Director, NIEPMD, Chennai highlighted the benefit of Cochlear implant to persons with hearing impaired and informed that proposal for the same can be submitted to NIEPMD. He informed the various activities of the NIEPMD and stressed for its convergence with the activities of the National Trust. He also shared a good model developed at Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu. Then he invited queries from the audience and got the feedback for enhanced advertisement of training conducted as most of the ROs were unaware. Various special concessions offered to Candidates from North Eastern Region were also not known to the ROs. Hence, it was decided to send emails to all ROs apart from advertisement in newspapers. There has been a hindrance for cochlear implant for children with disabilities as covered under the National Trust Act, because it was

thought that it would not benefit in any way to these children. However, this is wrong and Dr Das requested the JS&CEO, National Trust to take up this issue and remove the obstacle.

4. Shri D. Jacob, Coordinator, SNAC, Kerala informed that 3 State Level Training Programmes on activation of LLCs were conducted. In Kozhikode districts, 6 programmes were conducted. A total of 7230 Legal Guardianship Certificates were issued in the State. He also informed about setting up of State Level bankers Committee for opening Bank Account for Legal Guardianship. For monitoring the State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC), a special officer has been appointed. District Monitoring Cells have also been constituted and they are in regular touch with District Legal Service Authority.

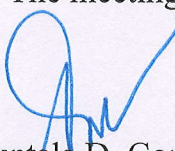
He also informed that Government of Kerala is paying premium of beneficiaries under Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme. More than 50,000 beneficiaries are covered under the Scheme. For publicity of the scheme, letters were being sent to Gram Panchayats, Parents Organizations, Sarv Siksha Abhiyan (SSA), District/State level officials, etc. Booklets on Niramaya scheme and LLC are being widely circulated.

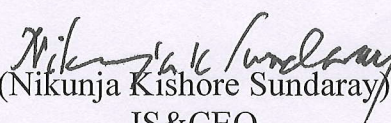
5. Shri Pankaj Maru, Coordinator, SNAC, Madhya Pradesh shared good practices through a presentation. He informed that a WhatsApp group is created to share the new development in the field. He informed that Divyangjan covered under the National Trust Act are getting 1200/- PM pension with efforts of SLCC, while other Divyangjan are getting 600/- PM. To support beneficiaries of Niramaya, one dedicated staff appointed to lookout enrolment renewal/claims etc. He also informed that several important decision have been taken by the SLCC i.e. purchase of vocational items by State Government etc.
6. The Chairperson, National Trust and Secretary, DEPwD while welcoming all participants expressed the need for strengthening services in Bihar and other States, where the reach of the National Trust services is not adequate. She shared latest developments in the sector, She informed that Mental Retardation and Mental Illness are obsolete terms now. She had been to UN Convention held in Geneva wherein it was pointed out that the UNCRPD prohibits the use of these terminologies. She also stressed on Early Intervention and Inclusive Education for children with disabilities.



7. The JS&CEO apprised the ROs regarding the discussions held during the 83<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting in the morning in Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD). He informed the participants that how we are moving ahead using technology for accessibility for persons with disabilities. He talked about Jellow Communicative Device prepared by IIT-Mumbai and while the Note developed by Microsoft to aid children with Dyslexia, Autism, ASD to understand and help in their cognitive development.
8. The ROs were also informed about the decision of the Board to hear all cases of scheme holders whose grant have been stopped before taking final decision. The ROs and other participants made suggestions on various issues / schemes to the National Trust. The quires raised by the RO's were addressed by Sh. U.K. Shukla, Assistant Legal Advisor and Sh. Navnit Kumar, Programme Officer of the National Trust.
9. The Annual Report was presented by Sh. U. K. Shukla, Assistant Legal Advisor and Sh. Navnit Kumar, Programme Officer showing the progress made by the National Trust during the year. The Annual Report 2018-19 of the National Trust which comprised of the Annual Accounts for the relevant period i.e. 2018-19, was duly adopted in the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to chair.

  
(Shakuntala D. Gamlin)  
Chairperson  
National Trust

  
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JS&CEO  
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