

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 2024 TO AUGUST 2025

1. It gives me a great pleasure in sharing brief details about NAF activities with the NAF members, for the period from September 2024 to August 2025.

Progress Report

2. **Condolences & Remembrance** – We remember our members, lost during this period.
 - a) Capt. M S Kohli (Retd.), (11 Dec 1931 – 23 June 2025)
 - b) Lt Col Babu George, Chapter Director. Karnataka – I (24 March 1959 – 08 Nov 2024)
 - c) Dr. Harish Saxena, NAF Life Member, Ex. Chairman, Youth Hostel (26 Dec 1945 – 04 Feb 2025)
 - d) Yogendra Kumar Gurwara, Hyderabad, (15 Sep 1946 - 28 Aug 2025)
3. **Annual Subscription from Chapters** – In the last EC meeting a decision was taken to reduce the annual subscription to 50 percent for the F.Y. 2024-25. However, a number of Chapters have not yet cleared their dues. They are being informed individually to do so at the earliest.
4. **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.**
 - (a) **Allotment of funds under NPYAD Scheme** - There are no allotment of NPYAD grant from the Ministry for the FY 20 24 -25.
 - (b) **Submission of Proposals for the Financial Year 2025-26** – We are in touch with Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for the submission of proposal for this financial year. It has been informed by the Ministry that online submission of applications will commence shortly.
4. **Publication of NAFER 2025** – NAFER 2025 has been published this year. A great thanks goes to all contributors for their writings and special thanks goes

to our President, Lt Gen Raman Dhawan for writing articles on number of interesting subjects related to adventure which I am sure all of you will find extremely interesting. It is noted that NAFER acts as mirror of this organisation depicting its emotions, dream & aspirations. A big thanks to our Chapter Directors, EC members and writers.

5. **Coimbatore Workshop** – A Workshop was conducted at Camp Splendour, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu from 07 to 09 Mar 2025. This Workshop was hosted by Tamil Nadu & Puducherry – I (Coimbatore) Chapter Director Mrs. Shyamala Jayashankar and Gp Cpt Jayashankar. The Workshop was extremely well conducted and the same was appreciated by all the attendees. A number of issues were discussed and the Minutes of the Workshop have been circulated to all Chapters. Kerala Chapter has offered to hold the next Director's Workshop which will be planned shortly.
6. **NAF MOU with NIWS** – A memorandums of understanding (MOU) has been signed with the National Institute of Water Sports (NIWS – IITTM), Goa on 17 July 2025. Three meetings have been held between the two organisations to understand each other's activities, talents & resources. It is hoped that the Chapters will be able to benefit from this partnership.
7. **Citizen Schemes** - NAF has continued to conduct programmes under the Citizen Scheme. A few details of the programmes conducted during this period are as follows: -
 - a) **AMITY Programmes.** Amity programmes were done for UG, PG and Schools students after Oct 2024. 12 programmes have been done for UG students, 16 for PG students and 01 for Schools students. A total of 4420 students have been covered in F.Y till 31 March 2025.
 - b) **Parasailing of NCC, Kolkata** – Parasailing was conducted, by NAF for NCC Cadets at Jadavpur University Kolkata. The adventure activities were conducted by Mr. Daya Shankar Mshra, Mr. Ravi Bhuyan and his team. A total of 600 Cadets were put through the programme from 17 to 24 Feb 2025.
8. **NAF Activities and Events** – NAF conducted Annual programme as per schedule.

a) **Rajasthan Adventure Day** - Rajasthan Adventure Day (RAD) was conducted by NAF Chapters across India on the Fourth Death Anniversary of Shri Magan Bissa ji. NAF Bikaner Chapter organized 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** - This year we celebrated NAF Adventure Programme (NAP-2025) starting from 21 March to 12 April 2025. Two Awards were initiated by NAF headquarter.

i. **Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2025** – Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2025 which was instituted from 2021 onwards, will be organized this year too. We have received ten nominations from across India for the award. The juries were Dr. Sushma Bissa, Col Ravinder Nath and Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar. Thanks to Jury Members for their professional excellence & integrity. The mementos are sponsored by Mr Daya Mishra and the cash prizes are sponsored by Camp India Adventure, The Himalayan Adventure Institute and Mountain Camp, Uttarakhand. The award winners are:

- a. **Mr. Lahu Kondiba Ughade** - Pune, Maharashtra
- b. **Dr. Kangabam Romeo Meetei** - Manipur
- c. **Mr. Rabindra Kumar Bhuyan** – Odisha
- d. **Ms. Pooja Mehra** - Uttarakhand

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 for this year.

8. **NAF Membership Drive** - NAF membership drive to attract the youth through its Chapter must continue. Similarly, NAF Chapter activities must be posted on social media through NAF headquarters for wider reach. We have been getting new members in last few years. However the momentum has reduced. It is important that NAF must attract new members to keep it vibrant.

9. **Change of Chapter Director** - There have been a change of Director at Bangalore & Manipur Chapter.
- a. Shri B G Kumar Swamy, Karnataka Chapter – II
 - b. Dr K.R. Meetei, Manipur
10. **Final words** - NAF has tremendous opportunity to do well as it stands tall with more than 40 years of experience in adventure activities in all three mediums – Land, Water and Air. There is no similar organization in the country. We must be ready to take initiatives and work for the development of youth of this country through adventure.

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