



NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE SCHOOLS' CONFERENCE

Quality, Commitment and Excellence in Education

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND GENERAL BODY MEETING OF NPSC HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 30 JULY 2025 AT 02.00 P.M.

The Executive Committee Meeting of NPSC was held at DAV Public School, Pushpanjali Enclave, Pitampura on Wednesday, 30 July 2025.

The following members attended the meeting:

S NO	NAME	DESIGNATION	NAME OF THE SCHOOL
1	Ms Asha Prabhakar	Chairperson	Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, Noida
2	Ms Richa Sharma Agnihotri	Vice-Chairperson	Principal, Sanskriti School, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi
3	Ms Mallika Preman	Secretary	Principal, Tagore International School, East of Kailash
4	Mr Sanjay Yadav	Treasurer	Principal, Alhcon International School, New Delhi
5	Ms Rashmi Raj	Member	Principal, DAV Public School, Delhi
6	Ms Santosh Vyas	Member	Principal, Sadhu Vaswani School for Girls, Delhi
7	Ms Geeta Gangwani	Member	Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, Rohini, Delhi
8	Ms Swarnima Luthra	Member	Principal, ASN School, Mayur Vihar, Delhi
9	Dr Jyoti Gupta	Member	Principal, K R Mangalam School, GK-II, Delhi
10	Ms Charu Maini	Member	Principal, DAV Public School, Gurgaon
11	Ms Vijay Dutta	Member	Principal, Modern School, Barakhamba Road, Delhi
12	Dr Sudha Acharya	Member	Principal, ITL Public School, Dwarka, Delhi
13	Ms Malini Narayanan	Honorary Member	--
14	Ms Sadhana Bhalla	Honorary Member	--
15	Mr S L Jain	Life Member	--
16	Dr Usha Ram	Life Member	--
17	Dr Ameeta Mulla Wattal	Life Member	--
18	Dr Ashok Pandey	Life Member	--
19	Mr L V Sehgal	Member	Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, Gangaram, Delhi
20	Ms Rachna Pant	Special Invitee	--

Leave of Absence was granted to:

S NO	NAME	DESIGNATION	NAME OF THE SCHOOL
1	Mr Rajeev Chauhan	Jt Secretary, Pan India	Principal, Birla Vidya Niketan, Pune
2	Ms Rashmi Malik	Jt Secretary Delhi/NCR	Principal, Salwan Public School, Gurugram
3	Ms Heemal Handoo Bhat	Member, Executive Body	Principal, Hansraj Model School, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi
4	Ms Meera Balachandran	Life Member	--
5	Dr Lata Vaidyanathan	Special Invitee	--
6	Ms Aditi Misra	Special Invitee	Principal, DPS, Sector – 45, Gurugram

PROCEEDINGS

The Chairperson initiated the meeting by extending a cordial welcome to all the attending members.

Agenda-1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the NPSC Executive Body Meeting held on 27 February 2025 at Ramjas International School, R K Puram, Delhi.

The members were informed that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 19 May 2025 had been circulated via email to all members on 22 May 2025. A few observations were received pertaining to the rules and regulations of NPSC. The Chair informed the members that all such points were duly considered during the recent Sub-Committee meeting convened for the purpose of revising the NPSC rules and regulations and will be addressed in the forthcoming meeting.

The Chair further informed the members that the NPSC membership form has been reviewed by Ms. Malini Narayanan and Dr. Sudha Acharya, and will shortly be uploaded on the NPSC website for prospective members to access and apply.

Agenda-2 (a): Discussion on Schedule of Riseup4Peace workshop by UNODC –

The secretary informed the members that UNODC has consented to organize the workshop and will confirm the dates for the same once they get a confirmation on the venue for the workshop.

Agenda-2 (b): Discussion on the Schedule of teachers' workshop on Project Based Learning.

The Secretary informed the members that the workshop was conducted successfully, with participation from over 100 NPSC schools. The feedback received was overwhelmingly positive, and all participants expressed their enthusiasm to be part of a year-long PBL Festival centered around the theme 'Cricket'.

A detailed report, along with the proposed way forward, is attached as Annexure 1 to the minutes.

Agenda 3: Brief on UNIC Partnership and Programmes for the month of July, 2025.

The Chairperson apprised the members that NPSC member schools enthusiastically participated in the celebration of Nelson Mandela International Day, held in honour of the 107th birth anniversary of the iconic leader. The commemorative event took place at the India International Centre (IIC) and witnessed the gracious presence of distinguished dignitaries, including Shri Virendra Gupta, former High Commissioner of India to South Africa, and Shri Vijay Goel, Vice Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, and former Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Sports. The contributions of the participating schools were appreciated and well received by the attendees.

In addition, under the aegis of the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), NPSC member schools actively took part in the observance of Rwanda's National Liberation Day. Their participation reflected the spirit of global citizenship and was lauded by all present.

Agenda 4: A brief of the discussion held with the Sub Committee to re-visit the rules and regulations, byelaws governing NPSC by the Chairperson, NPSC.

The Chairperson referred to Agenda Item 3 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 May 2025, wherein it was resolved that a Sub-Committee would be constituted to review the proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Memorandum of Association of the National Progressive Schools Conference (NPSC) Society.

In accordance with the said resolution, the Sub-Committee convened a meeting on 14 July 2025 and submitted its recommendations, which were duly read out to the members during the meeting.

The composition of the Sub-Committee was as follows:

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| 1. Ms Asha Prabhakar – Chairperson, NPSC | 4. Mr L.V. Sehgal – Executive Member, NPSC |
| 2. Mr S.L. Jain – Life Member, NPSC | 5. Dr Usha Ram – Life Member, NPSC |
| 3. Dr Ameeta Mulla Wattal – Life Member, NPSC | 6. Dr Ashok Pandey – Life Member, NPSC |

Thereafter the following amends were read by the Chairperson which are as follows:

POINT-1 : Page 3/10 of the Rules and Regulations of NPSC

The business of the Society shall be conducted by an executive committee consisting of:

- Chairperson
- Vice- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Joint Secretary
- Treasurer
- Fifteen Members nominated by the office bearers. The fifteen members will include previous Chairpersons who are in service
- Life members & Honorary members will be the members of the Executive Committee in addition to the above.

The same was approved by the members present.

POINT-2 : Page 4/10, point 10 (i) of the Rules and Regulations of NPSC

The eligibility criteria concerning the age limit for the post of Chairperson was taken up for consideration, as further clarity was deemed necessary. The Sub-Committee accordingly proposed the following amendment:

Proposed Amendment:

The prescribed age of superannuation for employees of member schools shall ordinarily be sixty (60) years. However, in exceptional cases, an extension of service may be granted—up to three (3) years for State Awardees and up to five (5) years for National Awardees—subject to the approval of the Managing Committee of the concerned member school.

In view of the above, any individual nominated for election to any office under the Association must not have attained the following age limits as on 1st August of the election year:

- Fifty Eight (58) years in the general category,
- Sixty-one (61) years for State Awardees, and
- Sixty-three (63) years for National Awardees.

Further, the nominee must have a minimum residual service of two (2) years in the member school as of the said date, prior to reaching the age of superannuation.

For nominees above the age of fifty-eight (58) years as on 1st August of the election year, it shall be mandatory to submit a certificate from the Chairman of the School Managing Committee or other competent authority of the member school. The certificate must confirm that the nominee has not less than two (2) years of remaining service in the school prior to superannuation.

Some members expressed concerns regarding the necessity of this amendment, noting that past candidates had been unable to contest or continue in office due to age restrictions.

In response, it was clarified that the general eligibility age of 58 years for the post of Chairperson remains unchanged. The amendment is limited to rectifying the inconsistency in age eligibility for State and National Awardees, aligning it with their extended superannuation age—63 years and 65 years respectively. Accordingly, the maximum permissible age for nomination has been revised to:

- Sixty-one (61) years for State Awardees, and
- Sixty-three (63) years for National Awardees, to allow for completion of a full two-year term.

It was further clarified that the revised age provisions shall apply uniformly to all office bearers of the Association and not exclusively to the Chairperson.

The Chairperson informed the members that the eligibility requirement for contesting an office bearer's post has been amended. A nominee must now have served for at least one term on the Executive Committee, in place of the earlier requirement of two terms.

The requirement for submission of a service certificate by nominees above sixty (60) years of age was reiterated. This certificate must confirm that the nominee has at least two (2) years of service remaining in the member school before retirement.

Upon due deliberation, the proposed amendments were unanimously approved by the members present.

POINT-2 : Page 4/10, point 10 (f) of the Rules and Regulations of NPSC

In the event that the Chairperson is unable to discharge the duties of the office due to resignation, incapacity, or any other reason, the Vice Chairperson shall, with the approval of the Executive Committee, be vested with all powers, functions, and responsibilities of the Chairperson and shall act in that capacity until a new Chairperson is duly elected or the incumbent Chairperson resumes office.

A resignation submitted by the Chairperson shall be placed before the Executive Committee for its consideration. Upon formal acceptance of the resignation by the Council, the Vice Chairperson shall assume charge of the office and perform all duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson.

In the event the Vice Chairperson is unable to assume such responsibilities due to resignation, incapacity, or any other cause, the Secretary shall be designated to perform the functions of the Chairperson. Should the Secretary also be unavailable or incapacitated, the Joint Secretary shall assume the said responsibilities.

The aforementioned provision was duly approved by the members present.

Agenda 5: Election of NPSC new office bearers (2025-26 & 2026-27)

The Chairperson announced that the elections for the new office bearers for the term 2025–2026 and 2026–2027 shall be conducted on 28 August 2025. The venue for the election shall be communicated to all members in due course.

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the National Progressive Schools Conference (NPSC), a three-member Returning Committee was duly constituted in the meeting to oversee and conduct the election proceedings.

The names of the members of the Returning Committee are as follows:

1. Mr. S. L. Jain – Life Member, NPSC
2. Ms. Sudha Acharya – Former Chairperson, NPSC (2021-2023)
3. Ms. Asha Prabhakar – Chairperson, NPSC (2023-2025)

As per the provisions of the NPSC Rule Book, a period of three (3) weeks is to be provided for the submission of nominations by eligible candidates prior to the scheduled date of the election. Accordingly, it was notified that all nominations must be submitted to the office of the Chairperson no later than 18 August 2025. The nomination form is attached as Annexure-2 for information of members.

Agenda 6: To consider and approve the Audited Income and Expenditure Account for the financial year ending 31st March 2025, along with the Auditor's Report and Audited Balance Sheet as on 31st March 2025.

The Treasurer, NPSC presented the following accounts to the members :

1. Capital Fund Position:

The Society had an opening balance of ₹14.52 lakhs in the Capital Fund at the beginning of the financial year 2024–25. During the year, a surplus of ₹7.04 lakhs was transferred from the Income and Expenditure Account, resulting in a closing balance of ₹21.54 lakhs in the Capital Fund as on 31st March 2025.

2. Income Details:

The Society collected Annual Subscription fees amounting to ₹21,35,500/- from member schools. Also, it earned ₹93,352/- as interest from the Savings Bank Account maintained during the year.

3. Expenditure Summary:

- o Direct Expenses amounted to ₹1,68,262/-, which included Audit Fees, Website Expenses, Stationery, etc.
- o Indirect Expenses stood at ₹13,56,459/-, which comprised expenditure on the NPSC Annual Conference, NPSC Magazine, and other administrative and meeting-related expenses.

4. Current Assets:

The Society holds Current Assets, Loans, and Advances totalling ₹1,13,750/- as of 31st March 2025.

5. Current Liabilities:

The total Current Liabilities amount to ₹12,40,951/-, which includes Advance Annual Subscription for the year 2022–23 amounting to ₹10,65,000/-.

6. Bank Balance:

An amount of ₹32,78,671/- is presently available in the Society's bank account as on 31st March 2025.

Agenda 7: Any other point with the permission of the Chair

The Chairperson apprised the members that, in accordance with the recommendation of the duly constituted Sub-Committee, a document outlining the eligibility criteria for the conferment of the NPSC Lifetime Achievement Award had been circulated. She read the recommendations which are as follows:

1. The nominee shall have attained the age of sixty-five (65) years or above and must have been associated with the National Progressive Schools Conference (NPSC) for a minimum period of fifteen (15) years.
2. A Search Committee shall be constituted by the Executive Committee of the Society to identify and recommend eligible individuals for the award, ensuring due diligence and adherence to the principles of merit and service.
3. The award shall be conferred in recognition of the nominee's outstanding and sustained contribution to the field of education and significant service to the NPSC in furtherance of its aims and objectives.
4. The nominee may or may not have served as a member of the Executive Committee or Core Committee of the Society; prior office-bearing status shall not be a mandatory criterion for eligibility.

5. The Lifetime Achievement Award shall be presented only once during the tenure of each Executive Committee, subject to the approval of the General Body and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Society.

These provisions shall be deemed to form part of the internal governance framework of the NPSC and are subject to review and modification, as may be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee, from time to time.

With no further points on the agenda, the Chairperson thanked all members for their valuable contributions, thoughtful insights, and active participation in the discussions.

The meeting concluded with a formal vote of thanks to Ms Rashmi Biswal, Principal DAV Public School, Pushpanjali Enclave, Pitampura, for the gracious hospitality and excellent arrangements made for hosting the meeting. The core team also extended heartfelt appreciation to the Founder Principal and Manager of DAV Public School, Pushpanjali Enclave for the exemplary coordination and support in ensuring the smooth conduct of the meeting.

Date: 06 August, 2025

Mallika Preman
Secretary, NPSC
&
Principal, Tagore International School, East of Kailash

Asha Prabhakar
Chairperson, NPSC
&
Principal, BBPS, Noida

REPORT ON PROJECT-BASED LEARNING (PBL) WORKSHOP**Date:** Tuesday, 29 July 2025**Resource Person:** Mr. Abhinav Singal – Educational Catalyst, Curiosity Cultivator, Innovator**Introduction**

A special workshop on **Project-Based Learning (PBL)** was organized to equip educators with practical insights into implementing interdisciplinary, real-world, and application-based learning methodologies. The session emphasized the shift from textbook-driven teaching to experiential learning in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The workshop was led by **Mr. Abhinav Singal**, a dynamic educationist known for his passion for “schools without books” and for promoting curiosity-driven learning. His belief that learning should be rooted in everyday experiences resonated strongly with the session’s participants.

Objectives of the Workshop

- To introduce the concept and philosophy of Project-Based Learning.
- To explore real-world contexts for teaching academic concepts.
- To promote interdisciplinary teaching strategies.
- To demonstrate how sports, especially cricket, can be a vehicle for holistic education.
- To align classroom practices with NEP 2020 recommendations.

Workshop Highlights

The session began with a warm welcome and an informal yet heartfelt introduction of Mr. Singal, highlighting his innovative work and unique approach to learning without textbooks.

Key Themes of the Workshop:

- **Interdisciplinary Learning:**

Mr. Singal demonstrated how one real-world project—such as “Cycle” or “Cricket”—can integrate multiple subjects like Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, History, Political Science, Mathematics, and Languages.

- **Concept of Learning Through Cricket:**

A central idea introduced was the **PBL Festival: Education Through Cricket**, where students learn academic concepts embedded in the sport. He elaborated on how every aspect of cricket—from biomechanics to score analysis—can be mapped to curriculum objectives across grades.

- **Skills Targeted Through PBL:**

The workshop emphasized 21st-century competencies:

- Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Creativity
- Communication
- Collaboration (Teamwork)
- Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

- **Examples of Subject Integration:**

- **Science:** Friction, center of mass, momentum, human anatomy, nutrition.
- **Mathematics:** Fractions, percentages, statistics, coordinate geometry.
- **Geography:** Climate and pitch conditions, time zones, latitude-longitude.
- **History and Civics:** Colonial influence on cricket, evolution of the game, teamwork dynamics reflecting democratic principles.
- **Languages:** Storytelling through match experiences, commentary, report writing.

- **Video Demonstration:**

A curated video with thematic music highlighted the presence of academic concepts in cricket, drawing enthusiastic responses from the participants.

Takeaways and Feedback

The workshop was highly interactive and left participants motivated to rethink curriculum delivery. Teachers appreciated the practical, student-centric approach and the engaging real-life examples.

Participant Feedback Highlights:

- "Eye-opening and deeply relevant to today's learners."
- "Cricket as a theme to teach subjects is genius and doable."
- "We are inspired to try these methods in our classrooms starting this term."

Conclusion and Way Forward

The session successfully showcased PBL as a transformative approach to classroom teaching. Teachers expressed eagerness to collaborate and develop theme-based projects in their own contexts. As a follow-up, schools were encouraged to:

- Initiate their own **Cricket-themed interdisciplinary projects**.
- Share best practices and outcomes through NPSC.
- Work towards developing a **repository of PBL units** for collaborative use.

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ELECTIONS OF OFFICE BEARERS

NOMINATION FORM

To
The Chairperson
National Progressive Schools' Conference

Dear Madam,

I _____ Principal of, _____

a Member of National Progressive Schools' Conference hereby propose the name of Mr/Ms. _____

_____ Principal of _____

Address, _____ as a candidate for the post

_____ of the National Progressive Schools'

Conference for the elections to be held on _____

NAME OF PROPOSER

SIGNATURE OF PROPOSER

I _____ Principal of _____ a

member of National Progressive Schools' Conference, hereby second the above proposal.

NAME OF SECONDER

SIGNATURE OF SECONDER

DECLARATION OF CANDIDATE

I _____ Principal of, _____ hereby

agree to my Nomination for election as Member of National Progressive School's Conference.

NAME OF CANDIDATE

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

I further declare that:

1. I am eligible to vote.
2. I have gone through the Rules & Regulations of NPSC and eligibility conditions for the post.
3. I do not incur any of the disqualifications for elections to the National progressive Schools' Conference of the said society under the provisions of the Societies Registration Act 1860 and Rules and the Registered Bye-laws of the Society.

NAME OF CANDIDATE

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Received this Nomination Form on _____ the _____ at _____ am/pm

SINATURE OF RECEIVING OFF ICER

Note :

The deadline for submission of the Nomination Form to the office of the Chairperson, NPSC, is Monday, 18th August 2025, by 5:00 p.m.