MINUTES OF MEETING
ANNUAL GENERAL BODY, NATIONAL ADVENTURE FOUNDATION
HELD AT 1200 HRS ON 31 AUG 2025
IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL
5 NYAYA MARG, CHANKYAPURI, NEW DELHI 110021

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

a.	Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**,ADC(Retd)	-President **(In Chair)**
b.	Col AC Talwar (Retd)	-Member
c.	Lt Gen G L Bakshi(Retd)	-Member
d.	Mrs. Neelofar	-Member
e.	Col Kr Pratap Singh (Retd)	-Member
f.	Mr D.S. Mishra	-Member
g.	Gp Cpt Jayashankar	-Member
h.	Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar	-Member
i.	Mr Zamir Ahmed	-Member
j.	Col SK Nagpal (Retd)	-Member
k.	Capt. Rohini Nair	-Member
l.	Mr. K N Singh	-Member
m.	Dr Sushma Bissa	-Member
n.	Col Ravinder Nath	-Member
o.	Mr Mihir Mondal	-Member
p.	Mr Safar Ahmed	-Member
q.	Ms Anuja Sehgal	-Member
r.	Mr. Manjul Rawat	-Member
s.	Mr. Manoj Kumar Sharma	-Member
t.	Mr. S R Abbas	-Member
u.	Ms Maryam Kazmi	-Member
v.	Mr. Jasim Abbas	-Member
w.	Mr. Avinash Deoskar	-Member
x.	Col R K Bhushan	-Member
y.	Mrs. Shyamala Jayashankar	-Member
z.	Col N K Singh	-Member
aa.	Col (Dr.) C K Singh	-Member
bb.	Mr. S P Chamoli	-Member
cc.	Mr. Naveen Chamoli	-Member
dd.	Mr. Amar Modi	-Member
ee.	Lt Col G M Khan	-Member
ff.	Mr. Taka Tamut	-Member
gg.	Dr. K Romeo Meetei	-Member
hh.	Mr. Ranjit Singh Mangat	-Member
ii.	Mrs. Smita Singh Mangat	-Member
jj.	Mr. Pankaj Garg	-Member
kk.	Col Jangvir Lamba	-Member
ll.	Mr. Vinay Shah	-Member

mm.	Ms. Hetavi Vinay Shah	-Member
nn.	Brig PC Jena	-Member
oo.	Col S P Malik	-Member
pp.	Mr. Sanjeev Kumar	-Member
qq.	Dr. S Sanjo Sharma	-Non Member
rr.	Dr. D C Soni	-Non Member
ss.	Mr. Ik Soibam	-Non Member
tt.	Dr. Sunita Panwar	-Non Member
uu.	Ms. Chitra Panwar	-Non Member
vv.	Mrs. Jyoti Kumar Shrivastava	-Non Member
ww.	Mrs. Shital Shah	-Non Member
xx.	Mr. John Andrew Dobbins	-Non Member
yy.	Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)	-Executive Director

2. Since only 50 members were present at 12:00 hrs on 23 Aug 2026 for the AGM, and as it did not constitute 30 percent of total membership, the meeting was adjourned due to lack of quorum. All present were informed and notice was put up on the Notice Board that AGM would now be held at 12:30 hrs on 23 Aug 2026 as per Rule 9 of Memorandum of Association & Rules of NAF.

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PRELIMINARIES

Welcome Address by President

3. **Welcoming the Attendees.** The President **Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**, ADC (Retd)** stated that he was pleased to see the attendance for the AGM. He thanked NAF members for taking out time & attending the meeting. He requested all present to take the idea of NAF forward and spread the message of adventure to youth all over the Country as we approach NAF's Golden Jubilee in 2029.

4. **Points by the President –**

a) **NAF Financial Conditions** – NAF is maintaining its activities & finances well, however, the overoll financial condition is not good due to two reasons, lack of Govt programmes and non payment of subscription by some of the Chapters. We need to move away from Government dependency to self-sustaining organisation. NAF HQ is actively working to generate revenue for Chapters and affiliates through other state Govt projects, NCC, UGC etc.

b) **Ministry Updates** – The President met Ms. Pallavi Jain Govil, Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports last year. Subsequently ED is meeting Dy Secretary responsible for NPYAD scheme on regular basis. The proposal for this year is yet to open. NAF will submit the proposal as it is opened.

c) **Proposal for One Day Seminar** – On its request, a proposal was submitted to Ministry on "National Adventure Activities and Sports, Scenario, Potential and Opportunities for Viksit Bharat" with financial implication. Ministry has agreed verbally but the confirmation and date are awaited.

d) **Kerala Workshop** – The third Director's Workshop was held at Muzhappilangad, Kerala from 02 to 05 Feb 2026 under the aegis of Mr. Safar Ahmed, Chapter Director, Kerala-II. The ongoing work on SOPs related with seven adventure sports were completed with a signature ceremony by the subject experts. Wg Cdr SKJ Nair & his team came with Paramotor.

e) **NIWS MOU** – Mr. Ranjit Singh from NIWS personally met me at NAF HQ and briefed about his activities at Goa. He is very optimistic to collaborate with NAF for talking up adventure activities. NAF is working actively to get the work of water related adventure activities.

f) **SOP for Certification** – This SOP is prepared & sent to all Chapter Directors for comments. Once finalized, the Chapters can start issuing certificate to their working staff.

g) **NCC** – The President sent a letter to NCC HQ. Accordingly, NCC HQ issued an email for getting adventure activities conducted through NAF. Our Chapters are getting the work. Now NCC tender is coming on GeM. NAF is submitting the tender as and when it appears.

h) **Gem Registration, My Bharat Portal and BIS** – These are being used to spread the scope & visibility of NAF. After SOP submission to Ministry, Mr. Kalia from BIS met me in my office & proposed to open an option on their website to upload SOPs. These will enhance visibility of NAF.

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

CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS

6. **Ratification of the Minutes of the Last Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) held on 31 Aug 2025. Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)** Executive Director NAF requested that the Minutes of the Last AGM held on 31 Aug 2025, which had been circulated to all members and on which no comments had been received till date, be considered as ratified. **Minutes of AGM was ratified by Ms. Shyamala Jayashankar and seconded by Mr. Daya Mishra.**

7. **Report of Executive Director for the Financial Year 2025-26.** The Executive Director presented his report for the FY 2025-26. The copy is attached at Appendix 'A'. The salient points are as follows –

8. **NAF Workshop @Muzhhapillangad Kerala**, The EC members praised the initiated of organizing Director's Workshop of different location. During this workshop, seven SOPs were finalized and signed.

9. **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 on the Death Anniversary of Shri Magan Bissa ji as Rajasthan Adventure Day (RAD). NAF Bikaner Chapter organized a day program on 14 Feb 2026 including a Blood Donation Camp along with some other Chapters like Mumbai, Jharkhand, Bihar and UP-II etc. Various Chapter Directors from across India gave a tribute to Shri. Magan Bissa ji.

b) **National Adventure Day (NAD) -** This year also we celebrated NAF Adventure program NAD-2026 starting from 21st March to 12th April 2026. On this occasion, programs were conducted at various Chapters. Three Awards were initiated by NAF headquarter.

(i) **Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2026 –** Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2026 which was instituted from 2021 onwards, was organized this year too. We have received 16 nominations from across India for the award. The award winners are:

a) Mr. Taka Tamut – Arunachal Pradesh
b) Mr. Manoj Kumar Sharma – Rajasthan

The juries were Mrs. Bimla Negi Deoskar, 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 Mr. Ranjit Singh Mangat. The winners are getting a cash prize of Rs.10,000/-, memento and a certificate.

(ii) Two Awards have been given to two extraordinary athletes under our newly introduced of **NAF Achiever Award 2026**. The award winners are:

a) Col Jangvir Lamba - Rajasthan
b) Ms Hetavi Vinay Shah - Mumbai

The winners are getting a cash prize of Rs.5,000/-, a memento and a certificate.

(iii) **NAF Essay Competition Award 2026** – This essay competition was organized for family members and all adventure enthusiasts. A total of 12 nominations were received mainly from the children of NAF family. The award winners are:

a) Ms. Chitra Panwar - Gurugram
b) Ms. Ragi Mishra - Bihar

They are getting a cash prize of Rs.5,000/- and a certificate.

c) GeM Registration – NAF has registered with GeM. One bid was submitted recently against the tender of NCC for Parasailing while another tender for Scuba was also submitted. Chapter Directors are required to be on outlook to find tenders if NCC or other organization come out with such tender through GeM.

d) My Bharat Portal – This is the Government run portal to attract volunteers for the future with My Bharat. NAF has been registered with this portal and populating information to spread information for NAF activities. The Public Profile is at https://web.mybharat.gov.in/youth-public profile/ details/ national29460 We all need to study and take advantage of these online facilities to reach out of local volunteers.

e) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) – In BIS also, NAF has been able to register and we are working on this to populate the data so that standards related to Adventure Activities/Sports are available for the users.

Agenda Points

10. **Appointment of the Chartered Accountant.**

Appointment of the New Chartered Accountant, Mr. Dhiraj Kumar & Co for the financial year 2025-2026 to cover the services being rendered for Income Tax, Audit, GST & TDS matters and other related issues were completed.

Decision. The appointment was approved and ratified unanimously. It was ratified by Col Ravinder Nath & seconded by Col R K Bhusan.

11. **NAF National HQ Balance Sheet and Audited Accounts for the FY 2025-26.** The Balance Sheet and Accounts were approved unanimously by the AGM Members present. It was ratified by Col R K Bhusan and seconded by Col Ravinder Nath.

12. Talk by NAF Member

(a) Presentation by Taka Tamut –

During the NAF Adventure AGM, Mr. Taka Tamut shared an inspiring presentation on his journey in the field of adventure sports and mountaineering, highlighting experiences and achievements, including his successful summit of Mount Everest. Drawing from his personal journey of challenges, determination and perseverance, he encouraged young people to take up adventure sports as a means of developing courage, discipline, leadership, teamwork and respect for nature. He emphasised the importance of creating greater opportunities and proper guidance for youth to participate in mountaineering and other adventure activities.

Shri Taka Tamut also shared his experiences in search and rescue missions, highlighting the spirit of service, courage and humanity required while responding to people in distress. He stressed that the true value of adventure goes beyond reaching summits or achieving personal recognition—it lies in using one's experience, strength and skills to help others and contribute to society. His message to the gathering was: "The greatest summit is not the mountain. we conquer, but the humanity we uphold—when our courage becomes hope and our strength becomes a helping hand for someone in need." His talk was widely appreciated by NAF Members.

(b) Presentation by Col Jangvir Lamba –

Col Lamba talked about the Ironman Triathlon which stands as one of the most demanding endurance events globally, pushing competitors to their physical and mental boundaries. It comprises a 3.8 Km open water swim followed by a 180 Km bike ride, and to conclude with a full marathon of 42.2 Km to be finished within 16.5 / 17 Hrs as regulated by the Ironman organization. This event serves as the ultimate test of human perseverance, necessitating months of dedicated preparation and unwavering determination.

He talked about his journey into the world of Ironman which commenced in 2021, amidst physical adversity. Despite various challenges, he decided to transition from bodybuilding to overall fitness and well-being and resolved to undertake the grueling Ironman challenge in December 2021. Over the course of a year, he prepared extensively. culminating in participation in my first Ironman event in Goa i.e Ironman 70.3 and later on participated in the Ironman Asia Pacific Championship, Cairns (Queensland) Australia (140.6) & Ironman Langkawi, Malaysia (140.6). The hallmark of his Ironman journey was the wholehearted support of his family which made it a very satisfying experience.

The Ironman Triathlon epitomizes the human spirits resilience and determination, requiring triathletes to push boundaries and embrace discomfort. It teaches discipline, resilience and harnessing the power of the human body and mind. Let us draw inspiration from the mindset of extreme endurance athletes, embracing life's

challenges with unwavering determination and belief in our ability to overcome obstacle. savoring each moment of the journey towards our dreams.

The talk was well received by all those who attened AGM.

(c) **Presentation by Ms. Hetavi Vinay Shah** – She felt privileged to address the AGM of National Adventure Foundation, NAF India.

She was pleased to communicate her inspiring journey in open-water marathon swimming, achievements at the national and international level, and the message of courage, discipline and perseverance.

She spoke about starting swimming at the age of six and participating in her first open-water swimming competition in 2013. She highlighted her journey as a young Indian open-water swimmer, including her recognition in the India Book of Records, representing India in the 16 km Perhentian Island Championship 2022 in Malaysia, completing challenging long-distance swims such as the 16-mile Adri–Veraval swim three times, the 19 km Bhagirathi River international competition in West Bengal-4 times and the 13 km National Ganga River Long Distance Championship in Patna- 3 times. She has also participated in open-water events across different rivers, seas and dams in India and abroad.

The key message of her presentation was that achievements are built through consistent effort, self-belief, discipline and the courage to face challenges. She encouraged young people, particularly young girls, to dream big, step outside their comfort zones and never give up when they face difficulties. She emphasised that, just as a swimmer continues moving forward despite waves and currents, we should continue moving forward in life despite challenges.

She also expressed her gratitude to the National Adventure Foundation for selecting her for the Brig Gyan Singh National Award 2026 and acknowledged the constant support of her parents, coaches, fellow swimmers and everyone who has encouraged her journey.

Her presentation was intended not merely as a narration of sporting achievements, but as a message of inspiration to the younger generation: "**Dream big, believe in yourself, work consistently, and never stop moving forward.**" Everybody from NAF community appreciated her courage & determination.

(d) **A talk by Dr. Rohini Nair** – Dr. Nair talked about her Chapter in Kerala. She invited all to visit her site to experience Air Adventure. She informed about the passion of Wg Cdr S K J Nair, about Air Adventure and commitment to take the idea of NAF forward. She told the story of her father when he ejected from Mig 21 fighter aircraft which is now phased out from Indian Air Force. Wg Cdr Nair came out of tough situations due to his brave mentality.

13. **Announcement of Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2026** – The ED read out the citation one by one and the award was presented to the awardee by the President along with cheque and memento. The winner of Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award for the year 2026 were:

a. Mr. Taka Tamut – Arunachal Pradesh
b. Mr. Manoj Kumar Sharma – Rajasthan
c. Ms. Chitra Panwar - Gurugram
d. Ms. Ragi Mishra – Jamshedpur
e. Col Jangvir Lamba – Rajasthan
f. Ms Hetavi Vinay Shah – Mumbai

14. **Introducing Mr Ranjit Singh Mangat and Mrs Smita Singh Mangat** – The President introduced Mr and Mrs Mangat to NAF Members. He reminded that Mr Ranjit is the grand son of our founder Brig Gyan Singh. It is our pleasure to welcome the couple among us. He expressed his happiness that they have taken intiative to join us during the AGM of NAF his grandfather founded in 1979.

15. **Open Session – Points raised by Members –**

a) **Dr Shushma Bissa** – She said that she could not get intimation of meeting in time. She welcomed Mr Ranjit Singh Mangat and Mrs Smita Mangat to the NAF AGM. She expressed happiness to see the grandson of Brig Gyan Singh with whome her husband Mr Magan Bissa ji worked for more than four decades.

Decisions – The President directed ED to ensure that all members are informed well in time and especially EC members must be informed personally.

b) **Mr Ranjit Singh Mangat** – He expressed his pleasure to see National Adventure Foundation founded by his grand father doing well and serving youth and professionals in the country. He thanked Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, President, NAF for doing some great work through this NGO for the youth of this country. He felt good that NAF is in good hands. He also encouraged and invited young boys and girls to come forward and make adventure an integral part of their life. He expressed his desire to contribute to NAF in whatever way possible. He invited the President and others to come to his farm in Meerut

Decisions – The President instructed ED to find the feasibility to visit Meerut.

c) **Lt Gen GL Bakshi, Former Presdient, NAF** - He expressed satisfaction in seeing the progress of NAF in tough times. He mentioned that every situation is tricky and whoever is at the helm has to deal with their wisdom to resolve issues and find solutions. Present leadership under the leadership of Gen Dhawan is doing good job and they must continue with these with more energy and spirit. He felt the necessity of involving more stakeholders in NAF growth so that desired success could be achieved. The President thanked Gen Bakshi for his visionary thoughtful words and reassured him that all effort will be made to achieve desired growth for NAF members.

Commendations

16. **Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd),** Executive Director did well and he is able to take NAF idea forward. His work is praiseworthy and he has been able to do some good work for NAF.

17. The NAF Staff Mr. **Mahesh Chand and Ms Bhawna** have continued to perform in a dedicated and committed manner.

CONCLUSIONS

Remarks by the President

18. The President stated that NAF had a reasonably fruitful and successful year. A number of young professionals had joined NAF as members. He requested Chapter Directors to encourage youths to join NAF.

Vote of Thanks by the Executive Director

19. The Executive Director thanked the President, for presiding over the AGM and all the members present for extending full cooperation towards the successful conduct of meeting. He congratulated the awardees of Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2026. ED thanked all for making this AGM successful.

The donation can be done online through following details –
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SB A/c No – 10732078696
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There being no other points, all the members were requested to move for lunch organized at ground floor.

Date: 18 Sep 2026

Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)
Executive Director