

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NATUROPATHY REGISTRATION BOARD (NRB) HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 28TH MARCH, 2023 AT 03.00 PM AT MINISTRY OF AYUSH, NEW DELHI IN HYBRID MODE.

A Meeting of Naturopathy Registration Board (NRB) was held on 28/03/2023 at Ministry of Ayush, New Delhi to promote, explore and understand the current status of clinical practices, medical and paramedical education with regard to Naturopathy and to formulate a framework of its regulation. The meeting was chaired by Vaidya Shri Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, New Delhi.

The Meeting was attended by the following Members:

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| 1. | Shri. Vaidya. Rajesh Kotecha
Secretary - Ayush
Ministry of Ayush | Chairperson |
| 2. | Ms. Kavita Garg
Joint Secretary,
In-charge of Yoga Naturopathy Cell,
Ministry of Ayush | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. | Shri. Raj Kumar
Director (IFD),
Ministry of Health & F.W., Govt. of India | Member |
| 4. | Shri Anil Jauhri
(Accreditation Expert)
Ex-CEO, National Accreditation Board for
Certification Bodies (NABCB)
485, Pocket C, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi -
110076 | Member |
| 5. | Dr. Vimal Kumar Modi,
Director,
Arogya Mandir, Medical College Road,
Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh - 273003 | Member |
| 6. | Dr. M.V. Mallikarjun
Principal,
Gandhi Naturopathic Medical College,
Dharam Karam Road,
Ameerpet, Hyderabad - 500 016 | Member |
| 7. | Dr. Bharat Shah
Director,
Nisargopachar Kendra,
Vinoba Ashram, Gotri, Vadodara,
Gujarat – 390021 | Member |

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| 8. | Dr. Raghavendra Rao,
Director, CCCRYN, New Delhi. | Special Invitee |
| 9. | Prof. Dr. K. Satya Lakshmi
Director, National Institute of Naturopathy | CEO / Member
Secretary |

Absentees:

1. Shri. Shamsheer Singh, Senior Legal Counsel/Legal Counsel (Legal Expert), New Delhi and
2. Dr. N.K. Manjunath, Pro-Vice Chancellor & Director, Research, SVYASA University, Bengaluru could not attend the meeting with prior intimation.

Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary Ayush and Chairperson, Naturopathy Registration Board (NRB) welcomed all Members and urged Director, NIN and CEO NRB to take up the Agenda of the Meeting.

At the outset Prof. Dr. K. Satya Lakshmi greeted the Chairperson and all the Members of NRB and introduced the non-official members and their contribution in the field of Naturopathy to the Board. The Director, NIN briefed the genesis of the constitution of NRB before taking up the Agenda points for discussion with the permission of the Chair.

The following Agenda points were discussed and deliberated upon during the meeting.

Agenda Item No.1: To Formally Launch Naturopathy Registration Board and Reiterate its Objectives.

After detailed discussion and deliberations the objectives of the Naturopathy Registration Board had been framed as under:

- To promote and propagate a rational and safe Naturopathy practice and non-drug combination therapeutics across the country.
- To develop the minimum standards of education and practice in Naturopathy system of Medicine.
- To develop the standards for professional qualification relating their registration in Naturopathy Board.
- To maintain a Central Register for Naturopathy physicians and Naturopathy

paramedical professionals and to update the Registers from time to time.

- To develop the Standards of Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Code of Ethics to be observed by the practitioners.

During the discussion of the objectives of the NRB, Secretary-Ayush told the board members that NRB has been formed by an executive order and it is not empowered by an Act of Parliament. Hence, it is only a facilitation vehicle specifically for registration of Naturopathy professionals so that they can practice the system anywhere in the country. He also suggested that the committee should device a mechanism for recognition of paramedical courses in the field of Naturopathy. He also suggested that the committee should develop Minimum Standards for Education (MSE) in Naturopathy which may be adopted by the various State Governments on voluntary basis.

Agenda Item No.2: To Consider and approve the establishment of a Secretariat of the Board at Pune

The Board after detailed discussion recommended the following positions on the lines of YCB:

Sr.	Name of the Position	No. of Posts	Qualification & Experience	Max. Annual Remuneration	Remark
1.	Domain Expert (Naturopathy)	01 No.	Essential Qualification and Experience: Minimum BNYS Degree from recognized university alongwith Master Degree / Post Graduate Diploma in relevant field from recognized institute with minimum 05 years working experience in Government Sector/Private Sector. Knowledge of computer including MS Office, MS Word, MS Power Point. MS Excel would be desirable.	Rs. 15.00 lakhs	To Prepare policies for examination and evaluation of Naturopathy professionals and To develop guidelines for assessment of Naturopathy institutions and individuals and coordinate with other committees. To conduct the meetings of the committees of NRB. To Perform other

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			<p>Preference will be given to persons having excellent communication and interpersonal skills and experience of working in AYUSH.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Any retired officer (not below the rank of Director in Govt. of India) having experience in conducting examinations, evaluation etc. in university set-up.</p> <p>Age: Below 64 years of age as on the closing date of advertisement.</p>		<p>duties as assigned by the higher authority, from time to time.</p>
2	Consultant (I.T.)	01 No.	<p>Graduate in I.T. (B.E./B.Tech/BCA/BCS or equivalent) Experience : 05 Years post qualification experience (preferably with Govt./Autonomous Bodies and well versed with in dealing with subject matter)</p>	Rs. 09.00 lakhs	To advise Information Technology related matters
3	Consultant (Management)	01 No.	<p>MBA (H.R/Operations /Marketing/ Finance) with 10 years of experience.</p>	Rs. 09.00 lakhs	<p>To advise regarding Accreditation of Naturopathy Institutes, Hospitals and Assessment of certificates of Naturopathy professionals and other management related issues.</p> <p>To provide strategic, unbiased and objective advisory</p>

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					services, such as change management, financial performance, to assist organization in planning, improving productivity and overall performance, achievement of objectives of the NRB.
4.	Consultant (Admin/Fin)	01 No.	<p>A retired Government officer not below the rank of Under Secretary or equivalent having working knowledge of Administration and accounts in Central or State Govt.</p> <p>Age: Below 64 years of age as on the closing date of advertisement.</p> <p>Desirable: Degree in Law</p>	Rs. 06.00 lakhs	To advise in Administration related matters pertaining NRB
5.	Personal Secretary	01 No.	<p>Age between 21 to 35 years</p> <p>Qualification: Graduate from any recognized university</p> <p>Skill test norms:</p> <p>Dictation 10 Minutes @ 100 w.p.m.</p> <p>Transcription: 50 mts (English) and 65 mts (Hindi) on computer</p> <p>Minimum 3 years experience</p> <p>Knowledge of computer applications like Word, Excel, Powerpoint etc.</p> <p>Working experience in central/state Govt. or similar organized services/ Semi- Govt/</p>	Rs. 4.20 lakhs	To assist the CEO/Director NIN in day to day communications

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			PSU/ Govt. Autonomous organizations/ Govt. Universities etc.		
6.	Office Assistant	02 Nos.	Qualification and experience as per the Ministry of AYUSH guidelines	Rs. 4.80 lakhs	To look after office activities related to NRB at its Secretariat
7.	MTS	01Nos.	Qualification and experience as per the Ministry of AYUSH guidelines	Rs. 2.16 lakhs	To look after the attendant job.

It is advised to take this as primary approval for speedy processing of engagements by following procedures, as a lot of time is already lapsed.

Agenda Item No.3: To Consider and Approve the Budget Estimates of Rs. 01.40 Cr to conduct full-fledged activities of the Board during 2023-24.

The Board agreed in principle to sanction an amount of Rs.1.40 Cr. Budget Estimates to carry out full-fledged activities of the Board during F.Y. 2023-24, as per details given below.

Sr.	Post	Salary per month	Max. Annual Remuneration	Remark
1.	Domain Expert (Naturopathy) 01 No.	Rs. 1.25 Lakh/ month	Rs. 15.00 lakhs	On contract/ Out source
2.	Consultant (I.T.) 01 No.	Rs. 75, 000	Rs. 09.00 lakhs	"
3.	Consultant (Management) 01 No.	Rs. 75, 000	Rs. 09.00 lakhs	"
4.	Consultant (Admin) 01 No.	Rs. 50, 000	Rs. 06.00 lakhs	"
5.	Personal Secretary – 1 No.	Rs. 35, 000	Rs. 4.20 lakhs	"
6.	Office Assistant – 2 Nos.	Rs. 20, 000	Rs. 4.80 lakhs	"
7.	MTS	Rs. 18, 000	Rs. 2.16 lakhs	"
8.	Office expenses		Rs. 40 lakhs	For Deposit, Rent for office and regular office expenses

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9.	TA, DA and other expenses in connection with the meeting of committees' members of the Board.		Rs. 20 lakhs	Each committee shall meet twice this year
10.	Dedicated website for NRB and related I.T. infrastructure		Rs. 15.00 lakhs	
11.	Miscellaneous		Rs. 15.00 lakhs	
Grand Total			Say Rs. 1.40 crore	

It was resolved that financial support will be provided initially till it becomes Self Sustainable on YCB Model. Accordingly, it was approved to give initial budget of Rs. 96 Lakhs from Grants-in-Aid-general from NIN and this may be revised at appropriate time.

Agenda Item No.4: To Consider and Approve to Open a Separate Bank Account for the scheme and the signatories to operate the account.

The Board recommended opening a Separate Bank Account for the scheme and the signatories to operate the account.

Agenda Item No. 5: Any other agenda item with the permission of the Chair

- i. During the discussion the Director – IFD said that the he did not receive detailed agenda beforehand, to which Secretary – Ayush, the Chairperson has shown his displeasure for not circulating the detailed Agenda points well before the meeting and insisted that NIN should be pro-active in future.
- ii. The Secretary – Ayush emphasized to commence the registration process within the financial year 2023-24 and to obtain financial approvals in the SFC to be convened separately for NRB for which a separate SFC may be constituted.
- iii. Secretary, Ayush reiterated the decision taken on the 5th meeting of National Board for Promotion and Development of Yoga and Naturopathy towards registration of traditional naturopathy practitioners who were practicing Naturopathy on or before

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1994 and completed 30 years of age on or before 30th June 1994 and offer registrations to those list of members already identified as a onetime affair.

- iv. He also said to device a mechanism to identify those Naturopathy practitioners who are from varied medical backgrounds for offering them a registration under NRB under a separate chapter after due training.
- v. During the discussion on the functions of the Assessment Committee it was resolved that the Assessment Committee will act as a Registration Committee and also look in to the veracity of certificates issued by a various Institutions/Universities and look into their standards, genuineness before recommending for their registrations to avoid fake claims.
- vi. There was a discussion on creating models for recognizing short term diploma courses to be given lateral entry in BNYS admission or any such mechanism to be proposed so that people who have invested their time and money in doing diploma may be imbided into the system.
- vii. Secretary also urged to look into a nomenclature of the degree course to match with global Naturopathy community so that there is a seamless supply of human resource across the globe from India. He felt that there is a huge potential as Naturopathy is a recognized system of medicine in many countries.

The Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.