

Minutes of the Meeting of Executive Committee held on 27th April 2024

The Meeting of the Executive Committee of International Sikh Confederation was held on 27th April, 2024 at 11.30 A.M. in the office of ISC, Plot No.1, Madhya Marg, Sector 28, Chandigarh. The following members attended the meeting in person or online:

S.No.	Name	S.No.	Name
1.	Col. J. S. Multani Secretary General	10.	Dr Sukhdev Singh Laaj
2.	S. Sher Jagjit Singh	11.	S. Inderjit Singh, Patiala
3.	Mrs.Sarbjit Kaur	12.	S. Jatinder Singh
4.	Dr. Birendra Kaur	13.	S. Jasbir Singh-ISSC
5.	S. Jasvinder Singh Mohali	14.	S. Gurmeet Singh-ISSC
6.	S. Sarwan Singh	15.	Col. T.B.S. Bedi
7.	S. Gurmeet Singh Jaura	16.	S. G.S. Pandher-Ex IPS
8.	S. Bhavkaran Singh -IOSS	17.	Ms. Sartaj Lamba
9.	S. Mangat Singh Rahi		

The meeting commenced with the recitation of 'Mool Mantra'.

1. S. Sher Jagjit Singh, Member-ISC welcomed all the members attending the meeting. He introduced all the members and thanked all the members to have contributed in activities of ISC. He also read out the minutes of last EC Meeting held on 20th June 2023 and requested the members to confirm the minutes. Since none of the members had any objection, the minutes were treated as confirmed.

2. Col. J.S. Multani, Secretary General, ISC informed all the members about the events organized by ISC during the financial year 2023-24. The events were as follows:

i) **Felicitation Ceremony at Jammu:-**15 (Fifteen) Sikh Candidates who qualified UPSC/State Civil Services 2022 and were selected as IAS/IPS/IRS/JKAS were honoured by ISC in June 2023 by associating with Dr. Navneet Kaur, Convener of NGO SUPPORT through an elaborate ceremony conducted at a five star hotel at Jammu. This was the dream of Dr Sardara Singh Johl, Convenor of ISC for the last 10 years.

ii) An Inter-faith Harmony Walk and Meet was organized by ISC in association with Yuvsatta, an NGO headed by its Convener Mr. Parmod Sharma and engaged in Women empowerment and establishing Peace. About 150 children from 5 prominent schools participated in the event where religious scholars from all major religions addressed the audience at People Convention Centres, Sector 36, Chandigarh. Mrs. Jaspal Kaur Kang highlighted the role of Sri Guru Granth Sahib in propagating the message of love and brotherhood.

iii) **Collaboration with Global Sikh Council (GSC):**– Just like ISC, the GSC has also been running about 20 HWTCs in and around Tarn-Taran town (Distt. Amritsar). S. Gulbarg Singh Bassi from GSC, USA visited our headquarters twice during 2023-24 and shared the details of their HWTCs with us and expressed their inclination to transfer all their centres to ISC in view of our better model of Tution Centre's. The ISC team headed by Col Multani and associated by S. Sher Jagjit Singh and Mrs. Sarabjit Kaur visited Village bakipur (Tarntaran) on 31st March 2024 to see the working of their HWTCs. After long deliberations, the GSC appointed Col. Multani as Director of Punjab Operations of all GSC run HWTCs with immediate effect.

(iv) **IAS Coaching:-** For the last more than two years, we have been sponsoring 5 Sikh IAS/IPS aspirants for coaching beside providing them free boarding and lodging. Many members promised to give help financially for these aspirants but no help received till date. So from our hand we have helped them, through Jugraj Singh Gill Charitable Trust and International Sikh Confederation by sharing an amount of Rs 50,000/- each. In total, we have given Rs 1,00,000 to Prof Anil Kumar of IAS Coaching Centre, Chandigarh against Rs 8,00,000/- normal charges. **Out of 5 aspirants, 2 have been sent for next year preparation. 4 aspirants have appeared for preliminary examination but unfortunately they missed narrowly. Another aspirant Gurlovleen Kaur of Begowal, Amritsar Chapter has qualified and we are calling her here to help her more so that she can qualify for the mains after getting training.**

(v) **All-India Chetna March in collaboration with Kendri Singh Sabha, Sector 28, Chandigarh** – To commemorate the 150th Anniversary (Shatabadi) of Sri Guru Singh Sabha Lehar, an All-India Chetna March by road was undertaken by an 11 member team headed by Gyani Kewal Singh and associated by Col JS Multani and 9 more

members from 1st July 2023 to 31st July 2023. They visited the Singh Sabha Gurdwaras located at 33 major cities/towns of India in 14 states.

The purpose was to have an understanding about the level of Sikhi in these states and the challenges faced by Sikh Community in the present era in maintaining their religion and shrines with Sikh Maryada. The team travelled again during August 2023 and visited 10 more cities for the same mission.

vi) Support to Southern and Western India based Sikh institutions:-

To promote the Sikhi Parchar being undertaken under Religious Councils and institutions in **Southern and Western India**, ISC also worked on various projects in Hyderabad, Mumbai, & Jalna by visiting these places and their gurdwaras and helped them financially also to upgrade their schools, Computer Centres and Skill centres. A contribution of Rs. 10,000/- was made during 2023-24 to these institutions.

vii) MOU with HWPL:- Col. JS Multani visited South Korea during September 2023 to attend World Peace Summit organized by HWPL (Heavenly Culture, World Peace and Restoration of Light) and signed an MOU on behalf of ISC to work together in the interest of World Peace.

viii) Pedal 4 Peace Cycle rally from Chandigarh to Wagah Border, Amritsar:- ISC associated Yuvsatta NGO to organize a Cycle Rally from Chandigarh to Wagah Border Amritsar from 23rd to 26th March 2024. ISC worked very hard in planning and successful execution of this event by visiting Banga, Jalandhar and Amritsar to arrange the police protocol to make the journey smooth and hassle free besides making boarding and lodging arrangements for the participants. The event was well covered by all the leading print and Electronic media and it was a total success.

3. Additional activities of ISC during 2023-24:-

Mrs. Sarabjit Kaur, Member-ISC addressed the meeting by highlighting some more activities of ISC during 2023-24, some of which are as follows:-

a) ISC and International Sikh Sports Council (ISSC), Mohali together organized 4th Kesadhari Gold Cup Hockey tournament at Balbir Singh (Sr.) Hockey Stadium Mohali from 1st Feb to 5th Feb 2024 in which 8 teams participated. One of these teams was sponsored by ISC through

Jugraj Singh Gill Trust by contributing Rs. 1.00 Lakh. Incidentally our sponsored team remained unbeaten and won the final match by margin of 3-1 goals to win the Gold Cup.

- b) A batch of students of our HWTCs were taken to Sri Anandpur Sahib to visit not only the birthplace of Khalsa but also to know about our heritage by visiting Virasat-e- Khalsa museum.
- c) A life time achievement award was presented to Dr. S. S. Johl for his significant contribution in nurturing the ISC for the last 18 years during the AGM held on 20th May 2023.
- d) Two additional HWTCs were opened-One at Village Gudaya (Nabha) and other at Bazigar Basti Bahmna (Samana) and both are working well.
- e) On 27th May, 2023 Col. Multani was honoured by Ahmediya Muslim Community at Hotel JW Marriot for his major contribution towards establishing peace and prosperity at global level.
- f) The whole staff of ISC and its students from HWTCs attended two day All India Conference on the occasion of 150th anniversary of Sri Guru Singh Sabha Lehar in which about 250 Sikh scholars from PAN-India participated and presented their views about the past and present scenario of Sikhi. A resolution was passed for establishing National Sikh Commission and National Sikh Education Board (NSEB) Col. Multani was appointed as Chairman of NSEB.
- g) A peace march was organized by HWPL, South Korea at Deer Park, Hauz Khas, New Delhi on 3rd November, 2023 in which about 100 people participated including Col. Multani and Sher Jagjit Singh.
- h) Col. Multani was honoured by an NGO Grey Shades and awarded prestigious Kirat Kamai Award for dedicating his life for the cause of poor and underprivileged society in the country.
- i) A UK based delegation headed by Ms. Annie, Advisor to Health Minister of UK visited the ISC Headquarters on 6th February 2024 and expressed their desire to help the ISC financially keeping in view its welfare schemes for the poor children.

4. Activities proposed for 2024-25:-

i) Continuation of HWTCs:-

As we all know that currently 23 HWTCs have been working since last few years successfully and their children are progressing well in their performance year after year, ISC shall continue to operate these centres with more dedication and effectiveness.

ii) Taking over of HWTCs from Global Sikh Council(GSC):-

As informed earlier, ISC shall take over all the 18 odd HWTCs from GSC this year although financing of these centres will continue from GSC monitored by S. Gulbarg Singh Basi who is instrumental in handing over these centres to ISC for administration and control.

iii) Opening of new HWTCs:-

It is our endeavour to open at least 12 new HWTCs in 2024-25 by adding at least one centre every month. Although Mr. NP Singh is not in India right now, he is continuously monitoring the working of existing HWTCs. In addition, Mrs. Sarabjit Kaur and S. Sher Jagjit Singh would be monitoring the functioning and checking the day-to-day performance of the centres under the overall guidance of Coil Multani. All members of ISC and donors are requested to help in opening new centres in such needy villages where Gurdwara and panchayat are willing to provide space for holding classes.

iv) Efforts to enhance donation and enrollment of new membership:-

With the opening of new HWTCs, the expenditure will go up by minimum 7.20 Lakhs per annum @ Rs. 60000/- per centre per annum. So ISC appeals to all the existing donors to continue financial support and making efforts in finding new donors to enhance the corpus of Guru Nanak Education Fund. ISC is also requesting all the office bearers and volunteers to enroll new members to join the organization and contribute through TANN, MANN AND DHANN for the welfare of underprivileged society.

v) Visit to Sikh Heritage/historical monuments:-

As in the past, ISC will arrange visits of HWTC children to the following heritage and historical shrines and monuments to make them aware about Sikh history and sacrifices:-

- a) **Dastan-e-Shahadat at Sri Chamkaur Sahib** -To show them Sikh history through 3-D video documentaries right from Guru Nanak to Guru Gobind Singh and also establishment of Khalsa Empire by Baba Banda Singh Bahadur.
- b) **Virast-e-Khalsa at Sri Anandpur Sahib** -To show them wonderful Sikh history museum

- c) **Sirhind Fateh Memorial at Chappar- Chiri-** To show the children warrior ship of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur who killed Wazir Khan, Nawab of Sirhind to avenge the wrongful cruelty done with innocent younger Sahibzade.
5. **Visit to World War Memorial at Belgium(Europe):-** As per invitation extended by Mr. Dominiek Dendoovan, ISC executives intend to visit the WAR MEMMORIAL at IIPER(Belgium) sometimes during July-August,2024.
6. **Visit to South Korea:-** To attend World Peace Summit sometimes during September 2024, ISC may nominate some executives.
7. **Establishment of National Sikh Education Board:-** As decided during the AI India Conference while celebrating the 150th anniversary of Singh Sabha Lehar in October 2023, a National Sikh Education Board needs to be established where Sikh children from all Sikh educational institutions and schools can learn Sikh history/heritage and Sikh Way of Life besides their regular academic curriculum.ISC has already prepared and provided a draft roadmap of the said Board to Panthik Talmel Committee for vetting and finalization.
8. **Career Counseling of HWTC Children for Skill development and Job opportunities:-** It has been decided to organize special camps for career counseling of children passing out 10th and 12th class from our HWTCs to choose their future academic or entrepreneurial career to settle in life. The major objective of this venture is to advise the younger generation to avoid going abroad for doing menial jobs in Canada/Australia etc. by clearing IELTS exam and instead start their own industrial ventures and work for the prosperity of their own state Punjab.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks.

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