

**MINUTES OF THE CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S
MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ADVENTURE FOUNDATION
HELD AT 1100 HRS ON 30 AUG 2025 IN THE
CONFERENCE HALL, INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL,
5 NYAYA MARG, CHANKYAPURI, NEW DELHI 110021**

1. The following Directors were present in the meeting:-

(a) Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**, ADC (Retd) – President – **In Chair**

Chapter Directors

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| (b) | Shri Safar Ahmed | -Director, Kerala 2 |
| (c) | Shri Rohitashwa Bissa | -Director, Rajasthan 1 (Bikaner) |
| (d) | Shri Mihir Kumar Mondal | -Director WB, Paschim Chapter |
| (e) | Capt (Dr.) Rohini Nair | -Director, Kerala 1 |
| (f) | Col CK Singh (Retd) | -Director, Western UP |
| (g) | Mrs. Neelofar | -Director, U.P-II (Kanpur) |
| (h) | Shri. Y Srinivas Rao | -Director, Telangana |
| (i) | Ms Rukmini Chandran | -Director, Karnataka I Chapter |
| (j) | Shri Barun Ray | -Director, West Bengal Chapter |
| (k) | Shri Sardar Ajit Singh | -Director, Jharkhand & Bihar |
| (l) | Gp Capt Jayashankar (Retd) | -Director, TN & Puducherry |
| (m) | Shri RK Bhuyan | -Director, Odisha |
| (n) | Shri. Manjul Rawat | -Director, Uttrakhand |
| (o) | Shri Manoj Kumar Sharma | -Director, Ganganagar Chapter |
| (p) | Dr. K Romeo Meetei | -Director, Manipur |

Chapter Functionaries Other than Directors

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| (q) | Col S K Nagpal (Retd) | -Greater Noida |
| (r) | Shri Daya Shankar Mishra | - Representing Bihar Chapter |
| (s) | Mr. Zameer Ahmed | - UP – II (Kanpur) |
| (t) | Mr. Taka Tamut | - Arunachal Pradesh |
| (u) | Mr. R K Sharma | - Bikaner |

Ex Officer

(v) Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd) - Executive Director

Absent Chapter Director

(w) Cdr Rajiv Sardana (Retd) -Director Scuba Diving Chapter
(x) Shri Naveen Chamoli -Director, NAF Institutional Chapter, Uttarakhand
(y) Shri Sanjeev Atri -Director, Himachal Pradesh
(z) Ms Swati Acharya -Director, Mumbai
(aa) Shri Vijay V pandey -Director, Amravati
(bb) Shri Amar Modi -Director, Chattisgarh
(cc) Ms Sangeeta Pokhriyal -Director, Delhi NCR
(dd) Shri Zuben Y Contractor -Director, Gujarat
(ee) Ms Haseena -Director, Lakshadeep
(ff) Shri Jagdish Lall -Director, Manali
(gg) Shri Vikrant Sagar -Director, Rajasthan -2 (Kota)
(hh) Km Priyadarshani -Director, Rajasthan-3 (Jaipur)
(ii) Shri Appa Sahab -Director, Shirdi
(jj) Mrs Asha Nagpal -Director, Greater Noida
(kk) Humza Tawkeef khan -Director, Jammu Kashmir (Srinagar)
(ll) Shri Vishal Thakur -Director, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh
(mm) Mrs. Poonam Yadav -Director, Madhya Pradesh
(nn) Shri. Rajeev Pujari -Director, Odisha-II
(oo) Mrs. Shyamala -Director, TN& Puducherry-01
(pp) Shri Shridhar Muthusamy -Director, Tamil Nadu -02
(qq) Ms Bharti Gomase -Director, Maharashtra
(rr) Mr. B G Kumar Swamy -Director, Karnataka-II (Bengaluru)

PRELIMINARIES

Opening Remarks by President NAF

2. **Welcoming the Attendees.** The President **Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**, ADC (Retd)** welcomed all Chapter Directors and thanked them for coming and attending the meeting.

Points by President

a) **Re programing of Annual General Meeting** - The President intimated that most Directors had expressed the need of a full day meeting at Delhi during the AGM. The necessity was discussed during the Director's workshop @Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Accordingly, henceforth one day will be kept exclusively for Chapter Directors during AGMs. We must make full efforts to have definite 'take aways' from this meeting.

b) **Collaboration with NCC.** The President informed the Directors that a letter has been sent from NCC Headquarters in Delhi to all NCC Group HQs in various states. Copy is attached as Appendix 'A". The Chapter Director should avail this opportunity & contact nearby NCC units to get work. NAF HQ must be kept in loop.

c) **MOU with NIWS** – A memorandums of understanding (MOU) was signed with the National Institute of Water Sports (NIWS – IITTM), Goa, a center under Indian Institute of Tourism & Travel Management, Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India on 17 July 2025. Three meetings have already taken place between the two organizations to understand activities, talents & resources of each other.

Decision – The President requested all Directors to utilize this MOU for conducting organized training/course in their respective Chapters in collaboration with their respective State Govts. They must inform the tourism and Sports Depts. about this MOU. Similar action will be taken by NAF HQs. He Directed the ED to put up a draft letter for the States in this regards.

3. The President there after asked the Executive Director **Wg Cdr KK Verma** to proceed with the Agenda Points

4. **Ratification of the Minutes of the Last Directors Conference Held on 22 Sep 2024 –Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)**, Executive Director, NAF requested that the Minutes of the last Directors Conference held on 22 Sep 2024, which had been forwarded to all the Chapters, and on which no comments had been received, be ratified. The house confirmed the said minutes unanimously.

5. **Report of Executive Director for the Financial Year 2024-25.** The Executive Director presented report for the FY 2024-25. The copy is attached at Appendix 'B'. The salient points are as follows –
 - (a) **Tamil Nadu Workshop** – A Workshop was conducted at Camp Splendour near Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu from 07th to 09th Mar 2025. This Workshop was hosted by Tamilnadu & Puducherry – I (Coimbatore) Chapter Director Mrs. Shyamala Jayashankar and Gp Cpt Jayashankar. The Workshop was very well received. The minutes of the Workshop have been circulated vide our letter of even number dated 28th March 2025.

 - (b) **Publication of NAFER 2025** – After a gap of two years, this year NAFER 2025 has been published. The NAFER 2025 will be launched tomorrow during AGM.

6. **NAF Activities and Events** – NAF conducted its annual program as per schedule.
 - a) **Rajasthan Adventure Day (RAD)** - It was conducted by NAF Chapter across India as remember on the Fourth Death Anniversary of Shri Magan Bissa ji as Rajasthan Adventure Day (RAD). NAF Bikaner Chapter organised a day program on 14 Feb 2025 including a Blood Donation Camp Various Chapter Directors from across India gave a tribute to Shri. Magan Bissa ji.

 - b) **National Adventure Day (NAD)** - NAF Adventure program (NAD-2025) was celebrated from 12th March to 12th April 2025. Number of activities were conducted by various Chapters. Two Awards were initiated by NAF headquarters.
 - i) **Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2025** – Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2025 which was instituted from 2021 onwards. This year we received a total of 10 entries/recommendations for

the award. The Jury members of the Award were Dr. Sushma Bissa, Col Ravinder Nath, Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar. The final approval was given by the President, NAF. The winner of Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award for the year 2025 were **Ms. Pooja Mehra** in female category **Mr. Lahu Kondiba Ughade, Dr. Kangabam Romeo Meetei** and **Mr. Rabindra Kumar Bhuyan** in male category. They were given a cash prize of Rs.10,000/-, a citation and a memento. The memento has been **sponsored by Mr. Daya Mishra**, Director Bihar Chapter. The cash prizes were sponsored by **Camp India Adventure, The Himalayan Adventure Institute, Kempty Falls Mussoorie & Alpinestak Holiday Pvt Ltd**. All the winners will be felicitated by NAF during AGM.

ii) **NAF Social Media Post Competition** – This Social Media Post Competition is being organized for NAF family members and all adventure enthusiasts. However, due to poor response, this was cancelled this year.

Agenda Points

7. Appointment of the Chartered Accountant.

(i) Appointment of the New Chartered Accountant, Mr. Dhiraj Kumar & Co for the financial year 2024-2025 to cover the services being rendered for Income Tax, Audit, GST & TDS matters and other related issues.

Decision. The appointment was approved and ratified unanimously.

Presentation by Chapter Directors

8. **Mr. Manjul Rawat, Chapter Director, Uttarakhand** - He said that NAF must focus on adventure activities and not adventure tourism. Around 20 lacs people participate in adventure activities every year in Uttarakhand but they are not aware about technical and safety aspects of adventure. We at NAF must transfer this information, knowledge & safety protocols related to adventure to people so that they have better appreciation of adventure activities and understand its importance for personality development & character building. Mr. Manjul informed that most people working as helpers in adventure field, subsequently become owners of the adventure operator companies. He mentioned that ATOI has different role while NAF is different. NAF must promote adventure and not

tourism. NAF must train people and audit operators working in this field of adventure. He planned to conduct a contributory adventure program in Uttarakhand for all Chapter Director which was agreed to by all. He said that he would send a proposal to NAF HQ shortly. President directed the ED to check with the Chapter.

9. **Gp Capt Jayashankar Chapter Director, TN & Puducherry** – In his presentation he recommended conducting Adventure Sports Carnivals during State Youth festivals. He also informed all about the necessity of adventure insurance while conducting adventure activities.

10. **Dr. Rohini Nair Chapter Director, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala)** - She gave a detailed brief about building and operationalizing on 'Adventure Park' with the help of local investors. She mentioned few essential steps:-

- (i) Searching reliable partners.
- (ii) Purchasing/importing standard and quality equipment.
- (iii) Installation of equipment to be done by authorized experts & must ensure periodic check ups by experts.
- (iv) Registration of Adventure Park, office, staff etc to be arranged.
- (v) MOU to be signed by different parties.
- (vi) Trained & skillful staff needed for operation and maintenance.
- (vii) Keep creating innovative ideas to sustain adventure business.

Dr. Rohini informed all participants that Adventure Park is running well for the last few years & doing good business.

11. **Mrs. Rukmini Chandran, Chapter Director, Karnataka – I (Mysore)** - She gave a briefing about her Chapter in Karnataka and about the inroad's made among students & professionals from Bengaluru who approach her for adventure programs. She conducts the program with the permission & approval of local administration. She is thankful to President, NAF for helping her in getting necessary approvals. She requested other Chapter Directors to share their schedule so that she can send groups to other states including Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand or J & K for adventure activities.

Decision – The President requested all Chapter Director to plan & share their annual schedule of events with the NAF HQ so that they have more visibility. He directed ED to

write letter to all the Chapters. These events must be put on NAF website and other social media platforms.

12. **Dr. Romeo Meetei, Chapter Director, Manipur (Imphal)** – He has taken over the charge from Col K A Singh who worked with NAF for many years. He intimated that adventure sports is a compulsory subject in all hospitality courses in various training institutes. Accordingly, NAF Directors should be on demand in these colleges & universities as part time lecturers/consultants. They should get the assignments to share and guide students for adventure activities & adventure business.

Decision – The President directed ED to write to Tourism Department, Arunachal Pradesh & Mizoram. Dr. Romeo will follow up at local level. The President also directed ED to connect with Mr. Taka Tamut to set up a Chapter in Arunachal Pradesh.

13. **Mr. Rabindra Kumar Bhuyan, Chapter Director, Odisha (Bhubaneswar)** - He felt honored that NAF AGM meeting is being conducted before September as he wanted since last many years. He narrated his journey of becoming a hard core adventure professional who moved from being a volleyball player to mountaineer by Mrs. Bachendri Pal. He also remembered Mr. Rusy Modi of Tata Steel who changed his approach towards adventure.

Decision – The President requested Directors to find investors from local businessman so that Adventure Park can be constructed. He told ED to follow it up.

14. **Daya Shankar Mishra, Representing Chapter Bihar – II (Rajgir)** – He felt happy to attend this meeting. He talked about safety, first aid, CPR, emerging methods of rescue, lightening precaution etc. He emphasized that NAF must make students & professional aware about these. It will help NAF to create clients for adventure programs.

15. **Safar Ahmed**, Chapter Director, Kerala – II – He felt honored to attend Director's Meet. He thanked the President, NAF for support & guidance.

16. **Rohitshwa Bissa, Chapter Director, Rajasthan-I (Bikaner)** – He felt honored that his father Shri Magan Bissa, is still recognized as a legend in adventure field. He expressed his gratefulness to all seniors & colleagues and to be associated with NAF, a

prestigious organisation working for last 40 years in the field of adventure and the only organisation working in all three domains of adventure – Land, Water and Air.

17. **Shri Y Srinivas Rao, Chapter Director, Telangana (Secundrabad)** – He expressed his gratitude to NAF fraternity.

18. **Mrs. Neelofar, Chapter Director, Uttar Pradesh – II (Kanpur)** - She felt honored to be a Director of NAF and expressed her gratitude for all kinds of support from NAF headquarters.

19. **Barun Ray, Chapter Director, West Bengal (Kolkata)**– He remembered Brig Gyan Singh who used to visit Kolkata regularly and thanked NAF.

CONCLUSIONS

12. The President thanked Chapter Directors for their active participation and valuable suggestions. As adventure activities across India are going on in full swing, it is expected that Chapters should pay subscriptions by due date. There is a need to have proper liaison between Chapters so that we can take advantage of the resources and skills/experts of each other.

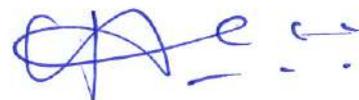
13. The donation can be done online through following details –

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14. The meeting was adjourned with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Date: 16 Sep 2025

Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)
Executive Director