

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF KASHYAP KASHMIR SABHA HELD ON 01.09.2024 AT COMMUNITY CENTRE SECTOR 23 A GURGAON.

Date: 1st September 2024

Time: 04.00 PM

Venue: Community Centre Sector 23 A Gurgaon.

1. Welcome Address

The meeting commenced at 4.30pm with a welcome address by the General Secretary Sh Dhruv Thusoo who expressed gratitude to all members for their attendance and ongoing support for the Sabha.

2. Roll Call and Quorum Confirmation

The General Secretary, conducted a roll call and confirmed that a quorum was present in accordance with the Sabha's by-laws. The GS introduced Sh Bhupinder Tiku to the audience and invited him to comper the whole program.

3. Presidents Address:

Sh Bhupinder Tiku invited President DR Anil Vaishnavi to address to the present audience. The president gave his address as under:

The President of KKS Gurgaon addressed the Annual General Meeting, highlighting the community's resilience in the face of displacement, violence, and discrimination. He emphasized his commitment to the betterment of the community and urged all members to participate actively in KKS initiatives to create a brighter future.

The President detailed the organization's efforts over the past two and a half years, including cultural and medical events and the celebration of India's 75th Independence Day. He called for the younger generation to be more involved, ensuring the Kashmiri Pandit community continues to thrive.

He reported on the successful completion of zoning and construction approvals for a temple and heritage centre on the acquired land at Palam Vihar, despite initial challenges and internal opposition. The construction has commenced with community support, and donations of approximately 45 lakhs have been raised in the last Five months. The estimated cost of the project is 4 crores without finish, with an initial phase costing around 96 lakhs.

The President also stressed the importance of transparency in KKS operations, including the need for accurate membership records and financial documentation. Efforts are underway to address discrepancies in past records and ensure proper documentation going forward.

The President also emphasized on the fact that the executive body cannot be more than 21 members including office bearers as misinformation is being spread among social media groups. In conclusion, he called for unity and dedication to achieve shared goals and preserve the community's heritage.

4. General Secretary's Report

The General Secretary, Sh Dhruv Thusoo, presented the annual report, highlighting the Sabha's activities over the past years:

The report highlighted the journey of KKS, founded in the mid-1990s by Kashmiri Pandit (KP) community members in Gurgaon to promote unity and address community challenges. In its early years, KKS secured land from the Haryana Urban Development Authority (HUDA) and organized cultural events to strengthen community bonds. The organization expanded by launching the official magazine Neelg, offering scholarships, and organizing rehabilitation and medical camps. By the turn of the millennium, KKS had raised a corpus of approximately 5.5 lakhs through fundraising efforts.

In 2021, KKS celebrated its silver jubilee, and a new executive body, led by Dr. Anil Vaishnavi, took charge to continue the organization's mission. The report thanked members for their support in overcoming challenges, including securing land rights and covering fines. The new team has organized various community events, including a medical camp in March 2022, updated the list of Life Members, and celebrated KP cultural traditions.

Following the interest generated by the film The Kashmir Files, KKS arranged a subsidized screening, which was well-received. The executive team also established new bank accounts, initiated online banking, and filed IT returns.

In June 2023, the foundation stone for the temple and heritage centre was laid by Mr. Jawahar Yadav, then OSD to the Chief Minister, with a promised donation of 11 lakhs from the CM fund. Construction began in April 2024 after completing formalities, with an estimated total cost of 4 crores and approximately 60 lakhs already spent. The report emphasized the need for continued community support to complete the project.

In conclusion, the report highlighted KKS's growth and evolution since its inception and reaffirmed the current executive team's commitment to preserving and promoting KP culture through ongoing community initiatives.

The report was accepted by the members.

5 By-laws of Kashyap Kashmir Sabha

Post enactment of HR&RA 2012 and re-registration of KKS in 2018, the Sabha has been following model by-laws as included in the Act /rules framed under the act with some minor variations to suit requirements of Sabha. The updated by-laws of KKS, in accordance with the 2012 rules established by the Government of Haryana for societies, already discussed and approved by the Executive Committee, were then presented to the general body. A hard copy print out of the Sabha By-Laws was given to the

members present in the AGM. The Print out mistakes in Article 11(4C) & in Article 17 were mentioned to the public in AGM, which will be rectified in final printout.

The by- laws were approved by voice vote , with only 3 dissents , in the AGM and a resolution was passed to send copy of these by- laws to the office of Registrar of Societies for record and reference.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Sh Satish Kher provided a detailed financial report, including:

- Income and expenditure statements for the years 2021-22.,22-23 and 2023-24
- Current balance and funds available.
- Updates on donations and fundraising efforts.
- Future financial projections and a balance of payment of Rs 15.00 lakhs approx. payable to Contractor M/S Argus constructions

The president notified the members that the Income and Expenditure statements for the previous term, starting from 2018 and available on the KKS website, had not been adopted due to COVID-19 and other factors. He also brought to the members' attention that the IT returns for the period from 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020 had not been filed because of delays by the previous administration. The president recommended adopting all Income and Expenditure statements, except for the 2019-2020 statement, to ensure the smooth operation of the Sabha. The members concurred with this proposal and signaled their approval by raising their hands.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved by the members.

7. Election of New Executive Committee

The election for the new Executive Committee was proposed to be conducted in November 2024, the final dates will be confirmed in the next executive committee meeting. Sh Kumar Krishen Koul was elected as Election Officer for the coming elections. The proposal of RO was unanimously accepted.

8. Discussion on Key Issues

The floor was opened for discussion on key issues:

- Progress and next steps for the temple and heritage centre construction.
- Plans for upcoming cultural events.
- Strategies for increasing membership and community engagement.
- Financial challenges and potential fundraising strategies.

9. Resolutions Passed

a). The following resolutions were passed during the meeting:

Appointment of Sh Satish Kher as the new Treasurer in place of Sh Rajinder Wanchoo.

The appointment of Sh. Satish Kher as the new Treasurer in place of Sh. Rajender Wanchoo was discussed. The members were informed about the circumstances that compelled the executive body to remove the former treasurer, Sh. Rajender Wanchoo, who was not fulfilling his duties towards the development of KKS. On the contrary, his actions—such as non-payment of bills to vendors and raising objections on every financial matter to delay work—had become intolerable to the entire committee. He was issued a memorandum to explain his actions, which he failed to respond to. Furthermore, Sh. Rajendra Wanchoo aligned himself with a petition filed by Sh. Susheel Bhat against KKS at the District Registrar's office, an action that was considered a serious breach of duty by an office bearer and therefore unpardonable. Then a Show cause notice was issued to him, requesting an explanation for his anti-Sabha activities, which he again ignored. Consequently, the Executive Body faced significant operational challenges, as the Treasurer had effectively halted all Sabha activities. With no other option, the Executive Body decided to remove him and appoint another member as Treasurer. Accordingly, it was unanimously resolved to appoint Sh. Satish Kher as the new Treasurer in place of Sh. Rajender Wanchoo

This resolution was passed by all members present, except for one dissent, that of Sh. Rajender Wanchoo himself.

b). The earlier resolution, passed and approved by the Executive Body members, outlined the recognition for donations towards temple construction. Under this resolution: donations of ₹10 lakhs and above would allow for the naming of a hall in honor of the donor or their loved ones, without conferring any legal rights; donations of ₹1 lakh and above would entitle the donor's name to be displayed on the Hall of Fame board; and donations of ₹50,000 would permit the donor or their loved ones' names to be inscribed on a dedicated wall. This resolution was reviewed and reaffirmed at the current AGM.

c). A motion for punitive action, proposing a three-year suspension of a former KKS office bearer due to the following irregularities, was introduced at the AGM:

* No funds were deposited by him for 44 new life members made by him during his term, and no money trail was found in any of the KKS accounts.

* No financial records were found regarding 181 members added during his tenure as in charge of KKS.

* Receipt book number 24 was not returned by him, as documented by the previous treasurer.

* He failed to provide details of donors when money for the registration of land, which had been donated by multiple KKS members, was routed through his account.

Despite these irregularities, the members present at the AGM were divided on the decision to suspend him from KKS for three years and hence the resolution could not be passed.

10. Any Other Business

President informed the Sabha members that 120 new life members were add by the body during this term till now.

Suggestions and recommendations were noted for further action by the Executive Committee.

11. Vote of Thanks

The President thanked all the members for their participation and valuable contributions to the meeting.

12. Conclusion of the Meeting

The meeting concluded at 7.30 pm with a closing remark by the President, and General Secretary followed by a group photograph .

Recorded by:

Dhruv Thusoo,

General Secretary

Approved by:

Dr Anil Vaishnavi,

President