

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 31ST OCTOBER AND 1ST NOVEMBER 2020 AT HOTEL HYATT REGENCY, GURGAON

The Annual General Assembly Meeting of AFI was held on 31st October 2020 and 1st November 2020 at Hotel Hyatt Regency, Gurgaon. The list of members who attended the meeting is attached at **Annexure-1**.

At the outset, President, AFI welcomed the members who had come to attend the Annual General Meeting. He informed that this was the first physical Meeting after a long time due to the COVID-19. He informed that they were missing Mr. C.K. Valson, Secretary, AFI who was stuck up at Bangkok due to travel restrictions on account of COVID-19. Mr. P.K. Srivasatava, Treasurer, AFI was not keeping well, so he would also attend the meeting virtually, President informed.

He informed the House that the elections of the Office Bearers would also be one of the agenda of this meeting for 2020-24. He further informed that Mrs. Vijayalakshmy K. Gupta had been appointed as the Returning Officer for conducting the AFI Elections. He told that she was the retired Secretary of Defence Finance and she was also the member of TRAI. She would be conducting the elections of AFI Office Bearers through video conferencing as she was suffering from COVID-19 President, AFI informed and welcomed her.

The President, AFI also welcomed Gen. Muhammed Akram Sahi who had been nominated as the Observer from Asian Athletics Association, Mr. Jee Isram from World Athletics who attended the meeting virtually. The President, AFI also welcomed Mr. Dhanraj Chaudhary who had attended the AFI meeting as Observer from Indian Olympic Association and he thanked all of them for attending the meeting.

He informed the members that during this period there were good and bad news. We had two Special General Meetings virtually, we had our Emergent Council Meeting, we made amendment in AFI Constitution. In addition to that we had lot of workshops and seminars for our coaches/athletes/announcers/Technical Officials and women which were attended by the persons from Asia, America, Europe and Oceania. Our technical team invited the best experts to participate and deliver lecture in these workshops and seminars.

The President further remembered the contribution of Mr. Bahadur Singh, who remained as Chief Coach for many years. He was himself a great athlete at the international level who received three awards from the Government of India i.e. Arjuna Award. Dronacharya Award and Padmashree Award. He was given farewell virtually which was attended by many people including the Sports Minister as well. He further

informed that unfortunately, we could not conduct our competitions due to the ongoing CORONA VIRUS. Although we tried to schedule the competitions twice but could not succeed. Now, the Athletics Calendar for the year 2020-21 was prepared, which would be discussed in the meeting.

The President, AFI informed that we had lost Mr. J.S. Saini who was an outstanding coach and he was a very valuable partner of AFI for the development of Athletics in the country. He remained with AFI till the time he breathed his last His dedication and involvement for the development of Athletics would be remembered for ever. One minute silence was observed to pay homage to the departed soul. With these words he once again thanked the members for attending the meeting during the COVID-19 and took up the agenda of AGM as under:

Agenda No. 1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Annual General Assembly Meeting held on 18th & 19th July 2019 at Agra.

Mr. Adille Sumariwalla, President, AFI informed the members that the minutes of the last AGM held on 18th and 19th July 2019 at Agra had already been circulated to all the affiliated units of AFI and same were also kept in the folders of the members. He hoped that the members must have gone through the same by now and wanted to seek the comments from them, if any.

Since no comments were received from any member, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the last AGM which was proposed by Mr. Madhukant Pathak and seconded by Mr. Rajavelu. Copy of the minutes of last AGM are attached at Annexure-2.

Agenda No. 2 Action taken report on the decision taken in the last Annual General Assembly Meeting held on 18th & 19th July 2019 at Agra.

The Chairman, Planning Committee informed the House that action had been taken on majority of the items and few items were still pending for which action was yet to be taken by the affiliated units of AFI. The details were as under:

S. No.	Decision of last AGM	Action Taken
1	It was decided to provide three months period to the affiliated units of AFI to adopt the Model Constitution. If any affiliated unit fails to do so it will be automatically disaffiliated without giving any notice after 21 st October 2019.	Almost all the State Associations/UTs have taken action by adopting their model Constitution as per directions of AFI. But one or two units have shown their inability and asked for extension and after giving them extension, COVID-19 started.

2	All Affiliated Units of AFI will improve technical conduct of their meet.	To improve technical conduct, the Technical Committee has taken lot of initiatives and conducted workshops and seminars. It is likely that these workshops conducted during the past few months will help to improve the technical conduct.
3	All State Units will ensure that all of their district units must conduct their district meets and send their teams for participation in NIDJAM. The districts must give wide publicity to the district meets, so that more and more young children can take part.	The state associations have been told about the role of districts and that how they need to conduct their district meets to involve more and more youth . In this regard, President, AFI and the Chairman, Planning Committee started interaction with all the districts starting from Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala and then Rajasthan but due to COVID-19 physical meetings were suspended and video conferencing was organised with more than 600 districts apprising them about their role to groom the talent and conduct the meets efficiently after giving wide publicity.
4	It was decided that the Selection Committee will work independently and no athlete can be deleted or added by Secretary or President of the State Athletics Association of their own without the consent of Selection Committee.	AFI has given directions to all the States that once their team is selected by the duly nominated Selection Committee the State Secretary/President/Manager cannot include or delete any athlete and AFI will not accept any entry which is not approved by the Selection Committee. While sending the entry for the participation at the national level they need to submit the minutes of the Selection Committee alongwith results of the Meet.
5	No request from any state will be entertained to accept late entry.	The states have been informed not to send entry after the due date. If the entry is not sent on time, team will not be allowed to participate.
6	AFI has intensified its efforts to stop the	Although no action has been taken on

	<p>over age participation. The states have been made responsible to ensure that no over age athlete should participate in the state and national level meets. If AFI finds more than two over age athletes in a year the State Secretary will cease to be the Secretary of the concerned State Association. Such person can only become Secretary again of the State Association only after a gap of one year.</p>	<p>any State Association so far for the participation of the over age athletes but AFI is committed to stop the over age participation and make the Secretary of the State Association/UT responsible for sending the team without age verification Further, AFI has introduced biometric which will further strengthen AFI efforts to curb the over age participation.</p>
7	<p>It was decided to suspend Chhattisgarh State Unit initially for a period of three months for poor conduct of National Youth Athletics Championships held in February 2019 at Raipur. Their suspension will be revoked subject to the conditions which will be intimated separately. AFI will directly monitor the progress.</p>	<p>Chhattisgarh Association was suspended for three months and a committee was formed by the President, AFI and gave them some jobs to perform to decentralize the work of the state unit and they have initiated some efforts in this regard. Chhattisgarh Association has initiated some efforts for the decentralization of the work and conducted activities as per AFI directions, therefore, their suspension was revoked.</p>
8	<p>No Office Bearer of any State Association or AFI can attend any Marathon without permission of AFI irrespective of the fact that even if the Marathon is recognised by AFI.</p>	<p>It is informed to all the State Associations that no office bearer/member of any State/UT should be present during the Marathons without approval from AFI.</p>
9	<p>It was decided that all the state units will have to put in all efforts to eradicate the doping menace by educating the athletes and coaches etc.</p>	<p>The state units have been informed that the dope test will be conducted by NADA and AFI need to send the dates in advance and no change in the dates will be entertained.</p>
10	<p>The dates of the state meets will not be changed as NADA will send the team for dope test.</p>	
11	<p>All affiliated units must have their own website since it was found during the presentation that number of units are still not having their own website. All units will have to complete this work by 21st October 2019 failing which action as per AFI Constitution will be taken.</p>	<p>There are still some states which have not started their website and have requested some more time but majority of the states are operating their own website very effectively.</p>

12	It was decided to activate Masters' Athletics by AFI and to form State level Association for Masters' Athletics and conduct various competitions.	Although AFI had formed a committee under Mr. M.K. Pathak to make efforts to activate the Master Athletics but nothing has been achieved so far. It was decided to make efforts.
13	Any Technical Examination passed by any candidate will be valid only for a period of five years and after that he/she will have to appear for the examination again.	Action taken
14	The remuneration of the Auditors has been enhanced to Rs. 75,000/- per annum.	Action taken
15	All those states which have not attended the AGM stand suspended for a period of three months and the period of suspension will be revoked subject to the compliance of conditions which AFI will notify separately.	All the states have been informed and action will be taken accordingly but being the COVID period, we may have to provide some relaxation and this will be discussed in the AGM.
16	No state unit can work beyond the duration of their term. As soon as the term of the Office Bearers is over, they will cease to be the member of AFI. In case of some unavoidable reasons needs to extend the term of the state unit, permission of AFI is mandatory.	AFI is very vigilant about the conduct of election in the states/UTs and no State Association/UT have been permitted to stay after the due date of election. Due to COVID-19 many state Associations have asked for the extension of the term as the meeting could not be conducted, permission was accordingly granted.
17	Those state units which have not registered with the Registrar of Societies or their Charity Commission need to register and complete this within six months. AFI will directly monitor their activities.	States had been given extension for a period of two years to get their proper registration either with the Registrar of Societies or the Charity Commission as required.
18	All competitions will be held strictly as per AFI Competition Manual which has been approved by the General House during its AGM held in 2019. No compromise or deviation can be accepted while conducting any National Meet.	AFI competition manual has been further upgraded and will be approved in the forthcoming AGM. All State Associations/UTs have been informed to strictly follow the AFI Competition Manual.

19	All states will instruct their districts to engage youngsters to appear in Level-1 Course. They will notify the dates for conduct of their district meets to AFI, so that AFI can appoint Observer for the same.	AFI is regularly conducting Level-1 course and the candidates from majority of the states are appearing in these examinations.
20	It was proposed that the junior medal winners will not be allowed to participate in the same age group again. This issue was discussed but no decision could be taken. Hence, a committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Bahadur Singh has been formed who will submit its report within next three months, which will be discussed in the next Executive Council Meeting and take appropriate decision.	A committee was formed and it was decided not to implement this proposal.
21	The National Calendar once decided and finalised, no host unit can request AFI to change the dates and in case of refusing to conduct the meet as per the National Calendar, action will be taken against that state which can be heavy fine and/or suspension.	Action taken
22	AFI will declare a list of states based on their working and compliance of the Constitution. Those who are in the bad standing will become the Associate members and will have no voting right. They may be made the members again if their performance is found to be satisfactory for three continuous years.	No action was taken because of COVID-19
23	All states will have two votes	All State Associations/UTs constitution amendment was made and they will have two votes in AGM subject to following the AFI ACTIVITY clause.
24	It was decided to train good judges for the Race Walk event.	No action was reported about the Walking Judge.
25	Those who have not presented their activity report to the General House, the	Action taken

	Committee formed will take appropriate action against those units and will intimate shortly.	
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The members were requested to take action expeditiously on the items where the action was yet to be taken.

It was resolved to approve this agenda item which was proposed by Mr. Raj Kumar Mittan and seconded by Mr. R. Sunny Joshua.

Agenda No. 3 Confirmation of the minutes of the Special General Meeting, held on 5th September 2020.

Mr. Adille Sumariwalla, President, AFI informed the members that the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 5th September 2020 had already been circulated to all the affiliated units and Executive Council Members of AFI and same were also kept in their folders. He requested the members to inform if they had any comments to give.

Since no comments were received from any member, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the SGM which was proposed by Mr. R. Sunny Joshua and seconded by Mr. V.A. Shiyad.

Agenda No. 4 To discuss and approve the Annual Report of Secretary, AFI upto 31st March 2020.

Mr. Adille Sumariwalla, President, AFI informed the members that the Annual Report of the Secretary, AFI had already been circulated to all the members of AFI and same was also available in their folders. The annual report was comprehensive having all the activities in details which were done by AFI during the year. He requested the members to give their views about the report, if any. The report was appreciated by the members and was approved for adoption.

It was resolved to approve the Annual Report of Secretary, AFI which was proposed by Mr. Sandeep Mehta and seconded by Mr. A.V. Raghavendra.

Agenda No. 5 To consider and pass the Audited Statement of Accounts for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020.

Since Mr. P.K. Srivastava, Treasurer, AFI was not well, he was requested by the President, AFI to present his report to the House through virtually. Mr. P.K. Srivastava informed the House that our Federation was being governed by CAG and he further

reiterated that our accounts were perfect. However, he mentioned that there were some member units of AFI which were not paying their annual recognition fees and wanted to have the comments of the members. In this regard, the Chairman, Planning Committee informed the House that if some members were not paying their annual recognition or affiliation fees they would not be allowed to take part in any of the events conducted by AFI and action would be taken against them as per AFI Constitution which could also lead to disaffiliation.

It was resolved to approve and pass the Audited Statement of Accounts for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 which was proposed by Mr. Madhu Kant Pathak and seconded by Mr. R.K. Pillai.

Agenda No. 6 Appointment of Auditors and fix their remuneration.

Mr. P.K. Srivastava, Treasurer, AFI informed the House through video conferencing that M/s Sehra & Company had been the Internal Auditors of AFI for quite a few years and their remuneration was as under:

Audit Fee	Rs. 75,000.00
I.T. and TDS Return	Rs. 25,000.00
Utilization Certificate	Rs. 2,500.00

The Treasurer informed the House that the present Auditors were working to the satisfaction of the Federation and hence, he proposed that they might be allowed to continue to work for the Federation at the same remuneration as stated above which was seconded by Mr. Rajavelu and Mrs. Hyma Akula.

It was resolved to continue with the same Auditors at the same remuneration which was proposed by Mr. P.K. Srivastava and seconded by Mr. Rajavelu and Mrs Hyma Akula.

Agenda No. 7 Election of Office Bearers & Executive Committee Members (Elected members) as defined in the Constitution of AFI for the period of Four years 2020 to 2024. (Details enclosed) (Election Details will be sent separately as per Constitution of AFI by the Returning Officer).

The President, AFI informed the House that the elections were to be held in the month of April 2020 at Jaipur for which most of the preparations were also done but due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the elections could not be held. He was pleased to inform that Mrs. Vijayalakshmy K. Gupta, Secretary, Defence Finance (Retd.) and member of TRAI had been appointed as the Returning Officer for conducting the elections of AFI. He requested Mrs. Vijayalakshmy K. Gupta to take over the meeting and start the election

procedure. Since she was not well due to COVID-19 she joined the meeting virtually and started the election process.

Mrs. Vijayalakshmy K. Gupta thanked the President, AFI for appointing her as the Returning Officer and providing an opportunity for conducting the AFI elections. She informed that she got a letter from AFI on 13th October 2020. The notification to all the affiliated state units was sent on 16th October 2020 and same was also published on AFI website on 16th October 2020 itself. The electoral college (form-1) and nomination papers (form-2) on 17th October 2020 were sent to all the affiliated units. The final list of contesting candidates for the elections was circulated (Form-6) on 23rd October 2020. Regarding schedule of election Mrs. Vijayalakshmy K. Gupta informed the House as under:

Sl.No.	Description	Last date
1	Circulation of the list of Authorised representatives eligible to take part by President AFI	17th October 2020 * 14.00 hrs.
2	Filing the Nominations for election of AFI.	18th October 2020 to 21st October 2020 between 12.00 PM to 4.00 PM in Conference Hall, AFI Office.
3	Last date & time of Filing the Nominations for any post	21st October 2020 upto 4.00 pm
4	Scrutiny of the nomination papers & publication of List of valid Nominations.	21st October 2020 * 6.00 pm
5	Last date & time of withdrawal of nominations	23rd October 2020 upto 6.00 pm
6	Declaration of the Final list of contesting candidates eligible to contest elections to be displayed on the Web-Site of Athletics Federation of India.	23rd October 2020 * 7.00 pm
7	Election	31st October 2020 * Saturday
8	Declaration of Results	31st October 2020 * Saturday

Notes:

- 1) Nomination papers must be submitted from 18th October 2020 to 21st October 2020 between 12:00 PM to 4:00PM at Conference Hall, AFI Office (A-90, 2nd Floor, Naraina Industrial Area, Phase-I, New Delhi-110028).
- 2) Nomination for any post of Elected Member shall be proposed by one of the authorized representative of the Member Unit(s) whose name is included in the Electoral College list, and also subscribed by one such representative as seconder.
- 3) Each Nomination Paper shall be delivered Personally to the office of Returning Officer in person by the Candidate himself/herself at AFI office.

- 4) Notice of withdrawal of candidature shall be submitted either by candidate himself/herself or a person duly authorized by him/her in writing at AFI Office.
- 5) All candidates/proposers/seconders shall submit copy of ID alongwith nomination papers.
- 6) Copy of the proof of Date of Birth for the Post of President, Secretary & Treasurer is mandatory alongwith nomination papers.
- 7) The guidelines of "Election Procedure" in the Appendix of Constitution of AFI shall apply for the purpose of Election.

Mrs. Vijayalakshmy K. Gupta informed the members of the House that the election date was finalized as 31st October 2020 which was also the date of Annual General Meeting of AFI. She was pleased to inform that this election had turned to be unanimous. She was also happy to see that there was no controversy and everything was cordial. With these words, she congratulated the new Office Bearers and declared the new posts list of which was uploaded on the AFI website which is also attached at **Annexure-3**.

Mr. Dhanraj Chaudhary thanked the Federation for nominating him as Observer on behalf of IOA. He was happy that this list was covering almost every state from India. He was pleased to see that AFI was a very big Federation and elections held were unanimous without any controversy and with full transparency, and further informed that this was the only Federation which was conducting its unanimous elections since long in a most congenial environment which was all due to the guidance of Dr. Lalit K. Bhanot. After congratulating and expressing his good wishes for the new Office Bearers, he put on record the great achievements of the President Mr. Adille Sumariwalla, who was unanimously declared as President for the 3rd consecutive time, and Dr. Lalit K. Bhanot on whose inspiration and guidance there was so much of development of not only Athletics in the country but he was the mentor of all the sports in India. After declaration of the new Office Bearers and Council Members, the felicitation ceremony was held.

The President, AFI was pleased to inform that on the request of the Federation General Muhammad Akram Sahi was appointed as Observer on behalf of Asian Athletics Association. who was also the Vice President of Asian Athletics Association. On the request of Mr. Adille Sumariwalla, President, AFI General Muhammad Akram Sahi addressed the House on Zoom. He was pleased to see that the election held was unanimous and most congenial. He thanked Mr. Adille Sumariwalla and Dr. Lalit K. Bhanot for giving him an opportunity to address the House as Observer of the elections of AFI. He congratulated all the new Office Bearers and also Mr. Adille Sumariwalla in particular who was elected unanimously for the 3rd consecutive term. He appreciated Mr. Adille Sumariwalla and Dr. Lalit K. Bhanot for their contribution towards development of Athletics in India. In addition to this, Mr. Jee Isram, Manager, World

Athletics who was also taken on Zoom through video conferencing and who was appointed as Observer on behalf of World Athletics, made a brief address to the House. During his address to the House, he thanked the President, AFI and Dr. Lalit K. Bhanot for giving him an opportunity to address the House being the Observer and congratulated all the new Executive Council Members who were elected unanimously. He also appreciated that the unanimous elections of AFI Office Bearers were held in most congenial environment and transparent manner.

The President, AFI put on record the excellent job done by the outgoing Secretary, AFI Mr. C.K. Valson and the outgoing Treasurer, AFI Mr. P.K. Srivastava.

The unanimous election of the members was very well appreciated and approved by the House which was proposed by Mr. R.K. Sacheti and seconded by Mrs. C. Latha.

Agenda No. 8 To discuss the impact of COVID-19 on Athletes and Athletics Activities.

The President, AFI informed the members that COVID-19 had very bad impact not only on sports but it had affected the entire economy of the country. Due to that the AFI could not conduct any event so far despite having prepared the national calendar twice with the hope that the COVID-19 would subside but that did not happen. The COVID-19 had huge impact of our Athletes. With these words President, AFI requested the Chairman, Planning Committee say few words about COVID-19.

The Chairman, Planning Committee thanked the President and mentioned that the ongoing PANDAMIC COVID-19 worldwide had affected all spheres of life but Sports had been adversely affected due to this. So far AFI had not organised any competition and probably this would be the first year that no competition had taken place. AFI had changed its competition calendar and announced the new dates but after assessing the affect of COVID-19 it was decided to further postpone the competition calendar. AFI had prepared the new competition calendar keeping in mind that the viral will subside but recently the scheduled competition for Throws at Patiala had to be postponed keeping in mind the safety of the campers. As the members were aware that due to the unusual circumstances the Olympic Games 2020 to be held at Tokyo had been postponed which would now be held in 2021.

The number of athletes in the ongoing coaching camp was reduced to Olympic bound athletes who were allowed to stay at Patiala and Bangalore. Although initially the training was not allowed due to the restrictions imposed by the Home Ministry, SAI and MoYAS made their endeavour to ensure that all the athletes at the various coaching centers should be safe. However, after few weeks athletes were allowed to train by following the SOP issued by AFI.

Inspite of the fact that all the physical meetings were suspended during the period, but AFI made a new start by organising lot of meetings, seminars and workshops through video conferencing which would be discussed in next agenda.

It was resolved to approve this agenda item which was proposed by Mr. Raj Kumar Mittan and seconded by R.K. Pillai.

Agenda No. 9 To inform the House regarding various activities done by AFI during the pandemic of COVID-19.

It was informed that under the advice of the Chairman, Planning Committee, the Federation had taken the advantage of the lock down period and conducted many activities in all the fields. Special efforts were made by the Federation to boost the morale of the athletes who were in the national coaching camp. It is pertinent to mention that the seminars and workshops conducted by the Federation were commended by the World Athletics as well as the entire Athletics Fraternity. Some of the seminars were also attended by Lord Sebastian Coe, President, World Athletics, Gen. Dahlan Al Hamad, President, Asian Athletics Association and other notable personalities like Hon'ble Sports Minister Mr. Kiren Rijiju. Athletics Federation of India was the only Federation which conducted so many activities during the Pandemic and the President, World Athletics expressed that he had never addressed such a large gathering in his life which was about 1000 numbers.

The details of the activities done during the COVID-19 are attached at **annexure-4**.

It was resolved to approve this agenda item which was proposed by Mr. Mumtaz Khan and seconded by Mr. Sandeep Sharma.

Agenda No.10 To consider and adopt the revised National Athletics Calendar for the year 2020 & 2021.

It was informed that the National Calendar was prepared and was published. But due to the outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic, it was again postponed as there was no permission from the Centre and Local Government to conduct any activity. The Calendar was again prepared for the second time and was approved in the Special Annual General Meeting held virtually, but could not be followed due to the spread of Pandemic country-wide. Now, the situation has become conducive and we had prepared the National Calendar for the third time to ensure that the athlete should get the much awaited Competitions. But, at the same time, Athletics Federation of India needs to be very careful and take proper precautions to stop the spread of pandemic at the place of Competitions. For

the safety of Athletes/Coaches/Technical Officials/Organizer the following decisions were taken :-

- (i) Higher qualification standard to be fixed to reduce the number of participant.
- (ii) Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by the Athletics Federation of India and other authorities to be strictly followed.
- (iii) No accommodation will be provided for Athletes, Coaches and Managers for this year in any Athletics Meets to avoid crowd at the place and fear of spread of COVID-19 among the athletes.
- (iv) To prepare orders of events in such a way that there should be proper gap between the events.
- (v) The RT PCR Report should be mandatory and would be checked at the entry gate and this test must be done not before 72 hours of commencement of athletics event.
- (vi) The proper instructions to be issued at the entry gate.
- (vii) No athletes to be entertained in the Stadium two hour prior to the event.
- (viii) Arrangement for proper sanitization of the Venue of Competition. All Technical Officials should have to wear their mask. Athlete will have to wear the mask even if they are not taking part in the event. They have to maintain proper distance in the Stadium and only limited Coaches to be allowed to enter the Stadium.
- (ix) No spectator would be allowed inside the stadium.

The House appreciated that in order to keep our Athletes/Coaches/Technical Officials safe, it was imperative to follow the above decisions by every athletes/Organizers.

It was resolved to approve this agenda item which was proposed by Mr. V.A. Shiyad and seconded by Mr. R.K. Sacheti. The Competition calendar is attached at Annexure-5.

Agenda No. 11 To present the report on “MILO NIDJAM 2019” and discuss the modalities for making the successful “MILO NIDJAM 2020”.

1. NIDJAM Overview-

It was informed by the President, AFI that Athletics Federation of India’s National Inter-District Junior Athletics Meet (NIDJAM), one of the world’s largest talent hunt programmes for a single sport, was a veritable study in foresight and vision that a National Sports Federation has shown several years ago by Dr. Lalit K. Bhanot. Today, after nearly two decades, it not only remains been productive but also shows the way to other disciplines. That it touches the lives of around 100,000 young athletes, approx..

5000 of whom turn up in the climactic competition, is a story in social transformation. Boys and girls from hundreds of districts, urban and rural, in dozens of States and Union Territories, travel to one location to showcase their talent, express themselves as aspiring heroes and present themselves as hopes of the nation.

NIDJAM's success reflects the positive direction in which AFI has been moving, both in identifying and nurturing talent that makes India proud on international platforms. Indeed, it is a matter of pride for AFI that some of India's brightest stars like IAAF World junior Javelin Throw champion Neeraj Chopra (2012), Hima Das (2015) and World University Games 100m champion Dutee Chand (2011) are among those who used earlier NIDJAM editions to showcase their potential. Discus thrower Navjeet Kaur Dhillon (2010) and 400m runner V Subha (2014) are among those who cut their teeth in earlier NIDJAMs. Mr. Divesh Bhal was asked to make detailed presentation to the House.

2019 Edition: the 17th NIDJAM FINALS-

NIDJAM has grown from strength to strength and more than 4000 athletes took part in the 16th edition in Tirupati in December 2018. There number increased significantly in 2019 with 503 districts taking part in the three-day meet in the holy town.

Venue:	Tarakrama Ground, Tirupati (AP)
Date:	23-25 November 2019
Temperature:	Min. 22 deg. Celsius – Max. 31 deg. Celsius
Number of States Present:	30 States
Number of Districts Present:	503 Districts
Total Number of Athletes:	4599 (Boys- 2821 Girls- 1778)

State wise List of Districts with Number of Entries enclosed at **Annexure-6**.

2. NIDJAM 2019 Success: A Collaboration between AFI, State Govt. of AP & MILO

AFI's persistent efforts to galvanise districts associations and provide a high quality event to more than 5000 young participants was realised at the NIDJAM 2019 with federation's collective efforts with the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and title sponsor Nestle MILO at Tirupati.

The Govt. of Andhra Pradesh through Chittoor District Administration left no stone unturned in making NIDJAM 2019 an unforgettable experience for all the participants. The administration made all the necessary arrangements as advised by AFI for the participants such as neat and clean accommodation facilities, seamless transportation

system, adequate medical and first aid arrangements, supportive Police force, beautification of the venue and good quality competition ground.

Title sponsor MILO sponsored T-shirts & goodies to the participants and supported AFI in publicising the annual mega-event.

It was resolved to approve this agenda item which was proposed by Mr. Sandeep Mehta and seconded by Mr. V.A. Shiyad.

Agenda No. 12 To discuss, approve and adopt the Commercial name of Athletics Federation of India.

It was informed to the House that the IAAF had changed its name and now it would be called World Athletics. This had been done to have a better appearance and understanding among the masses and about the identity of apex body of Athletics. It was also believed that the World Athletics name would have better impact on the public as well as to increase the viewership and sponsorship for the World body.

Accordingly, it was proposed to approve the Commercial name of Athletics Federation of India as INDIAN ATHLETICS for the purpose of marketing and popularity. It would surely benefit us as well as the name of Athletics Federation of India would remain the same as it is registered now with the Registrar of Societies. But, we would use Indian Athletics as a commercial name. This information would also be sent to Registrar Office. Mr. Madhu Kant Pathak appreciated the idea, explained by the President, Mr. Adille J. Sumariwalla. Mr. Sandeep Mehta, Mr. Ravinder Chaudhry and Ms. C. Latha also appreciated this proposal and the House unanimously agreed to adopt the commercial name as Indian Athletics.

It was resolved to approve this agenda item which was proposed by Mr. A.V. Raghavendra and seconded by Ms. C. Latha.

Agenda No. 13 To discuss and propose the stringent steps required to be taken by AFI to eliminate the doping menace and action against those who are involved in encouraging this menace.

It was informed to the members by the President that this particular Agenda had been included in the Annual General Meeting from over a decade, this particular agenda point has been taken to express our seriousness on this issue. He told that it was well-known that younger athletes were using forbidden substance to enhance their performances, either these young athletes were guided by the Coaches or are they themselves using the various websites to find out the substances used to enhance the performances.

It was informed by him the lists of the banned substances were circulated again and again by Dr. Arun K. Mendiratta, Chairman (Medical Commission) But the biggest worry of the Federation as to stop the use of forbidden substance which could bring bad name to the country as well as to Athletics Federation of India. It also affects the health of the youngsters. He appealed to all the units to enhance their vigilance & immediately start education programme and testing programme to bring awareness. He categorically mentioned that Athletics Federation of India will not tolerate any cheater and further express his desire to make this as a criminal offence by the Govt. of India.

He requested the members that they should take all stringent measures to stop use of banned substance by our athletes, particularly, the youngsters. Dr. Lalit K. Bhanot mentioned that it was important to inform the dates of the Competitions to Athletics Federation of India for all the Competitions which states are conducting to enable the Athletics Federation of India office to inform National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) for testing. He further informed that no one would not change the dates once the programme is finalized. It is not possible for the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) to change the programme.

He informed that it was observed that certain National Competitions conducted by some other organizations, no test was conducted. With the result, athlete prefers to participate in these Competitions. He specially mentioned that the School Games Federation/All India University and all Departmental Boards had to inform the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) to conduct tests.

Dr. Arun K. Mendiratta, Chairman (Medical Commission) presented his report.

After the report was presented by the Chairman, (Medical Commission), President, AFI informed the members that these details were covered in the Annual Report of the Secretary, AFI. It was clarified to the members that it was not AFI but in this regard WADA/NADA would take action against the athletes found positive. So, the officials from these doping agencies could collect samples of the athletes any time either it was out of Competition or during the Competition, and the athletes must ensure that they did not use the forbidden substance at all.

It was resolved to approve this agenda item which was proposed by Mr. Sandeep Mehta and seconded by Mr. R.K. Sacheti.

Agenda No.14 To ratify the list of athletes on whom sanctions were imposed during the period of the report.

The President informed the members that the list of banned athletes was circulated and also kept in the folders of the members as well as in the Annual Report of the Secretary, AFI. He asked Dr. Arun Kumar Mendiratta to make the report to the members. Dr. Arun Kumar Mendiratta while presenting his report, informed the members that they must bring this to the knowledge of their athletes. It was also informed that sometimes the athletes purchased contaminated food supplements from the market. Hence, they may be advised to purchase the duly certified food supplements only. In this regard, the role of the coaches was also very important under whom the athletes were being trained.

It was resolved to approve this agenda item, which was proposed by Mr. Sunny Joshua and seconded by Ms. C. Latha.

Agenda No. 15 To apprise the modalities & advantages of issuing the Permanent ID Card to Athletes representing affiliated units in National Championships.

It was informed that there had been instances where the junior athletes had the tendency to change their date of birth in order to remain in the junior section for longer period. The Athletes also had been giving the false date of birth, specially whose background was from the villages. As a result of this, the deserving junior athletes were deprived of the chances of winning medals and subsequently representing the country in the international junior athletics championships. Moreover, the data bank of both; senior and junior athletes would help the Federation to know about the date of birth of the athletes which prevent them to change their date of birth again & again. As such, the Athletes would be having the permanent ID Cards under biometric system. It was decided that minimum biometric cards would be made since this was only the best method of having the genuine record of age of the athletes from their first participation in AFI competition. It was also mentioned that the Federation had introduced these cards in the past but did not prove useful. These biometric cards were introduced in the last MILO NIDJAM held at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. The members of the House were requested to extend their full cooperation in that direction and the members appreciated this decision of AFI.

It was resolved to approve this agenda item, which was proposed by Mr. Sharat Chander and seconded by Mr. R.K. Pillai.

Agenda No. 16 To discuss and suggest action against State Units as per AFI Constitution for Athletes found Overage in various Meets.

It was informed that Athletics Federation of India had noticed high number of over-age athletes participating in the Junior/Sub-Junior/Youth Competitions. Inspite of the best efforts made by the Athletics Federation of India in the past, desired results could not

be achieved. This over-age participation had affected our developmental programme as well as it deprive of the deserving and upcoming athletes to get an opportunity to win the top position and represent the country in the various International Competitions. The medical tests were being conducted in all the Junior Athletics Meets to identify the over-age athletes, but still this over-age problem existed.

In the last Annual General Meeting, the decision was taken to take action against the Secretary of the States for not conducting age verification at the State Level Competition.

The President expressed displeasure about the role of the certain States of sending over-age athletes in the various National Competitions by producing fake age proof certificates and encouraging these athletes. Athletics Federation of India would not tolerate and accept the over-age participation. The following steps are taken in this regard:

- i) It had decided to register all the athletes in the country online and no athlete should take part in any National Competitions if they do not have their UID Number. This would help us to register the athletes at the districts at the initial level which would reduce the chances of fraud.
- ii) Athletics Federation of India had also issued biometric I-Card to check the over-age participation.
- iii) Apart from this, any athlete participating in the Athletics Federation of India Competition if appeared to be over-age, his participation and result would be valid subject to the medical check-up.

The members appreciated the work done in this regard and Mr. Sunny Joshua and Mr. Ravinder Chaudhry were of the strong opinion that action should be taken against the State Secretaries who were responsible for sending the State athletes in the various National Championships.

Some members expressed that Athletics Federation of India Officials should send for the age verification in the various Competitions must serve notice of the medical tests in writing.

The House approved the action plan.

It was resolved to approve this agenda item ,which was proposed by Mr. Sunny Joshua and seconded by Mr. Laxman Karanjgaokar.

Agenda No. 17 To discuss & approve the reports:

- **World Athletics ‘Level-1’ Technical Officials Course** for upgrading the knowledge of Indian Technical Officials.
- **IAAF Level –‘1’ & IAAF Level – ‘2’ Coaches Course being conducted by AFI.**

It was informed that it had become necessary that we must produce more and more quality coaches to handle new talent in the country.

After the introduction of the National Inter District Meet, the majority of the districts had become active and required more number of Coaches to handle these athletes. Keeping this thing in mind, a target of five thousand qualified coaches was fixed by the Athletics Federation of India to be produced within next ten years. The Federation started 12 Level-1 Courses and Level-2 Courses which were handled by our Chief Coach Mr. Radhakrishnan Nair every year. The details of the courses conducted yearly and report of Mr. Radhakrishnan Nair is enclosed at **Annexure - 7**.

Mr. Radhakrishnan Nair informed that AFI had involved the lecturers approved by World Athletics to conduct these courses at different places such as Patiala, Guwahati, Ranchi and LNCP, Gwalior etc. He further informed that he intensified this programme to achieve the target and would introduce the Refresher Course for those who have already appeared and successfully doing the Coaching at different places. The House congratulated Mr. Radhakrishnan Nair and Mr. Madhu Kant Pathak for their endeavour.

Dr. Lalit K. Bhanot mentioned, as the district activities had been enhanced we would require more number of coaches at the District Level to provide scientific coaching to the upcoming athletes at the District Level. He proposed that it had become imperative the Athletics Federation of India to enhance its academic programme by introducing Pre Level-1 Coaching Courses which would be a basic level course. It was also informed that former athletes/parents/physical education teachers etc. would be eligible to appear in this course and it would be conducted **“ONLINE”**.

He further mentioned that Athletics Federation of India was working on the modalities for the course and would shortly inform you about the date and other details for the said course.

The House appreciated the proposal and desired that this would be very useful for the growth and development of the Athletics in the country from the grass-root level.

It was resolved to approve the report presented by Mr. Radhakrishnan Nair and the proposal explained by Dr. Lalit K. Bhanot which was proposed by Mr. Mumtaz Khan and seconded by Mr. V.A. Shiyad.

Agenda No. 18 To promote Running/Mini marathon/Marathon at the district level to create awareness among the Youth in the Country.

It becomes the responsibility of all of us to ensure that these activities must be conducted in all the Districts/ States and at the National Level adhering to the rules and regulations provided in the Athletics Federation of India Manual.

All the members of the Athletics family need to be vigilant that all unauthorized races must be stopped at every level.

It was also found that some of our Officials/Office Bearers of Districts/States Athletics Federation of India became the part of unauthorized races/marathons. We must decide we need to take action against these member of the Athletics Federation of India family which includes the office bearers/technical officials/coaches and athletes. He requested all the members to apprise every members of the State and District Associations that we have to encourage the road running/marathon. But, at the same time, we have to maintain a distance from unauthorized races/marathons. He also proposed to prepare a blue print to organize more and more races/marathons at the National Level and every member of the Federation had to come forward to enhance and promote road races/marathons.

Mr. Madhu Kant Pathak will appreciated the views expressed by Dr. Lalit Bhanot and he proposed to suspend all officials/office bearers/members of the District/State/ Athletics Federation of India to be suspended for the period of three months. In case they found to be involved with unauthorized marathons/races. It was seconded by Mr. Mumtaz Khan and other members. The resolution was approved and adopted unanimously.

It was also proposed by the President to form a Committee to prepare the blue print to encourage and conduct road races/marathons across India and submit their report within six months and it was also proposed to conduct these meetings virtually to avoid any inconvenience in travelling and safety against the Pandemic COVID-19.

The President, AFI mentioned that in order to create interest among youth of the country, it was necessary that Road Races were made popular in the country at the district level. This would not only help popularizing the Athletics but also would raise the standard of Athletics with the involvement of more and more young athletes at the right age.

A committee was formed with the following members and to give its proper recommendation within six months:

Mr. Madhukant Pathak, Chairman

Mr. Mumtaz Khan

Ms. C. Latha

Mr. Rajavelu

Mr. Sarangapani

Mr. Sunil Mahajan

Mr. Laxman Karanjaokar

Mr. Padi Richo

Mr. Lakhya Konwar

Mr. Kamal Ali Khan

It was resolved to approve this agenda item which was proposed by R.K. Sacheti and seconded by Mr. Laxman Karanjaokar.

Agenda No. 19 To update and adopt the Indian Athletics Manual 2020.

It was informed that Athletics Federation of India was working to frame the rules & regulations from time to time to bring efficiency and transparency in its working. It was Dr. Lalit K. Bhanot to prepare Athletics Manual consisting of all rules & regulations for the conduct of various competitions, protocol for officials, athletes and all others. It was updated from time to time, and in the last AGM a committee was formed under the Chairmanship of Mr. P.K. Srivastava with Mr. Stanley Jones, Mr. Satish Uchil, Mr. Madhu Kant Pathak and Mr. S.P. Pillai as the members to upgrade the Athletics Manual, and to make provisions for bringing the quality which makes the conduct of the meet simple, efficient and transparent. He further mentioned that the Athletics Manual had been sent to you by mail and it was also placed in the papers given to all the delegates. He opened the floor for discussions and comments. After long in-depth discussions the House unanimously approved the Athletics Manual 2020.

It was resolved to approve and adopt the Athletics Manual 2020 and in the future all the organizers to bring transparency in the conduct of Athletics competitions, which was proposed by Mr. Sunny Joshua and seconded by Mr. Mumtaz Khan.

Agenda No 20. To ratify the National Records created during the period.

It was informed that records created during the period were discussed in the Executive Council Meeting yesterday which were ratified and the Executive Council

recommended the same to the General House for approval. Mr. Stanley Jones informed the House that total seven national records were created during the period under reference, and all the formalities as described in the rules & regulations such as report of the Technical Delegate, dope test and TSR system was also used during the meets where the records were created. All these records were created outside the country in the approved meets except one which was created in India. The House unanimously agreed to approve the national records created during the period under reference. The list of the national records created during the period is attached at **Annexure-8**.

It was resolved to approve and adopt the national records created during the period which was proposed by Mrs. A. Hyma and seconded by Mr. V.A. Shiyad.

Agenda No. 21 To present the report on the preparation of Indian Athletes for the following International Competitions:

- *World Athletics Relay Championships, Silesia, Poland {1st & 2nd May 2021}.*
- *Olympics Games, Tokyo 2021 (Tokyo, Japan) {23th July 2021 to 8th August 2021}.*
- *IAAF World Championships, 2022 (Eugene, Oregon, USA) {15th to 24th July 2022}.*
- *XXII Commonwealth Games, Birmingham 2022 (UK) {28th July 2022 to 8th August 2022}.*
- *XIX Asian Games, Hangzhou 2022 (Zhejiang, China) {10th to 25th September 2022}.*

Agenda No. 22 To present the report on the performances of Indian Athletes in the following International Competitions :

- *23rd Asian Athletics Championships 2019 held at Doha from 21 to 24 April 2019.*
- *IAAF World Championships held at Doha from 27 September 2019 to 06 October 2019.*
- *13th South Asian Games 2019 held at Kathmandu, Nepal from 3rd to 7th December 2019.*

The President informed the members that as both the agenda items were related to each other, he asked for the permission of the house to take up both these agenda items together. It was agreed by the House unanimously.

It was informed that the preparation of the Indian athletes was in full progress as very important events such as Olympic Games and World Championships were to be held in 2020 and 2021. It was because of the prevailing situation of Pandemic COVID-19 nothing could happen. Although it had been a challenge to continue the training of athletes not only in the coaching camps across the nation, the situation became

volatile internationally and due to the ongoing trend of the fear of the spreading of the COVID-19, AFI alongwith SAI and Ministry of Sports reduced the strength of the athletes . Only the Olympic bound athletes were kept in the coaching camp for the preparation of the Olympic Games which was postponed for one year. He apprised the House that the Federation alongwith SAI and Ministry of Sports, made its full endeavour to continue the training of the athletes and to keep these athletes in the protected environment. He congratulated all the athletes who had already achieved the qualification standard for the Olympic Games. He expected that approximately 40 athletes would qualify for the Olympics.

Mr. Radhakrishnan, the newly appointed Chief Coach made his power point presentation to the house for both the agendas.

While making the power point presentation Mr. Radhakrishnan, Chief Coach informed the House that due to COVID-19, the preparations for the Olympic Games were very badly affected and their training abroad also could not take place.

During the presentation he also informed the House about the athletes who had already qualified for Tokyo Olympics. Although the performances of the Indian athletes in 4x400m and Mixed Relay was good but overall performance of the athletes in 2019 was not satisfactory.

It was mentioned that proper jobs must be assigned to all the Coaches and whatever was required by the athletes for their better performance, must be made available to them.

It was resolved to approve the agenda no. 21 and 22 which was proposed by Mr. Sandeep Sharma and seconded by Mr. Jaspinder Singh.

Agenda No. 23 To present & discuss the reports of various committees formed for various activities:

Ø Committee to draft the Model Constitution for the District Units – Constitution Committee

Ø Committee to Digitalise all AFI records from its beginning - Digitalisation Committee

Ø Committee to collect the addresses & E-mail of all concerned persons of AFI – Email Committee

Ø Committee for the Introduction of Pre Level 1 Coaches Course

Ø Committee to prepare the Technical Officials at District Level

Ø Editorial Board

The President requested Dr. Lalit K. Bhanot to take up this agenda item and brief the members on the various committees.

He informed that inspite of the lockdown, lot of work had been done during the period by our members. President, Athletics Federation of India formed six committees to bring more efficiency and for the development of Athletics in the country.

Everybody was aware that Athletics Federation of India was running its districts programme in a big way and was making efforts to activate all the districts in the country providing opportunities to every child to get competition at their door step and target more and more youth in the Track & Field.

It was not only the National Inter District Meet which would help the athletics to develop but there were also other measures required to be taken to strengthen the district system. He mentioned that districts needed to streamline their functioning, bring efficiency, transparency and to provide opportunities to the athletes. There was the requirement that every District Association must be registered. It must have its own bank account and PAN number etc. They should have 20 – 30 Coaches and 30 – 40 Technical Officials to impart training and conduct their District Meets. Keeping all these things in mind, the President formed various committees including the Model Constitution Committee for the districts. The Model Constitution needed to be adopted by every district. The Model Constitution was discussed in depth. The members were asked to send comments; if any, within seven days to be incorporated in the District Constitution. The House authorised the President/Secretary to incorporate the suggestions given by the members and send for adoption. The Model Constitution was approved by the House unanimously.

The Chairman, Planning Committee informed the members that due to frequent shifting of the AFI Office, it was becoming difficult to find the records every time. Hence, it was felt that there was the need to digitalise the AFI Office records. He was pleased to inform that after lot of hard work upto 32 years old record had been digitalised. The record so created would be certified, it was decided.

It was also mentioned that AFI staff had done lot of hard work to compile the email id's and complete the addresses of all the individuals including ex-athletes, retired coaches etc. This data was also required as AFI had started sending the monthly newsletter and as of now, AFI had been able to compile the addresses of more than 20,000 persons whom the AFI newsletter was being sent.

Regarding basic education for the coaches at district level, it was clarified that the minimum qualification for this course would be 10th class pass. Initially, it would be in the English and Hindi languages and later, it would be made in 8 regional languages. The syllabus of district level coaches course was already finalised and duly approved by the World Athletics, it was informed.

Similarly, the report of the Editorial Board was also approved, wherein it was shown how to make the newsletter more attractive. The members were requested to go

through the reports which were already kept in their folders and come forward with their suggestions, if any.

The reports were well appreciated by the House.

It was resolved to approve this agenda item which was proposed by Mr. R.K. Sacheti and seconded by Mr. Stanley Jones.

Agenda No. 24 To present & discuss the activities of Affiliated Units of AFI and finalise the action to be taken against defaulters as per AFI Constitution.

The President, AFI requested the members to make power point presentation of their annual activity report to the House. In this connection, a committee with the following members was formed to assess the activities done by the affiliated units and send its report to AFI:

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| 1 | Ms. Anju Bobby George | Chairperson |
| 2 | Mr. Radhakrishnan | Member |
| 3. | Ms. Suman Rawat Mehta | Member |
| 4. | Mr. Kamal Ali Khan | Member |

The activity reports of the State Associations and UTs were presented and approved but those who failed to send either their reports or were not present in the meeting for the presentation of their report; the above committee under the Chairmanship of Ms. Anju Bobby George would suggest the appropriate action against the non-performers.

It was resolved to approve this agenda item which was proposed by Mrs. C. Iatha and seconded by Mr. V.A. Shiyad.

Agenda No. 25 To discuss & adopt the approach to popularize Javelin Throw, Race Walking and 400m Events.

The President, AFI mentioned that this agenda was discussed in the previous meeting also. If we looked into the performance of our athletes in Javelin Throw, Race Walking and 400m events, the chances of winning medal in Olympics were very bright. In this regard, the suggestions from the members were sought. Different members gave their views about the conduct of all these three events. Mr. Babu PI from Kerala suggested that these events should be conducted separately at the state level also and then going to the national level. Ms. C. Latha from Tamil Nadu suggested that these events should be introduced right from the grass root level i.e. district level. Some of the members from the North East States were of the opinion that in the rural areas there were chances of producing good athletes in these events and hence, these events, specially the Javelin Throw event should be introduced in the rural areas after the approval of the state government.

Mr. H.S. Bhadu gave his suggestion to introduce some prize money and incentive etc. for these events to make them popular in the country and more athletes could participate in these events. Some of the members were of the opinion that these events should be introduced at school level itself.

Mr. Gopal Saini from Rajasthan suggested that although there was plenty of athletes for Javelin Throw and there was a need to create awareness amongst the athletes, for which more qualified coaches should be brought and judges were also required for Race Walk event to check the skill factor which was appreciated by the House.

The Chairman, Planning Committee, thanked the members for giving their suggestions to popularize the Javelin Throw event, 400m event and Race Walk event and it was finally approved that immediately these events should be conducted at district level, state level separately to popularize these events. It was also decided to increase the number of qualified judges for the Race Walk event to check the skill part.

For the Javelin Throw event it was decided to introduce different types of equipment and the members were asked to be very careful while Javelin event was in progress to avoid any untoward incidence. It was also advised that while approving the level of events for the competitions, the safety of the athletes and officials must be given top priority and it was decided not to conduct the two long throws events at the same time which was appreciated by the House. It was mentioned that discussions regarding these three events would be held again in a special meeting separately wherein the matter of concern like athletes not joining the camp, over training of the athletes, food supplements, medical support to the athletes etc would also be discussed.

It was resolved to approve this agenda item which was proposed by R.K. Sacheti and seconded by Mr. Stanley Jones.

Agenda No. 26 To discuss and approve the proposal of the Sub-Committee appointed in previous AGM for the purchase of permanent Building for AFI Office, and modalities of raising Funds for the same.

The President, AFI informed that this issue had been pending since long and efforts were still continued to purchase the building for AFI Office at some suitable place. It was informed that the committee comprising of Mr. P.K. Srivastava, Dr. V.K. Tyagi, Mr. Sandeep Mehta and Mr. Sunny Joshua had met number of times but not much could be achieved till now. The House was apprised about the report of the Building Purchase Committee by Mr. P.K. Srivastava and informed that in addition to the various other buildings, we were very close to finalise one building in Naraina but the owner of the building wanted to sell the entire building, whereas AFI wanted to purchase part of that building which was the only requirement of the Federation and this was also endorsed by Mr. Sandeep Mehta. As such, the House noted that no final decision could be made during the period. The same committee was extended and asked to do the needful as early as possible. It was decided that as far as possible the next AGM of AFI would be conducted in its own Athletics House which was appreciated by the House. The Chairman, Planning Committee further mentioned that efforts would be made to have Federation's own training centre.

Mr. Sandeep Mehta informed that Moti Nagar area was also one of the ideal place to purchase AFI Office for which Mr. Shiv was requested to locate some better place which should be preferably on main road having easy approach to transport/metro rail which was appreciated.

The President, AFI mentioned that it would also have to be seen as to how the funds would be generated for purchase of AFI Office building which could be either by way of taking loan from the bank/financial institution and some part of the cost should also be contributed by the AFI State units for which he sought the views of the members of different state units how much each state could contribute money for purchase of AFI Office. Some states came forward to donate the funds either from their personal capacity or on behalf of their respective State Association. However, some state units could not give their decision immediately and that they would revert later but as soon as possible. The Chairman, Planning Committee appreciated the good gesture of the state units which announced the amount of donation they could give and requested all of them to give more and more contribution for purchase of AFI Office building. At the same time President, AFI also mentioned that we must intensify our efforts to purchase

the building for AFI Office and enhance the Athletics activities in the country. **The list of members who informed the amount of donation would be sent separately.**

It was resolved to approve this agenda item which was proposed by Mr. Babu PI and seconded by Mr. Sharat Chander.

Agenda No. 27 To discuss and approve the various purchases made during the year.

It was informed that AFI had formed a committee for various important purchases for the campers. The Government also sanctioned Rs. 2.00 crores for purchase of important items such as Javelin, Balance Pads, Power Slads, Throwing Balls, TRX Sling Trainer, Gymnastic Mats, Competition Hurdles, Competition Hurdles, Training Hurdles, Flat Cones, Medium size Cones, V Max Pro Motion Analysis System, Lactace Pro-2 Analyzer & Lactic Analyzer Strip through proper procedure. Although some of the items had already been purchased, due to COVID-19 some of the items could not be purchased but the process was on.

The President, AFI advised the committee members to ensure that proper procedure as laid down by the Government of India must be followed while purchasing the material, to avoid any kind of ambiguity later on.

It was resolved to approve this agenda item which was proposed by Mr. Sunny Joshua and seconded by Mr. Mumtaz Khan.

Agenda No. 28 To consider, pass and adopt the Budget proposal of the Federation for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

The President, AFI informed the members that the details of the budget proposal of AFI were already kept in the working paper as annexure to this agenda. The budget shown was only the tentative, he mentioned and further clarified that some amount of expenses might not be spent in this year and adjustment would be made accordingly. The President, AFI requested the members to give their comments, if any, otherwise give approval for the same.

It was resolved to approve the budget which was proposed by Mr. Sandeep Mehta and seconded by Mr. A.V. Raghavendra.

Agenda No. 29 To ratify the Grant of Rupees Ten Thousand (Rs.10,000/-) to the maximum of One Hundred Districts of our country for organizing various activities such as District Championships etc.

The President, AFI informed the House that this matter was discussed and approved in last AGM also. The House was requested to ratify the proposal. It was further clarified that the list of 100 districts to whom the grant to be given was attached. However, so far only 39 district associations, which had given bank details and PAN number, had been paid the grant. As such, the members were requested to advise their remaining district units to open their bank account and send the same to AFI alongwith their PAN numbers, so that the amount could be transferred to them also which was appreciated by the House.

It was resolved to approve this agenda item which was proposed by Mr. Sandeep Mehta and seconded by Mr. A.V. Raghavendra.

Agenda No. 30 To discuss the applications requesting affiliation of the State Athletics Association in Dadar Nagar Haveli, Ladakh and Daman & Diu.

The President, AFI informed the House that AFI had received the applications from Ladakh, Dadar Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu for affiliation to the Federation. However, it was informed that as far as Ladakh was concerned, affiliation could be granted to them but regarding Dadar Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, it was informed that the Government had issued notification for the unification of these two Union Territories into one. Hence, the House approved the provisional affiliation of Ladakh for the period of three years and then the Executive Council would evaluate their activities and, accordingly recommend to the General House to grant permanent affiliation to them. The provision affiliated member would not have right to vote.

Regarding affiliation to Dadar Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu a two member committee was formed for unification of these two Associations and put up their case for the affiliation. The two member committee would be Mr. Laxman Karanjaokar, Secretary, Gujarat Athletics Association and Mr. Satish Uchil, Secretary, Maharashtra Athletics Association.

It was resolved to approve this agenda item which was proposed by Mr. Raj Kumar Mittan and seconded by Mr. Sandeep Sharma.

Agenda No. 31 To appoint a Committee to further streamline AFI Constitution to bring more transparency and efficiency in the AFI working.

The President, AFI informed the members of the House that there was need to re-look into the AFI Constitution once again to rectify the mistakes. Therefore, a committee needed to be formed for further streamlining the AFI Constitution and place their

recommendation in the Executive Council Meeting within next 60 days. This was agreed by the House and a committee to streamline the AFI Constitution was formed as below:

Mr. P.K. Srivastava	Chairman
Mr. Parth Goswami	Member
Mr. Madhukant Pathak	Member
Mr. Stanley Jones	Member
Mr. Sandeep Mehta	Member

The following committees were also formed by the President, AFI:

Coaching Committee:

Mr. P. Radhakrishnan	Chairman
Mr. Sarangpani	Convenor
Mr. Volker Herrmann, HPD	Member
Mr. Kamal Ali Khan	Member

Technical Committee:

Mr. Stanley Jones,	Chairman
Mr. Satish Uchil	Member
Mr. Rajavelu	Member

In addition to above, the following would be the Chairpersons of various committees:

Mr. G.S. Randhawa, Chairman	Senior Selection Committee
Ms. P.T. Usha, Chairperson	Junior and Youth Selection Committee
Mr. Arun K. Mendiratta, Chairman	Medical Committee
Dr. Kripal Singh, Chairman	Examination Committee
Mr. A.K. Sharma, Chairman	Finance Committee

It was mentioned that some more committees would also be formed for which Mr. Adille J. Sumariwalla, President, AFI was authorised by the House to take a final decision. It was also decided that Mr. Sunil Mahajan from J & K Athletics Association would also be included in one of the committees.

It was resolved to approve this agenda item which was proposed by Mr. Satish Uchil and seconded by Mr. V.A. Shiyad.

Agenda No. 32 To discuss & finalise the 'Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to conduct the National Championships during this COVID-19 Pandemic.

The President, AFI informed the members that lot of hard work had been done to prepare Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) by the Medical Committee, Technical Committee and Competition Committee. It was also to be seen that the SOP was perfect from legal angle as well, therefore, the opinion of Mr. Parth Goswami, Legal Advisor of AFI was also taken while preparing the SOP and same was approved by him also. The President, AFI informed that it was already circulated to all the members and hopefully all of them might had gone through the same.

It was informed that the SOP was divided in three categories i.e. medical, technical and general guidelines and this SOP would be applicable only during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

On the request of President, AFI Dr. Arun Kumar Mendiratta, Chairman, Medical Commission, AFI made a presentation to the House showing the medical guidelines for the athletes who wanted to participate in the competitions as per the Athletics Calendar prepared by AFI. Dr. Arun Kumar Mendiratta, while making the presentation to the House informed that the SOP was prepared keeping in mind the complete safety and security of our athletes, coaches and the officials participating in the competition like provision of proper sanitization, body temperature of the participants, entry and exit and social distancing etc. A sanitization tunnel was prepared through which all athletes and officials would have to pass in order to enter the venue. Since the athletes could not return through the same tunnel, a separate tunnel was made for them to come back from the venue. A prescribed format was also shown during the presentation which was mandatory to be filled up by the participants. The presentation given by him was appreciated by the members.

Similarly, a presentation on the technical guidelines for the athletes and officials by Mr. Stanley Jones and by Mr. P.K. Srivastava showing the general guidelines was made to the members respectively which was approved by the House.

It was resolved to approve the SOP which was proposed by Mr. Laxman Karanjgaokar and seconded by Mr. Mumtaz Khan.

Agenda No. 33 To discuss & streamline the Look & Feel (Branding) for the National Championships.

The President, AFI showed his concern about the Look and Feel (Branding) of the various National Championships as well as State and District Championships and shown its importance during the present time. The Chairman, Planning Committee mentioned

that we must fully understand the term Look & Feel and then act accordingly. He further informed that it was related to commercial work. We must look into different factors like every hoarding, conduct of the meet, what we were wearing, the manner how the Medal Ceremony was conducted, how and what was our movement in the stadium and also those of athletes etc.

A committee was formed as under which would send its report separately and final decision would be taken in the next meeting :

1. Mr. Ravinder Chaudhry
2. Ms. Anju Bobby George
3. Mr. Madhukant Pathak
4. Mr. P.K. Srivastava
5. Mr. Rajavelu
6. Mr. Sarangpani
7. Ms. C. Latha
8. Mr. Sandeep Mehta

It was resolved to approve this agenda item which was proposed by Mr. Sunny Joshua and seconded by Mr. Raj Kumar Mittan.

Agenda No. 34 To discuss and approve the Reports of the following Committees:

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| Ø Selection Committee | Ø Medical Committee |
| Ø Technical Committee | Ø Planning, Coaching & Monitoring Committee |

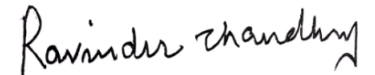
Since lot of discussions had already taken place it was resolved to approve the reports of these committees by the House which was proposed by Mr. Sandeep Mehta and seconded by Mr. Sharat Chander.

Agenda No. 35 Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Lord Sebastian Coe, President, World Athletics while addressing the House virtually from London appreciated AFI for its tough stand against doping for improving its athletes' performances in a number of events and for being to the forefront of keeping the sport active in these uncertain times of COVID-19. Addressing the valedictory session of the AFI Annual General Meeting through video conferencing he was happy to see the progress that India was making internationally in its performances in not just one or two events but across the broad spectrum. Mr. Sebastian Coe congratulated the Mr. Adille Sumariwalla, Ms. Anju Bobby George for being elected unanimously as President, AFI and Senior Vice President, AFI respectively. He also congratulated Mr. Ravinder Chaudhry for being elected unanimously as Secretary, AFI and all other

new Office Bearers. He was happy to see that the elections were held in a most transparent way. He congratulated Dr. Lalit K. Bhanot for his work for the upliftment of Track & Field in the country.

Since there was no any other agenda item, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Ravinder Chaudhry
Secretary, AFI