

Minutes of the Meeting held on February 20th, 2021.

Time: 7:30 pm

Members Present: 22

ARK Rao	Bala Gangadhar	Chandrababu JVC
Chandrasekhar Rao M	GVS Patnaik	Mrs. GVS Patnaik
Krishna Rao Dabbiru	Lakshmana Rao Sadashivuni	Lakshmi AS
Malleswara Rao	Naraharinath Sekharamantri	Narasimha Rao Mantri
Naren Donkada	Naresh KP Dasimantri	Ravi Karakavalasa
Ravi Shankar Koduru	Rukmini	Sravan Rayagada
Srinivas Rao	Suresh Dabbiru	Suresh Venkat
Veera Babu Venum		

- It was noted that members of our community from different states participated in this meeting:
 - Telangana – 10
 - Andhra Pradesh – 6
 - Odisha – 2
 - West Bengal – 1
 - Tamil Nadu – 1
 - Unidentified – 2

Meeting Notes

Meeting started with few introductions. Later, Mantri Narasimha Rao introduced the guest speaker, Sadasivuni Babu Rao to the audience. Babu Rao is known for his services to Girijans spreading between Andhra and Odisha states. His presence in Aruku, Vizianagarm and Srikakulam borders touching Odisha state is identified

with great respect. He retired from State Bank of India and at the age of 65 today, still he trecks into dense forests on foot for 6-7 hours to reach the Girijan Hamlets. He mingles with them, tries to understand their needs and help them to the extent possible. He also spends 75% of his pension for the welfare of the Girijans. Eye vision problems was identified by him in Girijans and he took up the mountain task in getting operated 1000 (thousand) Girijans in one year's time by moving them to nearby towns and back. He identified the youth, sent them to skill development centres and placed them in jobs.

Babu Rao is rendering his services to the tribes for 35 years and even today he has same vigour and tempo. His wish is to bring the remote tribes into main stream. All these tribal hamlets consider his as their member. They have also gone one step further by erecting his statues in recognition of his services. He made video documentaries on the lives of Girijan tribes and these videos received international acclaim. His services are referred by Prime Ministers, Presidents and Governors. Foreign universities accorded him doctorates for his to the unreached. Today, he is popularly known as "Manyam Babu Rao". He feels happy in winning the hearts of tribal people than the outside recognitions.

Malleswara Rao Baliwada asked for Agri-products of tribals and its marketability by our youth at different places for supply of healthy & tasty yields. Mantri Narasimha Rao suggested to work off-line on this issue by studying process involved and then its branding. Narasimha Rao agreed to post the opportunity on Ikyavedika's business platform. ARK Rao informed the house Khadi and Jute industry is now widely promoted by Government of India and asked the young to look into opportunities in that industry. Similarly, he also referring to Girijan products, he expressed to take willing entrepreneurs to the Department of Food & Nutrition, Andhra University for development of products and its marketability.

Dabbiru Krishna Rao was requested by Ikyavedika to inform the house about OBC status to Sistakaranams. He informed the house that along with other communities, Sistakaranam is also recommended for its inclusion in OBC by National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) and moved to administrative executive for placing before the Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment. Our file reached this stage after pursuance by all at different levels and for this Krishna Rao had number of meetings with National BC Members and other top related personalities. With his lobbying across corridor of ministries, he is in good faith in achievement. Narasimha Rao replying to Bala Gangadhar Mantri informed that efforts are going on to add a page on history and present status of OBC including

national organizational set-up of government dealing with these issues for the information of Lekha beloved readers.

Action Items:

<i>From Current Meeting</i>			
Broad Initiative	Action proposed	Member Responsible	Approximate E.T.A
Community Newsletter Lekha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding a page on our OBC attainment efforts 	Narasimha Rao Mantri	Sat, Mar 13, 2021
Community Business Platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posting of Entrepreneurship opportunity leveraging Agri-products of tribals. To be pursued by the Core Group. • A Core Group is to be formed to forward this initiative. Proposed Members: Narasimha Rao Mantri, Malleshwara Rao Balivada, Rama Krishna Rao Ayyanamahanti, Sridhar Dabbiru and Chantibabu Uriti. • To create a video explaining this initiative, to be shared with those who would be interested. <p><i>(The last 2 action items are carried forward items under the same initiative.)</i></p>	Narasimha Rao Mantri	Sat, Mar 6, 2021
<i>Action Items Carried forward from previous Minutes of Meeting</i>			
Broad Initiative	Action proposed	Member Responsible	Approximate E.T.A
Vivaha Vedika	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To evaluate the feasibility of other platforms such as an online “Swayamvaram”. 	Naresh Dashimantri	Sat, Mar 6, 2021
Skills Development (and Mobilizing Youth)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soft Skills Development sessions to be considered. • To start planning sessions a different day of the week. Suggested topics: Information Technology; Spoken English. • Youngsters present in the meeting to help reach out to more youngsters in the community. 	Narasimha Rao Mantri	Sat, Mar 6, 2021

General Benefits to Community	Another longer session on legal aspects of Property inheritance and Wills by Kuppili Muralidhar, in a special meeting.	Naresh Dashimantri	Sat, Mar 6, 2021
Website	Excel sheet of data of the local business people	Chandrababu JV	Sat, Mar 6, 2021
Member Data Collection	Formal Launching of the Form	Ravi Karakavalasa	Sat, Mar 6, 2021
<i>Previously Open Action Items Closed as on date</i>			
Broad Initiative	Action proposed	Member Responsible	Approximate E.T.A
	- None -		

Meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.