

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE NAVY FOUNDATION**  
**PUNE CHAPTER HELD AT SANJOG HALL, RSAMI CAMP, PUNE**  
**AT 1130 HRS. ON SUNDAY 11 MAY 2025**

1. The Annual General Body meeting of the Navy Foundation Pune Chapter was held at 1130 hrs. on Sunday 11 May 2025 at Sanjog Hall, RSAMI Camp, Pune and was attended by **159** people including **101** members (including 06 Veer Naris and 07 Octogenarians) and **58** spouses who had accompanied the Veterans. The proceedings commenced with an **Audio-Visual presentation by UdChalo**, a company with a Motto “**Service to the Services**”, dedicated towards assisting Defence Personnel and families, both serving and retired from Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and CISF. The response of the attentive audience was good and lot many desired the contact numbers of UdChalo. The contact details of the two officials from the company are as follows:-

- (a) Mr Shivam Arren, CEO UdChalo 9011016993 [Shivam.arren@udchalo.com](mailto:Shivam.arren@udchalo.com)
- (b) Col DB Tingre, Chief of Military Affairs 7507738011 [db.tingre@udchalo.com](mailto:db.tingre@udchalo.com)

2. At the outset the meeting began with observing a one-minute silence as a mark of respect to the Members/ Spouses who had left us for heavenly abode since the last AGM. Homage was also paid to the unfortunate victims at Pahalgam and our brave warriors who had made the supreme sacrifice in the ongoing War on Terror. The following Veterans/ spouses were remembered and paid homage: -

- (a) Mrs Sumita Ghosh, spouse of Cmde Alok Kumar.
- (b) Mrs Vandana Patnaik, spouse of late Cmde BK Patnaik.
- (c) Capt PC Bhate.
- (d) Surg Capt Debdatta Ghosh.
- (e) Surg Capt Madhav Krishna Jog.
- (f) Capt Sanjiv Kapur.
- (g) Capt Madanlal Nichani (NPMC).
- (h) Cdr UV Vaidya.
- (j) Cdr Madan Mohan Bahl.
- (k) Lcdr NS Padmanabhan.

3. **President's Opening Address.** The proceedings were started by VAdm Jaywant Korde, President NFPC delivering his opening address. He welcomed all members present at the AGM and expressed his happiness on Veterans, Veer Naaris and spouses turning up in large numbers. While He praised the contribution of each member especially his two foot soldiers, Capt Rajib Bhattacharjee, Treasurer and Cmde Sridar Ramaswamy, Secretary. He also acknowledged the efforts of Capt Keshav Tripathi to wish every Member on his/her Birthday and the Anniversary greetings. He also highlighted the yeoman contributions of Area

Coordinators as the immediate point of contact and reaching out to Members in distress in their respective areas. Points highlighted by the President, in brief, were as follows: -

(a) **Introduction of Area Coordinators in and across Pune city.** The President brought out that the MC had coopted members as Area Coordinators (ACs) last year in designated areas in Pune for efficient management of our outreach. The system of ACs was implemented after the approval in last AGM and has benefitted tremendously. He acknowledged the contributions and support of each AC. He also stressed the need for welfare of Super senior veterans and Veer Naaris. This concept would be a Buddy system to offer assistance 24x7 to such elderly Veterans/ Veer naaris. He sought opinions from the members to make this effort successful as this would be discussed as an agenda point.

(b) **Maintenance of NFPC Website.** He also acknowledged the yeoman contributions of Rear Admiral Ravindra Nadkarni and his extraneous efforts in maintaining and keeping the NFPC website current. He further brought out that lot many informative messages are being placed on the Broadcast and website of NFPC for information of the members. He also stated that efforts were on to be more proactive on the NFPC broadcast. Members were requested to login to the website regularly to benefit from the information being posted on it.

(c) **International and Domestic Tours.** On popular demand from the members, the President stated that a plan was mooted post last AGM across the Members for suggestions for International / Domestic tours. However, we had only two volunteers. RAdm CS Patham further added that subject to a large number of volunteers, this tour can be planned in this year. He further solicited active participation of the Members towards a successful conduct of the tours.

(c) **Adventure Activities.** The President acknowledged the support of RAdm CS Patham under whose guidance we conducted an NFPC trek to Andarbhan last year which was a grand success. He further stated that we shall continue such activities this year too.

(d) **Maturity during Crisis Situations.** President stressed the need for Silence and exercising caution during Crisis situations like the concurrent Op Sindoor. This was particularly in discussing our capabilities, deployments, tactics and stopping unnecessary forwards. He further complimented the Members for exercising correct judgement and adhering to the naval norms on social media as laid down by the Government from time to time. He also requested the Veterans for the need to curb the increasing tendency of passing derogatory remarks/ opinions towards the decisions taken at various levels by the Indian Navy on Social media,

(e) **Conduct of 6<sup>th</sup> Adm Nadkarni Memorial Lecture.** The President informed the Members that Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff has kindly accepted the invitation of NFPC to deliver the 6<sup>th</sup> Admiral JG Nadkarni Memorial Lecture on 30 Nov this year, He requested the Members to mark the date on their calendar and schedule the travel plans accordingly. He also highlighted the need for active participation of the Members in such events as the participation over the last two

years by NFPC members left a lot to be desired. Especially as this series of Lectures is the most Prestigious event of NFPC.

(g) **Approval in Principle for allocation of Land in SC.** The President brought out that right from its inception, the Navy Foundation was bereft of any Office space for its effective functioning. A case was projected in Oct 2023. After effective liaising at both Southern Command and Naval HQ levels, he informed the Members that due to the strong support of the CNS, Army has agreed in principle to allot a piece of land in the Camp area for dual purpose of setting up a Indian Navy Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Museum (INCSMM), and an Indian Navy Mess & Institute (INMI) with an INCS outlet. Case is under progress for accord of a formal approval of MoD. It is envisaged to conduct the Bhoomi Puja in Nov this year. Members were requested to forward their suggestions in this regard to Secretary NFPC for consideration. He also stated that we would be appointing a Board from amongst the Members to do the spade work for the Museum and requested the Members having an inclination/ expertise in the field including building construction to forward names to Secretary NFPC.

(k) **State of Funds at NFPC.** On behalf of Treasurer Capt Rajib Bhattacharjee, he stated that the Balance sheet has been uploaded on the website and elaborated that the state of funds at NFPC was healthy.

4. **Secretary's Address.** The Secretary Cmde Sridar Ramaswamy read out the Secretary's report highlighting the events held since last AGM. It was brought out that since the last AGM held on 19 May 24, there was an addition of 33 new members to make the Foundation strength 570 including 48 (94) Veer Naaris, 04 Nonagenarians and 41 Octogenarians. As seen it was highlighted that we do not have details of over 46 Veer naaris and many more Nonagenarians and Octogenarians. Members cooperation was sought for updating of the master list. The activities held since last AGM were highlighted as below: -

(a) **Andharbhan Monsoon Trek – 10 Jul 24.** The NFPC organised the Andharbhan Monsoon Trek – one of the most exhilarating treks around Pune – exclusively for the members of NFPC, through a professional agency Adventure Pulse on 10 July 2024. It was open to all families and friends of NFPC Members. Some 25 participants from NFPC participated in the trek across the Sahyadri ranges at Andharban and descending down into the valley, to reach the backwaters of the Bhira Dam. The trek received positive feedbacks from the participants.

(b) **NFPC Get-together at Sanjog Hall.** A Lunch cum PLD was hosted by the Navy Foundation Pune Chapter at Sanjog Hall RSI Camp on 06 Oct 24 to welcome the Commandant NDA V Adm Gurcharan Singh AVSM NM, his wife Mrs Kamaljit Singh and mother Mrs Narinder Kaur, a Veer Naari, wife of late Cdr G S Chatha. On this occasion, the Commanding Officer of INS Shivaji, Cmde Sameer Chaudhry and Mrs Shelly Chaudhry were also welcomed. It was heartening to see a very large turnout of over 180 NFPC Members and spouses on this occasion.

(c) **5<sup>th</sup> Adm JG Nadkarni Memorial Lecture.** The Navy Foundation Pune Chapter (NFPC) annually conducts a Memorial Lecture to honour the memory of the late Admiral JG Nadkarni the 16th Chief of the Naval Staff (1987-1990), who had settled in Pune after

his retirement. This year, the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command (C-in-C), Vice Admiral Sanjay J Singh, AVSM, NM delivered the 5th Admiral JG Nadkarni Memorial Lecture on the topic “Emerging Maritime Canvas” at Charak Auditorium, Command Hospital, Pune at 3 p.m. on 30 Nov 2024. The C-in-C was received by VAdm Jaywant Korde PVSM AVSM VSM (Retd), who introduced him to the other NFPC Committee members as well as the senior veterans present. The proceedings began with observing one minute silence for departed Veterans and Veer Naaris, following which the President NFPC delivered the welcome address. The lecture by CINC West was well received and was attended by over 230 participants.

(d) **Navy Day 2024.** The celebrations were planned with gusto and a Flag hoisting at Lohagad fort was planned. All planning and Logistics had been tied up. However ASI didn't accord approval for the conduct of the event at the last minute stating the fort was a protected monument.

(e) **Veterans Day Lunch at NDA Khadakvasala.** In continuation of Navy Day 2024 celebrations, V Adm Gurcharan Singh, AVSM NM, Commandant NDA, hosted the NFPC Veterans to a PLD followed by lunch on 19 Jan 25 at the picturesque locale of Peacock Bay. The response of Veterans to the invitation was overwhelming and over 230 Naval veterans including Spouses and Veer Naaris attended the function.

(f) **NFPC Visit to INS Shivaji.** Navy Foundation Pune Chapter (NFPC) organised a visit for its members to INS Shivaji, the premier training establishment of the Indian Navy for marine engineers, on 16 Mar 2025. The establishment is located about 6 km from the town of Lonavala amidst picturesque and idyllic surroundings, and surrounded by prominent tourist spots and landmarks such Bhushi Dam, Duke's Nose and Tiger's Leap having some incredible trekking paths and viewpoints. Team Shivaji took great care to showcase new developments by organising tour of the base. The event was followed by customary PLD and Lunch. AC buses were arranged for those members who preferred not to drive in their own cars.

(g) **Musical Evening.** Following the grand success of the “Musical Evening” with Cocktails and Dinner held on **28 Apr 2024** at COM Lawns (RSI Golf Course), a second edition of the same was planned in Apr. However due to some administrative constraints, the same could not be conducted. Members were given an assurance that efforts were on to conduct the same very soon.

5. Thereafter the points of agenda were deliberated. The first point being approval of report and MoMs of previous AGM. They were duly approved by the AGM.

Proposed by. VAdm JS Bedi

Seconded by. RAdm CS Patham

6. The Balance Sheet was approved by the AGM without any objections.

Proposed by. Cmde Narendra Kapoor

Seconded by. Cdr RW Pathak

7. Appointment of CA. It was proposed that Shri Chinmay Karande from M/s Godbole and Sons would be replaced by a new CA firm this year. MC sought approval of AGM to select and appoint new CA, which was approved by AGM.

Proposed by. VAdm JS Bedi  
Seconded by. Cdr Sharad Deshpande

8. Buddy System. It was highlighted that the Area Coordinators concept had been successfully implemented and the same was highly appreciated by many. The President added that Cdr AK Sinha has kindly volunteered for East Pune region. While the Area Coordinators have a very large geographical areas and are able to reach out to members in distress, it is not feasible for them to keep regularly in touch with senior veterans and veernaries. Therefore, it is proposed to institute a Buddy system for safety and welfare of the senior Veterans and Veernaris. The system envisages to assign Buddy responsibility to a member co-located who would regularly and routinely keep in touch with the Senior Veteran and/or Veer Naari to render proactive help and assistance. He would escalate matters to Area Coordinators and MC for any additional help or assistance required. The AGM approved the proposed Buddy System.

**Action: Secretary NFPC**

9. Families Day at Sea. Late Capt Sanjiv Kapur had forwarded the one and only point for discussions in the New agenda points. He requested for the conduct of Families day at sea for NFPC families as the last one was conducted before COVID. The President agreed to pursue the matter in right earnest and take up the issue with HQ WNC.

**Action: Secretary NFPC**

10. Registration for Handshake. The President requested all members to subscribe to the Naval HQ initiative Handshake on priority.

11. Provision of Quarter Deck 2024. The members were requested to collect their personal copies of Quarter Deck 2024 magazine placed at the entrance.

12. The President opened the house for any other points.

13. Closing the AGM. There being no other points the President closed the proceedings wishing all the Members the very best in the year ahead.

14. Vote of Thanks. R Adm Ravi J Nadkarni, delivered the Vote of Thanks. He started by thanking all the NFPC members for their active participation, insightful contribution and continued support. Further he extended his felicitations to all the ladies on the occasion of Mothers day. He complimented the UdChalo team led by the CEO Shri Shivam Arren and Col DB Tingre, Chief of Military Affairs. The RSAMI secretary Col Amrendra Pandey and his team were also thanked for their unstinted support in conduct of the AGM at Sanjog hall. He also expressed our gratitude to Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, the Chief of the Naval Staff for the

wonderful gift of the land parcel he had managed through the Army to enable NFPC to build a state of Art Naval museum dedicated to Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and facilities for veterans. He also thanked the miscellaneous authorities including DNV/ NHQ, CRSO/HQWNC, Commandant NDA and CO INS Shivaji for their constant proactive support. He finally extended his gratitude to the Management Committee for their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment in steering NFPC to greater heights.

15. Adequate Hard copies of Quarter Deck 2024 were made available to Veterans and Veer Naaris at the venue. On completion of the AGM the members enjoyed PLD and a sumptuous Lunch at the venue. The arrangements made and delicacies served were appreciated by the Veterans and Veer Naris.

16. These Minutes have the approval of President NFPC.

Sd/xxx

20 May 2025  
Pune

(Cmde Sridar Ramaswamy)  
Hon Secy, NFPC

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