

**Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting of National Trust held on 12th
March 2026**

Venue: NISD Building, Dwarka, New Delhi

The 25th Annual General meeting (AGM) of the National Trust was held on 12th March 2026 in Hybrid Mode. It was chaired by Ms V. Vidyavathi, Secretary, DEPwD & Chairperson, National Trust.

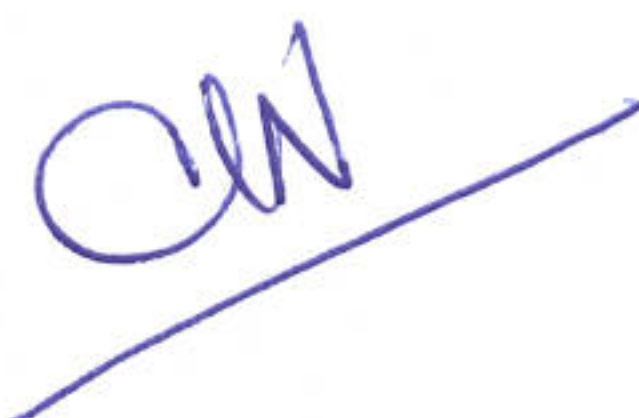
The meeting was attended by Ms. Manmeet Kaur Nanda, Additional Secretary & CEO, Board Members, officers of the National Trust and Registered Organisations in physical and virtual mode. Representatives of the Oriental Insurance Co. Ltd. and Mediassist TPA also attended on invitation.

The National Trust officials welcomed the Chairperson Ms V. Vidyavathi, Secretary, DEPwD & CP, NT; Ms Manmeet Kaur Nanda, Additional Secretary, DEPwD & CEO, NT, Board Members and stakeholders for participation in the meeting. The Annual Report and activities of the National Trust was presented by Shri K.R. Vaidheeswaran highlighting the activities of the National Trust during the year in the entire country.

The Chairperson desired to have the views/suggestions of the stakeholders after presentation of Annual Report.

The suggestions and views expressed by the participants are given below.

- a) Issues pertaining to Legal Guardianship / Local Level Committee Meetings were discussed focusing on the need to organize meetings every quarter, absence of Registered Organisations in many districts of the country, and the need for further monitoring of Legal Guardians appointed for the PwDs. Ms Seema Chadha, Board Member, suggested for strengthening the tracking system to monitor the appointed Legal Guardians.
- b) Another issue was the pendency of applications with the Local Level Committee for appointment of Legal Guardians. In this connection, Shri Vaidheeswaran informed that the National Trust has been writing



regularly (once a month) to Principal Secretaries of all States and UTs and the DC/DM for disposal of Guardianship applications. It was decided to send a letter to Chief Secretaries of all States and UTs under the signature of Secretary, DEPwD and CP, NT for disposal of Guardianship applications by Local level Committees.

AS & CEO spoke about the need to have the provisions in the Online System for Auto Email alert to DC/DM for the purpose of reminding them periodically about the pendency of applications. This will induce the LLC to process applications in time in order to reduce pendency. The feedback given by participant from Junagarh, Gujarat and Ms Chaitali Gami, Board Member related to Calcutta LLC and the good work done by them. AS & CEO stated that best practices such as these could be shared between the stakeholders and in presentation by LLC Members in various meetings organized by National Trust. This will have a huge positive impact in improving the services.

Some suggestions related to creating awareness amongst parents for specifying nomination for their PwD ward, writing of will, creating of Individual Trusts for the PwD were made by the participants which will help in securing the future of PwD and reducing legal issues later on.

On the feedback from various stakeholders, Secretary, DEPwD and CP, NT aimed to include awareness as a major activity for the Action Plan of NT for the next year.

Chairperson put on record and complemented Ms Ira Singhal, Deputy Secretary, Deptt. Of School Education and Literacy for participating in all the meetings of DEPwD and providing valuable suggestions. Ms Singhal, informed that they are establishing Block Resource Centers (BRCs) in every district wherein various health specialists can be called through Health Ministry and assessment of children with disabilities can be done. She invited NGOs to provide support in this venture. She informed that a letter will be sent by Deptt. Of SE&L to DEPwD on this subject. When these details are shared through DEPwD with National Trust, the same will be communicated to the Registered Organisations.

At the end, the Board Members reiterated following important issues which need to be addressed:-



Dr Pankaj Maru- Non-issuance of UDIDs in several areas in the entire country, technical issues arising in the notification by DEPwD resulting in High Support Need people not able to take benefit of Scheme of National Fund.

He suggested, PwDs to avail both Niramaya and Ayushman Bharat Scheme to cater to health needs.

Self Advocacy programmes conducted by "Parivaar" should be supported by DEPwD.

Dr Ashish Kumar- He reiterated that Awareness Programmes in Rural Areas should be expedited in the next year. Dr. Ashish Kumar was of the view that there was no need to increase the number of scheme centres and only the quality of services need to be improved.

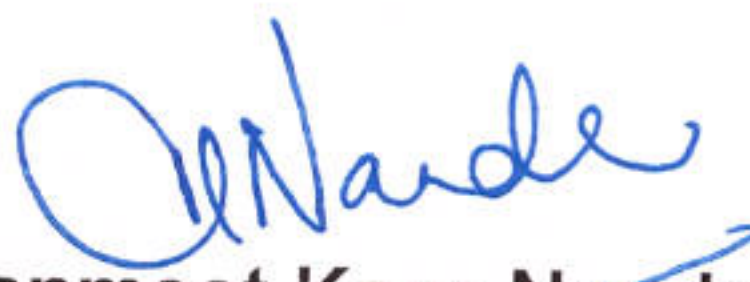
Ms Chaitali Gami- She suggested for taking a relook at the Consent Forms which are part of Legal Guardianship Application Form, for periodic monitoring of PwDs and their legal guardians, submissions of Form C and D by each of the appointed Legal Guardians as per NT Act mandate. A letter on above to be sent to all LLCs by National Trust.

Mr Guriqbal Singh Bedi- He suggested for strengthening family counselling services for parents in distress due to disability of their child.

Ms Seema Chadha- Suggested for a yearly health check up in the Gharaunda centers to reduce the impact of disability.

In conclusion, the Chairperson, NT invited suggestions from the stake holders for further improvements and stated that such suggestions could be sent by e mail to National Trust for consideration.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.


(Manmeet Kaur Nanda)
Additional Secretary, DEPwD
C.E.O., N.T. & Member Secretary


(V. Vidyavathi)
Secretary, DEPwD
Chairperson, N.T.