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MINUTES OF THE 6TH REGIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL (WEST)
MEETING OF NAVY FOUNDATION HELD AT MUMBAI ON 01 JUL 21

1. The 6th meeting of the Navy Foundation, Regional Governing Council (West) was held at WNC (O) Mess Conference Room under the Chairmanship of Vice Admiral R Hari Kumar, PVSM, AVSM, the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Western Naval Command and President of Navy Foundation, Regional Governing Council (West). The following were present:-

(a) **Members.**

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| (i) | RAdm Sanjeev Sharma, NM | CSO (P&A) – Vice President RGC (W) |
| (ii) | Cmde Simon Xavier | Cd Edn & Wel Officer – Secy RGC (W) |

(b) **Invitees.**

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| (i) | Surg RAdm Sheila S Mathai, VSM, NM | CMO |
| (ii) | Cmde Ajay Agrawal | GM INCS |
| (iii) | Cmde Ashutosh Ridhorkar | CO, INS Angre |
| (iv) | Cmde Sandeep Chakravarty | Dir RC ECHS (Mbi) |
| (v) | Cmde Upal Kundu | CO, INS Tanaji |
| (vi) | Cmde Manoj Sharma | LOIC, NAVPEN |
| (vii) | Cmde Manish Bhandari | CAPO |
| (viii) | Cmde Kanchan Mukherjee | CEDO-II |
| (ix) | Cmde Amit Gurbuxani | CSO to FOMA |
| (x) | Capt Sunil Anand | CRSO (W) |

(a) **Charter Representative.**

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| (i) | RAdm SR Sampathgopal (Retd) | President Bengaluru Chapter |
| (ii) | RAdm S Shrikhande, AVSM (Retd) | President Goa Chapter |
| (iii) | Cmde Pawan K Malhotra (Retd) | President Pune Chapter |
| (iv) | Cdr Vijay Vadhera, NM (Retd) | President Mumbai Chapter |
| (v) | Maj PP Jadhav (Retd) | ZSWO (Thane) |

Opening Address by the President RGC (W)

2. The President RGC (W) extended a warm welcome to all four Presidents of Navy Foundation, Regional Chapters to the 6th Regional Governing Council meeting of the RGC (W) and acknowledged the effort in taking time out.
3. The President RGC (W) brought out that Western Naval Command has been busy and at continuous heightened state of readiness. However, Regional Area Commanders were tasked to involve actively with the Regional Chapters. He brought out that he has been receiving personal mails, queries, etc, from veterans over past year.
4. He complimented all Regional Chapters for always standing tall behind the scene and, for providing unwavering support to our veterans in time of need, as also for continued bonding amongst the fraternity through events, meeting of minds, free and frank exchange of views and experiences.
5. He appreciated that the major achievements has been in creating interest and awareness about the Navy and promoting maritime activities amongst the public through philanthropic & charity work, awareness programs, webinars, life coaching, online consultation by veteran doctors and volunteering of veteran support as 'covid veteran warriors' to provide assistance to various hospitals/ covid shelters/ municipalities and thus strengthen the Govt. efforts to fight Covid-19 pandemic.
6. He informed that the Area Commanders have been in constant touch with the respective chapters and have updated the members of the Navy Foundation through emails, whatsapp, etc.
7. The President, RGC (W) highlighted some of the efforts/ initiatives of Regional Centre ECHS, Mumbai which also looks after Goa and Karwar and is being managed under the aegis of WNC.
8. Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme has endeavored to provide quality medicare not only in service hospitals, but also in civil/ private hospitals which are specifically empanelled with the ECHS. ECHS facilities in the AOR of Western Naval Command have been largely governed through RC ECHS Mumbai.
9. Efforts are being made to further improve the availability of additional specialized hospitals and diagnostic centers. NM Diagnostic Centre with 10 collection centres located all over Mumbai suburban region and Dr Lal Path Laboratories have been empanelled for providing lab and diagnostic facilities. Society for Rehabilitation of Crippled Children (SRCC) Specialist Hospital, Mahalaxmi has been empanelled.
10. COVID-19 pandemic put lot of constraints in availing medical facilities and critical hospital beds because of lockdowns and prohibitions. The issue has been resolved and ECHS has embarked on numerous steps for medicare at Poly Clinics (PC)/ empanelled hospitals, issue of medicines and early settlement of reimbursement claims. Facilities like local purchase against old prescriptions, emergency admission without referral for PC beneficiary of more than 74 years age, RTPCR COVID testing at empanelled hospitals/ labs

and home care packages have been provided for the convenience of veterans. More than 4500 doses of the COVID-19 vaccination administered to the veterans and their dependents at five polyclinics under the jurisdiction of RC ECHS Mumbai by carrying out multiple outreach vaccine sessions.

11. After a long wait, INCS Colaba outlets have been opened for all veterans and online booking application introduced for INCS Kanjur Bay and CBD Belapur outlets to facilitate easy and safe access to veterans during COVID-19 pandemic.

12. NAVPEN has created a separate email id for officers to mail their comments and grievances to NAVPEN regularly. The Online Pension Calculator for retiring personnel has been designed by NAVPEN on its URL. Few policy related issues and grievances of the veteran community pending with the banks and CDA are being actively pursued by NAVPEN periodically.

13. The President RGC (W) informed that a policy on inclusion of veterans for furthering /N strategic communication narratives is on the anvil. He exhorted NF Chapters having a wide footprint in WNC to gainfully utilise and engage to create amongst the general public, interest in the Navy and promote interest in maritime activities.

Pending Points of 4th and 5th RGC Meeting

14. On completion of opening address, the pending points/ follow up action on last year's 4th and 5th RGC Meeting were taken up.

Item I : Setting up of ECHS Polyclinic at Thane

15. Point. Setting up of ECHS Polyclinic at Thane.

16. Deliberations.

(a) IHQ MoD (N)/ ECHS intimated in Feb 20 that AF Command HQ has not concurred with relocation of Polyclinic at AF Thane. Stn HQ Mankhurd examined feasibility of setting up ECHS at 31 WEU Thane as Type 'C'.

(b) The proposal for raising of 102 new Polyclinics including Ambernath, Navi Mumbai & Panvel kept on hold vide Gol Letter 18(222)/2019/WE/D(Res-I) dated 30 Dec 20. Further, directive issued to continue functioning from hired building and not to process case for acquisition/ purchase of land, even if provided free (Reference: Central Org. Letter B/49705-Land & Const. Policy/AGE/ECHS/2021 dated 08 Feb 21).

(c) ECHS Polyclinic Thane is currently functioning at Nerul. The setting up of ECHS Polyclinic at Thane is considered essential to cater for the increase in the number of veterans at Navi Mumbai.

17. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed to continue efforts for acquisition of land from Govt. of Maharashtra for establishing ECHS Polyclinic at Thane with definite timelines. Station HQ ECHS Upnagar, ZSWO and ACOMO, are to work out the modalities for the same. **Updated progress by 17 Aug 21.**

18. **Point to be monitored**

Action: Stn Cdr Mankhurd, CABS/
ZSWO (Thane) / ACOMO

Item II : Provision of Community Hall in Kharghar.

19. **Point.** Provision of Community Hall in Kharghar for the large number of veterans at Navi Mumbai.

20. **Deliberations.**

(a) HQ MNA has deliberated the issue during CMLC-20 on 12 Nov 20. The building norms have been revised by State Govt. of Maharashtra and additional foot per square inch (fsi) is likely to be available for integrated welfare centre. Chief Secy, State Govt. of Maharashtra has directed CIDCO to prepare revised plan and forward to the Dept of ESM Welfare.

(b) The preparation of revised plan by CIDCO has been hampered due to COVID. HQ WNC Letter forwarded to Department of Sainik Welfare Pune to hasten up the process.

21. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed FOMA to take up the case directly with the PWD Minister, Govt. of Maharashtra on a fast track and accord necessary impetus to the construction of the Kharghar Community Hall project. **Update by early Aug 21.**

22. **Point to be Monitored**

Action: HQ MNA/ ZSWO (Thane)/
Stn Cdr Mankhurd, CABS

Item III : Shifting of ECHS Polyclinic Nerul to the Kharghar Community Hall.

23. **Point.** Shifting of ECHS Polyclinic Nerul to the Kharghar Community Hall to provide medicare facilities to large number of veterans at Navi Mumbai.

24. **Deliberations.**

(a) The shifting of ECHS Polyclinic Nerul to the Kharghar Community Hall is awaiting clearance of instructions from Dept. of Sainik Welfare for initiating construction process.

(b) e-Tendering through PWD Panvel will be initiated on confirmation of fund by Dept. of Sainik Welfare, State Govt. of Maharashtra.

25. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed FOMA to take up the case directly with the PWD Minister, Govt. of Maharashtra as the shifting of ECHS Polyclinic Nerul to the Kharghar Community Hall is being hampered.

26. **Point to be Monitored**

Action: HQ MNA/ ZSWO (Thane)/
Stn Cdr Mankhurd, CABS

Item IV : Issue of Revised PPO.

27. **Point.** Issue of revised PPO.

28. **Deliberations.**

(a) PCDA (N) Mumbai has generated 3053 e-PPOs of retired officers and transmitted to Central Pension Processing Cell (CPPC) successfully. e-PPOs generated by PCDA (N) has been hosted on NAVPEN website for downloading by retired officers.

(b) Presidents of NF Chapters intimated that large nos. of PPOs were faulty and the system errors reflected in spouse details were causing anxiety amongst veterans community. Veterans requested NAVPEN to upload two links viz., Draft PPO and Final PPO to alleviate the occurrence of errors in PPO.

29. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed to set up a task force of officers and sailors having sufficient knowledge on the pension matters to be deputed to the CDA office to resolve the critical issues of revised e-PPOs of veterans on a fast track mode and in a time bound manner with fortnight update to HQ WNC. **Update wef end Jul 21.**

30. **Point to be Monitored**

Action: NAVPEN

Item V : Emailing of Test Reports of the Officer's Patients at ECHS Polyclinic.

31. **Point.** Emailing of test reports of the officer's patients at ECHS Polyclinic for the benefit of veterans community.

32. **Deliberations.**

(a) The implementation has been delayed view lockdown.

(b) An internet PC with scanner/ copier has been provided from Stn HQ to ECHS Polyclinic Asvini. The facility is being utilised for COVID-19 vaccination centre for COWIN App registration of veterans and dependents.

33. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed to implement E-mailing test reports from ECHS Polyclinic post pandemic.

34. **Point to be monitored**

Action : HQ WNC/ ACMO / Stn HQs

Item VI : Upgradation of Nerul & Kanjur Marg ECHS Polyclinics.

35. **Point.** Upgradation of Nerul and Kanjur Marg ECHS Polyclinics for the veterans community.

36. **Deliberations.**

(a) Cmde ECHS (N) vide letter ECHS/034/Poly Funct dated 12 Mar 20 intimated status quo (Type 'D') for ECHS PC Kanjurmarg and down gradation (Type 'C' to Type 'D') for ECHS PC Nerul. The case is on hold vide IHQ MoD (N) Letter ECHS/035/Expansion dated 19 Jan 21.

(b) Stn HQ INS Tanaji has taken up the case with Central Org ECHS vide Cmde ECHS (Navy) letter ECHS/024/Poly Constr dated 10 Jun 21 to reconsider upgradation of both ECHS polyclinics to Type 'B' (Nerul) and Type 'C' (Kanjurmarg).

37. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) intimated that a case study was undertaken by a BOO from CDM Secunderabad to rationalise the number of ECHS polyclinics based on the footfall and a presentation was also given to Hon'ble Raksha Mantri. Outcome is awaited from Central Organisation.

38. **Point to be Monitored**

Action : HQ WNC/ ACMO, Stn HQs

Item VII : Surfacing of dilapidated road outside INCS at Kanjur Marg

39. **Point.** Surfacing of dilapidated road outside INCS at Kanjur Marg.

40. **Deliberation.** The relaying of road outside INCS at Kanjur Marg has been completed.

41. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed to close the point.

42. **Point closed.**

Item VIII: Availability of printed forms for Canteen Smart Cards at all places where veterans frequently visit.

43. **Point.** Availability of printed forms for Canteen Smart Cards at all places where veterans frequently visit.
44. **Deliberations.** A sufficient quantity of printed forms have been made available at Kanjur Marg, Colaba and Belapur for the veterans.
45. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed to close the point.
46. **Point closed.**

Item IX : Mess Facilities for Veterans at INS Tanaji.

47. **Point.** Mess Facilities for the Veterans at INS Tanaji on weekends.
48. **Deliberations.**
- (a) NOM Mankhurd caters for only in-living & transit accommodation without any institute facilities and would explore outsourcing of institute post pandemic.
- (b) President NF Mumbai Chapter projected expected footfall on weekends to be 10 to 15 members (Evening of Sat, Sun and Holidays) and 25 to 30 members (Forenoon of Sunday).
49. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed to explore feasibility of extending the mess facilities with existing infrastructure to the veterans as a pilot project and based on the footfall may explore the option of outsourcing.
50. **Point to be monitored.**

Action: CO, INS Tanaji

Item X : Membership of Veterans with Foreign Nationality.

51. **Point.** Navy Foundation Membership of Veterans with Foreign Nationality.
52. **Deliberations.**
- (a) As per MoA of the Navy Foundation, /N veterans with foreign citizenship may continue to be enrolled as members of the NF at any Chapter.
- (b) However, should such veterans be in India and are in a position to attend an event being held in a Defence environment (eg Mess or Service institution), their security clearance from IHQ MoD (N)/ DNI is to be sought by the concerned Chapter.

53. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed to close the point.

54. **Point closed.**

Item XI : Permanent RSI Bengaluru membership for Naval Veterans.

55. **Point.** Permanent RSI Bengaluru membership for Naval Veterans has been restricted for NF Bengaluru veterans.

56. **Deliberations**

(a) The permanent membership of RSI, Bengaluru to Naval Veterans has been restricted for past 10 years. The issue was also discussed during the 27th AGM of NF Chaired by CNS held at Kochi on 05 May 19.

(b) CEDO intimated that the case has been taken up by the President NF with the Chief of Army Staff and appears encouraging. Written advisory is awaited from IHQ MoD (N)/ DESA.

(c) The President RGC (W) informed the Presidents of Bengaluru and Pune Chapters to explore feasibility to have a MoU with an existing institute/ mess that could extend facilities to our serving officers and veterans. Possibility of MoU with a suitable civilian club could also be explored.

57. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed point to be monitored.

58. **Point to be monitored.**

Item XII : Regular quarterly meeting of NFMC Core Committee members.

59. **Point.** Regular quarterly meeting of NFMC Core Committee members along with Dir RC ECHS, ACOMO, SEMO, CRSO, CEDO and Station Cdrs be organised chaired by CSO(P&A) to deal with outstanding ECHS issues. The conduct of such meeting over VC may be considered.

60. **Deliberations**

(a) All concerns of veterans have been resolved as and when raised. The agenda points received for AGM of NFMC on 25 Apr 21 was deliberated and the way ahead disseminated to the NFMC.

(b) President NF Mumbai Chapter expressed gratitude to the President RGC (W) for the hired car and ambulance to the veterans of Mumbai Chapter during pandemic. The proactive approach of HQ WNC to resolve issues of veterans were appreciated by the Mumbai Chapter.

61. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed all veterans to feel free to forward the concerns regularly without waiting for any kind of meetings to the HQ WNC.

62. **Point closed.**

New Agenda Points

All Chapters – 6th RGC Meeting

Item I: Appointment of ECHS Dentist at Asvini Polyclinic.

63. **Point.** Appointment of ECHS Dental Surgeon at INHS Asvini Polyclinic.

64. **Deliberations.** HQWNC/ CMO intimated that the interview for Dental Surgeon has been completed and the new surgeon will be appointed by mid Jul 21.

65. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed to close the point.

66. **Point closed.**

Item II: Dispatch ECHS cards to the ECHS Polyclinics on monthly basis.

67. **Point.** Dispatch ECHS cards to the ECHS Polyclinics on monthly basis to alleviate difficulties of travelling for Veterans and Veer Naaris to Station HQ for collection.

68. **Deliberations.**

(a) CO Angre & Station Cdr Angre intimated that 21000 ECHS cards received in Oct 20 and balance 6197 cards is pending distribution. The issue & accounting of 64 KB smart card and physical verification of beneficiary card/ PPO/ income details of dependents and entails SMS to beneficiaries & OTP to activate the card which is communicated to the veterans for issue of cards.

(b) Stn Cdr Mnkd intimated the issue of ECHS cards to veterans above 65 yrs at Polyclinic.

69. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed to expedite distribution of ECHS cards with a definite timeline and may hire a vehicle/ services as a concerted effort to enhance the dispatch of the cards.

70. **Point to be monitored.**

Action: Stn Cdr Angre/ Mankhurd

Item III : Expeditious clearance of medical bills for the medicines purchased during COVID.

71. **Point.** Expeditious clearance of medical bills for the medicines purchased during COVID is required to be undertaken.

72. **Deliberations.**

(a) Dir RC ECHS intimated that the processing by Bill Processing Agency (UTI Infrastructure Tech & Services Ltd.) has been delayed due to lockdown. RC ECHS Mumbai being the CFA has processed all the bills.

(b) The pending cases pertain to incomplete submission of documents or under 'Need More Information (NMI)' category for action by the veterans.

73. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed to close the point.

74. **Point closed.**

Item IV: Denial of direct OPD consultation without in referral at empanelled Apollo Hospital Nerul to veterans above 75 years.

75. **Point.** Direct OPD consultation without in referral be facilitated at empanelled Apollo Hospital Nerul to veterans above 75 years.

76. **Deliberations.**

(a) Dir RC ECHS intimated that the hospitals have been advised to permit direct OPD consultation to veterans above 75 years whilst keeping the Reception briefed.

(b) Dir RC ECHS informed to intimate any cases of denial for necessary action.

77. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed to close the point.

78. **Point closed.**

Item V: Empanelment of Tata Memorial Hospital and Godrej Hospital.

79. **Point.** Empanelment of Tata Memorial and Godrej Hospital.

80. **Deliberations.**

(a) Dir RC ECHS intimated that the proposal for empanelment of Tata Memorial Hospital is under examination at Central Organisation ECHS/ IHQ MoD. However, approval has been granted by ECHS for Godrej Hospital Mumbai and the submission of MoA is awaited from the hospital.

- (b) President NFMC requested to consider empanelment of Hiranandani Hospital.
81. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed to pursue progress of empanelment undertaking periodic liaison with the Central Organisation ECHS/ IHQ MoD and share updated information with the environment.
82. **Point to be monitored.**

Action: Dir RC ECHS/ ACMO

Item VI: Forwarding of Canteen Smart Cards directly to Veterans by courier incorporating safety measures as done for the Passport.

83. **Point.** Forwarding of Canteen Smart Cards directly to Veterans by courier incorporating safety measures as done for the Passport.
84. **Deliberations.**
- (a) GM INCS (Mbi) informed that the canteen card is valid for 10 years. Old cards are deposited and new card activated post identification of the beneficiary. Forwarding by post directly may lead to misuse, if received by other than beneficiary.
 - (b) Passport undergo multi-level stringent check of the individual. It is difficult to establish beneficiary of Canteen card at the URC due to high flow of customers.
 - (c) Existing methodology is considered fool proof.
85. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed to close the point.
86. **Point closed.**

Item VII: Digitisation of veterans data viz., RODRA database (Army) and IAF air veterans database to alleviate anomaly in disbursement of pension and discrepancies of information.

87. **Point.** Digitisation of veterans data viz., RODRA database (Army) and IAF air veterans database to alleviate anomaly in disbursement of pension and discrepancies of information.
88. **Deliberations.**
- (a) LOIC NAVPEN intimated that IHQ MoD (N)/ DOP maintain record of officers including retired officers at the record office.
 - (b) The processing by Pension Administration (RAKSHA) of /N will be wef Jul 21 through IHQ MoD (N)/ DOP.

89. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed to confirm Pension Administration (RAKSHA) IHQ MoD (N)/ DOP and progress the case of digitisation of veterans' data on a fast track mode.

90. **Point to be monitored.**

Action: LOIC NAVPEN

Item VIII : Provision of discounted/ CGHS rates by private hospitals on cash payment if ESM goes directly to them without any referral.

91. **Point.** Provision of discounted/ CGHS rates by private hospitals on cash payment if ESM goes directly to them without any referral.

92. **Deliberations.**

(a) Dir RC ECHS informed that ECHS deals with hospitals with MoA prescribed by MoD. Only emergency cases admitted by empanelled hospitals without referral from Polyclinics. Moreover, ECHS do not exercise control over non-empanelled/ Private hospitals.

(b) Hospitals which agree to offer CGHS rates have been included in the list and shared with all Polyclinics.

93. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed to close the point.

94. **Point closed.**

Item IX : Online registration and allotment of time window for seeing MOs in ECHS Polyclinics.

95. **Point.** Online registration and allotment of time window for seeing MOs in ECHS Polyclinics.

96. **Deliberation.**

(a) Dir RC ECHS intimated that the Central Organisation ECHS is upgrading the system software through Gol/ NIC and the new software includes provision for online patient registration.

(b) At present tele-appointment is given by the Polyclinics to the veterans.

(c) The President RGC (W) intimated that e-Sehat software supported through laptop/ mobile can be effectively used for consultation.

97. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed veterans in the interim to optimally use e-Sehat and share experience with all veterans.

98. **Point closed.**

Item X : Empanelment of Diagnostic Centres like 'METROPOLIS' and 'SRL'.

99. **Point.** Empanelment of Diagnostic Centres like 'METROPOLIS' and 'SRL'.

100. **Deliberation.**

(a) Dir RC ECHS intimated that SRL has withdrawn application for empanelment and discussion with Metropolis is in progress.

(b) NM Medical Centre (Lab) with 10 collection centres in Mumbai has been empanelled wef 12 May 21.

101. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed to close the point.

102. **Point closed.**

Item XI : Dignified last rites of deceased Naval Veterans.

103. **Point.** Dignified last rites of deceased Naval Veterans.

104. **Deliberation.**

(a) The issue deliberated during 26th NF AGM and VP NF directed individual Chapters to handle the issue locally. The procedures for last rites of deceased Naval Veterans adopted by all Chapters are different.

(b) HQWNC Letter WE/1021/NF/6/28 dated 06 Apr 21 forwarded to IHQ MoD(N)/ CPS for SOP.

(c) CEDO intimated that suitable directives are being conceived and will be intimated post receipt from IHQ MoD(N)/ Cmde (ESM Affairs).

105. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed to pursue with IHQ MoD (N)/ CPS for clarity on the issue.

106. **Point to be monitored.**

Action: HQWNC

Item XII : Empanelment of more hospitals in Goa.

107. **Point.** Empanelment of more hospitals in Goa.

108. **Deliberation**

(a) HQ WNC/ CMO intimated that Manipal Hospital Goa is the only multispecialty hospital empanelled in Goa. Victor and Healthway Hospitals are not keen for empanelment.

(b) President NFGC intimated that a high level visit by MD of Central Organisation, ECHS, Rep of DGMS (N) and Heads of RC Mumbai and Pune for dialogue with more specialty hospitals at Goa will be beneficial to veterans.

109. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed CMO to actively pursue and follow up the empanelment of more hospitals at Goa by meeting with higher functionaries.

110. **Point to be monitored.**

Action: HQWNC/ ACMO/ RC, ECHS

Item XIII : Reimbursement of expenses incurred on NFPC website.

111. **Point.** Reimbursement of expenses incurred on NFPC website.

112. **Deliberation.** President NFPC intimated that NFPC is sharing the website with NFMC and the new NFPC website is in the process of completion.

113. **Decision.** The President RGC (W) directed to reimburse the expenses on development of NFPC website and close the point.

114. **Point closed.**

Action: HQWNC/ SSO (Wel)

Item XIV : Provision of additional funds for NFPC.

115. **Point.** Provision of additional funds for NFPC.

116. **Deliberation:**

(a) IHQ MoD(N) give annual grant of Rs. 1.0 Lakh to NFPC. HQWNC released Rs. 2.0 Lakh for Admiral Nadkarni Memorial Lecture on 03 Oct 21 at Pune.

(b) All expenditures on case to case basis have been cleared.

(c) President NFPC requested for a sum of Rs. 1,000/- pm towards the hiring of NFPC office.

116. Decision. The President RGC (W) directed to reimburse the hiring of NFPC office @ Rs. 1,000/- pm and this amt is to be paid in advance for a year.

117. Point closed.

Action: HQWNC/ SSO (Wel)

Item XV : Interaction visits of President RGC (W)/ HQWNC Staff to Pune Chapter.

118. Point. Interaction visits of President RGC (W)/ HQWNC Staff to Pune Chapter.

119. Deliberation. Subject to COVID situation permitting, visit of HQWNC Staff to Pune Chapter may be planned.

120. Decision. The President RGC (W) informed that interaction will take place on suitable occasion.

121. Point closed.

Action: HQWNC/ SSO (Wel)

Additional Points with the permission of the Chair

Item XIV : Assistance for last rites of veterans.

122. Point. A dignified last rites of veterans be performed through nearest naval unit's assistance by way of deputing a sailor in uniform to lay a wreath on behalf of the Navy.

123. Deliberation. President NFPC requested to liaise with NTT Wing/ NDA or INS Shivaji for assistance of a sailor to lay wreath at Pune for dignified last rites of veterans.

124. Decision. The President RGC (W) directed to liaise with NTT/ NDA for assistance of a sailor to lay wreath for dignified last rites of veterans.at Pune.

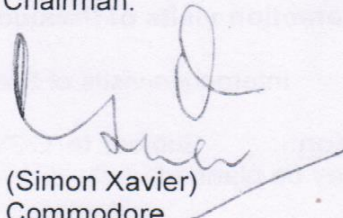
125. Point closed.

Action: HQWNC/ CRSO (W)

Closing Address of the President RGC (W)

126. On completion of discussion on agenda points, President RGC (W) thanked all members for whole hearted participation and assured that, follow up action will be ensured by the Command in respect of each issue. The president informed that, to resolve the issues such as ECHS, Veterans need not wait for RGC meeting and CRSO (W) / RC ECHS may be contacted whenever difficulties are faced.

127. These Minutes have the approval of the Chairman.



(Simon Xavier)
Commodore
Command Education & Welfare Officer &
Secretary RGC (West)

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