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Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting held on Friday, 29th September 2017

The minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting of Indian Red Cross Society, Goa State held on Friday, 29th September 2017 at 11.30 am at the Darbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Dona Paula Goa, under the Presidentship of the Hon’ble Governor of Goa, Dr. Smt. Mridula Sinha, The President of Indian Red Cross Society, Goa.

Shri. Gaurish M. Dhond, Hon. Chairman of Indian Red Cross Society Goa accorded a warm welcome to Dr. Smt. Mridula Sinha, Hon’ble Governor of Goa and the President of IRCS Goa State. The Hon’ble Governor then proceeded to garland the portrait of Jean Henry Dunant, the founder of Red Cross Movement in the World. Other dignitaries also offered floral tributes at the portrait.

The Chairman escorted the Hon’ble Governor to the dais. Dr. (Mrs.) Anita D’ Souza, Patron member, IRCS Goa presented The Hon’ble Governor with a basket of fruits. The Red Cross Geet was sung by the Students of Progress High School, Panaji.

The Hon. Chairman formally welcomed the gathering and called upon all the members to rise and collectively work towards the welfare of humanity.

The Hon’ble Governor Dr. Smt. Mridula Sinha, along with the Chairman and other dignitaries on the dais then released the Annual Administrative Report of IRCS Goa for the year 2016-2017.

The Patron members (1) Dr. Sitakant Narayan Kamat Ghanekar (2) Shri. Yatin Ramesh Parekh (3) Shri. Manguirish Naik Raiker (4) Shri. Shibu Reghunathan (5) Shri. Vinesh Raghu Pikale (6) Shri. Leao Florencio Perpetuo Dias and (7) Shri. Govindraj S. Dempo were invited to the dais to receive the Patron member certificate from Hon’ble Governor.

Shri. Manguirish Pai Raiker
Hon. Vice-Chairman

Shri. Mario Pinto de Santana
Hon. Treasurer

Managing Committee Members

Shri. Raghu K. Pikale
Dr. Shri. Digambar Naik

Shri. Gangaram Morajkar
Shri. Rajesh Salgaonkar

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President : Hon’ble Excellency President of India, Chairperson : Union Cabinet Minister for Health & Family Planning
The meeting then proceeded as per the Agenda items listed:

1. **Presentation of previous years Minutes**
   Shri. Manguirish Pai Raikar, Hon. Vice Chairman, read out the minutes of the previous year and the floor was opened for receiving feedback on the same.

2. **Matters arising out of the previous years minutes**
   The Hon. Chairman informed that a memorandum of understanding was signed between the Mapusa Municipal Council and Indian Red Cross Society, Bardez Branch on 13th April 2017. The newly shifted Bardez branch was inaugurated at the hands of Hon’ble Governor of Goa and IRCS Goa President Dr. (Smt.) Mridula Sinha on 08th May, 2017 on the occasion of World Red Cross Day.
   The Chairman further informed that every effort is being made by the state branch to get the issue of waiver of rentals of Salcete branch resolved at the earliest. Hon. Chairman has written to the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Goa Shri. Manohar Parrikar and has also held a meeting with him and apprised the Hon’ble Chief Minister and requested him to intervene in the matter.
   About the Ponda Branch the Chairman informed that a Lease agreement has been executed on 21st March 2017 between Ponda Municipal Council and Indian Red Cross society Goa and that the Ponda Branch will be Inaugurated by the year end.

3. **Presentation of Annual Administrative Report for 2016-17**
   The Report was presented by the Chairman. The Report highlighted the Activities and events that the Goa State Office of IRCS had organized during the last year as well as the activities and events planned for the next year.
   The Hon Chairman informed that Indian Red Cross society Goa are thinking on starting its first Red Cross blood bank with the help of Dr. Avinash Dhakankar, Life Member.

4. **Presentation, Consideration and adoption of Audited Annual Accounts for the year 2016-17**
   Shri. Mario Pinto De Santana, Hon. Treasurer presented the same and informed that no queries were received by the IRCS office before the stipulated cut-off date as clearly indicated in the Notice of the AGM.
   Hon. Treasurer requested Mr. Abhay Karangate, life member to send his query in writing to IRCS Office in case he has any and assured to answer all his doubts.
The Audited accounts as tabled were then proposed by Adv. Joaquim Dias life member and Seconded by Dr. Avinash Dhakankar, Life member and the Audited Accounts for 2016-17 were unanimously approved and adopted.

5. **Budget Estimates for 2017-18**
The Budget Estimates for 2017-18 were presented by the Hon. Treasurer, which was proposed by Adv. Nicolas Dias, Member and Seconded by Shri. Yatin Parekh, Patron member. The Budget estimates were then unanimously approved by all.

6. **Appointment of Statutory Auditor for the year 2017-18**
The Hon. Treasurer asked the members present if the society could continue with the Services of the current Auditor M/s. Edvina De Souza & Associates. The appointment of the statutory auditor was proposed by Smt. Pratima Dhond, Life member and was seconded by Shri. Anup Kantak, Life member. The Continuation of the current auditor was then approved.

7. **Any other matter with the permission of the Chair**
   a) Mr. Subash Kauthankar Chairman of Bardez Branch thanked Hon’ble Governor and the President of IRCS Goa, Dr. (Smt.) Mridula Sinha, The Vice President of IRCS Goa and MLA Mapusa Adv. Francis D’Souza, the Hon. Chairman of IRCS Goa Shri. Gaurish M. Dhond, Chairman of Mapusa Municipal Council Shri. Rohan Kavlekar and Ex-Chairman of Mapusa Municipal Council Shri. Sandeep Fallari for their efforts in getting the premises allotted to IRCS Bardez Goa.
   
   He further informed that since the inaugural of the premises at the hands of the Hon’ble Governor on 8th May 2017 the clinic is providing services to the general public and he also thanked Shri. Gangaram Morajkar, Member of Managing committee of IRCS Goa for arranging free medical services of Dr. Pradeep Korgaonkar who is available for free consultation at the Bardez Branch on Tuesday and Thursday.

   b) Mr. Shibu Reghunathan, Adhoc Chairman, IRCS Goa’s, Salcete Branch thanked the Hon. Chairman Shri Gaurish M. Dhond for his efforts in getting the premises allotted to Salcete branch and for taking up with the Chief Minister the issue of waiver of rentals on the premises. The Salcete branch has conducted many activities like Medical Camps and Blood donation drives. He requested the Hon’ble Governor of Goa and the President of IRCS Goa to kindly intervene in the issue of waiver of rentals of the premises so as to enable them to conduct more activities.
c) Dr. Smt. Suvarna Fonseca, Life member informed that she along with Dr. Anita de Souza, Patron member have undergone “Train the Trainer” programme in Healthy Ageing at Gujarat and their services can be availed by all the Taluka branches.

d) Dr Anita de Souza suggested that Indian Red Cross Society Goa should organise more programmes of Yoga and Naturopathy and offered to help out in arranging the same.

e) Hon. Chairman Shri. Gaurish M. Dhond was congratulated for being elected as a member of the National Managing Body of Indian Red Cross Society for the second Term.

f) Dr. Suvarna R. Fonseca said it is difficult to get dates from GMC Blood bank for organising Blood donation drives as it is the only blood bank in Goa. Dr. S. Dalvi, Director of Health Services informed that Blood Bank of Asilo Mapusa and Blood bank of Hospicio Margao also conduct Blood donation drives. Dr Avinash Dhakankar added that with the new proposed IRCS Goa blood bank there will be a solution to the problem.

g) Hon. Chairman drew the attention of the members to the “Plaque for Donations” for yearly donations given to IRCS Goa. To his call for yearly donation of minimum Rs 10,000/- Shri. Yatin Parekh Patron member, Dr. Lenny D’Costa life member, Dr. Avinash Kamat Dhakanker Life Member, Shri. Rohidas Desai Life Member, Shri. Vinesh R. Pikale, Patron Member, Shri. Mangaldas Naik Life Member, Shri. Vaman Pai Life Member, Shri. Mehboob Virani Patron Member, Shri. Amin Ladak Life Member expressed their willingness to contribute annually to IRCS Goa for which they would be given a donation plaque.

**Address by the Hon’ble Governor**
The Hon’ble Governor Dr. Smt. Mridula Sinha in her address drew the attention of the gathering to the ongoing “Swachata Hi Seva” campaign and pointed out that cleanliness is service too and that we must ensure that our surroundings are clean because if the place is clean then diseases and problems decrease. She further said that the direction in which the IRCS Goa is going is commendable. Acknowledging that financial Constraints are present whenever one undertakes any voluntary work, she said “There is no lack of people wanting to support, People are willing to help. We only have to ask for assistance, without hesitating”
The Governor concluded her address by administering the Swachhata (Cleanliness) pledge to the gathering.

**Compering:**
The Annual General Meeting was compered by Dr. (Mrs.) Suvarna R. Fonseca e Antao Ex Chairperson of IRCS Goa.

**Vote of Thanks:**
Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. Digambar Naik, Member of Managing Committee of Indian Red Cross Society, Goa.

The meeting concluded with the Singing of National Anthem

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Flt. Lt. Maria Shanti Reveredo
General Secretary