



**A REPORT ON THE
SECOND NATIONAL MEET OF CNRI
HELD ON 24-26 APRIL 2007, AT NEW DELHI
AND
THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE
GENERAL BODY OF CNRI
DURING THIS MEET**

CONFEDERATION OF NGOs OF RURAL INDIA
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1. As part of its 2nd anniversary celebrations, Confederation of NGOs of Rural India (CNRI) organised the National Meet on 24-26 April, 2007 at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi. More than 2000 member-NGOs/SHGs from different parts of the country participated in the event along with their District Presidents / State Presidents / Co Presidents / Working Presidents / Executive Directors / Executive Secretaries from 33 States / UTs.
2. Shri K.G.Balakrishnan, Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, inaugurated the National Meet, commended the work of CNRI and indicated how the NGOs of rural India can play a pivotal role in achieving equity and social justice in the era of knowledge economy for the benefit of the disadvantaged and the deprived sections of the society.
3. The three-day Meet, presided over by Dr. Mohan Dharia, Chairman CNRI, discussed in-depth subjects related to Micro Finance, Micro Enterprises, Micro Insurance, Rural Development, Panchayati Raj system of governance, equity and social justice through legal literacy, developing scientific temper for rural prosperity, ICT-enabled education for economic progress, women empowerment through a host of economic related activities and issues relating to transparency and public accountability .A good number of member NGOs had the opportunity to share their experiences by exchange of notes during this Meet.
4. A galaxy of Leaders and eminent personalities led by Dr. Raghuvansh Prasad Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister for Rural Development, Shri A.R.Antulay, Hon'ble Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Hon'ble Justice Ashok Bhan, Judge Supreme Court of India, Shri M. K. Sharma, Hon'ble Chief Justice of Delhi High Court, Smt. Sreerupa Mitra Chaudhury, National Adviser, NALSA, Shri M.V.Rajasekharan, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Planning, Shri G.K.Vasan, Hon'ble Union Minister for Statistics and Programme Implementation, Smt. Sheila Dikshit, Hon'ble Chief Minister of NCT of Delhi, Dr. Kirit S. Parikh, Member-Planning Commission, Dr. Murali Manohar Joshi, Hon'ble MP, Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya, Hon'ble MP, Shri Gingee N. Ramachandran, Hon'ble MP, Dr. Shanta Sinha, Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Shri C. S. Rao Chairman, IRDA , Shri Pratyush Sinha, Central Vigilance Commissioner, Shri T. Ramasamy, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Smt. Meenakshi Dutta Ghosh, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Dr. Chandra Pal, Secretary, Ministry of SSI, Shri T.S.Vijayan, Chairman, LIC of India, Prof. V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, Shri Kiran Karnik, President, NASCOM, addressed the gathering during different sessions.
5. Further, Shri T. Gopal Rao, Executive Vice Chairman, GO-NGO Collaboration, Govt of

A.P., Shri Prabhakar Varma, Director, SABN-CCF, Shri Sundarvadon, Hony. Advisor, Mother Earth Consultancy Services, Hyderabad, Shri S. R. Rao, Exim Bank of India, Shri J. C. Garg, Indian Bank, Shri Prabhat Kumar, Former Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Nimbalkar, Vice Chancellor, Punjab Rao Krishi Viswa Vidyalaya, Akola (Maharashtra), Dr. P. L. Sanjeeva Reddy, Former Secretary Ministry of RD, Shri P. C. Rawal, Former Secretary to Government, Shri B. Venkatesan, Dr. A. R. Singh, Dr. Teresa Thampy, Shri P. K. Aravindan, Shri Deepak Sengupta, Senior Advocate, Kolkatta, Dr. J. Antony, Kanyakumari, Shri Arun Goyal, Academy of Studies, Shri Dinesh Pandia, Shri Lalit Meisheri, Mumbai, Shri Srikant Reddy, Surya Foundation, Advocate Shri Bhuvnedran Nair, REP of SIGTECH (Kerala), Shri Venkataswamy, (Tamilnadu), Dr. B. K. Agarwal (APG), Shri Rajan Sunderasan (APG), Shri. Bushan Ambedkar (SIRD), Pune, Dr. Pankaj Sreevastava (Kerala), Shri Prabhudas K Kamble (Pune), Shri Vilas Chapekar (Pune), Shri. K. M. S. Kulshreshta, Smt. Shobha Yadav, Smt. Rajani Indulkar, Smt. T. Sujatha, Smt. Roshani Devi, Mrs. Lepcha, Ms. Lucy, Shri. Gulzar Ahmed Wani, Shri Satinder Singh Bunty, and all the Presidents / Co.Presidents/Working Presidents - were some of the eminent personalities and experts familiar with and committed to the cause of NGO movement who addressed the delegates and interacted with them extensively during the Conference.

6. Message of Good Wishes for success of the conference had been received from President of India, Prime Minister of India,

Shri Somnath Chatterjee, Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha, Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Hon'ble MP and Chairperson UPA, Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, Hon'ble Union Minister for Panchayathi Raj, Shri A. K. Antony, Hon'ble Union Defence Minister, Shri Kamalnath, Hon'ble Union Commerce Minister, Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde, Hon'ble Union Minister for Power, Shri Mahaveer Prasad, Hon'ble Union Minister for SSI and Agro and Rural Industries, Dr. Y. V. Reddy, Governor, RBI, Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Kum. Nirmala Deshpande, MP, Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, MP, Dr. Y. S. Thorat, Chairman, NABARD and Prof. Mohd. Yunus, Chairman, Grameen Bank and Nobel Laureate, Bangladesh.

7. One of the highlights of the Conference was the chorus of patriotic songs on National Integration led by Shri S. N. Subba Rao, Director, Rashtriya Yuva Yojana, along with his team of young volunteers.
8. CNRI is the largest National Level apex body of NGOs of rural India, established with the objective of strengthening, co-ordinating and facilitating their working at the grass roots level for integrated development of rural India and to emerge as a think-tank as well as a consultative body at the national and international levels. In line with this objective, on the occasion of the National Meet a special Compendium of papers of Experts on the subject of "Empowering the Poor in the Era of Knowledge Economy" was released by Prof. V.N.Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU. This work is the initiative of Dr. Srinivas Mudrakatha, President CNRI-

Gujarat Chapter, in coordination with Shri L. V. Saptharishi, Co-Chairman, CNRI.

9. Dr. Raghuvansh Prasad Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister for Rural Development in his spirited address lauded the role being played by NGOs in the transformation of quality of life of people of rural India. He pointed out the various areas in which they can implement schemes and programmes meant for poverty eradication and creation of employment opportunities. He also referred to the important schemes of Government of India under the Ministry of Rural Development, such as NREGP, SJGSY, in which NGOs can play their role as facilitators, monitors, Social Auditors, and capacity builders. He hoped that CNRI as a growing platform of NGOs of rural India could pioneer in the building up of rural India on strong lines fully reflecting the aspirations of the people.
10. In recognition of services rendered by outstanding social workers, Dr. Raghuvansh Prasad Singh gave away the "Servant of the Poor" awards to dedicated persons from the States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Sikkim, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Tripura. It was also announced that member NGOs who had rendered meritorious service of twenty years and above will be honored very shortly at their respective State Headquarters in the presence of some dignitaries.
11. On this occasion CNRI and NALSA (National Legal Services Authority) have mutually agreed upon a plan of action to work with the objective of building up a cadre of Community Advocates who are

expected to play a mediatory role between people at village level in resolving their small local disputes. Accordingly a white paper was released on this occasion by Smt. Rupa Chaudhury, on Community Legal Literacy Programme for Women and other stakeholders in Rural India.

12. The NGOs who attended the Meet had the benefit of interaction with LIC of India, United India Insurance, Oriental Insurance, Exim Bank of India, Indian Bank, SIDBI, NABARD, KVIC and a number of other organizations, successful entrepreneurs, and SHG leaders in matters relating to empowerment of the NGO sector in the era of knowledge economy for serving people at the grass root level. Apart from the plenary session, LIC also had zone-wise/CNRI State Chapter-wise interactive sessions with the member NGOs to review the progress of Jeevan Madhur scheme and fix the targets for 2007-08. It was decided that the number of policies for the new Financial year will be of the order of 5 Crore as against the achievement of 80,000 policies during 2006-07 (covering virtually 4 months only after its launch). During this Meet individual NGOs who had mobilized one thousand and above number of policies during this year and also the three states (Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh) which had achieved maximum number of policies were honored. CNRI also profusely thanked LIC and their dedicated field team for rendering all assistance to CNRI member NGOs in the implementation of Jeevan Madhur scheme. CNRI will also honour at the State / Divisional level the officials of LIC who have extended remarkable support to its members in taking this scheme forward.

13. This National Conference also provided an opportunity to the NGOs to have a broad exposure to the ideas and innovative suggestions put across by experts dealing with science and technology for rural prosperity through the vehicle of NGO sector. Secretary, Department of Science and Technology and his team of scientist explained the manner and method by which the NGOs can get themselves involved in Science and Technology activities at the grass root level for the benefit of the younger generation. It was agreed that DST and CNRI would enter into a Memorandum of Cooperation to take this proposal forward.
14. The team led by Shri Gopala Rao, IAS (Retd.), Exe. Vice Chairman, GO-NGO Collaboration, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Prabhakar Varma, Director, CCF, New Delhi and Shri Sundaravadon dealt with the subject of 'the Role of National and International Funding Organization supporting the cause of NGOs'. This was very well received by the delegates and they were also furnished with a booklet containing details of collaboration and networking of NGOs.
15. The session dedicated to Universalisation of education was remarkable for the range of views and ideas put forward by a good number of NGOs engaged in education related activities. There was also a brief reference to the reservation and the OBC issues connected therewith. The logic and rationale behind this proposed policy was also discussed. Shri Sirnibas Rath, President - Orissa Chapter, Chaired the session and Shri. N. Balagopal and Shri. K. M. S. Kulshrestha, Co. Chaired the same.
16. There was also a special session dedicated to the Role of Women in the Service of Society and the building up of Family. It was presided over by Dr. Shanta Sinha, Chairperson of National Commission for protection of Child Rights. A good number of women-led NGOs participated in this lively session and made very valuable contribution in terms of ideas, activities, innovative approaches and the need for full support from Funding Organisations to strengthen their activities.
17. Shri Pratush Sinha, CVC, in his address to the NGOs advised them to strictly observe the rules and regulations of their respective organizations and evolve a code of conduct for self governance. He appreciated the aims and objectives of CNRI and advised the organization to provide services to its members with the objective of strengthening NGO sector at the village level – which is the cutting edge level for implementation of a variety of projects and activities meant for the benefit of rural people .
18. During the valedictory session, special addresses were delivered by Shri A. R. Antulay, Smt. Shiela Dikshit, Shri G. K. Vasan, Dr. Murali Manohar Joshi, Shri Gingee N. Ramachandran, and Shri Satyanarayan Jatia, commending the role of the NGO sector in the emerging scenario. All of them uniformly praised the efforts made by Dr. Mohan Dharia, Shri. L. V. Saptharishi and their team in building up CNRI on the intended lines and providing this all India platform for the NGOs to work together in the service of society.

AT THE END OF THE 3-DAY NATIONAL MEET, THE GENERAL BODY OF THE CONFEDERATION OF NGOS OF RURAL INDIA ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:-

RESOLUTION NO : 1

INDIAN AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS' SUICIDES:

It should be a matter of great sorrow and shame for the concerned State Governments and the Central Government that nearly 2 lakh farmers have committed suicide in our predominantly agrarian country during the last 2-3 years.

This Annual Meet of CNRI is strongly of the view that the concerned States and the Central Government are mainly responsible for these suicides and insists that instead of regarding it as a financial burden, all the loans of the dry land farmers should be waived with immediate effect.

The Annual Meet is well aware of the fact that waiver of loans alone cannot meet this challenge of misery of the farmers. It calls for a focused National policy as suggested by Dr. M. S. Swaminathan Mission to be implemented on priority basis. The Central Government should act accordingly and render justice to millions of farmers who are feeding our country and are struggling to eke their livelihood from agriculture when the terms of agriculture have become extremely unfavourable to them in this era of globalization and unhealthy competition.

RESOLUTION NO : 2

PROTECTION AND HARNESSING OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR ALL ROUND PROGRESS OF SOCIETY

CNRI brings to the notice of the concerned people regarding the failure of the Governments in protecting our Natural Resources like land, water, cattle wealth, seashore of 700 kms, forests, various medicinal plants, shining Sun, wind, biomass and the neglect of our manpower remaining under developed or undeveloped. This is the root cause of various problems like scarcity of water, foodgrains, edible oils, milk, meat products, energy, unemployment, poverty and similar such serious issues.

This Annual Meet insists on the Government to change its **luxury-oriented** and **only growth oriented** policy, but adopt a new direction for Sustainable Development based on Growth coupled with Social justice and long term care for our great Nation, Environment and millions of democracy minded people. The Meet

categorically asserted that the mindless passion with which GDP has become the sole focal point is likely to bring about imbalance and cause divisions in society and hinder harmonious growth covering all sections of the people .

The Global warming has threatened the very existence of the Universe, human beings, birds, cattle, wild animals, flora and fauna. India can and should show a new path to the whole world instead of blindly accepting foreign-driven policies and come forward to provide leadership for the New World Order based on human values and humanity.

This annual meet resolves that member NGOs of CNRI will work hard and extend all possible support and cooperation to the Central and State Governments in achieving these objectives.

RESOLUTION NO : 3

PACKAGE OF MEASURES REQUIRED FOR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL INDIA

This Annual Meet demands:

- All scarcity villages in the country should be provided with potable & drinking water within a radius of one km within two years, that is by 2009.
- All illiterate people should be made literate within three years by involving all University students, teachers, professors and NGOs, from every part of the country.
- All youngsters and unemployed youth should be provided with employment or self employment opportunities within three to five years by facilitating them to utilize and develop to the maximum extent feasible on eco-friendly lines our natural resources like land, water, cattle, forests, seashore, ever shining Sun, wind, biomass and similar such resources including Handlooms Handicraft and tiny small sector enterprises.
- All Gram Sabhas should be involved as stated in our Constitution to develop our natural resources, literacy, health to all, integrated rural ideal villages and similar such programmes by providing them with adequate resources through Financial Institutions on the principle inclusive Banking and inclusive growth. Lok Adalats should be encouraged through Gram Sabhas for empowering women and youth for achieving equity and social justice in the era of knowledge economy.
- All lands should be made green within five years by bringing one third area under green cover and to make India ever green, clean and an ideal modern Nation.

RESOLUTION NO : 4

APPROACH TOWARDS SEZ PROJECTS

- CNRI, is deeply disturbed by the developments in some of the States which are going in on a massive scale for the establishment of SEZs (Special Economic Zones) on vast acres of prime agricultural land without any regard for the livelihood issues of the affected farmers or the long term food security concerns of the nation. In this background it was resolved that the Government should not approve SEZ –projects indiscriminately in favour of some of the questionable industrialists with doubtful track record and without having any reasonable logic or rationale or justification for allotment of the quantum of land applied for. Every case of such land allotment and application for SEZ approval should be comprehensively examined to ensure that the area is really utilized for export related activities only and does not become a Domestic Tariff Area in the long run and does not run into the danger of these zones becoming speculation-ridden real estate entities.

RESOLUTION NO : 5

CNRI WILL WORK WITH NALSA TOWARDS ACHIEVEMENT OF EQUITY AND SOCIAL PROGRESS

- CNRI and NALSA will work together within the agreed framework for spreading of the benefits of National Legal Literacy

Mission to the most disadvantaged sections of society, as launched by the highest judicial authority of the land .

RESOLUTION NO : 6

ROLE OF CNRI TOWARDS EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

- CNRI voiced its total commitment to the cause of gender equality and empowerment of women. In that spirit CNRI resolved that the interests of our women in society can be better furthered only by having reservation of 50% of seats in their favour in Parliament and Legislative Assemblies, as they constitute 50% of our population. However, CNRI pleads that even if this level of

percentage of reservation is not acceptable , it should be possible for lawmakers to provide for 33% reservation for women under the proposed long delayed legislation. It was further resolved that this viewpoint of CNRI should be communicated to the highest quarters of the Government and the legislating authorities and social organizations.

RESOLUTION NO : 7

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF PEOPLE THROUGH MICRO INSURANCE

- CNRI resolves that it will extend its full cooperation and support to LIC of India with regard to implementation of the Micro Insurance – Jeevan Madhur Scheme designed to provide social security to the vast masses of rural India and also in the

process provide a framework for income earning by the NGOs for strengthening their activities. On the same lines CNRI will also extend its cooperation to other public sector general insurance companies in the area of non-life products.

RESOLUTION NO : 8

COMPREHENSIVE MARKETING STRATEGIES TO BE ADOPTED BY NGOs/SHGs IN BUSINESS

- Recognising the importance of marketing as a key to the success of business oriented NGOs/SHGs, CNRI resolves to work in close coordination with EXIM Bank, NABARD, SIDBI, Indian Bank, State Bank

of India, UTI Bank and other development oriented commercial banks and also KVIC for facilitating marketing of the products of NGOs/SHGs at the National and global level on the basis of a comprehensive strategy.

**DEVELOPMENT JOURNEY OF CNRI FOR
THE EMERGENCE OF AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY**

➤ CNRI resolved to undertake a journey of 45 days from 15th August – 2nd October, 2007 throughout the country to communicate to the vast masses of people the Message of Development for the emergence of an Inclusive Society, through its network of NGOs/SHGs by enabling and equipping them to participate in the developmental programmes with full knowledge, understanding, commitment and right for their share. CNRI as a formidable Forum of People Belonging to People, hopes to unite people to work together in the task of nation building with its focus on development in all its dimensions. The NGO sector, through this National Journey will demonstrate its capacity to achieve concrete results seamlessly for the benefit of the people of every socio-economic segment. The message that will be conveyed through this journey will be that even though political independence came to us on 15th August, 1947, the full benefits of freedom have not

yet reached large sections of our population at the grass root level, particularly in remote areas of the country. Commencing the Journey of Development for the Emergence of an Inclusive Society on 15th August, 2007 and ending the same on 2nd October, 2007, CNRI would like to convey another message that adoption of the ideals of Gandhi ji is mandatory for the progress of people of India on inclusive basis and such an objective could be achieved only through the NGO sector working in close conjunction and cooperation with the Government Organizations, Panchayati Raj Institutions and the civil society at large.

The conclusion of the Journey at Delhi on 2nd October, 2007 reinforces the message that inclusive society is feasible on Gandhian model and that CNRI is committed to Gandhian ideals now and forever.

Annexure

NATIONAL MEET OF NGOs OF RURAL INDIA FOR EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE

CONVENTION HALL
THE HOTEL ASHOK, NEW DELHI
24 APRIL 2007

Registration of Delegates

8:00 A.M.- 9:30 A.M.

Inauguration of the Meet by
Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.G. Balakrishnan , the Chief Justice of India
& Patron-in-Chief, National Legal Services Authority

9:30 A.M.- 10:00 A.M.

INAUGURATION CEREMONY

- 9:20 A.M. : Arrival of Chief Guest
- 9:22 A.M. : National Anthem
- 9:24 A.M. : Lighting of Lamp
- 9:27 A.M. : Presentation of Bouquets
- 9:30 A.M. : Welcome Address
- 9:33 A.M. : Screening of Audio/Visual
- 9:40 A.M. : Opening Address by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ashok Bhan, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, National Legal Services Authority
- 9:45 A.M. : Inaugural Address by Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.G. Balakrishnan, the Chief Justice of India & Patron-in-Chief, National Legal Services Authority

INAUGURAL SESSION

10:00 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Shri L.V. Saptharishi, Hony. Co. Chairman
Confederation of NGOs of Rural Indai
will present the Theme of the Conference

Dr. Mohan Dharia, Chairman
Confederation of NGOs of Rural India
will deliver the Presidential Address

Prof. V.N. Rajasedharan Pillai, Vice Chancellor
Indira Gandhi National Open University
will release Compendium of Papers of Experts and
deliver Key Note Address

Smt. Sreerupa Mitra Chaudhury
Chairperson, Institute for Gender Justice &
National Advisor, National Legal Services Authority
will release White Paper on Community Legal Literacy Programme for Women and other
stakeholders in Rural India

Smt. Ela Bhatt, Chairman, SEWA Ahmedabad
will address on Micro Finance in Empowering Rural Poor

Shri T.S. Vijayan, Chairman, LIC of India
will deliver Special Address on social Security & Rural Upliftment

Shri Subhash Pani, Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development
will deliver address on GO-NGO Cooperation in Rural Empowerment

Shri M.V. Rajasekharan
Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Planning
will declare open the Display of the outstanding products
of NGO's and SHGs.

Dr. Raghuvansh Prasad Singh
Hon'ble Union Minister for Rural Development
will give away the *Servant of the Poor* awards and honour the Partners,
Associates and Supporters and deliver the address

Dr. G. Muniratnam, Executive Chairman
Confederation of NGOs of Rural India
will deliver Vote of Thanks

24 April 2007

SESSION-I

Institution of SHGs and Micro Enterprises: Strategies for Linking Rural Products to National and Global Markets with the involvement and cooperation of NGOs and Panchayati Raj Institutions

2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	CHAIR	Smt. Mani Shankar Aiyar Hon'ble Union Minister for Panchayati Raj, Youth Affairs & Sports and Dept. of NER
	CO-CHAIR	Smt. Meenakshi Dutta Ghosh Secretary, Ministry of Panchayat Raj Shri G.K. Pillai Commerce Secretary Dr. Chandra Pal, Secretary Ministry of SSI, Agro and Rural Industries Shri C. Chandran CEO, KVIC
	PANELISTS	Shri Akshay Bhai CNRI-UP Chapter NABARD Shri G. Muralidhara Rao, GM Shri A.D. Ratnoo, GM EXIM BANK Shri S.R. Rao, ED Shri Sunil Trikha, CGM Shri Suneet Mathur, Chief Manager SIDBI Shri A. Vikraman, CGM INDIAN BANK Shri A. Vikraman, CGM SBI, UTIBANK Dr. Satish Chandra, CEO SOSSMBC, Bhilai Shri G. Vasu Deo, Secretary, Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari Shri Praveen Kumar Reddy, President, Mulkanur Co. Op. Society Karim Nagar, Andhra Pradesh Shri Arun Goyal, Academy of Studies, New Delhi Shri Dinesh Shah, Ahmedabad Shri Lalit Maheswari, Entrepreneur, Mumbai
4:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.		Tea Break

25 April 2007

SESSION-IV

Micro Insurance of LIC of India- Jeevan Madhur Scheme - Opportunity for Social Security for the Underprivileged and Source of Regular Income for the Sustenance of NGOs and SHGs- an Interactive Session with Zonal/State Chapters

9:00 A.M.
to
11:00 A.M. Assembly and Experience sharing of Partners

11:00 A.M.
to
11:30 A.M. Tea Break

11.30 A.M. **CHIEF GUEST** Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde,
Hon'ble Union Minister for Power
Plenary Session at 11.30 am and honour the
best performing NGOs in the field of
Micro Insurance - Jeevan Madhur Scheme

**GUEST OF
HONOUR** Shri C.S. Rao, Chairman, IRDA
deliver the special address and interact with the
Member-NGOs/SHGs at 12.30 pm

25 April 2007

SESSION-V

**Non-Life Products offered by United India Insurance Co., Oriental Insurance Co.,
and other Public Sector General Insurance Companies**

11:30 A.M. **CHAIR**

Shri T.S. Vijayan,
CMD-LIC of India.

CO-CHAIR

Shri S. Viswanathan, ED, LIC of India
Shri Hemant Bhargava, Chief (MI), LIC
Shri K. Sanat Kuamr, DGM, UIIC
Shri A. Ravindran, President,
Karnataka Chapter and former Chief Secretary

PANELISTS

Senior Executives of LIC of India and
Public Sector General Insurance Companies and

Model NGOs

Shri M. Srinivasa Reddy

Shri Srikant Reddy, Hyderabad.

Advocate Shri V. Bhuvnedran Nair, Kerala

SIGTECH Charitable Trust, Kottayam, Kerala

Also NGOs from Sholapur, Vellore and Thirunelveli.

1:30 P.M.
to
2:30 P.M.

Lunch

25 April 2007

SESSION-VI

Empowering NGOs in the era of Knowledge Economy and Role of Science & Technology for Rural Prosperity

- 2:30 P.M. **SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSIONS**
1. Initiatives of Dept. of Science & Technology to strengthen the role of NGOs for advancement of Science & Technology.
 2. Physical connectivity in terms of infrastructural including Housing facilities.
 3. Electronic connectivity in terms of Communication Technologies.
 4. Knowledge connectivity in terms of ICT Education, Tele-medicine, Village Knowledge
 5. Development Centers, e-Agriculture, Intellectual Property Rights.
 6. Economic connectivity in terms of SMEs. Services, e-Commerce, BPOs/Call Centers etc.
 7. Environment Protection, Pollution Control, Earning of Carbon Credits and Solid Waste Management.
 8. Appropriate Intermediate Technologies for increasing productivity.

CHAIR Shri T. Ramasami,
Secretary, Min. of Science & Technology

CO.CHAIR Shri T.S.R.Subramanian, Former Cabinet Secretary
Shri Kiran Karnik, President, NASSCOM

PANELISTS

Shri A.K.Sinha, CMD-BSNL
Shri M. Sahu, JS, Min. of Telecommunications
Dr. R. Saha, Adviser/Scientist'G', DST.
Dr. V.C.Goyal, Director/Scientist'F', DST
Shri Anuj Sinha, Director-DST
Shri S.Sridhar, Chairman, NHB
Shri Rajendra Sundaresan, GM, APG
Dr. Pankaj Srivastava, Village Knowledge Centre
Dr. V. Jayapal, Telemedicine Expert, Kerala.
Shri Kartik Sarabhai, VIKSAT, Ahmedabad
Shri Srinivas M., Director-VIKSAT, Ahmedabad
Shri Bhushan Ambadkar, CEO, SIRD, Pune
Shri T. Premanath, GM(PR), AAI, New Delhi

4:00 P.M.
to
4:30 P.M.

Tea Break

26 April 2007

SESSION-VIII

Contribution of Women's Group, NGOs and SHGs in building Family and Society

9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.	SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSIONS	Interactive and Experience Sharing Session with women NGOs and SHGs across the country. Interactive and Experience Sharing Session with the NGOs across the country on diverse topics and multi tasks performed by NGOs including on issues relating to Sanitation, Public Hygiene, Toilet facilities, Health, HIV/AIDS, Nutrition, Rural Housing, Disaster Management, Transparency, Public Accountability, Ban of Child Labour, Domestic Violence, NREGP, Right to Information, Legal Literacy and Strategies towards less and less dependence on Government Grants.
	CHARI	Smt. Sheila Dikshit, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Delhi Dr. Girija Vyas. Chairperson, National Commission for Women Dr. (Ms.) Syeda Hameed. Member, Planning Commission Smt. Sreerupa Mitra Chaudhury, Chairperson, Institute of Gender Justice & National Advisor, National Legal Services Authority Dr. Shanta Sinha, Chairperson, National Commission for Protection for Child Rights Smt. Supriya Sule, Hon'ble MP
	CO-CHAIR	Smt. Satwant Reddy. Secretary, Min.of Chemicals & Petrochemicals
	PANELISTS	Shri Vilas Chaphekar, Founder, Vanchit Vikas, Pune Dr. S. Vedavathy, President, Herbal Foldlore Research Centre, Tirupathi, Dr. Archana Sharma, Director, Women's Studies Research Centre, Assam Mrs. Prema Desikan, Chennai, Smt. Ashima Mundal, West Bengal Smt. Shobha Yadav, Madhya Pradesh Smt. Pranati Shinde, Sholapur Smt. Rajani Indulkar, Pune Smt. T.sujatha, Kozhikode, Kerala Dr. Sunita Changakakati, Co-President, CNRI, Assam Smt. Komalam Nair, President, CNRI-Delhi Smt. Roshani Devi, Delhi Smt. Drapadi Ghimiray, Sikkim Smt. Belbora Wankhar, Meghalaya Ms. Lucy Nagaland
11:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.		Tea Break

26 April 2007

SESSION-IX

NGOs in the service of the Society

11:30 A.M. to 1:30 A.M. **SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSIONS** Interactive and Experience Sharing Session with the NGOs across the country on diverse topics and multi tasks performed by NGOs including on issues relating to Sanitation, Public Hygiene, Toilet facilities, Health, HIV/AIDS, Nutrition, Rural Housing, Disaster Management, Transparency, Public Accountability, Ban of Child Labour, Domestic Violence, NREGP, Right to Information, Legal Literacy and Strategies towards less and less dependence on Government Grants

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Shri Satinder Singh Bunty, Punjab

OPEN HOUSE Experience sharing with NGOs/SHGs

26 April 2007

SESSION-X

Continuing Journey of CNRI-Reports from the State Chapters and the National Secretariat and presentation of Plan of Action by Shri L.V. Saptharishi Hony.Co.Chairman, CNRI and Dr. G. Muniratnam, Executive Chairman, CNRI

2:30 P.M. **SPECIAL ADDRESS BY** Dr. Kirit S. Parikh, Member, Planning Commission

GUEST OF HONOUR Shri Vinod Chandra Menon, Member, NDMA, New Delhi

CHAIR Dr. Mohan Dharia, Chairman, CNRI.

PANELISTS All the State Chapter Presidents of CNRI.

Valedictory Session and Honoring the outstanding NGOs with 20 years of meritorious service

SESSION-XI

Valedictory Session

4:00 P.M. **CHIEF GUEST** Shri A. R. Antulay
Hon'ble Union Minister for Minority Affairs

GUESTS OF hONOUR Shri Vayalar Ravi, Hon'ble Union Minister for Overseas Affairs
Shri G. K. Vasana, Hon'ble Union Minister for State (I/C) for Statistics & Programme Implementation
Prof. P.J. Kurian, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Former Union Minister
Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya, Hon'ble M.P. and former Union Minister for Labour and Social Justice
Shri Ginjee Ramachandran, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Former Union Minister
Shri L. Ganesan, Hon'ble Member of Parliament

5:00 P.M. Vote of Thanks



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