

Proceedings of the SDEF 16th Apex Body Meet

Chief Guest
Shri Jual Oram
Hon'ble Minister
Ministry of Tribal, Gol

Special Guest
Ms. Pramila Rani Brahma
Hon'ble Minister
Ministry of Environment and Forests
Government of Assam, India

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Guwahati, Assam, India.



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**SAARC Diploma Engineers Forum (SDEF)
16th Apex Body Meet
25-26 September 2016 held in Guwahati, Assam, India**

Proceedings of the Meet

The SDEF 16th Apex Body Meet was held on 25-26 September 2016 in Guwahati, Assam, India. The All India Federation of Diploma Engineers (AIFODE) North East Region organized the meet. The Meet was held at “Hotel Rajdhani Regency” and ADESA Bhaban, Dispur, Guwahati.

The Apex Body Meet started with the formal hosting of SDEF flag at hotel Rajdhani Regency on 25 September at 8.30 am. The Hon’ble Chairman of SDEF Er. Kameshwar Prasad Singh hosted the flag. The event was attended by all co-chairman of SDEF, all executive member of SDEF, the delegates of member organization and the member engineers of Assam Diploma Engineers Service Association (ADESA). Thereafter leaders and delegates assembled in the hotel auditorium where delegate’s camp formally opened. Chaired by Er. K. P. Singh, Chairman, SDEF, the co-chairman (India) Er. R. K. Singh welcome all the delegate of member organization in Guwahati, Assam, India. Conducted by Engr. Monmohan Rajbonshi, Secretary General, AIFODE, the co-chairman of Bangladesh and Sri Lanka offer thanks and gratitude to the AIFODE for organizing the Apex Body Meet in Guwahati and giving the opportunity to come to this mountain surrounded city, Guwahati.

Engr. Md. Shamsur Rhaman, Secretary General, SDEF said in his speech that the intellectual & experts in the engineering field are assemble here in Guwahati to formulate the course of action for the SDEF. He urges to all delegates for best use of their time in Guwahati in discussion among each other how the brotherly relation and cooperation may be enhance in the coming days.

Er. Akshay Ch. Kalita, Principal, Assam Engineering Institute, Guwahati was present as chief guest. In his valuable speech, he said it is the pride of the people of Guwahati that the leaders of Diploma Engineers of this region gathered here to find out ways and means to go forward for the betterment of the Diploma Engineers as well as the people of this region. He congratulates the Diploma Engineers of the North-East India for hosting the meet. He offers Thanks to the organization to invite him in this sophisticated gathering and also felicitated all delegates of SDEF.

Engr. Monmohan Rajbonshi, Secretary General, AIFODE felicitated all the delegates & hope that their stay in Guwahati will be enjoyable.

The Chairman of the session Engr. K. P. Singh concludes the session offering thanks to the delegates for their presence in the meet. He also offers thanks and gratitude to the organizer of the meet.

25 September 2016

At 11.00am a seminar on “**Climate Change and Food Security**” was held at the same venue. Organized by AIFODE north east region. Presided over by Engr. K. P. Singh, concept paper of the seminar was presented by Sri Nayan Jyoti Bhuyan, Er. Jitesh Bhattacharjee, Er. S.N Hugar. The seminar emphasis comprehensive approach on the issue to combat the threat and this can be achieved by fruitful presentation/discussion and intensive participation of mass people, civil society, social organization and resourceful personnel’s. The SDEF committed to contribute their efforts as before in the coming days. It is also decided that the seminar outcome be sent to all govt. of SAARC countries after finalizing the recommendation.

Working Session

25 September 2016

The working session of SDEF 16th Apex Body Meet was held at Hotel Rajdhani Regency, Dispur, Guwahati on 25 September 2016 at 2.30 pm with Engr. Kameshwar Prasad Singh, Chairman, SDEF in the Chair.

The meeting was attended by all co-chairman and all executive member of Apex Body, the immediate past chairman of SDEF & ex-president of AIFODE Engr. Satnam Singh Dhonua and Senior leaders of AIFODE. The delegates of all member organization were also present. The Leaders of AIFODE, North East Region was also present in the meeting.

At the outset of the meeting Engr. Monmohan Rajbonshi, Secretary General, AIFODE welcome the SDEF leaders in the event and offer thanks to all for their kind presence. Then all the leaders and delegates was felicitated by the lady members of Assam Diploma Engineers Service Association (ADESA) offering SDEF Badge.

Engr. Md. Shamsur Rahman, Secretary General, SDEF in his introductory speech said that the upgradation of the status of SDEF from existing Recognized Body to Apex Body Status by SAARC is the main issue for the SDEF. He said that According to the decision of the 15th Apex Body Meet and the guidelines & procedures of the SAARC Secretariat, the SDEF HQs with the active support of the member organizations prepared a comprehensive application. Finally, the SDEF HQs has submitted the application to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Govt. of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh on 31st August 2016 for up-gradation of SDEF to Apex Body Status. In the meantime, a delegation from SDEF HQs met with the Director General (SAARC Desk), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, GoB to pursue the matters so that the application be forwarded to the SAARC Secretary-General as early as possible. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, GoB assured that the application will be forwarded to SAARC Secretariat as early as possible.

Engr. Shamsur Rahman said that the SDEF HQs has taken various initiatives for the implementation of Kathmandu Declaration 2015 and the decision of the 15th Apex Body Meet. He placed before the meeting a working paper containing the issues and the action taken so far. He requested the Hon'ble Leaders of SDEF to participate in the discussion in open heart and mind as per agenda of the meeting for a suitable decision.

In his speech Engr. Md. Shamsur Rhaman offer thanks and gratitude to the All India Federation of Diploma Engineers (AIFODE) and the AIFODE, North-East Region for organizing the 16th Apex Body Meet in the mountain surrounded beautiful city, Guwahati.

Engr. R. K. Singh, President, AIFODE, Engr. C. Wanasinghe, President, IIESL, Engr. A K M A Hamid, President, IDEB, Engr. Mrs. Bindiya Karki, General Secretary, DEAN and Engr. W. D. Fonseka, Hony. Secretary, IIESL spoke on the occasion.

Engr. R. K. Singh, President, AIFODE & Co-chairman, SDEF said that the SDEF HQs did a tremendous joy by preparing and submitting the application for upgradation of SDEF. He added that the relating documents has been supplied from the AIFODE and all member organizations as requested by the SDEF HQs. He also informed that now the member organizations should pursue the matter in their respective Ministry of External Affairs/Foreign Affairs. Engr. Singh disclosed that all-out initiatives were taken up by the AIFODE to implementation of the decision of the Apex Body. He requested all member organizations to actively participate in the SDEF mission. Engr. Singh conclude his deliberation with thanks to all delegates for their kind presence in the meet.

Engr. C. Wanasinghe, President, IIESL and Co-chairman, SDEF in his speech said that the IIESL has already submitted application for endorsing the IIESL as a national organization of Sri Lanka and as constituent units of SDEF. He said that the application for upgradation of the status of SDEF has fulfilled all the conditions to be Apex Body of SAARC. He said as a national organization of incorporated Engineers of Sri Lanka the IIESL is committed to work for the betterment of the Diploma Engineers of the region as well as the people of the region. He hopes that the SAARC will approve the SDEF as Apex Body.

Engr. A K M A Hamid, President, IDEB and Co-chairman, SDEF expressed that our all-out efforts should be provided for granting Recognition of Apex Body status by the SAARC. He mentioned that as per previous decision of SDEF a delegation may visit SAARC secretariat headed by the chairman as early as possible. The initiatives have taken by the SDEF HQs to meet hon'ble Kings of Bhutan may be geared up. SDEF activities should also be geared up, he also added. He expressed his satisfaction and said that it is the first time the HQs presented activities report with worthy working paper for discussion & decisions.

Engr. Bindiya Karki, Executive Member, SDEF said that DEAN has been maintaining a cordial relation with the SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu and expecting favorable decision in respect of upgradation of status of SDEF. She requested that the SDEF leaders to gear up the activities of lady Diploma Engineers Committee including holding of the meeting of the lady Diploma Engineers.

Engr. W. D. Fonseka, Hony. Secretary, IIESL in his speech said that all member organization should expedite the implementation of the decision of the Apex Body to ensure effective brotherly relation among the Diploma Engineers of the region.

The Delegates discussed in depths and at length the problem of Mid-Level Engineers and the prospect they have in SAARC countries and how dedicated to use and spread of engineering, technical & vocational education & training (TVET) in the SAARC Countries for the welfare of the people of the region. The delegates also discussed in detailed for enhancing relation and co-operation among the member organization of SDEF. The meeting elaborately discussed the progress of implementation of Kathmandu Declaration-2015, 15th Apex Body Meet held in Dhaka, Bangladesh and emphasis needs to formulate an action plan and implement before the Next Conversion.

Decisions

1. a) 16th Apex Body Meet reviewed elaborately the progress of implementation of Kathmandu Declaration 2015 and opined that progress of implementation is satisfactory. The meeting also opined that the initiatives taken by SDEF HQs for implementation of Kathmandu Declaration are satisfactory.
b) The meeting requested the member organization to continue their efforts for implementation of the rest issues.
2. As regards upgradation of the status of SDEF from recognized body to regional apex body status, the meeting unanimously urges to the Govt. of SAARC countries for active consideration for granting recognition of SDEF to regional apex body.
3. The meeting expresses gratitude & offer thanks to the SDEF HQs for preparing comprehensive application and submission to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for granting recognition of SDEF to Apex Body Status and also requested to peruse the matter with Ministry of Foreign Affairs, GoB.
4. a) It is resolved that the next Apex Body meet may be held in Sri Lanka and if it is not possible by IIESL, there will no Apex Body Meet in 2016.
b) It is also resolved that the next convention and Apex Body Meet be held in Bangladesh and IDEB may be requested to host the event.
5. It is resolved that a webpage be create by the SDEF HQs.
6. It is resolved that a consolidated report of tree plantation be prepared and submitted to the SAARC Secretariat as well as the SAARC Member states.

7. It is resolved that the activities report for the year 2015 be sent to SDEF HQs and HQs in turn submitted consolidated report to the SAARC Secretariat.
8. It is resolved an extensive organizational work be taken up and the member organization will maintained communication each other as following:
 - i. Bangladesh with Afghanistan
 - ii. India with Bhutan
 - iii. Nepal with Pakistan
 - iv. Sri Lanka with Maldives.
9. It is resolved that the India will initiate the exchange of Technological Personals to the SAARC countries.
10. It is resolved that the AIFODE and DEAN will initiate to hold meeting of Lady Diploma Engineers of the SAARC countries within short period.
11. The 16th Apex Body Meet unanimously acknowledged the efforts AIFODE north east region for successful management of the events and offer thanks & gratitude to all leaders of AIFODE and AIFODE north east region, specially the Assam Diploma Engineers Service Association (ADESA).

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

The Open Meeting and Closing Session

26 September 2016

The Open Meeting and Closing Session of 16th Apex Body Meet was held at ADESA Bhaban, Guwahati on 26 September 2016 at 2.30 pm. Presided over by Engr. K. P. Singh, Chairman, Apex Body of SDEF, the meeting was grace by **Shri Jual Oram**, the Hon'ble Tribal Affairs Minister of Govt. of India as Chief Guest & **Ms. Pramila Rani Brahma**, Hon'ble Minister for Environment and Forests, Govt. of Assam on behalf of Chief Minister of Assam. All delegates from SAARC countries, Leader of AIFODE north east region and huge member engineers of ADESA was present on the occasion. Engr. Monmohan Rajbanshi conducted the meeting.

The event started with patriotic song. The Lady Diploma Engineers of ADESA participated in the presentation. Participation of about 30 Lady Diploma Engineers with uniform dress make the event colorful. Then the Lady Diploma Engineers felicitated the distinguished guests and the delegates.

Engr. Monmohan Singh give the welcome speech. He offer thanks to the distinguished guest, delegates and the members present.

Engr. Md. Shamsur Rahman delivered his introductory speech. He said that the mid-level technical man power playing the primary and important role for shaping stages of civilization. The Diploma Engineers always remain with people in the struggle of self-existence and survival for prosperity & harmony.

Engr. Shamsur Rahman pointed out that the glass of regional cooperation, regional development and regional integration has improved but not remarkable. We must determine that what kind of South Asia we want to create for our next generation. He stated that human resource development are the most compelling of the areas that impact on the dignity and wellbeing of our people. So we need to bring on the

agenda the issues like technical education, skill development and creation of scientific and technological attitude among our youth generation.

Shri Jual Oram, Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs and Chief Guest of the session in his inaugural speech said that the Diploma Engineers of this region are the people who work in field to create infrastructures for ungraduation of the civilization. He said that for upgradation of civilization, we need to build infrastructure like building, roads, we need to build water supply & sanitation system, electricity and all other service facilities. The Diploma Engineers are the initiators of all activities of the service sector of the nation although this work is very hard but the diploma engineers are doing these.

He said that the Diploma Engineers should be given uniform designation, their pay anomalies should be eliminated, promotion facilities, education & training facilities should be given so that they can work in suitable environment. He advised the Diploma Engineers to organized themselves and think unitedly and work unitedly for their welfare and welfare of the people.

Engr. A K M A Hamid co-chairman in his speech said that South Asia is emerging as a hub of technological innovation. He emphasis the use of advance technologies for development of the region. He also emphasis the improvement skill of the member engineers of the region for the best use for the people of all SAARC countries.

Engr. R. K. Singh co-chairman (India) said that the India is a vast country and it is difficult to work for all the Diploma Engineers of the country. He sought help and cooperation of the Chief Guest for wellbeing of the Diploma Engineers. He offer thanks to AIFODE north east region for organizing the meet in Guwahati. He express his happiness with activities of SDEF and hope that on upgradation of the status the SDEF will be able to work more to achieve its goal.

Engr. C. Wanashighe co-chairman (Sri Lanka) said that the expert and talented Engineers has been established SDEF for the welfare of the region. It is now a matured organization and able to build poverty free south Asia by dint of their expertise. He said that SDEF as regional Apex Body will be able to do better work for its member as well as for the people of this region.

Engr. K. P. Singh, Chairman of the session in his concluding speech expresses gratitude to the Chief Guest & Special Guest and distinguished guest for their kind presence. He said that the SDEF being an organization of engineers of this region is working to promote the development of the region. He said that we have already chalked out next work plan for the SDEF to go forward to achieving our mission. He sought cooperation of the Govt. of SAARC countries to go ahead with the objectives of SAARC & the SDEF and he hope that the application submitted for granting recognition to SDEF as Apex Body of SAARC be approved soon.

He offer thanks and gratitude to the AIFODE north east region for organizing successful Apex Body Meet in Guwahati, Assam, India. Assuring the meet he said that SDEF activities will be gear up in the coming days for the wellbeing of the people of the region.

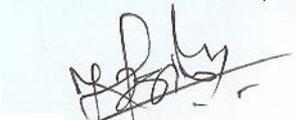
26 September 2016

At 7.30pm a colorful cultural event organized at ADESA Bhaban, Guwahati. All delegates and the member engineers participated in the program.

27 September 2016

A program of site seeing of historical places of Guwahati was arranged by the ADESA. The delegates visited important places of Guwahati city and past the whole day.

The 3 day long meet was ended in the evening with felicitation with all delegates & the organizer.



(Engr. Kameshwar Prasad Singh)
Chairman
Apex Body, SDEF



(Engr. Md. Shamsur Rahman)
Secretary General
Apex Body, SDEF