

CHME Society's
Kanhoji Angre Maritime Research Institute
KAMRI Annual Seminar 2020 - Initial Meeting
Nashik - Google Meet - 28th November 2020 - 05:30 PM
Navy Day

Attended by

Dr Dilip G. Belgaonkar, General Secretary, CHME Society

Capt (Dr) Sripad G. Naravane, Chairman CHME Society, Nashik Div

Director KAMRI

Dr Milind Khandwe, Technical Director, Bhor Chemicals and Plastics pvt ltd

Background of the meeting

A primary meeting to discuss the basics of KAMRI's annual event with reference to Delhi meeting minutes as follows:

- Proposal to host event in Somnath/Veraval, Gujarat
- Dr Belgaonkar Sir's meeting at Somnath Shri Tulsibhai, Shri Piyushbhai, Shri Veljibhai
- Identified Hall at Ram Mandir to host 250 people
- Somnath Trust likely to offer financial aid (Shri Bharatbhai and Shri Sauravbhai)
- Establishment of operational Mumbai office
- Hiring of researcher, intern, clerk, peon
- 25 students' batch for coastal survey (Murud-Janjira)
- Topic for KAMRI annual national seminar 2020 is
SAGARMALA: Prospects, Challenges and Different Stakeholders

Agenda of the meeting

- Scheduling
- Mode of conduct (seminar/webinar)
- Initial preparation
- Resources required
- Next steps to be taken
- Finalisation of date and time of followup meeting

MinutesScheduling

- Admissions and recruitment were delayed due to the pandemic situation.
- Students and staff are preoccupied with covering the syllabus.
- Between 5th Dec to 31st Dec 2020 is Term End exams hence break.
- Available slot is mid January 2021 (between 11th & 16th) and the end of January 2021 (between 25th & 30th).

Mode of Conduct

- Majority are of the opinion that it should be a webinar.
- The webinar should be split into days rather than holding a one-day long.
- This is still a primary understanding and should be put up to the Core Committee.

Discussion with other concerned members

- *Shri Piyush bhai Fofandi*, President, Seafood Exporters Association, Gujarat, expressed the concerns of fishermen and seafood industry.
- Fish stock expectation was high due to lockdown when fishing was stopped completely. However, the reality was different.
- Unlike agriculture farmers, Government schemes for fish farmers need urgent attention.
- Followup mechanism of KAMRI with the Government needs to be strengthened.
- Row-row services and other water transportation services need to be identified and linked up.
- Cage fishing technique should be brought to Gujarat wherever it is feasible.
- *Cdr Dipak Naik*, CEO Naik Environment Research Institute Ltd. expressed geostrategic concerns.
- Sagarmala has got momentum required for development and milestones are achievable.
- The equation of relationship with China has changed since the lockdown.
- Our presence in the Northern Indian Ocean, force level, degree of presence etc. to be focused.
- There has to be a geostrategic shift of focus from defence and development to offence.
- Followup mechanism and strong recommendation to the Government through KAMRI is required.

Finalisation of the date and time of core committee meeting

- Tentatively, it is Saturday, 5th December 2020.
- Subject to change after knowing the availability of committee members from New Delhi.

Next steps to be taken

- *Dr Dilip G. Belgaonkar*, discussion regarding the theme and topic should take place with the core committee. Probably in the following week. Seek availability.
- Further breakdown and subtopics must be discussed during a brainstorming session. Two weeks after the core committee.
- The brainstorming session shall also provide an opportunity for different voices to put forth their opinion.
- The following week after the brainstorming session should host another core committee meeting to finalise the details of the seminar/webinar.
- Dr Milind M. Khandawe, frequency of KAMRI meetings must be increased with periodic intervals to discuss the updates.

On the sidelines of the meeting

- Murud Janjira MoU has been forwarded to Shri Parag Kanekar to share with the Murud Janjira Hindu Education Society and discuss the terms and conditions further.
- Aiming to start a routine coursework of Junior College by the beginning of next academic year i.e. most probably June 2021.
- Murud Janjira land acquisition was almost through but there was a difficulty at the corporation level so yet again two separate lands have been proposed and Shri Parag Kanekar have visited both the places.
- The one closer to the dam has been rejected because that might not be suitable for our future development objectives.
- The progress on the preferred land is being taken care of by Shri Parag Kanekar ji but we are facing difficulties because of the change in government.
- Padma Shri Nanasahab Dharmadikari Pratishtan, Revdanda, Alibaug must be visited and meetings with the officials for greater understanding is necessary to build relations.

- Prolonged difficulties are faced when it comes to MoU with University of Mumbai due to lack of interest expressed by the Dean of Humanities and multiple preoccupation of the Assistant Registrar.
- KAMRI must first identify what we want and what we offer, then understand the need/requirement to introduce something like this.
- Courses offered by Indian Maritime University in Chennai, and Gujarat Maritime University in Gandhinagar must be studied to understand the feasibility and requirement of the same.
- Cdr Arnab Das to be consulted to understand what he has achieved with the University of Pune, we must try to replicate the same with the University of Mumbai.
- Right approach would be to talk to people favouring our MoU with the University, meet them and through them get a meeting arranged with the Dean and Registrar to gain support for the cause. Shri Nachiket Deshpande and Shri Dipak Mukadam must be consulted.
- MoU with Gujarat Maritime University should also be explored.
- Capt Naravane must build different teams by identifying members to pursue the objectives of KAMRI separately like Mumbai University, Murud-Janjira, Maritime Courses etc. to have a time bound output.
- Post webinar independent online lectures could be organised via YouTube live or similar means by:
 - Shri Raghujiराजे Angre
 - Cdr Arnab Das
 - Cdr Dipak Naik
 - Shri Piyushbhai Fofandi
- Fortnightly/weekly meetings to be organised as the situation demands.