

## **REGIONAL CENTRE, NAEB, JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA**

**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Advisory Management Committee (AMC) Meeting for the year 2013-14, held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at Jadavpur University, Kolkata.**

*Members present in the AMC meeting:*

- Prof. Souvik Bhattacharyya, Vice-Chancellor, Jadavpur University & Chairman, Advisory Management Committee, Regional Centre, NAEB, Jadavpur University
- Shri Ujjwal Bhattacharya, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (General), Aranya Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kolkata, West Bengal
- Shri J.K. Tewari, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Eastern Regional Office, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- Shri P.C. Mishra, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FDA), Duranda, Ranchi, Jharkhand
- Shri M.J. Mishra, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests (JFM), Patna, Bihar
- Ms. M. Sivagami Selvi, Technical Officer, NAEB, MoEF, New Delhi
- Shri B.N. Sarbadhikary, Forester, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Kolkata Office.
- Shri Amitava Ghosh, Secretary, Kalamandir, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
- Prof. (Dr.) Asis Mazumdar, Coordinator, Regional Centre, NAEB, Jadavpur University

The 1<sup>st</sup> Advisory Management Committee (AMC) Meeting of the Regional Centre, NAEB, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, for the year 2013-14, was held within the Jadavpur University Campus, Kolkata on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013, as scheduled. On account of certain emergent situation the meeting was held in two parts, the first one was held in the Chamber of the Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University and the 2<sup>nd</sup> part was held in the Conference Hall of the Regional Centre, NAEB, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

Prof. S. Bhattacharyya, Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University, presided over the meeting. Shri Ujjwal Bhattacharya, IFS, PCCF (General), West Bengal, was amongst the distinguished guests present in the meeting which included Shri J.K. Tewari, IFS, Addl. PCCF, ERO, MoEF, Bhubaneswar; Shri P.C. Mishra, IFS, Addl. PCCF, FDA, Jharkhand, Shri M.J. Mishra, IFS, CCF, JFM, Bihar; Ms. M. Sivagami Selvi, Technical Officer, NAEB, MoEF, New Delhi; Shri B.N. Sarbadhikary, Forester, Camp Officer at Kolkata, A&N Islands; and Shri Amitava Ghosh, Secretary, Kalamandir, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand.

Prof. S. Bhattacharyya, VC, Jadavpur University took the chair and requested for self introduction of the distinguished guests and participants. Prof. (Dr.) Asis Mazumdar, Coordinator, welcomed the guests and thanked them for their participation. He specially thanked Prof. S. Bhattacharyya for culling out valuable time from his busy schedule under crucial circumstances, to chair the meeting. Thereafter Prof. Bhattacharyya initiated the proceedings by referring to the resolutions of the last AMC meeting which was summarily passed by the members. Prof. Bhattacharyya appreciated the activities undertaken by the Centre and expressed his willingness to extend all out support for the cause of the Centre.

Shri U. Bhattacharya mentioned each state should have a brief presentation regarding the status of implementing projects especially NAP in their respective states. The necessary interventions from the Regional Centre, NAEB regarding capacity building, Microplanning or research studies which may be included in the future projects. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) sponsored Forestry Project, which is a JFMC oriented programme, preparation of Microplan for the selected JFMCs are mandatory. In this context he suggested that the Regional Centre with its expertise in the matter may take up the preparation of these Microplans.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the meeting which was held in the Conference Hall of the Regional Centre, Prof. Mazumdar made an appraisal of the implemented work programme of 2012-13 through a power point presentation on the activities undertaken by the Regional Centre during the year 2012-13. Concerned Scientists of the Regional Centre supplemented the presentation where required.

The work programme for the year 2013-14 was then placed before the House on another power point presentation for consideration. Each item of work programme was briefly narrated by the respective Scientist of the Regional Centre who proposed the programme. The proposed work programme for the year 2013-14 was generally accepted by the respective states representative with little modification viz. Proposed training venue of Training on Rain Water Harvesting at Valmiki Nagar, VTR was shifted to Kaimur in Bihar; Proposed Training at Dhanbad was lifted to Hazaribag and Documentation of Dhanbad was suggested to carry out in Giridih in Jharkhand. Suggestive change was accepted by the house and accordingly the programme was rescheduled.

The Centre got responsibility to prepare the National level reports on 'status of NAP implementation through meta-evaluation of FDAs', 'Decadal journey of NAP by consolidating all state reports' and 'Asset created under NAP' which implied the responsible functioning of the Centre and the house encouraged the Centre to maintain and uplift its status. The Centre is also consolidating and publishing All Regional Centres' activities 4<sup>th</sup> time in a row, in the form of Annual Report.

Shri M.J. Mishra pointed out that in National Afforestation Programme on time release of fund is necessary and all funds including Entry Point Activities and other ancillary activities should be release at a time. The representative of NAEB Ms. M.S. Selvi made a note to consider it in future releases.

To conclude, Prof. Mazumdar thanked all the guests and participants for their hearty presence and meaningful contribution. Since there was no other business to transect, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and mutual thanks giving amongst the participants.