

Minutes of the Meeting held on May 15th, 2021.



Time: 7:30 pm

Members Present: 36

Anita Patnaikuni	Bala Gangadhar Mantri	Chandrababu JVC
Chandra Mouli Patnaik	Chandrasekhar Patnaik	Chowdari Prasad
Dilip Patnaik	Gautami Mantri	Hari Prabhakar Kotagummada
Kailashnath Lumburu	Kanti Bandaluppi	Mahaveer Bharat Kumar Allena
Manoj Polumahanti	Mohan Patnaikuni	Moukthika Sai Bandaluppi
Murali Bandaluppi	Nagasri Baladari	Nageswar Sadashivuni
Naraharinath Sekharamantri	Naresh Patnaik Dashimantri	Narsimha Rao Mantri
Nishant Potnuri	Radhika N	Rajesh
Rajesh Polumahanti	Ravi Karakavalasa	Rishab Mantri
Rishika Karakavalasa	Sai Kumar	Sameer Kumar Santosh Roy
Shikara Meghana	Shreya Patnaik	Siva Kumar Patnaik Balivada
Sridhar Avilala	Srinivasa Lumburu	Uma Shankar Rao Gurram

It was noted that members of our community from different states participated in this meeting:

- Telangana – 15
- Andhra Pradesh – 10
- Karnataka – 3
- West Bengal – 3
- Chhattisgarh – 1
- Odisha – 1
- Unidentified – 3

Meeting Notes

A weekend meeting of Ikyavedika was held on the theme “Build your career path” by inviting guest speaker, Nagasri Baladari from Narsapur. Naresh Dasamantri introducing the guest speaker to the audience, narrated the multi-faceted talents possessed by her. Nagasri is a good classical dancer and composer. She is a gold medalist in B.Ed. and stood a good teacher. She also made her presence in sports & games. She also participates in debates on national & international platforms. She is working a Financial Adviser in Aditya Birla. In spite of her scarcity of time, she continues to write stories, poetry and make short films. She does society services to the needy out of her passion. Her talent of teaching culminated her as the Trainer of Trainers. Naresh also informed the house that when Ikyavedika approached her to speak on briefly on Personality Development, she has accepted the offer instantly to connect to her own community.

Nagasri Baladari spoke very concisely limiting to the time allocated to her. She stressed the youth to focus on what they are doing so as to reach heights of success. Her alphabetical narration, A for attitude change, B for behavior change, C for creativity....G for goal setting...and so on attracted the audience. She advised to set the goals of small as well as big. Youth preparing for competitive tests must focus on current affairs. One should not say that I don't have time. Everyone on this earth shall have 24 hours a day and it depends how we make use of it. Father says to children what to do and mother be after the them to remind. Children must listen to parents as they are the first teachers. She also stressed on the importance of family bondings.

Rajesh Polumahanti raised a question as how to focus on goals. She suggested to set reachable goals initially and then set little higher goals after achieving reachable goals. The achievements will create interest to move further. Otherwise, unachievable goals depress us and make us to think as if we had no focus.

Choudhry Prasad also advised to set short and long term goals. Having a role model for achieving goals is very important. One should have passion to do and commitment to achieve. Baliwada Sivakumar explained as how his friend helped him setting goal in times of distress and how it changed his life. Narahari remembered the episode of Mahabharata as how Arujna replied about his focus

on the mango to Dronacharya while targeting to hit a mango by his arrow. Narahari also informed the how that Bill Gates goal was to get identified by one and all and that goal also made him richest person. At this point of time, Sameer Kumar Santosh Roy came forward to help our community members in writing competitive examinations for defense services by sharing his skills.

Anita Patnaikuni, a student pursuing her doctorate in Psychology shared about “Ikigai” concept of Japan. Ikigai means "a reason for being" referring to having a direction or purpose in life and providing a sense of fulfilment. Ikigai is the union point of four fundamental components of life: passion, vocation, profession and mission. Ikigai refers to finding happiness and joy in the small, day-to-day activities rather than reaching some final goal that promises bliss. It encompasses finding meaning in the small things.



Action Items:

<i>From Current Meeting</i>			
Broad Initiative	Action proposed	Member Responsible	Approximate E.T.A
	<i>(No Action Items Taken Up)</i>		
<i>Action Items Carried forward from previous Minutes of Meeting</i>			
Broad Initiative	Action proposed	Member Responsible	Approximate E.T.A
Member Data Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan for a Member Directory to be released around August 15th. 	Ravi Karakavalasa	Sat, May 22, 2021

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal Launching of the Form 		
Vivaha Vedika	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matrimonial Data from other sources should be put up on our platform only after taking consent from parents or whoever is the source of such data. • While collecting information, if parents have had inter-caste marriage capture that data with their consent. • To evaluate the feasibility of other platforms such as an online “Swayamvaram”. • Consider having a “Opportunities Wanted” section for people looking for jobs. <p><i>(The last 2 items are carried forward from previous minutes.)</i></p>	Naresh Dashimantri	Sat, May 22, 2021
General Benefits to Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A second session on the same topic “Fight for OBC” to be conducted. • A 1-2 page document to be created summarizing our “Fight for OBC”. • Another longer session on legal aspects of Property inheritance and Wills by Kuppili Muralidhar, in a special meeting. 	Narasimha Rao Mantri	Sat, May 22, 2021
Community Newsletter Lekha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding a page on our OBC attainment efforts 	Narasimha Rao Mantri	Sat, May 22, 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. 	Narasimha Rao Mantri	Sat, May 22, 2021
Skills Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soft Skills Development sessions to be considered. 	Narasimha Rao Mantri	Sat, May 22, 2021

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(and Mobilizing Youth)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 		
Website	Excel sheet of data of the local business people	Chandrababu JV	Sat, May 22, 2021
	Consider having a “Opportunities Wanted” section for people looking for jobs.	Naraharinath Sekharamantri	Sat, May 22, 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 9:55 p.m.