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**MINUTES OF 31ST GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF NAVY FOUNDATION HELD
ON 21 MAR 24 AT VISAKHAPATNAM**

1. Admiral R Hari Kumar, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC, Chief of the Naval Staff and President, Navy Foundation (NF) chaired the 31st Governing Council Meeting (GCM) of the NF held on 21 Mar 24 at Visakhapatnam. The following were present: -

(a) **Invitees.**

(i)	VAdm Rajesh Pendharkar, AVSM, VSM	FOC-in-C (East)
(ii)	Cmde Kartik Murthy	Cmde (SCT)

(b) **Members.**

(i)	VAdm Gurcharan Singh, AVSM, NM	VP, NF
(ii)	RAdm Rajat Kapoor, AVSM	VP, RGC (West)
(iii)	RAdm M Murali Mohan Raju, NM	VP, RGC (East)
(iv)	Cmde AP Shaji Kutty	Treasurer NF
(v)	Cmde Viju Samuel	VP, RGC (South)
(vi)	Cmde CP Sanga	Cmde (ESM Affairs) and Secy NF
(vii)	Cmde Varun Singh	Legal member
(viii)	Capt Ajay Mandal	Jt Secy, NF (Desig)
(ix)	Cdr T Dutta	Jt Secy, NF
(x)	Lt Cdr Manoj Gupta	Secy, RGC(E)

(c) **Chapter Representatives (Retd Officers).**

(i)	VAdm BK Verma, AVSM	Pres NF Bhopal
(ii)	VAdm M P Muralidharan, AVSM*, NM	Pres, NF Kerala
(iii)	VAdm AG Thapliyal, AVSM*	Pres, NF Dehradun
(iv)	VAdm VK Namballa, AVSM, NM	Pres, NF Vizag
(v)	VAdm RK Pattanaik, PVSM, AVSM, YSM	Pres, NF Odisha

(vi)	VAdm Jaywant Korde, PVSM, AVSM, VSM	Pres, NF Pune
(vii)	VAdm KO Thakare, AVSM, NM	Pres, NF Nagpur
(viii)	RAdm PS Byce, AVSM	Pres, NF Jaipur
(ix)	RAdm S Ramsay, YSM	Pres, NF Delhi
(x)	RAdm NK Mishra, NM	Pres, NF Bangalore
(xi)	RAdm T Sudhakar	VP, NF Visakhapatnam
(xii)	RAdm Philipose G Pynumootil, AVSM, NM	Pres, NF Goa
(xiii)	RAdm V Mohan Doss, AVSM, VSM	Pres, NF Coimbatore
(xiv)	Cmde VK Gautam, NM	Pres, NF Chandigarh
(xv)	Cmde Ashok Bhal, VSM	Rep, NF Lucknow
(xvi)	Cmde Suprohbo K De	Pres, NF Kolkata
(xvii)	Cmde Pravin Rajpal	Secy, NF Hyderabad
(xviii)	Cdr LM Krishnan	VP, NF Chennai
(xix)	Cdr Vijay Vadhera, NM	Pres, NF Mumbai

Item I - Opening Address by President NF

2. The President, NF welcomed FOC-in-C (East), CPS, Flag Officers, Officers, Presidents and Office Bearers of Navy Foundation to the GCM. He stated that it was always an honour to interact with Office Bearers of the NF many of whom have guided and mentored him over the years. He brought out that the GCM presents a valuable opportunity to address the challenges being faced by different Chapters and empowers them to serve as a stronger bridge between the Navy and esteemed veterans. He requested the Navy Foundation Chapters to be the driving force whose wake would propel *Bharatiya Nausena* forward on its course to *Amritkal*.

3. He stated that there were many agenda points for the meeting and a few of them had been discussed in previous forums and also circulated through quarterly e-newsletters. He assured members that *IN* would visit all relevant issues and address all aspects which demand attention. In this regard, he highlighted that the Governing Council serves as the ideal platform for stakeholders to collaboratively find solutions for converting these issues into opportunities for the betterment of our community. Furthermore, in this era of increasing connectivity, awareness and technology, the meeting offered a forum to consider innovative ideas and inclusive perspectives that can further solidify the foundation for the benefit of our naval fraternity.

4. The President emphasised the importance of strength in numbers and the requisite financial support to keep any organisation/ association relevant and ensure its progress. He stated that the financial support for the two veteran associations, NF and Veteran Sailors Forum (VSF) would continue to be provided by the *IN*. As regards numbers, he highlighted the need for each and every officer and sailor to become a part of these two forums to ensure that the two associations continue to grow in the coming years. He also emphasised

the need to dissuade veterans from forming smaller groups/ associations and work to get all these smaller associations under the single umbrella of NF or VSF.

Item II - Confirmation of 30th GCM Minutes

5. The Secretary, NF stated that the Minutes of 30th GCM were forwarded to all Chapters earlier. VAdm VK Namballa (Retd), President, Vishakhapatnam Chapter proposed confirmation of the Minutes of the 30th GCM. The proposal was seconded by RAdm Sushil Ramsay (Retd), President, NF New Delhi. Minutes of the 30th GCM were confirmed and signed by the President, NF.

Item III - 31st GCM Agenda Points

Agenda I - Nomenclature of All Chapters

6. **Issue.** NFCC is being used for NF Chandigarh, Coimbatore and Chennai Chapters. Similarly, Kerala and Kolkata Chapters are both addressed as NFKC. It was suggested that these chapters be named as NFC Kerala, NFC Kolkata, NFC Chandigarh, NFC Coimbatore and NFC Chennai.

7. **Deliberations.** Secy, NF informed the members that the nomenclature needs to be concurred during the GCM. The new nomenclature could be NFC Delhi, NFC Dehradun and so on to avoid duplication and confusion in the abbreviated form. Members concurred that the nomenclature of Chapter may be named as NFC followed by location as NF Chapters would continue to grow in the future.

8. **Decision.** President, NF approved the proposed nomenclature and closed the point.

Action: - Secy, NF
Info: - All concerned

Agenda II - Individual PAN Card

9. **Issue.** It has been observed that few NF chapters are yet to get individual PAN cards allotted which is required for KYC of the NF account and are still using the PAN of 'The Navy Foundation' which is not in latest Govt. directives.

10. **Deliberations.** Cmde NPF, Treasurer brought out that the issue has been raised and discussed in earlier NF meetings as well. He stated that as per RBI directives, KYC is mandatory for operating bank accounts and all accounts operating on same PAN are mandated to have a singular signatory. He requested all NF Chapters to apply for PAN and complete their KYC and indicated that Annual grant would be released to respective Chapters post furnishing of a copy of the PAN card. President, NF requested NF Chapters to apply for individual PAN cards expeditiously and indicated that Chapters may seek help of DNPF and DESA, if required.

11. **Decision.** President, NF directed pending Chapters to apply for individual PAN cards and closed the point.

Action: - Concerned NF Chapters

Item IV - Venue for Next GCM and AGM

12. As per existing norms, the Governing Council is required to decide the venue for the next GCM/ AGM.

13. **Deliberations.** Secy, NF brought out that the GCM and AGM are held at Naval Stations in rotation, which have a NF Chapter. Based on the conduct in the past and in confirming with the rotation, he proposed that the 32nd GCM and AGM be held under the aegis of RGC (South). CSO (P&A), SNC confirmed the venue as Kochi for the next GCM and AGM. The venue was unanimously supported by all members present for the meeting.

14. **Decision.** President, NF directed that the 32nd GCM and AGM be held at Kochi, under the aegis of RGC (South).

Action: - RGC (South), Secy NF

Item V - Presentation of Accounts

15. Cmde (NPF), Honorary Treasurer brought out that as the financial year has not ended, the accounts remained the same as presented during the 30th GCM.

16. There being no further points, the meeting was adjourned.

17. These minutes are issued with the approval of the President, NF.



(CP Sanga)
Commodore
Secretary, Navy Foundation

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