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To
All the Members of the
National Youth Committee
The Bharat Scouts & Guides

SUB.:- Minutes of the First Meeting of National Youth Committee held on 21st August, 2016 at the Bharat Scouts & Guides, National Headquarters, New Delhi.

Dear Sir/Madam,

A First Meeting of the National Youth Committee of the Bharat Scouts & Guides was held at the National Headquarters, Lakshmi Mazumdar Bhawan, 16, M. G. Marg, I. P. Estate, New Delhi-110002 on **Sunday, 21st August, 2016 at 11.00 A. M.** A copy of the Minutes of the same is enclosed for your kind perusal.

The Committee also felt the absence of many of its members, may be due to their pre-occupation.

The Chairperson of the Committee is welcoming suggestions from all the members on the Minutes.

A copy of Group Photo is attached.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt.

Thanking you,

Yours in Scouting,

(K. Sukumara)
Director

Encl.:- As above.

Copy submitted to the Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts & Guides for his kind information.

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Creating a Better World

The Bharat Scouts and Guides, NHQ
Report and Recommendations by the National Youth Committee

National Youth Committee is a wonderful platform for youth who are the main drivers of the Scouts and Guides Movement; to directly involve in decision making and contribute their ideas and views in strengthening it. This definitely helps to keep the spirits high, builds leadership skills, decision making ability and also prepares the youngsters to project themselves at greater echelons.

The 1st National Youth Committee of The Bharat Scouts and Guides, thank The Chief National Commissioner Mr. B I Nagarale, IAS (Retd.) and The Director Mr. Sukumara for constituting and giving an opportunity to be the voice of four million members in the country. This very gesture upholds the collaboration of wise experience of the elders with inexhaustible energy of the young- which was a much needed initiative.

The first ones are always like torch bearers, pioneering a bundle of change and lay the cornerstone for future. As the members of the first National Youth Committee gathering feedback and inputs from all sections of the movement we have put our best foot forward to ensure good representation from all regions.

We are happy to present the minutes and recommendations from the first meeting of the National Youth Committee on 21st August, 2016 at 11.00 A.M. at National Headquarters, New Delhi.



Meghana S Belavadi
Chairperson- National Youth Committee

Minutes of the First National Youth Committee Meeting which was held at 11:00 A.M on 21st August 2016 at the National Headquarters. Under the chairmanship of Ms. Meghana S Belavadi, Chairperson- National Youth Committee.

Members Present:

1. Ms. Meghana S. Belavadi -Chairperson.
2. Mr. Ramhari Narayanan -Vice-Chairperson.
3. Ms. Komal Kanchan Gutti -Member
4. Ms. Rucha Hasmukhbhai Patel -Member
5. Mr. Abhishek Kumar -Member
6. Mr. Rahul Rungta -Member
7. Ms. Monisha M Nongrum -Member
8. Ms. Aalimahaa Ali -Member

Also, Mr. Amar Chettri, Nodal Officer for the Youth Committee was present, along with the other office bearers of NHQ.

The meeting started with the Scout/Guide Prayer.

Then the Director, Mr. K Sukumara formally welcomed the gathering and gave his wishes. Convenor for the National Youth Committee, Mr. Amar Chettri along with the other office bearers of NHQ welcomed the members by presenting flowers.

The members then introduced themselves which was followed by the introduction of Office bearers of the NHQ.

Apologies was received from Ms. Kajal Mohanty, Mr. Hari Krishnan, Mr. Loke Dorjee and Mr. Ashinee Kumar Acharya who could not attend the meeting.

Then, condolences were offered to the departed souls and a minutes of silence was observed.

The Chairperson extended a warm welcome to the members and started the discussions as per the agenda.

- **Agenda item No.1 : To involve more youngsters in creating better Scouting Guiding Activity.**

- a. The committee feels that the involvement of the youth in our organization is decreasing and there should be "One Day Attachment Programmes" with youth, who are non-scouts to attract them to the organization. These should be

programs which connects the movement with the Community. **The committee recommends introduction of activities which involves the community to be conducted at all levels, this will to attract youth and also increases visibility.**

One day programs - "Live like a Scout/Guide Today" could be of great impact

- b. Activities of Bharat Scouts and Guides should be advocated in colleges nationwide, through posters and hoardings along with the contact numbers of the nearest BSG network branch.
- c. Most of the Scouts/Guides are not an active part of the organization after completion of Rajyapuraskar / Rashtrapati Award. **The Committee recommends that reunion of alumni members at State/District and Unit level should be initiated. This will also help to increase Scout&Guide Fellowship.**
- d. NYC recommends all the proficiency badges currently in place need to be revised with immediate effect, revisiting its importance and its relevance in the present society.
- e. **The Committee observed that most of the Rovers/Rangers who are pursuing for university education loose their attendance when participating in Scout/Guide Events. NYC had a detailed discussion in this meeting and recommends the involvement of Union Ministry and the University Grants Commission (UGC) to recognise the work of Rovers and Rangers who attend scout/guide event to grant their attendance. This will be a great step towards more participation in events and retention of the members.**
- f. Promotional Videos of BSG (which are professionally created) to be aired in a separate YouTube Channel, which can motivate people around.
- g. **NYC recommends to include exclusive Sports and Cultural competitions, from the Local Association Level to the National Level, as it will attract more youth to be associated with to the organization.**
- h. Events such as marathons, rallies and other nationwide promotional activities should be encouraged and promoted which will gain attention of the public, especially the youth of the country.
- i. NYC recommends issue of ID cards to all its members, which can be either printed from a portal online, or issued in a card with Barcode / QR Code. The cards should be uniform across the country.
- j. The Committee recommends to ensure the State and District Youth Committees are active and a network of all the youth committee members should be established (NYC with SYC, SYC with NYC)
- k. **It was noticed and discussed in the NYC that, there should be effective change in the Scheme of Training, which still use some the methods of past generation – which are outdated. To regulate this, Youth and Adult Leaders be involved in**

major events like SANDHAN where critical decisions on the Bharat Scouts and Guides are taken on Badges / SOT.

I. The committee recommends to have effective representation of the youth in all the committees and decision making events.

- Agenda Item No.2 :- **Strengthening the communication network across the Country, to ensure faster communication.**

a. **The Committee evaluated the present BSG Website, and understood that it is outdated and needs a revamp. As the website of an organization is considered as mark of its identity, the present website of Bharat Scouts and Guides needs a total revamp with immediate effect at par to the global standards with recent pictures and videos, which are professionally taken.**

b. NYC recommends creation of a YouTube Channel for Bharat Scouts and Guides NHQ, which in turn will project the activities of the organization globally.

c. As part of the meeting, NYC analysed the social media presence of Bharat Scouts and Guides, especially in Facebook. It has been also noted that there are multiple pages which are identical to the official page of Bharat Scouts and Guides. **NYC recommends the National Headquarters to regular update the contents of these pages, which are presently not neutrally moderated and/or not updated frequently.**

d. The committee recommends to involve specialised **Rovers/Rangers as interns** for various roles:

i. Rovers/ Rangers pursuing Journalism can be involved in reporting or content generation.

ii. Rovers/ Rangers having expertise in Social media can taken on board to help in managing the Social Media Presence of BS&G

iii. Rovers /Rangers who have designing expertise can help in designing brochures, flyers etc.

iv. Rovers /Rangers with passion for photography can contribute pictures related to scout/guide activities to the website and social media pages.

NYC recommends these Rovers/ Rangers should be given a certificate of internship or appreciation which will also help them build their career.

e. It was reported by the nodal officer that the National Bulletin lack sufficient content every month, which is anticipated from the states. In order to avoid this

- delay, NYC recommends National Headquarters to issue a circular to invite news and reports directly from units as an email, where the states can be copied.
- f. National Youth Committee have discussed the content of the NHQ Magazine being published and identified that most of the content are reports of the events, written in a traditional way. A change for this is recommended to NHQ, by including various articles written by Scouts/Guides on their experience in the camp where they participated, than the traditional way of reporting.
 - g. NYC observed that there are so many subscriptions, for which the NHQ Bulletin is not delivered. It is recommended to have an online portal for subscription for the NHQ Bulletin with a payment gateway, where the payment can be done online and the NHQ can despatch the Bulletin for the orders received, for which the payments are received in NHQ account.
 - h. NYC recommend the newly built website to be responsive to mobile phones.
 - i. NYC also discussed the value of an Alumni Portal, where the NHQ can be in touch with the past members, who have left scouting at some point of time due to personal or professional reasons. NYC recommends this to be the part of our website, when revamped.
 - j. In order to aid the Supply Services Department, the National Headquarters is requested to open an online store with a payment gateway (similar to eBay or Flipkart), where all the members of the organization can make a direct purchase.
- **Agenda item No.3 :Changes related to present BSG Uniform and introduction of Casual Scout/Guide attire.**
 - a. NYC recommends the National Headquarters to introduce an "Activity Uniform", other than the formal Scout / Guide uniform, being a wish requested by the members from different parts of the country at all level. This "Activity Uniform" should be considered as an optional secondary uniform of Bharat Scouts and Guides and should be same across the country. A scarf can be worn over the said uniform as done globally.
 - b. It was discussed in the NYC on the quality of the badges produced at NHQ when compared to the badges of other NSOs. NYC recommends the NHQ to introduce high quality event badges than event scarves, which can be swapped by the participants at different national/international level.

- c. NYC request National Headquarters to issue necessary permissions to demonstrate one uniform model, along with the other models suggested by the state in the ensuing 17th National Jamboree at Mysuru.
- **Agenda item No. 4: Role of National Youth Committee at 17th National Jamboree.**
 - a. NYC recommends an innovative arena in the ensuing National Jamboree at Mysuru, where the Scouts and Guides will demonstrate/display innovative ideas, which can be adapted to the organization. Further on, this can be part of all the camps starting from local association level and the best one needs to be rewarded.
 - b. National Youth Committee will have a separate discussion on the activities/events that can be organized for youth at 17th National Jamboree planned for Mysuru, and same will be communicated to the National Headquarters at the earliest possible.
- **Agenda item No.5: To implement Vision 2024, by strengthening social media presence.**
 - a. This was discussed in detail with and recommendations on this discussion are incorporated to that of Agenda No. 2.
- **Agenda Item No. 6: Proposed Programmes for National Youth Day Celebration on 12.01.2017.**
 - a. National Youth Committee will have a separate discussion on the activities/events that can be planned for the "National Youth Week" of 2017, and same will be communicated to the National Headquarters at the earliest possible.
- **Agenda Item No. 7 :Role of Youth in increasing the Census of Bharat Scouts & Guides to reach One Crore by 2024.**

- a. The committee discussed in detail on the functioning of the units of the country and what may help more people joining the units of the movement. After detailed discussion, NYC request "National Headquarters" to issue necessary permissions to collect feedback from the youth of the country on the existing Scouting/Guiding scenario and their actual expectations from Bharat Scouts and Guides and NYC – especially from those members who have attended international events.
 - b. This item is related to items discussed earlier and more recommendations on this discussion are incorporated to that of Agenda No. 1.
- **Agenda Item No. 8 To increase the Bharat Scouts & Guides Fellowship and to strengthen Bharat Scouts & Guides.**
 - a. NYC will effectively motivate all the members to promote become BSG Fellowship members. As a recommendation, all the BSG Fellowship Members should be honoured in the ensuing National Jamboree, irrespective of the tier of membership they possess.
 - b. As mentioned in Agenda No.1 initiating the Alumni Network will help to strengthen the fellowship.
- **Agenda Item No.9 : Other Items discussed with the permission of the Chair.**
 - **Participation in International Events.**
 - i. Due to the lag in communication, information about events are not reaching units on time and further the applications do not reach from the units to the NHQ before deadlines. The committee opinionated, a provision has to be made where an interested candidate can send the application to his/her State Association for recommendation and an Advance Copy to the NHQ which will aid the NHQ to make further follow-ups, if necessary.
 - ii. Most of the youngsters are unable to participate in the international events because of their financial background and due to high expenditure which they will have to bear. Committee recommends to have budgeted amount every year to provide sponsorship to deserving candidates with an undertaking from the candidate. ANNEXURE I
 - iii. NYC also discussed about reverse-application procedure to apply for an international event, where the member of the organization can directly apply to National Headquarters and the application will be forwarded to

concerned State Headquarters for approval. The participation of the applicant for the said event should be subjected to the approval of concerned State Headquarters. In case of an application being rejected by State Headquarters, the State Headquarters should submit the reasons why the application is not recommended to the Hon. National Director / Hon. Chief National Commissioner

The discussions were followed by a small presentation about WAGGGS projects in India by Ms. Chhavi Goyal. Mr. Amar Chettri, Nodal Officer shared his views on the meeting and this was followed by the vote of thanks by Ms. Chhavi Goyal. The meeting concluded with National Anthem.

The members of the National Youth Committee also had a brief interaction with the Chief National Commissioner in his chambers along with The Directors of the National headquarters soon after the meeting.



Meghana S Belavadi
Chairperson- National Youth Committee

Amar Chettri
Nodal Officer- National Youth Committee
Dy. Director (Boy Program) NHQ

National Headquarters, New Delhi.
21st of August 2016

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ANNEXURE I

Agenda Item No.9 (ii)

Additional Information regarding the recommended sponsorship to deserving candidates attending International Events

Guidelines:-

- A special application has to be made by the applicant willing to avail sponsorship, explaining the benefits to them personally and to the movement from his/her participation in the event.
- Sponsorship will be given only to the participants of training programs or seminars and not to the attendees of jamboree and conferences.
- The sponsorship amount will be registration fees or travel expenses, whichever is less.
- A participant shall not be sponsored for more than one event in a Financial year.
- Once the participant returns from the event he/she will be responsible to submit a detailed report with a few photographs to the NHQ within a month.
- The participant should punctually fulfill all the post-event expectations and should render services as and when required.
- Application for sponsorship should be made at least 1 month before the event, preferably at the time of event application.