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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BODY MEETING of the New Life Education Trust held on 16th January 2005 at 10 am at Sri Aurobindo Institute of Integral Education, Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar

The meeting started with 2 mts. silent prayer. Sri Sriballav Panigrahi, President of the NLET presided.

At the outset of the meeting, Prof. Mohapatra Nilamani Sahoo, adviser welcomed the new president Sri Panigrahi and wished him a successful period in service of The Mother. Sri Panigrahi in reply expressed his gratitude and promised to work in cooperation and consultation with others. He said that the work is difficult but not impossible and we can overcome all hurdles on the way by the Grace of the Divine Mother.

Then the proceedings of the last Executive body held at Matrubhaban on 7.11.2004, was read out and approved with the following observations.

1. Sri Apariti Ch. Dash of Bhubaneswar, presently posted at Debagarh was once again requested to maintain and update the accounts of the Trust.
2. Sanskrit workshops which were held for one day each at seven places considered insufficient. Dr. Narendra of Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry had proposed to conduct the workshops for three days at least at three places and this proposal was accepted.
3. The coordinators of the Trust were requested to report the names of the text books adopted in the Integral Schools of their area.
4. It was felt that Sanskrit has not been given due weightage in our schools. It was therefore decided that Sanskrit should be taught in the classes Nursery to Std-III by oral method and Text books should be introduced from Std-IV onwards.
5. The sub-committee constituted to discuss on the proposals submitted by the convener, All Orissa Sri Aurobindo Study Circle Committee could not sit in the past owing to different difficulties. Prof. Mohapatra Nilamani Sahoo and the President wanted the proposals to be discussed. The Secretary read out the proposals which were accepted with the following corrections.
 - (a) Proposals for new Integral Schools should be accepted through the conveners of District Sri Aurobindo Study Circle Committee.
 - (b) The conveners of all District Sri Aurobindo Study Circle Committee are accepted as the ex-officio members of the Trust.
 - (c) Each School was requested to earmark one teacher (worker) to look after the Study Circles to be opened in the houses of the teachers and managing committee members of their school. The District conveners were requested to coordinate in collaboration with these workers.
 - (d) It was felt that the Study Circles were not given the due importance after the Integral Schools are opened. All members of the managing committee and teaching staff should take active part and attend study circles regularly.
 - (e) All workers (Teachers and members of the Managing Committee) of the School should attend the district organisers meeting held during July every year.

6. A proposal was raised to request the All Orissa Sri Aurobindo Study Circle Committee to sit at different districts of the state in regular intervals.
7. As regards the T.A. claims of the office bearers and coordinators of the Trust, the Secretary was authorised to sanction.
8. Sri L.M Khuntia of Bolangir proposed to audit the accounts of each Integral School by qualified auditors every year and attach the audited balance sheet with the annual report while sending to the Trust. This proposal was approved.
9. Regarding printing of text books, the secretary expressed his dissatisfaction in connection with the revision of text books. He expressed that the zonal coordinators were requested to make available the services of at least one teacher for each subject from their zones. But unfortunately, except a very few, most of the zones could not help. However, Sri Samarendra Lenka of Cement Nagar, Sri Pabitra Mohan Baral of Cuttack, Kumari Nirupama Chaini of Ganailo, Sri Pratap Ch. Mati of Khandagiri and Sri Sanjay Kr. Mohapatra of Kalupadaghat have taken the responsibilities of revision of General Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, English and Oriya respectively. The revision work has to be completed by 15th Jan in order to complete the printing by end of March. It was further decided that the balance books of the old editions with attached corrigendums will be sold to the needy students on discount on recommendation by Trust members and approval by Secretary or Joint Secretary. Out of total discount of 50%, 40% will be given to the students and 10% to the sale centers at Cuttack and Bhubaneswar.
10. It was learnt that Sri Bimal Prasanna Das, Vice-President and Sri Sankar Mohanty, Joint –Secretary along with Sri Ajit Mohanty, Journalist had approached the Minister of Mass Education, Sri Nagendra Pradhan regarding declaration of the Integral Schools as special type of schools and he has promised to release the order of Govt. in this regard as early as possible. It was decided to pursue the matter.
11. The proposals made in the meeting of Integral High schools held at Matrubhaban, Cuttack on 21st Nov' 2004 to consider these high schools as experimental schools were discussed. The President suggested to form a committee consisting the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Joint –Secretary, Sri Sarat Ghose and Prof. Mohapatra Nilamani Sahoo to meet the Chief Secretary and Chief Minister some time during February to discuss on the matter.
12. The President suggested to prepare Oriya books having words of similar meanings from Western Orissa, Southern Orissa, Northern Orissa which would help the students to learn words of different regions of the state. This, he expressed, if could be made, might open the eyes of the Govt which would help building National Integration. The members present appreciated the idea and hoped that this could be attempted in the near future.
13. After careful consideration the following 27 members from different Zones were nominated to the executive body of the New Life Education Trust.

Aspruha : Sri Raghunath Panda – Bhanjanagar

Astha : Sri Sashikanta Bhoi – Kaptipada
Sri Trilochan Routray – Kendujhar
Sri Laxmidhar Pal – Kadabarang
Sri Jaynarayan Panigrahi – Dahamunda.

Krupa : Sri Niranjan Mohapatra – Barada
Mrs. Sulochana Sahoo – Dhenkanal
Sri Arabinda Pradhan – Anugul.


- Nistha** : Sri Kumar Mishra – Puri
Kumari Bijayalaxmi Pattanaik – Bhubaneswar
Kumari Santi Pattanaik – Jatani
- Samarpan** : Sri Suresh Mishra – Nabarangpur
Sri N.N. Poddar – Damanjodi
Sri Abhimanyu Das – Kodinga
- Harmony** : Sri Samarendra Kr. Lenka- Baragarh
Kumari Suprava Choudhury – Kindira
Sri Dambarudhar Sahoo – Kuchinda
Sri Madan Mohan Dani – Sonapur
Dr. Babul Pattanaik – Sambalpur
- Satya** : Kumari Nirupama Chaini – Ganailo
Kumari Nayana Behera – Kendrapara
Sri Mayadhar Sahoo – Jagiapada
Sri Rabinarayan Mohanty – Banki
Sri Kirtan Bihari Rout – Taharpur
Sri Sukanta Choudhury Kalapada
Sri Bipin Bihari Kar – Salepur
Sri Pabitra Mohan Baral - Cuttack.

14. The Advisory Body of the New Life Education Trust was reconstituted with the following distinguished members.

- Prof. C.N. Sharma – Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry
Prof. Manoj Das - Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry
Dr. Karan Singh – New Delhi
Sardar Amar Singh – Noida, New Delhi
Prof. Biswanath Ray – Kolkata
Dr. M.V. Nadkarni – Pondicherry
Prof. Chandra Sekhar Rath – Bhubaneswar
Prof. Mohapatra Nilamani Sahoo – Bhubaneswar
Prof. Chitta Ranjan Das – Bhubaneswar
Sri Beharilal Pattanaik – Bhubaneswar
Sri T. Ramchandru – Bhubaneswar
Prof. M.N. Das – Bhubaneswar
Dr. Shyama Mishra – Cuttack
Sri C.H. Nirakar – Cuttack
Sri Anadi Ch. Swain – Dalijoda
Sri Bhajakrushna Sahoo – Dalijoda
Dr. Madan Mohan Pradhan – Bhubaneswar.

15. It was decided that the next meeting of the Executive Body will be held on 20th March 2005 at Matrunivas, Sambalpur at 10 AM.

The meeting ended with two minutes silence prayer and thanks to the chair.


(P. Tripathy)
Secretary

Sd/-
(Sriballava Panigrahi)
President

NEW LIFE EDUCATION TRUST

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BODY MEETING

HELD At MATRUBHABAN ON 7TH NOVEMBER, 2004 At 11 am

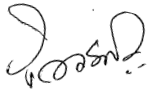
The meeting started at 11 A.M. with Sri Bimal Prasanna Das on Chair. The 1st item in the Agenda was the selection of Office Bearers for the session 2004-06. The Secretary proposed to select Sri Sriballav Panigrahi of Sambalpur as President of the Trust for the next Session 2004-06. After a lot of discussion it was approved. The final list Office Bearers of the NLET for 2004-2006 is as under :

LIST OF OFFICE BEARERS

1.	Sri Sriballav Panigrahi	Sambalpur	President
2.	Sri Bimal Prasanna Das	Bhubaneswar	Vice-President
3.	Sri Gadadhar Mishra	Cuttack	Vice-President
4.	Sri Prasad Tripathy	Cuttack	Secretary
5.	Sri Sankar Mohanty	Bhubaneswar	Treasurer-cum-Joint secretary
6.	Dr. Bijayeeni Mohapatra	Cuttack	Joint Secretary

Then the following resolutions were made.

1. It was decided that Sri Aparti Charan Das of Bhubaneswar will be requested to maintain and update the accounts of the Trust.
2. The Proceedings of the General Body held on 20th October 2004 at Matrubhaban was read out and approved.
3. The Proceedings of the Executive Body held on 19th September 2004 at Matrubhaban was read out and confirmed.
4. Regarding workshop on Sanskrit to be conducted by Sri Narendra it was decided that the journey expenses of Sri Narendra and one Trust co-ordinator accompanying him to different places will be borne by the Trust. It was also decided that Principal of the School where the workshop will be held shall invite one teacher from each school of their zone to attend the workshop.
5. Regarding the meeting of the sub committee constituted to decide over the proposals placed by the All Orissa Sri Aurobindo Study Circle Committee, it was decided that they must sit in the evening of 9th November and decide.
6. Sri L.M Khuntia wanted to know the reasons for not releasing the SFA of Balangir School. It was decided that the same will be communicated to them.
7. It was decided that the members of the Trust who can not afford to spend for the TA shall be paid the actual travelling expenses on production of their actual ticket.
8. It was decided that the revision of each text book shall be held during 16th to 31st of December 2004 by some senior teachers of different schools which will be co-ordinated by the secretary.
9. As per the decision taken in the last GB, it was decided to hold the meeting of the Principals and Secretaries of the Integral High schools on 21 November 2004 at 10 AM at Matrubhaban, Cuttack.
10. The 'All Orissa Integral Education Centres' Students' meets shall be held at Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar during 24th to 26th December 2004. 10 Students from Std- VI to VIII with two teachers can participate in the meet.
11. The next meeting of the EB shall be held at Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar on 16th January 2005 at 10 am.


(P. Tripathy)
Secretary

Sd/-
(Gadadhar Mishra)
Vice President

**Proceedings of the Meeting of the Presidents, Secretaries and Principals
of Sri Aurobindo Integral Education Centres (High Schools only)
held at Matrubhaban, Cuttack on 21st Nov'2004.**

The Meeting started with 2 minutes prayer to The Mother.

At the beginning, Sri Prasad Tripathy explained about the purpose to call such a meeting and invited points for discussion among the participants.

Sri Sarat Ch. Ghosh of Raghunathpur, Soro initiating the discussion pointed out the problems in accepting recognition of Integral High Schools under conditions exactly similar with the general High Schools. He expressed his views to start immediate discussion with the Govt. to give us permission to run High Schools unconditionally. He narrated his experience of discussions made with DPI and Govt. Officials in connection with recognition of experimental High Schools. Since this was once accepted by Govt. during 1984 – 85, he hoped that this could again be possible if tried sincerely.

Sri Prafulla Kr. Pattanaik of Dalijoda narrated his experience with C.I of Schools, Cuttack. The dealing asst. of the office of the C.I insisted him to submit papers as desired by the Govt. which was not possible. He requested everybody not to accept any offer from Govt. which would act against our ideal. He requested not to publish advertisements for selection of teachers, not to give extra importance to the B.Ed. Teachers, to forgo the SFA when the ideal is affected and not to submit false report to get recognition but instead, the students may appear the Examinations under correspondence course.

Sri Prasad Tripathy pointed out that registration of managing committee of Integral schools are not required as they are parts of some registered Sri Aurobindo Study Circle. This has been decided in the meeting with the Ex-Education Minister. If we accept the SFA, we have to obey certain principles adopted by the Government.

Prasanta Bhai of Koraput said that the Govt. is insisting to keep trained graduates as per their criteria. But the appointment of Sikshya Sahayak in different districts has become problem for all Integral Schools. All trained graduates are leaving the schools and joining as Sikhya Sahayak. To get trained hands has become a difficult task. He narrated a problem with the CI of Schools of Koraput who insisted him to obtain permission from Govt. in order to be a member in the management.

Dr. Ajit Kar of Baripada said that Govt. demands undertakings before giving permission or recognition.

Dr. Babul Patanaik of Sambalpur said that receiving grant from Govt. in any manner creates problems for our schools. We are treated as aided schools by the court. More over, when we are sending lists of teachers to DPI for recognition, some of these teachers are asking for regular scale of pay as prescribed by Govt. . Since the pattern of collection and expenditure are different in our schools, the auditors are not satisfied with our papers. He pointed out that in spite of so many hurdles, we are still trying to progress and doing some research like the followings.

- a) We are not detaining any student.
- b) We have proofs to justify our progress.
- c) Each moment in our schools is a challenge and to face it is a research.

Sri Tripathy read out an order of Govt. of the year 2000 in which it has been categorically pointed out that DI of Schools can give recognition to any school upto Std-V.

He mentioned that pressure is imposed on us to start scouts and guides in our schools. But we can start Army of Light in exchange of scouts and guides which can solve better purpose of Govt. and as well as ours.

The Secretary, Sri Aurobindo Integral Education Centre, Khallikote, wanted to know the method of showing one's own progress in pen and paper.

Prasad Tripathy narrated following experiments attempted in different Integral Schools.

- a) Conducting Examination, sports, cultural programme side by side.
- b) Observing Ganesh Puja/Saraswati Puja in a different way.
- c) Children writing story, poem, drama and performing them in annual cultural Programme.
- d) To make English / Sanskrit easy and popular.

Jyotshna Apa of Sambalpur requested to document the above experiments and show to Govt. She wanted that a common set of questions be prepared and distributed to each school.

Surendra Bhai, Trust coordinator said if we print common set of questions, this will not solve our purpose.

Prasad Bhai narrated the position of Trust and said that if we print common set of questions, we would start another Secondary Board. Each teacher should be given freedom to test his/her students as per his/her method.

He said, Prof. Prapatti was always pointing out that Integral Education in it's true sense is very difficult and to achieve that one has to be extremely patient & courageous. Mother's Grace is there always to help them those who want to participate in this new venture.

The meeting ended with 2 minutes silent prayer.



(P. Tripathy)
Secretary