MINUTES OF THE CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ADVENTURE FOUNDATION HELD AT 1100 HRS ON 22 AUG 2026 IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL, 5 NYAYA MARG, CHANKYAPURI, NEW DELHI 110021

1. Chapter Directors meeting was held on 22 Aug 2026 in the Conference Hall, International Youth Hostel, 5 Nyaya Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi - 110021 with Lt Gen Raman Dhawan, AVSM, VSM**, ADC (Retd) – President – **In Chair**

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

Chapter Directors

(a)	Shri Manoj Kumar Sharma	-Director, Bhatinda Ganganagar
(b)	Shri. Manjul Rawat	-Director, Uttarakhand (Dehradun)
(c)	Dr. K Romeo Meetei	-Director, Manipur (Imphal)
(d)	Shri Naveen Chamoli	-Director, Uttarakhand Institutional Chapter, (Mussoorie)
(e)	Shri Amar Modi	-Director, Chhattisgarh
(f)	Mrs. Shyamala	-Director, TN& Puducherry (Coimbatore)
(g)	Shri Safar Ahmed	-Director, Kerala 2
(h)	Shri Mihir Kumar Mondal	-Director WB, Paschim
(i)	Shri Rohitashwa Bissa	-Director, Rajasthan 1 (Bikaner)
(j)	Mr. S R Abbas	-Director, Delhi NCR -II
(k)	Capt (Dr.) Rohini Nair	-Director, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala)
(l)	Mrs. Neelofar	-Director, U.P-II (Kanpur)
(m)	Mr. Taka Tamut	-Director, Arunachal Pradesh

Chapter Functionaries Other than Directors

(n)	Col S K Nagpal (Retd)	- Representing Greater Noida & Central UP Region
(o)	Shri Daya Shankar Mishra	- Representing Bihar Chapter
(p)	Mr. Zameer Ahmed	- UP – II (Kanpur)
(q)	Gp Capt Jayashankar (Retd)	- EC Member, TN & Puducherry
(r)	Mr. Avinash Deoskar	- EC Member, Maharashtra

(s)	Mr. S P Chamoli	- Member, Uttarakhand
(t)	Kishon Tekseng	- Member, Arunachal Pradesh

Ex Officer

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

Absent Chapter Director

(v)	Cdr Rajiv Sardana (Retd)	-Director Scuba Diving (Noida)
(w)	Shri Sanjeev Atri	-Director, Himachal Pradesh (Kufri, Shimla)
(x)	Ms Swati Acharya	-Director, Mumbai
(y)	Shri Vijay V pandey	-Director, Amravati
(z)	Ms Sangeeta Pokhriyal	-Director, Delhi NCR -I
(aa)	Shri Zuben Y Contractor	-Director, Gujarat
(bb)	Ms Haseena	-Director, Lakshadweep
(cc)	Shri Jagdish Lall	-Director, Manali, Lahaul & Spiti (Key long)
(dd)	Shri Vikrant Sagar	-Director, Rajasthan -2 (Kota)
(ee)	Km Priyadarshani	-Director, Rajasthan-3 (Jaipur)
(ff)	Shri Appa Sahab	-Director, Shirdi (Maharashtra)
(gg)	Mrs Asha Nagpal	-Director, Greater Noida & Central UP Region
(hh)	Humza Tawkeef khan	-Director, Jammu Kashmir (Srinagar)
(ii)	Shri Vishal Thakur	-Director, Kullu (Himachal Pradesh)
(jj)	Mrs. Poonam Yadav	-Director, Madhya Pradesh
(kk)	Shri. Rajeev Pujari	-Director, Odisha-II
(ll)	Shri Shridhar Muthusamy	-Director, Tamil Nadu -02
(mm)	Ms Bharti Gomase	-Director, Maharashtra (Nagpur)
(nn)	Mr. B G Kumar Swamy	-Director, Karnataka-II (Bengaluru)
(oo)	Col CK Singh (Retd)	-Director, Western UP
(pp)	Ms Rukmini Chandran	-Director, Karnataka I (Mysore)
(qq)	Shri Barun Ray	-Director, West Bengal
(rr)	Shri Sardar Ajit Singh	-Director, Jharkhand & Bihar (Girdhi)
(ss)	Shri RK Bhuyan	-Director, Odisha
(tt)	Shri. Y Srinivas Rao	-Director, Telangana

PRELIMINARIES

Opening Remarks by President NAF

3. **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) **NAF Financial Conditions** – NAF is managing its activities & finances well, however its financial condition is not good. We need to move away from Government dependency to a self-sustaining organisation. NAF HQ is actively working to generate revenue for Chapters through State Govt projects, NCC, UGC etc.

b) **Ministry Updates** – 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, 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 is awaited.

d) **Chapter Subscription** – Without Govt allotment, subscriptions play an important role in sustenance of NAF HQ. Few Chapters have given subscriptions however, some Chapters have not given. ED is reminding them on a regular basis. All are requested to pay subscriptions in time.

e) **Kerala Workshop** – The third Director's Workshop was held at Muzhappilangad, Kerala from 02 to 05 Feb 2026. The ongoing work on SOPs related with seven adventure sports were completed with a signature ceremony by the subject experts.

f) **NIWS MOU** – Mr. Ranjit Singh from NIWS personally met the President 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.

g) **SOP for Certification** – An SOP on issuance of Certificate been prepared & sent to all Chapter Directors for comments. Once finalized, the Chapters can start issuing certificate to their working staff. The SOP will be completed on priority.

h) **NCC** – We had approached NCC HQ. Accordingly, NCC HQ further issued an email to all NCC Gp HQS 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.

i) **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 our SOPs. The work is in progress. These will enhance legitimacy of NAF.

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

5. **Ratification of the Minutes of the Last Directors Conference Held on 30 Aug 2025 – Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)**, Executive Director, NAF requested that the Minutes of the last Directors Conference held on 30 Aug 2025, which had been forwarded to all the Chapters, and on which no comments had been received, be ratified. The minutes was confirmed by Ms. Shyamala Jayashankar and seconded by Mr. Daya Mishra.

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

a) **Annual Subscription from Chapters** – In the last EC meeting a decision was taken to reduce the annual subscription to 75% for the F.Y. 2025-26, the same will be continued for F.Y 2026-27. The Chapter Directors were requested to deposit subscription at the earliest.

b) **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.**

(i) **Allotment of funds under NPYAD Scheme** - There are no allotment of NPYAD grant from the Ministry for the FY 2025 -26.

(ii) **Submission of Proposals for the Financial Year 2026-27** – 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.

(iii) One day Seminar in Delhi on "**National Adventure Activities and sports: Scenario, Potential and Opportunities for Viksit Bharat.** The details were submitted to Ministry which is under consideration.

c) **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: -

i. **AMITY Programmes**. Amity program is going on with less number of participants and less frequency. Last year NAF conducted 25 programs for 3001 students & 98 faculties.

ii. **NCC Activities.** Parasailing was conducted by NAF for NCC Cadets at Jadavpur University Kolkata in 13 to 17 Jan 2026 for 400 cadets. The adventure activities were conducted by Mr. Daya Shankar Mishra with the help of Mr. Manoj Kumar Sharma and his team.

7. **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 organized a day program on 14 Feb 2026 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 (NAP-2026) was celebrated from 12th March to 12th April 2026. Number of activities were conducted by various Chapters. Three Awards were initiated by NAF headquarters.

i. **Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2026** – Brig Gyan Singh National Adventure Award 2026 was organized during NAP-2026. We 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 will get 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 **NAF Achiever Award 2026**. The award winners are:
a) Col Jangvir Lamba – J&K
b) Ms Hetavi Vinay Shah - Mumbai

The winners will get 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 will get a cash prize of Rs.5,000/- and a certificate.

8. **Presentation by Executive Director** – ED briefed about the development of various ongoing projects. The salient points are:-

a) Conduct of Ministry Program.

Three important files are being submitted to Ministry with information related to NAF Chapters. These files have been updated now with the changings ground situations.

i. Annexure IX Resources with PIA
ii. Annexure VII Project area adventure program
iii. Details of branches/offices.

Decision – President asked all Chapter Directors to review the resources available with them and forward to NAF HQ for updating the Annexure. In addition, the President directed ED to pursue with Ministry to have NAF listed as a recognized organization for Adventure Activities.

b) Finalization of SOPs

Following Eight SOPs have been finalized after the intervention of President.

i. White Water Rafting
ii. Trekking
iii. Rock Climbing
iv. High Rope Course
v. Tethered Hot Air Balloon
vi. Paramotoring
vii. Parasailing
viii. Zipline (Added subsequently)

Decision – After discussion it was approved by the President that NAF could prepare an SOP on Management of Adventure Park.

c) **SOP for issuing Certificate of Expertise in Adventure Sports within the Chapter**. A draft SOP for issuing the Certificate of Expertise was prepared and sent to all Chapter Directors in 20 Sep 2025. The same was discussed in EC meeting on 21st Feb 2026. Suggestions were received from Wg Cdr Sanjay Thapar which was incorporated. Accordingly, the draft SOP was prepared and sent to Directors on 10 Mar 2026. This needs to be discussed and finalized so that NAF Chapter can issue certificates accordingly. The format of Certificate has also been prepared. Chapter can take advantage of these and issue the certificate to their staff.

Decision – The President directed ED to issue final SOP with sample certificate to all the Chapters so that necessary certification can be issued.

d) **NAF Workshop @Muzhhapillangad Kerala** - The EC members praised the initiative of organizing Director's Workshop at different location. During this workshop 7 SOPs were finalized. The Rudragaira Expedition, were planned but due to poor response, it couldn't be worked out further.

Decision – Mr. Taka Tamut, Chapter Director of Arunachal Pradesh Volunteered to conduct the next workshop in Arunachal Pradesh. He is requested to forward proposal. ED to follow up. In addition, President requested Mr. Manjul Rawat to forward a revised activities based programme in lieu of the Rudragaria Expedition. ED to follow up.

e) **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.

f) **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.

g) **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.

Decision – President directed the ED to ensure that our SOPs are uploaded on the BIS portal.

h) **Misuse of Logo.**

It has been observed that some adventure operators/unauthorized people are using NAF logo for their commercial activities and to get access to Government departments. Misuse and unauthorized use of NAF logo to mislead is an illegal and criminal activity.

It is noted that NAF name and logo can only be used by NAF HQ, by NAF Chapters and for NAF's supported/sponsored activities.

These guidelines are to be strictly followed by all members. Any misuse or use of NAF name/ logo by any unauthorized person may please be brought to the notice of this HQ. NAF Chapter Directors, members and well-wishers must report to this HQ in case of any such violation.

As per NAF MOU document – 5(b) (iv) (aa) Ensure financial probity in conduct of all programmes / activities and in administration / management of their Chapters.

(ab) Lend financial support to NAF, by compensating NAF for administrative and managerial support provided for any projects / programmes.

Decision – The President directed all Chapter Directors to intimate to NAF HQ about any misuse of NAF logo.

Presentation by Chapter Directors

8. **Gp Capt Jayashankar EC Member, TN & Puducherry** – Building Adventure Facilities & Management.

He discussed about the Capacity building at chapter level for better recognition in the state.

To create an adventure facility within own region, either engage a professional group or else take help from other chapters and adventure experts from the region to conduct a safe structure activity. Initially, you can operate with a store and engage experts whenever you have programs. After a while try and create your own facility and take those essential local clearances. You must generate adequate funds to sustain operations and also share something with HQ as minimal revenue share. An adventure facility with an adjacent homestay model is a good option, as the same has been done in Coimbatore.

Along with stores, you should have a pool of trained manpower with necessary in house certification and continuity training.

Need to take a proactive approach as an Apex organisation in adventure sports while engaging with state Government, District administration etc. CSR funding and skill development can be explored

While executing adventure events, keep safety of participants and people around as priority. Stick to your SOP and safety guidelines whenever there is a problem in decision making. Adventure sports is as safe as we make it.

Adhere to very mild weather and wind conditions during Aero sports specifically.

Decision – The President suggested Chapter Directors to take advantage of senior members and build infrastructure at your place.

9. **Mr. Amar Modi, Director Chhattisgarh** - Problems in getting permission/NOC from local Administration for Adventure Activities.

He expressed great pleasure and honour to be a part of NAF, on behalf of all the Chapter Director he expressed sincere appreciation from the bottom of his heart to the NAF authority and their team under guidance and leadership of Hon'ble president & ED sir, for their warm hospitality / their execution / way of conduction meetings / repo with each individual who attended the meetings with generosity. Their effort shows their sincerity / dedication toward NAF family.

He felt an opportunity to speak in the meeting of all Chapter Director who want to make their life as fulltime dedicated job which we have chosen this field by our own interest.

He intimated that India is an angel start-up organization in the field of Adventure Sports Activities from the world point of view, The person who are in the field of adventure sports and wildlife tourism facing lot many unwanted problems from the Govt. organization to obtain NOC / permission to conduct Adventure Sports Activities as and when required.

He suggested to all Chapter Director to concentrate their energy to build / make permeant structuring (Base) on their site for adventure sports and side by side they can go for short event program as and when required.

He appealed / humbly requested to the NAF HQ authorities to use their power to establish Adventure Sports Hub for the Chapter Director who wants to go for it.

He suggested that any Chapter Director request to establish an independent permanent base camp of Adventure Sports Hub, NAF HQ should go all the way out to support them and from every Govt resources to help them. An agreement will be done between Chapter Director and NAF HQ that certain percentage of profit will be shared to NAF HQ per year till it is operational.

He expressed that he will be obliged if he could be the first Chapter Director who gets this opportunity.

He confirmed that if we use the name of NAF then only, we survive otherwise their id no difference between local venders begging to get any event at any price from the central govt / state govt / Semi govt or private entrepreneur, last but not the least the respect we get by saying that we are the part of NAF is beyond any words.

From his point of view if we discussed in the meeting, then he thinks that there is no doubt when NAF will not be dependent for funds on any other organization. There is no such organization / NGO who do all types of adventure sports activities (Air / Aqua / Land base) all over the country except NAF.

At the end he sincerely thanked to President Lt Gen. Raman Dhawan and Executive Director Wg Cdr KK Verma for giving him the necessary guidelines and support.

Decision – The President directed that Mr. Amar Modi should submit the proposal to establish on adventure camp in Chhattisgarh as a pilot project. The ED to follow the proposals.

10. **Mr. Avinash Deoskar, EC Member, Maharashtra** - Taking Advantage of the MOU with NIWS.

The presentation provided valuable insight and a forward-looking vision on the NAF–NIWS Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), highlighting its potential to create a structured national framework for adventure sports, safety, training, certification and capacity building. It emphasized the complementary strengths of NAF's extensive field experience, national network and collective expertise with NIWS's technical capabilities in water sports, lifesaving, training and certification. The presentation also outlined how NAF can leverage the MoU to strengthen its Chapters, develop skilled manpower, create livelihood and entrepreneurship opportunities for youth, improve safety standards and build institutional partnerships. It was suggested that the NAF leadership, National Executive Committee and Chapters should move from the signing of the MoU to its systematic implementation through a joint coordination mechanism, identification of priority activities, expert and resource mapping, pilot programmes, annual activity planning, monitoring of outcomes and progressive expansion.

The presentation thus provided not only an insight into the opportunities created by the MoU but also a clear vision and actionable pathway for translating the partnership into meaningful national impact. He mentioned that MOU was signed with the National Institute of Watersports (NIWS- IITTM) Goa on 17 July 2025. I am pleased to inform that we have be the part of some training program conducted and certified by NIWS in last year.

Decision – The President directed Chapter Directors to take advantage of this MOU with NIWS. The ED to follow the progress.

CONCLUSIONS

11. 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.

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

    Bank – State Bank of India, South Extension Part II, New Delhi 110049
    SB A/c No – 10732078696
    IFSC - SBIN0003219

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

Date: 15 **Sep 2026**

Wg Cdr KK Verma (Retd)
Executive Director