

**Minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM of the National Trust held on  
22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 (Virtually)**

1. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the National Trust was organised virtually under the Chairmanship of Sh. Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, DEPwD and Chairman, National Trust. Sh. U K Shukla, Programme Director welcomed the Chairperson, JS&CEO, Board Members and all the Registered Organisations. There were 315 participants in the AGM.
2. Sh. Rajesh Aggarwal, Chairman, National Trust and Secretary, DEPwD in his address shared his experiences in the disability sector over the years and expressed his desire to have meetings with the Registered Organisations in small groups in the coming months. He would also like to interact with the State Level Coordination Committees (SLCC) through Virtual mode. He stressed upon the use of technology for enhancing the scope of benefits to Divyangjan.
3. Sh. K.R. Vaidheeswaran, JS&CEO, National Trust presented the Annual Report 2021-22. Then he requested the Board Members to offer their views



and suggestions, to be followed by an open session for ROs.

4. Dr. Ashish Kumar, Board Member, gave certain details about the common mistakes which resulted in rejection of claims under the Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme and suggested solutions to the same.
5. Sh. Pushp Pal Singh, Board Member made a request for increasing the Corpus Fund of National Trust and financial support received from DEPwD so as to sanction more projects and increase the number of beneficiaries.
6. Sh. Pankaj Maru, Sneh Nagda, Madhya Pradesh gave following suggestions:-
  - a) In Madhya Pradesh, there are more than 12000 persons aged less than 18 years whose UDID cards indicate Mental Illness (MI) as their disability. These appear to be technical/typographical mistake or misclassification. Such persons cannot be covered under Niramaya/any other scheme of the National Trust.
  - b) There must be similar cases all over the country, which need to be addressed, so that they can take





advantage of the various schemes of the National Trust, if eligible otherwise.

- c) The definition of skilling for the Intellectual Disability (ID) and other disabilities covered under the NT Act should be changed and Activity of Daily Living (ADL) should be added under the skill development programme of ID people so that they can get advantage. This will provide relief to the parents of such PwIDs who will get free time to engage in some employment.
- d) Parents engaged in giving care to the ID children should be covered under MGNREGA scheme.
- e) The age ceiling for therapy under the "Niramaya" should be restricted to 25 years.
- f) The Niramaya portal should be linked with the UDID portal.
- g) The forms C & D should be available online for the parents on the National Trust portal which can be filled by them and NT can also have the record of the same.
- h) As per RPD Act 2016, all PwIDs are being provided with temporary Disability certificates at the age of

18 years and after every 5 years they will have to go for reassessment. As the disabilities under the ambit of National Trust are of permanent nature, they should be provided with a permanent certificate. It will reduce the workload on the medical boards which are already struggling to get the services of Psychologists for certification as such.

i) The railway concession should be linked with UDID card and no other separate card should be insisted upon.

7. Dr. Alok Bhuwan, SNAC-Delhi suggested the strengthening of the monitoring system of Legal Guardianship under the National Trust Act, 1999. This will reduce the anxiety of parents regarding the future of children affected by the 4 types of disabilities, after the lifetime of parents. While highlighting that there is a certain number of people with Intellectual disability who have the capacity to understand, he stated that such persons should have access to Government Documents/Reports with Visual/Pictorial presentation pertaining to the Divyangjan sector. This may be facilitated.



8. Sh. Suresh Patil, SNAC-Maharashtra mentioned the importance of SLCC and requested the strengthening of Parents' Associations through the sanction of new projects to the Parents' Associations. He further suggested that the State Social Welfare Department should initiate CSR funding for improvement in infrastructure of Gharaunda Centres of National Trust.

9. Other suggestions received are listed below:-

a) Inclusion of family, especially mothers, in Skill Development and other schemes for Divyangjan.

b) There is a requirement for a Helpline of National Trust.

c) The funding in various schemes of the National Trust is for BPL category only. This may be extended to those Non BPL Divyangjan who are siblings or are in the same family.

d) Awareness Creation regarding National Trust Schemes and activities is required.

10. Sh. Rajeev Sharma, Joint Secretary, DEPwD responded to various queries related to UDID cards. He assured the participants that DEPwD would work on the suggestions received for the betterment of the UDID Card system. He also informed the participants of the AGM about the

discussions being held with Ministry of Home Affairs regarding the acceptability of UDID cards in various sectors / schemes, which will resolve many of the problems.

11. All other matters raised by various stakeholders were answered by the JS&CEO, Programme Director & other Officers of National Trust and Board Members. The stakeholders were requested to send their suggestions, if any, by email to the National Trust. The participants expressed their satisfaction and assured that they would extend their cooperation in all manner for the benefit of the sector.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Sh. Navnit Kumar, Deputy Director, National Trust.

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