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Minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting of National Trust
Held on 28-09-2021 on virtual basis

1. The 21st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the National Trust was held on 28th September 2021 through virtual mode under the chairpersonship of Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Chairperson, National Trust and Secretary, DEPwD. Sh. Nikunja Kishore Sundaray, JS&CEO, National Trust welcomed the Chairperson, National Trust & Secretary, DEPwD, all Board Members and Stakeholders/Registered Organizations (ROs) to the 21st Annual General Meeting (AGM). There were 383 participants in the meeting.
2. The JS&CEO, National Trust in his opening remarks shared the initiatives taken during the COVID pandemic. He informed the participants about the full utilization of the allotted budget and restoration of initial funding pattern in the Day Care and Residential Care Schemes of the National Trust. He informed the members that despite the global slow-down as a result of the pandemic, the work of National Trust remained uninterrupted. As the functioning of the National Trust is totally digitalized hence we were able to continue our services even during the complete lockdown. He further informed the members about the all-time highest number of beneficiaries enrolled under Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme. JS&CEO also apprised the member of the extension of 'Sampark - In the Hour of Need Scheme' to the States of Gujarat and Maharashtra apart from Odisha and West Bengal which are affected by Super Cyclones 'Tauktae' and 'YAAS'. The scheme has been very successful and more details on it were shared by Dr Ashish Kumar, Board Member.
3. Ms Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, DEPwD and Chairperson, National Trust while welcoming all the participants shared the success of two important events held during her tenure which started in April 2021—(i) 'National Convention on Digital Best Practices and North East Summit' held on 7th August 2021 in Dr. Ambedkar International Center, New Delhi and (ii) a Webinar on the National Trust Schemes for UTs of J&K, Ladakh and other stakeholders held on 31st August, 2021. The NE National Convention was aimed at empowering persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities on Digital Technology and increasing the footfall of the schemes and activities of the National Trust in the region. It also marked the celebration of 75th Year

of the Independence of the country (Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav). The Webinar on 31st August with J&K Officials and other stakeholders was the first of its kind for the implementation of National Trust Act and schemes and programmes in both the UTs after the abrogation of Article 370. She also requested all the participating members to provide their suggestions on improving the services to our Divyangjan. She stressed upon the usage of technology to reach the grass root level and to upgrade the delivery of services. Her focus was also on reaching the remotest of places and building of capacity of organizations which are so far not associated with us. Secretary, DEPwD and Chairperson, National Trust also appreciated the TLM Kit (Teaching and Learning Material Kit) developed by NIEPID which was distributed to the beneficiaries under various Day Care and Residential Care Schemes of the National Trust. She requested the members to spread this message so that more and more organizations come forward and purchase the kit for the benefit of Divyangjan.

4. Later on, Sh. U.K. Shukla, Programme Director and Sh. Navnit Kumar, Deputy Director made a Power Point Presentation on the Annual Report 2020-21 of the National Trust. In the presentation both the officers shared the achievements and progress made during the period. The promotive decisions taken during the complete lockdown period were also shared with the stakeholders. It was also highlighted that the National Trust has been the first in establishing communication with its stakeholders through various virtual meeting apps even during the complete lockdown. All possible solutions were made to redress the grievances raised by the organisations, parents/divyangjan during the webinars. It was mentioned that some good results were achieved due to these webinars wherein some districts disposed of Legal Guardianship applications in virtual mode. State Govt/District Officials who participated in these webinars put all possible efforts in removing the hurdles in service delivery by these organisations. State Governments were approached to expedite the PwD registration of organisations so as to maintain uninterrupted services to beneficiaries.

5. What followed next was sharing of the views of the Board Members of the National Trust followed by open session.

- i. Ms. Pooja Vaghasiya, Gujarat, Board Member shared the work of ROs in Gujarat during COVID period. She appreciated the support given by the National Trust during the pandemic. She appealed to all Registered Organizations (ROs) to share their issues with Board Members as well for

positive outcome. She urged the National Trust to enhance the funding and provide maximum benefit to its beneficiaries as funding is less due to which project holders are not able to fulfil all the requirements of the beneficiary.

ii. Mr. Pankaj Maru, SNEH Nagda (RO), Madhya Pradesh apprised the stakeholders of the proceedings of the Sub-Committee formed for the purpose of revision in the Benefit Chart of Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme. He stated that the discussion was held with two perspectives in mind-

- Limit Enhancement
- Overall coverage analysis.

He stated that 1 lakh coverage limit needs to be increased. In the Benefit Chart the sub-limit of Clause-II such as OPD treatment including medicines, pathology, diagnostic test etc. needs to be increased. He also shared the best practice of collaborating with Red Cross Society, Madhya Pradesh for Indore and Ujjain districts for financing the enrolment and renewal fee of beneficiaries for the Health Insurance Scheme. He suggested the same could be replicated by the Registered Organizations in their States/UTs. Various avenues must be thought for CSR collaboration for the benefit of Divyangjan.

iii. Sh. Pushpal Singh, Uttar Pradesh, Board Member suggested that National Trust need to expand its activities through Social Media Platform, such as Print, Electronic, Twitter, YouTube etc. and also time to time select NGOs for appreciation as Nodal NGOs who work well in their field.

iv. Dr. Ashish Kumar, Odisha, Board Member appreciated the efforts being made by the officials of the National Trust from time to time, in particular about the Implementation of Sampark - 'In the Hour of Need' scheme in Odisha and West Bengal. He said that due to the pro-active effort of all concerned, the registration of NGOs increased from 24 to 50. Similarly under Niramaya scheme, the number of enrolled beneficiaries increased from 300 to 5000. Dr. Kumar also informed that the JS&CEO, National Trust personally visited the state on several occasions and met the concerned officials of the State Govt., NGOs and professionals and motivated them for the identification of beneficiaries and their enrollment under the schemes of National Trust. He also stated that the frontline

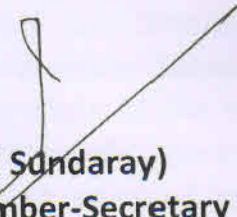



workers visited village to village and met parents of Divyangjan and informed them about the benefit of Sampark scheme.

- v. Dr. Alok Bhuwan, Manovikas Charitable Society, Delhi and SNAC Delhi informed about the major programmes being done by his organization as SNAC Delhi and National Trust during this year such as Online Programmes (Mashvara, World Autism and Down Syndrome Day Celebration, Virtual Seminar with SNACs, ROs and other stakeholders of States/UTs etc.), National Convention on Digital Best Practices and North East Summit, Teaching and Learning (TLM) Kits purchase and distribution.

6. During the open session, the queries of stakeholders were aptly answered by the JS&CEO, Board Members and other officials of the National Trust. The stakeholders were requested to send their queries/suggestions if not addressed in the meeting on email to the office. The participants were happy and extended their cooperation for the benefit of the sector.

7. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Sh. U.K Shukla, Programme Director, the National Trust.


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