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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of 9th Meeting of the Governing Body of National Fund for Persons with Disabilities held on 21.07.2023 at 09:30 a.m. – reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the minutes of the 9th Meeting (online) of the Governing Body of National Fund for Persons with Disabilities held on **21st July, 2023 at 09:30 A.M.** under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DEPwD-cum-Chairperson Governing Body, National Fund for Persons with Disabilities for information and necessary action.

(अमित श्रीवास्तव/Amit Srivastava)

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1. Shri Sanjay Pandey, JS&FA, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
2. Shri. K.R..Vaidheeswaran, JS & CEO, National Trust, Old Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi
3. Shri Vijay Kumar Meena, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment
4. Shri Deep. C. Lakra, Under Secretary, D/o Higher Education, M/o Education
5. Shri Ajeetsingh Mahavirsingh Shekhawat, Shekhawat Dagra & Associates, B-320, Swagat Rain Forest-II, Kudasani, Gandhinagar-382421, Gujarat
6. Dr. Sri Govindraj, No. 86, Harvey Paddi, Tirupuramkuntram, Madurai, Tamil Nadu-625005
7. Shri Gurupasad Pawasker, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Govt. of Goa
8. Shri Taha I. Haaziq, Secretary, Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Govt. of Goa

Copy to:

- i. Sr. PPS to Secretary, DEPwD
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Minutes of the Ninth Meeting (online) of the Governing Body of the National Fund for Persons with Disabilities held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, DEPwD – cum – Chairperson, Governing Body on 21st July, 2023 at 9:30 am

List of participants is at **Annex**.

2. Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary DEPwD – cum – Chairperson, Governing Body welcomed the participants (online) and briefly informed about the divya kala melas organized by the Department and Purple Fest held in Goa in January 2023. It was also stated that such events assume importance because these not only provide the persons with disabilities a platform to connect with others but also enable the PwDs to display their skills and learn new competencies to become socially as well as economically empowered.

3. Thereafter, State Commissioner for PwD Goa Shri Guruprasad Pawaskar made a presentation during the meeting. It was informed that the State is organizing Purple Fest International, 2024 during 08th -13th January, 2024. Objective of the fest is to showcase and celebrate the diversity and inclusion particularly relevant in the framework of the UNCRPD's theme on "**building back better**". It was informed that the event will focus on four areas i.e. **Education, Health, Disaster Management and Gender**. The event will have components like panel discussion with the eminent speakers and artistic live performance, grand exhibitions on the latest assistive technology, Hackathons, Start-ups, immersive experience zones, special and Para National Sports, State and Country pavilions etc.

4. It was stated in the presentation that the Purple Fest, International 2024 is proposed to have the following tracks:

- I. **Purple Think Tank:** It includes brainstorming session with National Level Speakers and Panelist.
- II. **Purple Experience:** Includes an opportunity to sensitize major groups of the Society towards lives of the person with disabilities.
- III. **Purple Exhibition Zone:** Learning Experience and understanding various innovations, aids and appliances available all over the global.
- IV. **Purple Convocation:** includes cluster of various conferences on various subjects related to persons with disabilities.
- V. **Purple Sports:** Includes a track full of various sports for persons with disabilities and regular individual which will include Blind football, wheelchair cricket, special Olympics, Para Athletics, Unified Beach Cricket, Para Swimming Tournament etc.
- VI. **Purple Rain:** National and International Persons with Disabilities performances showcasing the vibrancy of talents which they possess.
- VII. **Purple Fun:** Includes a track full of accessible tourism and other act such Bird Watching, Smart City Walk, Astronomy walk, Goa Darshan, Coastal Trail.

5. The Desired Outcomes of the Purple Fest, International 2024 include collaboration and Empowerment of PWDs, increased awareness about the Disability, Government Recognition and support, Leadership Development and Resource Mobilization, Stakeholder collaborations and agreements etc.
6. The State Government has sought Rs. 1965000000 (Nineteen Crore Sixty Five Lakh) for the event from the National Fund.
7. The GB noted that in terms of existing guidelines the extent of financial assistance for international purple fest is Rs. Five crore or 50% of the total expenditure, whichever is less. After detailed deliberations, the GB decided to approve a financial support of Rupees Five Crore from the National Fund to the Government of Goa, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.
8. During the meeting, the following suggestions were also made to the State Commissioner for PwD:
 - i. Harmonized guidelines on accessibility notified by different Central Ministries/Departments may be showcased by concerned Joint Secretaries during the event. State Commissioner was requested to contact these officers in this regard well in advance.
 - ii. State Commissioner to consider the possibility of physical and financial engagement of other States in the event to increase its awareness and outreach.
 - iii. State Commissioner to coordinate with Ministry of Education for participation of various institutions under the Department of Higher Education and Department of School Education & Literacy in the event. Ministry of Education can organize to make presentations on inclusive education during the event.
 - iv. State Commissioner to coordinate with Ministry of Labour and Employment for possibility of participation of training institutes under the said Ministry in the event.
 - v. Participation from the Department of Empowerment of PwDs and Department of Sports in the event. State Commissioner to coordinate with concerned officers.
 - vi. State Commissioner to explore participation of DDRS and DDRC in the event.
9. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

List of Participants

A	Members of Governing Body	
1	Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, DEPwD	Chairperson
2	Shri Rajesh Yadav, Joint Secretary, DEPwD	Convener & CEO
3	Shri Sanjay Pandey, JS & FA, DEPwD	Member
4	Shri K.R. Vaidheesvaran, JS & CEO National Trust	Member
5	Shri Vijay Kumar Meena, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment	Member
6	Shri Deep C Lakra, Under Secretary, Department of Higher Education	Member
7	Shri Ajeet Singh Shekhawat, Gujarat	Member
8	Dr. Sri Govindraj, Madurai, Tamil Nadu	Member
B	Departmental Officials	
9	Shri Nithali Ram, Deputy Secretary (Policy)	
10	Shri Amit Srivastava, Under Secretary (Policy)	
11	Shri Sushil Kumar, Section Officer (Policy)	
12	Shri Sanjay Mittal, Programme Officer, National Fund	
C	State Government of Goa	
13	Shri Guruprasad Pawaskar, State Commissioner for PwD	
14	Shri Taha I. Hazziq, Secretary, Office of State Commissioner for PwD	