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**MINUTES OF THE 27TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF
NAVY FOUNDATION HELD AT KOCHI ON 05 MAY 19**

1. Admiral Sunil Lanba, PVSM, AVSM, ADC, Chief of the Naval Staff and President Navy Foundation chaired the 27th Governing Council Meeting (GCM) of the Navy Foundation at Kochi on 05 May 19. The following were present:

(a) **Invitees.**

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| (i) | V Adm AK Chawla, AVSM, NM, VSM | FOC-in-C (South) |
| (ii) | Cmde G Prakash, NM | CO, INS Venduruthy |

(b) **Members.**

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| (i) | V Adm Biswajit Dasgupta, AVSM, YSM, VSM | Vice President, NF |
| (ii) | R Adm Deepak Kapoor, VSM | Secy RGC (East) |
| (iii) | R Adm JS Sekhon | Legal Member |
| (iv) | R Adm LS Suriaraj, NM | Secy RGC (West) |
| (v) | Cmde Joginder Chandna, VSM | Secy RGC (South) |
| (vi) | Cmde Vivek Karnavat | Treasurer, NF |
| (vii) | Cmde Pankaj Sharma | Secretary, NF |

(c) **In Attendance.**

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| (i) | Cdr T Dutta | Cdr (ESM Affairs) NF |
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(d) **Chapter Representatives.**

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| (i) | V Adm M P Muralidharan (Retd), AVSM*, NM | President, NF Kerala |
| (ii) | VAdm VK Namballa (Retd), AVSM | President, NF Vizag |
| (iii) | R Adm Sushil Ramsey (Retd), YSM | President, NF Delhi |
| (iv) | Cmde VK Gautam (Retd), NM | President, NF C'Garh |
| (v) | Cmde S K Pawnday (Retd) | Vice President, NF L'know |
| (vi) | Cmde KM Nair (Retd) | Vice President, NF B'gluru |

(vii)	Cmde PK Malhotra (Retd)	President, NF Pune
(viii)	Cdr Vijay Vadhera (Retd), NM	Secy, NF Mumbai
(ix)	Cdr L Radhakrishnan (Retd)	Secy, NF Chennai
(x)	Cdr Ravi Dixit (Retd)	Secy, NF Goa
(xi)	Cdr G Eswara Reddy (Retd)	Secy, NF Hyderabad
(xii)	Cdr Ashutosh Sharma (Retd)	Secy, NF Jaipur
(xiii)	Cdr I Aravanan (Retd)	Secy, NF Coimbatore
(xiv)	Cdr DK Swain (Retd)	Secy, NF Odisha

Item I - Opening Address by President Navy Foundation.

2. The President, Navy Foundation extended a warm welcome to the esteemed veterans who had come to Kochi, God's Own Country, from elsewhere in the Country. He stated that it was an honour to preside over the 27th General Council Meeting of the Navy Foundation. He said that it had been a source of great pride to see the way in which the Foundation had efficiently and effectively discharged the various functions under its Charter of Responsibility evolving over the years into the vibrant organisation it was. He observed that with the proposed inclusion of the Dehradun Chapter to the Foundation, it would grow to a total of 16 chapters across the length and breadth of the nation which was a significant growth from the six original chapters in 1988.

3. He added that the overall functioning of the Navy Foundation had benefitted from the institution of Regional Governing Councils, which had strengthened the organisational framework. He mentioned that it was natural for fresh problems to arise as an organisation grows and the objective of the forum was for all stakeholders to sit together and resolve issues, if any, to further strengthen and streamline the organization.

4. He was happy to note that regular meetings of the RGC, and individual chapters were taking place and members were optimally utilising these forums. He welcomed any suggestions that the members may have for bringing about further improvement of the organisational structure of the Foundation.

5. He was particularly happy to note that the Foundation remained committed to its original founding principles and objectives and said that the Chapters were contributing handsomely towards societal betterment and other philanthropic causes. The Foundation had kept the veteran community well-connected with the Service and also ensured welfare measures initiated by the Service or the Government were disseminated to the veterans.

6. He said that the interaction was aimed at strengthening the Foundation as required, to continue to build upon the good work being done. He hoped that the GCM and AGM would generate some fresh ideas and thoughts which could be implemented on ground for the overall benefit of the veteran community.

7. The President Navy Foundation thereafter directed the secretary Navy Foundation to proceed with the GCM agenda.

Item II - Confirmation of 26th GCM Minutes.

8. The Secretary NF stated that the minutes of 26th AGM were forwarded to all Chapters. Cdr L Radhakrishnan (Retd), Secy, Chennai Chapter proposed confirmation of the minutes of 26th GCM, The proposal was seconded by Cdr Vijay Vadhera (Retd), Secy, Mumbai Chapter. Thereafter, minutes of the 26th GCM were confirmed and signed by the President, Navy Foundation.

Item III - Old Agenda Points.

9. **MoD Recognition for Naval Veterans' Organisations.** During the 26th GCM, all NF Chapters were requested to forward their recommendations in this regard and only two NF chapters recommended merger of NF and VSF. Other Chapters either did not respond or did not recommend the proposal.

10. **Deliberations.** It was brought out by the members that any organisation that gets recognised by the MoD would have political inclinations. As such, it is only the service headquarters that were able to resolve the grievances of the veterans through MoD and none of the MoD recognised organisations were able to resolve any issues. Majority of the representatives stated that they wanted to maintain an independent identity i.e. status quo with NF and VSF functioning separately. Secretary NF, thereafter, briefed the gathering about **National Confederation of Ex-ServiceMan Organisation**. He stated that NCESMO was constituted by twelve Ex-serviceman organisations who despite being part of NCESMO maintained their original identities. He further stated that NCESMO has been able to attend two meetings with Hon'ble RM in chair where eleven Agenda Points were discussed in the first meeting and action taken was reviewed in the second meeting. He also stated that NCESMO neither sought any Agenda points nor passed on any MoM of meeting with Hon'ble RM on the two meetings held with Hon'ble RM. Secretary NF, thereafter, briefed the members on the proposed Bridge organisation. He said that as a first step, the Serving officers element would have to go from both NF and VSF to make both the organisations truly 'for the veterans by the veterans' organisations. Thereafter, the Bridge Organisation would be created at Delhi where a National Convenor would head the National Bridge of United Naval Veterans Association (UNVA). The National Convenor would be assisted by a Joint Convenor. The Bridge would have a National Secretary & a Treasurer for NF and similarly a National Secretary & Treasurer for VSF. All NF Chapters would maintain their individual identities and the National Secretary of both NF and VSF would talk to all the NF and VSF chapters. President, NFKC and NFDC did not agree to the proposal. President NFDC stated that as Service Headquarters the Indian Navy was supposed to take up veteran issues with MoD. President NF Pune Chapter and Secretary Mumbai Chapter, however, agreed to the proposal and said that the proposal of the Bridge Organisation must be given a chance.

11. **Decision.** The President NF directed that NCESMO activities are to be monitored and Status Quo is to be maintained. He further directed that the point be closed.

Action: Secy NF

Item IV - New Agenda Points.

12. **Office Space for NF Pune and Bangalore.** Office spaces for NF Pune and Bangalore Chapters is considered essential for the chapter to function effectively and be in a position to provide necessary assistance to naval veterans and their family members. Presently, NFPC is functioning from a rent-free office space temporarily provided by a senior veteran in his house.

13. **Deliberations.** It was brought out by Secy NF that the point had been discussed earlier during the Regional Governing Council meetings too. Due to non-availability of land and space constraints, the Interim Solution for both Chapters was to hire suitable office spaces through grants provided by the Navy. However, for Pune Chapter, Office space would be provided once NAI infrastructure comes up at Khadki and for Bangalore, an office would be planned at the 'Base Depot Ship' in the future. Both the Chapters were asked to forward their proposal to RGC (West) and accordingly, grants would be provided.

14. **Decision.** The President directed that the Point be closed.

15. **Opening NF Dehradun Chapter.** Authorise opening of a new chapter at Dehradun placed under the RGC North.

16. **Deliberations.** Secy NF brought out that as per the MoA, the Governing Council had powers to authorise opening a new chapter and provide for its management. V Adm M P Muralidharan (Retd), President Kerala Chapter proposed formation of Navy Foundation Dehradun Chapter and RAdm Sushil Ramsay, President, NF Delhi Chapter seconded the proposal. President Navy Foundation approved the proposal.

17. **Decision.** President Navy Foundation directed that the Point be closed.

Item V - Venue for 28th AGM/GCM.

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

19. **Deliberations.** Secy NF brought out that the AGM/GCM are held at Naval Stations in rotation which have a NF Chapter. For administrative convenience locations with adequate naval infrastructure are considered suitable. Accordingly, the Secretary NF proposed that the 28th AGM/GCM be held under the aegis of RGC (West) at Goa. The venue was unanimously supported by all members present for the meeting.

20. **Decision.** President NF directed that 28th AGM/GCM be held at Goa under the aegis of RGC (West). President NF, thereafter, directed that the point be closed.

Action: RGC (WEST)/DESA
Info: All Chapters

Item VI - Presentation of Accounts.

21. Cmde (NPF), the Honorary Treasurer presented the Navy Foundation accounts for Financial Year 2017-18. A summary, of the Navy Foundation Central Account maintained at DESA and accounts of various Chapters is placed at **Appendix 'A'**.

Item VII - Grant to Navy Foundation Chapters.

22. All Chapters of the Navy Foundation are given annual financial grants by the Indian Navy. Factors such as number of members, resource generation capability and non-naval station location are taken into account to determine quantum of grant. Accordingly, President NF presented cheques to representatives of the Chapters. Annual grants to various chapters is placed **Appendix 'B'**.

Item VIII - Closing Remarks by President Navy Foundation.

23. There being no other points, the Chairman thanked all members for providing valuable inputs and reiterated that suggestions from the meeting would be taken to their logical conclusion. He hoped that Navy Foundation Chapters would continue with their good work and become more vibrant. He asked all present to share ideas and thoughts during these meetings and continue to serve as a valuable interface with the service.

24. These minutes are issued with the approval of the President, Navy Foundation.



(Pankaj Sharma)
Commodore
Secretary, NF

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Appendix 'A'
(Refer to Para 21)

NAVY FOUNDATION ACCOUNT HELD BY CHAPTERS

The corpus growth/decline of Navy Foundation Chapters for FY 2018-19:-

Ser	Chapter	(Amount in Lakhs of Rupees)		
		Opening Corpus	Closing Corpus	Growth/Decl
(a)	Mumbai	41.21	43.10	1.89
(b)	Delhi	25.46	26.00	0.54
(c)	Bangalore	21.48	21.65	0.17
(d)	Pune	15.17	19.93	4.76
(e)	Kochi	13.90	17.25	3.35
(f)	Secunderabad	12.25	16.37	4.12
(g)	Vizag	11.49	13.11	1.62
(h)	Chennai	10.83	12.56	1.73
(j)	Kolkata	9.47	11.89	2.42
(k)	Goa	7.19	8.26	1.07
(l)	Chandigarh	6.35	7.31	0.96
(m)	Odisha	4.94	6.51	1.57
(n)	Lucknow	4.58	4.36	- 0.22
(p)	Coimbatore	2.92	3.80	0.88
(q)	Jaipur	2.98	3.50	0.52
(r)	Navy Foundation (DESA)	38.28	42.92	4.64

DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT TO VARIOUS CHAPTERS

Ser	Chapter	2019
(a)	Mumbai Chapter	100000.00
(b)	Pune Chapter	100000.00
(c)	Delhi Chapter	100000.00
(d)	Odisha Chapter	50,000.00
(e)	Chennai Chapter	65,000.00
(f)	Coimbatore Chapter	40,000.00
(g)	Kochi Chapter	100000.00
(h)	Kolkata Chapter	65,000.00
(j)	Chandigarh chapter	50,000.00
(k)	Vishakhapatnam Chapter	50,000.00
(l)	Goa Chapter	65,000.00
(m)	Bangalore Chapter	100000.00
(n)	Hyderabad Chapter	100000.00
(p)	Jaipur Chapter	50,000.00
(q)	Lucknow Chapter	50,000.00
	Total	10,85,000.00