Date: 10/02/2024 Time: 11:00 am Venue: Zoom

Report and recommendations by the National Youth Committee

The National Youth Committee serves as an exceptional platform for the vibrant youth, who play a pivotal role in driving the Scouts and Guides Movement, to actively engage in decision-making processes and offer their valuable insights to fortify its foundation. This engagement not only fosters a sense of enthusiasm but also cultivates leadership acumen, enhances decision-making capabilities, and equips young individuals with the skills necessary to advance to higher levels of responsibility.

The National Youth Committee of the Bharat Scouts and Guides thanks the Chief National Commissioner Dr. K. K. Khandelwal, IAS (Retd.), and the Director Dr. R. K. Kaushik for constituting and being the voice of four million members in our country. This very gesture upholds the collaboration of the wise experience of the elders with the inexhaustible energy of the young – which was a much-needed initiative.

We are happy to present the minutes and recommendations from the National Youth Committee Meeting for the term 2022-2026 on 10^{th} February 2024 at 11 AM virtually on Zoom Platform.

Virtual Meeting of the National Youth Committee 2024

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Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the National Youth Committee was held at 11:00 am on 10th February 2024 Via Zoom Platform under the chairpersonship of Ms. Ritika Sharma, Chairperson National Youth Committee.

Members present:

- 1. Ms. Ritika Sharma Chairperson Jammu & Kashmir
- 2. Ms. Nikita Sharma Himachal Pradesh
- 3. Mr. Rahul Rungta West Bengal
- 4. Mr. Tarun Himachal Pradesh
- 5. Mr. Arivuselvan CB Tamilnadu
- 6. Mr. Pradhuman Raj Madhya Pradesh
- 7. Mr. Harish Kumar Andhra Pradesh
- 8. Ms Padma Sidanewar Goa
- 9. Ms Debjani Das West Bengal
- 10. Mr Inaayat Bin Mushtaq Jammu & Kashmir
- 11. Ms. Farheen Passah Meghalaya
- 12. Ms. Sayantani N.F. Railway
- 13. Ms. Dhruva Ajaybhai Bhatt Gujarat
- 14. Shri Shivam Maurya Uttar Pradesh
- 15. Ms. Pragya Raj Mishra Uttarakhand

Special Invitees -

- 1. Mr Madhusudan Avala
- 2. Dr. Raj Kumar Kaushik
- 3. Mr Amar B. Chettri
- 4. Mr Arup sarkar
- 5. Mr Analendra sarma
- 6. Ms Kumud Mehra
- 7. Mr Shivangi Saxena
- 8. Mr Bablu Goswami

The meeting started with Scout/Guide Prayer.

Ms. Ritika Sharma – Chairperson of the National Youth Committee welcomed the gathering and the office bearers of NHQ. General Instructions were given by the Master of the Ceremony – Mr. Rahul Rungta – Chairman of the State Youth Committee – West Bengal.

Ms. Ritika Sharma – Chairperson of the National Youth Committee proceeded with the following agenda.

- **Agenda no 1-** Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting on 18/08/2023. NHQ IT team shared the minutes of the last meeting held on 18/08/2023 on the screen and everyone agreed and gave confirmation that no changes were required.
- Agenda no 2- Business Arising (Action Taken Report)
 NHQ IT Team shared the action taken report of NYC from the session 2023-24 and a thorough discussion was there as some of the actions took place but in most cases NYC failed to deliver the action and for future comings, NYC has thought of working more efficiently than ever before.
- **Agenda no 3-** Presentation of achievements of the National Youth Committee

 The Chairperson of NYC shared the achievements of NYC in the last session, afterward, the

 Chairperson NYC asked everyone to share the success stories of their respective State Youth

 Committees and any other of NYC as well.
 - ✓ NYC actively participated in Strategic and planning workshop held at NHQ Rahul Rungta.
 - ✓ J&K State Youth Committee have created UIDs of almost every registered scout/Guide and Rover/ranger they have organized Camporee and other events in the state under Youth Programs and received appreciation from the Hon'ble Governor of The UT. –Inayat
 - ✓ Andhra Pradesh SYC participated in the RDC parade and continually participated in various programs for youths Harish Kumar
 - ✓ Goa SYC has participated for the first time in the RDC Parade –Padma.
 - ✓ Madhya Pradesh SYC is working on membership growth programs and has also organized skill-based workshops for the youths Pradhuman Raj
 - ✓ Himachal Pradesh SYC is working contemporarily with SHQ in every event providing support as staff or volunteers as they are introducing workshops every year on WOSM and WAGGGS initiatives for the youths, also working with govt. officials on various projects to ensure the development of the state in various aspects - Nikita Sharma (Chairperson)
- Agenda no 4 Schedule of Events 2024-25 (suggestions if any)
 A proper schedule plan for the year 2024-25 was presented before us by the NHQ IT team where the NYC members skimmed through it and were asked to give out any suggestions for any

change or addition of new programs under the schedule. No suggestions were added during this period

- **Agenda no 5-** Participation in Regional /National Youth Programme 2023-24 On this matter, the Hon'ble Chairperson analyzed and pointed out the participation of NYC in regional youth programs. As of a recent event the Northeast mini jamboree was highlighted.
- **Agenda no 6-** Suggestion on new and innovative youth activities

The Hon'ble Chairperson asked the members of NYC to put forward the suggestions for such programs that can be implemented in coming future

- a. There should be youth innovative workshops in which the youth can work on any global challenge or any problem faced in their locality and by the end of the workshop they can build an action plan or have the solution to that specific challenge which can later be implemented at the local level as youth-led community service projects -Nikita Sharma. The chairperson suggested to provide concept paper for the same so that it may be forwarded to NHO.
- b. There should be workshops to enhance the skills that they already have so that they can be more proficient in them and it will certainly lead them to be career efficient –Tarun.
- c. Organizing Youth colloquium and physical meeting for the better execution of plans and efficient working of NYC -Arivuselvan CB. The Chairperson informed that due to non-response by youth the National Level Youth Colloquium scheduled during December 2023 has been cancelled.
- d. There should be national youth complexes in every state for the propagation of more activities and proposal of next meeting in May as it seems more suitable -Harish Kumar. The chairperson suggested to provide concept paper for the same so that it may be forwarded to NHQ.
- **Agenda 7-** promotion of BSG National adventure programs

The Hon'ble Chairperson addressed the issue by telling how NYC is already working in the process of promoting the programs by circulating the circulars and promotion on social media with the help of posts, stories, and reels.

• **Agenda 8-** Suggestion on S/G uniform

A few suggestions were passed on the uniform by keeping in mind the integrity and identity of scouts.

- a. The colour of the shirts should be lighter in the shade as they absorb less heat -Debjani.
- b. The colour and ranks in the uniform should be more highlighted as they are honorary and a matter of pride and there should be joggers instead of pants for comfort in adventurous activities –Innayat.

The proposed uniform in the last meeting was shown on the screen by Rahul Rungta as per the demand of NYC members.

• **Agenda 9-** regular conduct of SYC and DYC meetings

It was asked by the Chairperson to share the number of meetings held in every state with their SYCs and DYCs

- 1. Himachal Pradesh- 3 virtual meetings
- 2. Madhya Pradesh- 2 virtual and 1 physical
- 3. West Bengal 3 virtual and 1 physical
- 4. Jammu and Kashmir 2 virtual and 1 physical
- 5. Goa 3 virtual and 1 physical

Chairperson NYC encouraged everyone to have more and more meetings as it will strengthen the grassroots level of NYC.

• **Agenda no 10-** participation in international events

A full-fledged presentation on international events was shown in the meeting showcasing the opportunities BSG is providing to young people in terms of international events.

The Dy. Director of Scouts (BP) was invited to share on promotion of BSG social media sites with the members.

Shri Madhusudan Avala, Addl. International Commissioner (S) shared about youth programme to align with NEP and survey form designed to review Youth Programme for the Bharat Scouts and Guides.

Shri Amar B. Chettri, Jt. Director of Scouts (Prog. & Trg.) appreciated for the active deliberations and successful conduct of the Virtual Meeting of the National Youth Committee. He informed about the upcoming international events. He also read out the names of the outgoing members who will complete 29 years of age and requested for the replacement.

Further, the Chairperson invited the Director, BSG to deliver his closing remarks. The Director, BSG appreciated the efforts of the members of National Youth Committee for supporting NHQ in various platform. He appealed all the chairperson of the state youth committee to regularly conduct their state meetings and suggest innovative programmes and activities as per the need of the youth.

The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks by Ms. Nikita Sharma, Secretary of the Committee followed by the National Anthem.

Signature of Chairperson (Ms. Ritika Sharma)