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President's message to members on recent developments at Delhi

Dear fellow ARTEEians,

Namaskar! I am addressing you to report about an unfortunate development at ARTEE Delhi. A few Central and North Zone Office-bearers of our august association have resigned their posts and membership. I wish to place before you all the facts leading to this development.

Ever since I assumed charge this January, I have been striving to bring organizational transparency and honesty. As part of these efforts, I requested the Treasurer and the Election Returning Officer to submit accounts, expenditure statements and original bills. Last year, the Returning Officer was given an advance of Rs.1,50,000/- for conducting elections. He was not forthcoming to submit original expenditure bills, receipts etc. Despite my repeated requests, both the Treasurer and the RO failed to submit satisfactory accounts for the money.

While this was going on, another development happened at DDK Delhi unit (this is a combined unit of both DDK and DD News members). For the last seven years, no unit meeting was conducted by the Unit Secretary Sh. S.K. Nim in that unit. Recently, Sh. Vijay Haror (whom we all know as a very active and passionate worker) got transfer to DD News. His arrival inspired the DD News channel ARTEE members to form a separate unit to represent their grievances. This happened in March month.

Now this development is a purely local one. If anybody had any objections to such, it could be easily discussed and a mutually acceptable solution found. But unfortunately, to divert the issue from non-submission of accounts and original bills, the Treasurer, the RO, the Unit Secretary and a few ex office-bearers took up this issue. Without any intimation or discussion with us, they submitted resignation letter to DDK Delhi authorities. When we approached them for an amicable solution, they demanded the expulsion of Sh. Vijay Haror! Then they demanded the expulsion of Sh. Yogesh (VPTV), Sh. Manoj (GS) and Sh. R B Dwivedi(AGS) ! They were saying, "humein ARTEE mein rehna hai to inka balidaan dena hoga! (If you want us to remain, you must sacrifice these people!)"

They persisted in these perverse demands in spite of all efforts made by me personally and by many senior leaders & active members from many zones. We were extremely accommodative, but everything failed because of their rigid, negative attitude and totally illogical demands as described above. They took up this issue only to pressurize us to forget the accounts matter! They were very inconsistent in the presentation of their cause of revolt and changed their demands every time. For sake of unity of association , I was ready to compromise on some issues, but their demand of expulsion of Central office-bearers was totally preposterous and unacceptable to me as ARTEE President.

I repeatedly tried to convince Sh. S.K.Nim to withdraw the resignation letter and the letters of discontinuation of ARTEE RSA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP submitted to DDK Delhi authorities by him, but he showed his helplessness to take any decision in that matter & refused my every proposal to sort out his grievances, if any.

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After several rounds of talks by me, he referred me to Sh. L.R.Gupta . I was in continuous touch with Sh. Gupta too to reach an amicable solution, even though his recent attitude towards ARTEE has been very deplorable, having resigned twice & left the members in dark (especially during RSA Reverification Process 2019). But he was adamant and trying to dictate me to expell our sitting CE members first ,then only he may think even to continue in ARTEE! He told the same to many senior leaders who tried to convince him /them to compromise in the interest of ARTEE. He closed all doors by stating very carelessly to me that they had already decided to join AADEE & Mr.Nim would be the Unit secretary of AADEE unit at DDK DELHI very soon!

After such an obstinate responce, we were forced to remove Sh.S.K.Nim from the post of "UNIT SECRETARY,DDK DELHI" to avoid any further deterioration, because we got confirmed information of secret meetings at Broadcasting House (AIR Head Quarters) by a few of them to destabilize ARTEE . Now it is proved by their acts of collective resignation & joining AADEE .

Dear friends, this is the painful and sordid saga of the last 45-50 days. Our efforts for transparency and honesty rattled these people so much that they chose to leave the association instead of submitting the accounts and original bills.

With all these diversionary tactics, they escaped from submitting accounts. In fact, they have created this drama and left ARTEE only to escape from submitting original bills and accounts!

Although they have misguided some of our innocent members using some fabricated issues yet I am hopeful that most of the diverted members would return soon. A group of people who had lost their sentiments for ARTEE long time ago, have now created such an atmosphere of emotional brinkmanship among our innocent members to fullfil their vested interest only. But such guileful acts by few conspirators may not prevail long & truth will most certainly resurface with its full might.

We must now come together to strengthen ARTEE once again as we did many times in the past whenever some people tried to destroy ARTEE.

DEAR ARTEEIANS FROM KASHMIR TO KANYAKUMARI AND FROM AHMEDABAD TO ITANAGAR: I, AS PRESIDENT OF THIS GREAT ASSOCIATION OF 53 YEARS LONG PROUD HISTORY, ASSURE EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU THAT WE ARE WORKING WITH UTMOST SINCERITY AND TRANSPARENCY ON ALL ISSUES. WE WILL TAKE UP THIS CHALLENGE AND ADVERSITY TO COME OUT MORE STRENGTHENED AND DEDICATED TO YOUR WELFARE.

We are going to conduct our CC,CWC meetings very soon and we'll strengthen ARTEE with all your support & efforts together. Thank you.

Long LIVE ARTEE!!!

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With warm regards,

M.P.Chaudhari
President