

**Minutes of the first meeting of the Registration Committee of Naturopathy  
Registration Board held on Friday,7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 3 PM on virtual mode .**

A Meeting of the Registration Committee of Naturopathy Registration Board (NRB) was held on 07/07/2023 through virtual mode to discuss and finalize the process for commencing the registration process. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Babu Joseph, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, New Delhi.

The Meeting was attended by the following Members:

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| 1. | Dr. Babu Joseph<br>Director<br>Nethaji Institute of Nature cure and Yoga<br>Kunnumpuram, Kakkanad, Kochi<br>Kerala - 682030   | Chairperson     |
| 2. | Dr. Mahesh Pandit<br>Principal<br>Care Yoga and Naturopathy Medical college &<br>Hospital, Guntur,<br>Andhra Pradesh - 522329 | Member          |
| 3. | Dr. Ankesh Singh Bhadoria<br>Principal<br>Swasthya kalian Institute of Naturopathy<br>and Yogic Sciences, Jaipur<br>Rajasthan | Member          |
| 4. | Dr. P. Saranyan Palanichamy<br>Chief Medical Officer<br>RK Nature Cure Home<br>Coimbatore<br>Tamil Nadu                       |                 |
| 5. | Dr. D. N. Sharma<br>B-92, Ground Floor II, Ram<br>Prashta Colony, Opp.Vivek Vihar,<br>Gaziabad                                | Member          |
| 6. | Shri. Vikram Singh<br>Director<br>Yoga and Naturopathy<br>Ministry of AYUSH<br>New Delhi                                      | Special Invitee |
| 7. | Dr. Raghavendra Rao<br>Director, CCCRYN<br>New Delhi.   | Special Invitee |
| 8. | Prof. Dr. k. Satya Lakshmi  |                 |

Director, National Institute of Naturopathy  
Pune

CEO / Member  
Secretary

Absentees: NIL

At the outset Prof. Dr. K. Satyalakshmi welcomed the Chairperson and all the members of the Registration Committee members of Naturopathy Registration Board and briefed the genesis of the constitution of NRB and handed the forum to Dr. Babu Joseph, the Chairperson of the committee for further proceedings.

Dr. Babu Joseph greeted all the members and in his opening remarks thanked to Secretary, Ayush for formulating the NRB and its committees for the development of Naturopathy and Yoga. While congratulating, he also expressed his desire that he look forward to the formation of the Nation Commission for Yoga and Naturopathy from the Ministry in the short span of time so that the system of Yoga and naturopathy is regulated through an Act of Parliament .

It was suggested that as the registration process is getting restarted, it should be made free for those who had registered in the state as an endorsement to the same from Govt. of India so as to enable the practioners to practice anywhere in India.

Dr. Sharma questioned the status of the guidelines which was already drafted and circulated to the state governments during 2006 empowering CCRYN for registering the Naturopathy professionals.

Dr. Ragavendra Rao, Director, CCRYN and special Invitee of the meeting clarified that the guidelines were issued twice from CCRYN earlier by the year 1998 and later during the year 2006 to regulate BNYS course and offer registration to the graduates under the state's statutes. Till date 23 state governments have imbibed it and are carrying out registration of BNYS graduates as per the state's statutes. The number of application for central registration offered by CCRYN declined significantly as it was not preferred by the graduates since it was not statutorily regulated.

For Dr. Sharma's query on the registration of the diploma and certificate holders, Dr. R.R. clarified that out of the three action plans of the decision taken during the year 2016, one was the registration of diploma and certificate holders under paramedical category and for senior practitioners of Naturopathy he reiterated the decision taken on the 5th Meeting of National Board for Promotion and Development of Yoga and Naturopathy held on 11th July 2019. The Chairperson also opined that the decisions taken in the NRPDYN on the registration of the senior Naturopaths shall be implemented under NRB. However registration of the institutionally qualified naturopathy physicians alone took place in CCRYN.

For the reservations raised by the members on the sanctity of the certification by NRB both the Directors of NIN and CCRYN clarified that the registrations issued under executive order will eventually be brought under the Act which will be passed in the parliament. Director NIN also further recalled the guidelines given by Secretary, AYUSH that the decisions taken by NRB will be published in the Gazette. After its publication in the Gazette it will be considered as approval of the central government and can be honoured by all the state governments till the bill is passed in the parliament.

Dr. Ankesh Singh reiterated that in the Sub-committee meeting chaired by Dr. Pranav Pandya under NRBDYN, a decision was taken that instead of registration the Diploma holders can be certified for the development of the system. The chairperson also seconded the same that under NRB it can be done.

While discussing the central registration offered for the BNYS doctors, Director, CCRYN clarified that the registration was issued only to the doctors who had state registrations.

Dr. P. Saranyan opined that the graduates from recognised universities of the states where state registration is not offered may also be considered for registration under NRB after due verifications. The Chairman accepted that BNYS degree from any recognised university shall be considered for registration under NRB.

Shri. Vikram Singh, Director, Yoga and Naturopathy Cell, MoA informed the committee to give its suggestions to start the registration process of all the degree and diploma holders at the earliest and keep the mandate of the committee only for discussion.

Dr. Mahesh Pandit seconded that the registration of the degree holders should be given preference and the while at the same time registration of other should also be done but at a different level

Thus further agenda were taken up and the decision taken is as under.

Sr. No.	Agenda	Suggestion of the Committee
1.	To advise on the mechanism for commencing the registration process of Naturopathy professionals to enable them to practice the system anywhere in the country.	All the committee members unanimously agreed that registration of the BNYS degree holders shall be started immediately and it should be made free for those who had registered in the state council/ board. Those graduates who are from the states which don't offer registrations may also be given registrations under NRB with nominal charges.

2.	To devise a mechanism to identify those Naturopathy practitioners who are from varied medical backgrounds for offering them a registration under NRB.	Certificate and diploma courses offered by any govt. bodies like NIN, NIOS, and Skill council shall be considered for registration under paramedical category. The committee will come with mechanisms to understand the knowledge level/ quality of the pursuant other courses in the private sector for their registration in different levels as Nursing staff, therapists etc. If needed a bridge course/ Re-orientation program may be devised to consider the pursuant of other courses in non-govt. institutions for their registration in NRB.
3.	To advise relating to the evaluation and examinations for Certification of Naturopathy Professionals, Naturopathy Health Educators, Health Promoters and assessment of the Naturopathy Institutions;	Not discussed and to continue in the next meeting.
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6.	To advise for modification of existing evaluation and assessment process	
7.	To advise suitable person or team of such persons for carrying out the examination / evaluation /assessment	

8.	To advise for devising procedure, forms of applications for individuals/institutes under the Scheme.	
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