

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF GYMNASTICS FEDERATION OF INDIA (GFI) HELD ON 26TH MARCH 2022, AT 11.00 AM, AT HOTEL GRAND MERCURE, GOPALAN SIGNATURE MALL, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA 560093.

The Annual General Body Meeting of Gymnastics Federation of India was convened in accordance with the provisions of Rule-15 of the Constitution of Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) at Hotel Grand Mercure, Gopalan Signature Mall, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560093.

The President, Sh. Sudhir Mital, assumed the Chair. Vice President Dr. Prabhakar, General Secretary Sh. Shantikumar Singh and Treasurer Sh. Kaushik Bidiwala were also present on the dais.

Dr Prabhakar, President of Gymnast Association of Karnataka gave a warm welcome to all the Members of the State Associations of the affiliated units from all over the Country and handed over the proceedings of the Annual General Body Meeting to the President of Gymnastic Federation of India, Sri Sudhir Mital IAS (Retd).

Roll call was conducted while reconfirming the names of representatives attending the Annual General Meeting along with their State/Unit. The list of attendance is as per annexure 1.

After verifying on the requisite quorum and other requirements, the President declared the house in order and proceeded to discuss and decide on the agenda of the meeting.

1. Confirmation of the proceedings/minutes of the last General Body Meeting

The last Meeting of the General Council was held at Amar Singh Club, Jammu on 21/11/2021. The minutes of the above meeting was already circulated to the members of the General Body by the President.

Sh. Sudhir Mital, President GFI, placed the above minutes before this Annual General Body Meeting (hereinafter called as AGM) for approval. All the members approved the minutes of the General Council was held at Amar Singh Club, Jammu on 21/11/2021 in toto.

At this juncture Mr. Shantikumar Singh, the General Secretary, GFI raised an objection with regard to the nomenclature to the above meeting whether it is a General Body Meeting or Extra-Ordinary General Meeting. Mr. Kiran Wattal, the Vice-President produced the Notice issued by the General Secretary and explained that the above meeting was convened as per the provisions of the Constitution of GFI and the entire house had accepted the same at the time of the meeting held at Jammu. The House one again unanimously accepted the contention of Sri. Kiran Wattal, the Vice-President about the validity of the Jammu meeting held on 21/11/2021 and confirmed the said minutes of the said meeting with overwhelming majority. Accordingly, the following resolution was passed

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held at Jammu, on 21/11/2021 as placed before this Meeting be and is hereby **“Confirmed”**.

2. Presentation and Adoption of Annual Report

Mr. Shantikumar Singh, the General Secretary presented the annual report for adoption. The President and other members observed that there were many issues which had not been included, and at the same time other unimportant and irrelevant items had been included which are not required in the Annual Report. The General Secretary Sh. Shantikumar Singh informed the house that he has noted all the deficiencies pointed out by the members and shall be re-compiling the same and submit the for the President's approval within a period of 30 days from the date of the present meeting. In view of the above the annual report submitted by Mr. Shantikumar Singh was not accepted and accordingly no resolution was passed by the house in this regard.

3. Review the status of Financials and reconciliation of previous accounts

The President expressed his serious concern for non-settlement of accounts of previous years 2011-2019, including the period 2011-2015 wherein the current General Secretary Sh. Shantikumar Singh was the then Treasurer. The president emphasised that all previous govt grant and their utilisation have to be settled at the earliest. He further brought to the notice of the House that the Government has declined to release any further grants to the Federation till such time utilisation certificates of all previous grants are submitted and henceforth all grants from the Government shall only be on reimbursement basis. The president mentioned that this may create some difficulties in running of the federation because of limited funds available with it and as such it was imperative that efforts should be made by the General Secretary and Treasurer who are the custodians of the records to settle all pervious accounts at the earliest. It was unanimously agreed that two months' time granted to the General Secretary and Treasurer to complete and

settle the accounts. The Treasurer Mr. Kausik Bidiwala was further directed to collect all the records and reconcile the expenditure within the stipulated time and submit the same to the Executive Committee / General Council for its consideration and approval. The Treasurer Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala was also authorised to take legal reports for collection of records if required.

The President also mentioned that there was an issue prior to the year 2011 regarding procurement of apparatus where neither the apparatus were procured nor money was refunded by the GFI to the concerned State Association who are now demanding refund of money deposited by them. The President directed the Treasurer Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala to look into the issue as will and submit a report.

At this juncture, the Treasurer Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala expressed that even though the audited statement and even bank statements for the period 2011 - 2019 are available, there were no back up papers/records which are essential for the purpose of reconciliation of the settlement of accounts. The President directed the treasurer to look at other ways and means for collecting of relevant documents in a time bound manner.

At this juncture Dr. C. Prabakar, Vice-President offered to provide a qualified person with finance background to assist Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala for this purpose. Accordingly, the following resolution was passed in this regard.

RESOLVED THAT the previous year's accounts be made ready and audited within a period of two months and authorised the Treasurer to incur expenditure for travel etc., where required for this purpose. Further the President be and hereby authorised to expedite to resolve the issue to the manner known to law.

4. To pass the Annual Budget for the Year 2022-23

The annual budget proposal for the year 2022-23 was presented by Treasurer Kaushik Bidiwala. The House discussed the proposed budget and sought clarity from the Treasurer on issue of raising funds to the Federation. The Treasurer Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala suggested the following sources of income for consideration of the House.

1. GFI Licence fee for a gymnast up to Rs.500/- per head
2. FIG licence fee up to Rs.5000/- per head
3. Judges fee for Nationals up to Rs.5000/- per head
4. International Judges fee up to Rs.10000/- per head
5. Coach training camp level 1,2,3 – up to Rs.5000/- per head
6. International training camp up to Rs.10000/- per head
7. And hosting International or National event up to 10% of grant

The house unanimously approved the same.

President also informed that, the previous year the Government had approved ACTC for 2.5 crores which could not be fully utilised on account of Covid -19 pandemic situation, the likely approval of ACTC by the Government for the current year 2022-2-023 would be around 3 crores.

RESOLVED THAT the proposal as submitted by the Treasurer Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala as detailed above be and is hereby approved.

5. Review and finalisation of National Event Calendar for 2022-23 (Conduct of National Championships and other national events)

The president mentioned that all sporting events have returned to normalcy with covid 19 situation having substantially improved and the relaxations given by the Government for organising Sporting events. He further explained that all the National Level championships should be conducted for the year 2022-23. The President sought proposal from the member units to conduct the National Championships.

The proposal for hosting National Championships were received and are approved by the house as follows:-

Calendar Events - 2022-23

- a. Sub-Junior Artistic – Assam – November 2022
- b. Senior Artistic – Haryana – May 2022 (belonging to 2021-22)
- c. Trampoline – Maharashtra – May 2022 (belonging to 2021-22)
- d. Aerobics – Tamil Nadu – Oct 2022
- e. Acrobatics & Junior Artistic – Kerala – Dec 2022
- f. Trampoline – Maharashtra – Dec 2022 (belonging to 2022-23)
- g. Rhythmic – Karnataka – Jan 2023
- h. Senior Artistic – Punjab – Feb 2023

in this regard the following resolution was passed

RESOLVED THAT the Calendar for National Championships as detailed above be and is hereby approved.

UP Gymnastics Association informed the House that it would like to conduct an Invitational championship in WAG/MAG/RG during January 2023 without any fee from the participants. The House approved the same and the following resolution was passed

RESOLVED THAT approval be and is hereby granted for conduct of an Invitational Championship in WAG/MAG/RG by UP Gymnastics Association in the month of January 2023 without collection of fees.

6. To consider and take subsequent actions wherever applicable on the proceedings and decisions during the General Body meeting held at Jammu on 21/11/2021

The president pointed out the continued disregard of the decision/resolutions passed in the General Council Meeting held at Jammu on 21/11/2021 by Sh. Shantikumar Singh and other transgressions, such as recommending his own name as Manager for Commonwealth Games 2022 without approval or consent from the President. Further specific instances of withholding the verification of the Certificates of the Gymnasts without any valid reason or justification were also pointed out. The Treasurer Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala also pointed out specific instances of financial loss caused to Federation by Sh. Shantikumar Singh.

The house viewed these fresh instances of transgressions by Sh. Shantikumar Singh seriously and his disregard for the decision/resolutions passed in Jammu Meeting held on 21/11/2021 authorised the President to refer the same to the Disciplinary Committee which is already been set up for his earlier transgressions. The house also decided that the Disciplinary Committee should complete the earlier enquiry and also look into the present specific allegations and continued

transgressions of Sh. Shantikumar Singh and submit its report as expeditiously as possible.

7. Discussions/Decisions on State Gymnastics Associations including Affiliations and Status of Dispute Committee Report / Proceedings

It was observed that the Elections in the States of Manipur / Chandigarh / West Bengal have been duly conducted.

The President informed that elections were conducted at West Bengal, Manipur, Chandigarh and the following office bearers were elected:-

1. West Bengal

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| President | Dr. Debeasish Roy IPS |
| General Secretary | Shri. Pronab Kumar Bose |
| Treasurer | Shri. Amir Kumar Saha |

2. Manipur

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| President | Shri. L Tiken Singh |
| General Secretary | Shri. Y Bony Singh |
| Treasurer | Shri. Ch. Ashok Meitei |

3. Chandigarh

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| President | Shri. Jaspal Singh Kandhari |
| General Secretary | Major. Deepak Chaudhary |
| Treasurer | Shri. R P Singla |

The above results of the elections were placed before the house. The House noted the results of the Election conducted by the State Associations of West Bengal, Manipur and Chandigarh and welcomed the new office bearers.

Dispute Committee

The President informed the house that the report of the Dispute Committee headed by Sh. Digvijay Singh in respect to the pending dispute in Chhattisgarh State has been received by GFI, wherein the committee has recommended that the faction lead by Sh. D S Sibbal as President and Sh. Shatrughan Swain as General Secretary is the bonafide body working in the interest of Sport of Gymnastics in the State of Chhattisgarh. The General Assembly unanimously accepted the report/recommendation of the Dispute Committee, and the following resolutions were passed accordingly.

RESOLVED THAT the faction headed by Sh D S Sibbal as President and Sh. Shatrughan Swain as General Secretary of Chhattisgarh Sports Gymnastics Association be and is hereby considered as the official member unit of GFI.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the President, GFI be and is hereby authorized to issue an appropriate confirmation / affiliation letter in favour of Chhattisgarh Sports Gymnastics Association headed by Sh D S Sibbal as President and Sh. Shatrughan Swain as General Secretary.

The representatives from Chhattisgarh Sports Gymnastics Association were hereafter welcomed into the AGM with applause.

At this juncture Sh. Suraj Pal Ammu, President of Haryana Gymnastics Association, Major Deepak Choudhry, General Secretary, Chandigarh Gymnastics Association and Dr. Makarand Joshi, General Secretary of Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association raised a serious concern on the issue of Bogus Gymnastics Sports Certificates prevailing in several States with specific instances of Maharashtra wherein Sh. Shantikumar Singh name has been shown as one of the signatories of such affidavits. Instances of such bogus certificate was also raised by Mr. Kaushik Bidiwala in respect to some other States such as Tamilnadu. The house viewed this matter very seriously because of which ineligible persons are illegally gaining public employment and seats in the professional colleges under the Sports Quota at the cost of eligible and genuine gymnasts, bringing bad name and disrepute to the Federation.

The President proposed the name of Dr. C. Prabakar, Vice-President to pursue such cases in Maharashtra and Tamilnadu regarding the validity of Certificates, Signatures by referring the same to the concerned authorities including forensic labs at the earliest for expeditious settlement.

The house unanimously agreed and passed the following resolution.

RESOLVED THAT the President was authorised either by himself or through any member of the GFI to take strict legal action against all the persons involved in issuing and helping to issue fake/bogus Sports Certificates in accordance with law.

8. Amendment of Constitution

The President informed the House the purpose and need of bringing this item before the house for its consideration

At this juncture Dr Shantikumar Singh objected to taking up the proposed amendments on the ground that the same had not been sent to him three weeks in advance, only whereafter he could have circulated to members at least 14 days before the meeting. The president informed the House that the proposed amendments had been sent to Dr Shantikumar 15/16 days prior to the date of meeting for issue to members and on his written refusal to circulate the same, the President has circulated the proposed amendments to all members well within the period as contemplated in the GFI Constitution. The President also informed the House the need for amendments, both for better Governance and to align the same as far as possible with National Sports Development Code 2011 as required by the Government failing which Recognition of the Federation by the Government is likely to be withdrawn. The House unanimously, other than Dr Shanti Kumar Singh, requested the President to take up the proposed amendments one by one as they have had sufficient time to go through it and in the interest of the Federation and for development of Gymnastics/Gymnasts in the Country.

The proposed amendments in the Constitution circulated in advance were taken up one by one. The house with over whelming majority (near unanimous) accepted the proposed Amendment with the following modifications:

i) At Rule-2 (iv) of the Constitution:

As circulated:

(vi) The affiliated member State/UT Gymnastics Association must have an affiliated district level association/unit in at least 50% of the districts in their respective state / territory. They should not have individuals as members with voting rights.

As modified:

(vi) The affiliated member State/UT Gymnastics Association must have an affiliated registered district level association/unit in at least 50% of the districts in their respective state / territory where the sport of gymnastics is practiced. They should not have individuals as members with voting rights.

ii) At Rule-6 (iii) of the Constitution:

As circulated:

(iii) 2 members from the Athletes Committee to be nominated by the Athlete Committee

As Modified:

(iii) 6 members of the Athletes.

iii) At Rule-31. MISCELLANIOUS:

As circulated

(b) The GFI may sue or be sued as per resolution of the General Council. A lawsuit can only be filed at the headquarters of GFI at New Delhi.

As Modified:

(b) The GFI may sue or be sued in the name of President/Secretary or any other person specifically authorised by the General Council. A lawsuit can only be filed at the headquarters of GFI at New Delhi.

iv) **APPENDIX – VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

Rule - 6

As circulated:

An Athletes Committee shall be nominated by the President out of outstanding former Athletes after the General Elections of the Federation. The said Committee shall consist of up to 8 athlete members from across disciplines, one of them being a Chairperson.

As Modified:

An Athletes Committee shall be nominated by the President out of outstanding former Athletes in consultation with Department of Sports. The said Committee shall consist of up to 6 athlete members from across disciplines, one of them being a Chairperson.

At Rule – 6, DUTIES:

In Rule – 6, after clause (c)

The Following clause had been added/amended:

d. Concerned members to be the ex-officio member of the technical committee of their respective discipline.

e. All members to be the ex-officio member of the Executive Committee of the Federation.

RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the Constitution of Gymnastics Federation of India as be and is hereby approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the President be and is hereby authorised to certify the amended constitution and take necessary steps to register the amended constitution with the Registrar of Societies and take all further steps as may be necessary in this regard.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the President be and is hereby authorised to submit a copy of the updated Constitution of Gymnastics Federation of India to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, Indian Olympic Association, Federation of International Gymnastics, Asian Gymnastics Union and to any other authority as may be required.

Finally with the permission of the Chair the following resolution were passed after discussion and acceptance by the House.

A discussion was taken place to promote and popularize the Sport of Gymnastics in India a **Gymnastics Premier League** on the analogy of Premier Leagues of Kabaddi, Football & Cricket which will surely a big boost, and a step ahead to develop Gymnastics in India thus Gymnasts of our Country will be benefited by competing with International Gymnasts. This Premier League shall operate on a system of promotion of Gymnastics. Our Indian Gymnastics / Gymnasts shall get a big boost while inviting & competing with International Clubs / Gymnasts thus getting more competitions will surely enhance the performance of Indian Gymnasts.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT Dr. Prabhakar Vice President and Mr. Kiran Watal, Vice President shall take initiative and make a draft proposal for further necessary course of action with regard to Gymnastics Premier League.

It was also decided and **RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** during the conduct of various GFI's National Championships the signature of the President is mandatory on the merit certificates for issuing to the medal winners whereas other signature on merit certificates can be done by either of any two from GFI's General Secretary or Treasurer.

Vote of Thanks

President made Vote of Thanks for AGM. And once again he thanked Dr. Prabhakar for the arrangements and for hosting this meeting. And he ended remarking that Federation shall always focus on the benefits/ interest of the gymnasts.



Sudhir Mital
President, Gymnastics Federation of India

Enclosures

1. List of Members that attended the AGM
2. Amended Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations

Annexure – I
Attendance List

As per Roll call, the following Members were present (alphabetical order)

| Sl. No | State/Unit | Name |
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| 1 | The Andhra Pradesh Gymnastics Association | 1. Subba Rao 2. Srinivas Reddy |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh Gymnastics Association | 1. Samir Deb 2. Raha Tagin Tara |
| 3 | Assam State Gymnastics Association | 1. Ujjal Baruah 2. HKM Rehman |
| 4 | Chandigarh Gymnastics Association | 1. Major Deepak Choudhary |
| 5 | Goa Gymnastics Association | 1. Sudesh Thakur 2. Jayawant Hammanavar |
| 6 | Gujarat Gymnastics Association | 1. Kaushik Bidiwala 2. Shashank Bidiwala |
| 7 | Gymnast Association of Karnataka | 1. Dr Prabhakar 2. Kiran TP |
| 8 | Gymnast Association of Kerala | 1. K Surendran 2. V. S Jithu |
| 9 | Jammu & Kashmir Gymnastics Association | 1. Kiran Wattal |
| 10 | Jharkhand Gymnastics Association | 1. Nishikant Pathak |
| 11 | Madhya Pradesh Amateur Gymnastics Association | 1. Abhay Rahul |
| 12 | Maharashtra Amateur Gymnastics Association | 1. Dr Makarand Joshi 2. Pawan Bhoir |
| 13 | All Manipur Gymnastics Association | 1. Dr Shantikumar Singh 2. Ashok |
| 14 | Odisha Gymnastics Association | 1. Ashok Kumar Sahoo |

| Sl. No | State/Unit | Name |
|---------------|---|--|
| 15 | Punjab Gymnastics Association | 1. Sudhir Mital 2. Kulwinder Singh Thiara |
| 16 | Services Sports Control Board | 1. Major Ajay Pal Singh |
| 17 | Tamilnadu Gymnastics Association | 1. G Bala 2. Sharon Suares |
| 18 | Uttar Pradesh Gymnastics Association | 1. Dr UK Mishra 2. Anil Mishra |
| 19 | Uttarakhand State Gymnastics Association | 1. Amit Agarwal 2. Pramod Chaudhary |
| 20 | West Bengal Gymnastics Association | 1. Dilip Kumar Das 2. Goutam Mukherjee |
| 21 | Haryana Gymnastics Association | 1. Suraj Pal Amu 2. Balbir Singh |
| 22 | Union Territory of Pondicherry Gymnastics Association | 1. G. Gunasekaran 2. J. Prem Kumar |
| 23 | Chhattisgarh Sports Gymnastics Association | 1. Shatrughan Swain 2. Deepak Khobragade |