



## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING ON SATURDAY, 23.11.2024

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The Annual General Body Meeting of Citizens for Inclusive Living (CIL) Society was held on Saturday, November 23, 2024, at SOREM, Sector 36, Chandigarh. Forty five (45) members were present for the meeting and participated in the discussions.

1. The CIL Executive Committee welcomed all the members and apprised the house of the work done over the last year.
2. The Executive Committee members made a detailed presentation of the group home aspects and concerns such as:
  - i. Pending Building issues
  - ii. Management Issues: Admissions, Staff recruitment and training
  - iii. Fee and Security Deposits
  - iv. EWS reservation and concessions
  - v. Day Care & Vocational Centre
3. Mr D R Paul apprised the house of the UTTHAAN Group Home Society Executive Committee meetings held in July and October 2024, the challenges faced and the way forward.
4. Ms Rajni Sood apprised the house of the UTTHAAN Group Home Society 2<sup>nd</sup> Governing Body meeting held in November 2024, and the viewpoint of the UT Administration.
5. Dr. Adarsh Kohli emphasized the need for proactive involvement of the families. She suggested small group meetings of families and prospective applicants for the group home.
6. Ms. Rajwant Sandhu, Ex-IAS, suggested a group meeting of the prospective families with the UT Adviser to sort out the pending concerns.



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7. Ms Shivani Dhillon spoke of the future activities and events and the importance of families to get more involved with the CIL activities.
8. Mr Aditya Vikram highlighted the pending concerns regarding the group home, and the way forward.
9. The presentation was followed by an open, interactive discussion. The members voiced the following concerns:
  - i. Concerns regarding the very high Security Deposit proposed by the UT Administration.
  - ii. Hiring the right staff and appropriate training of staff for the Group Home.
  - iii. Prospects for Mohali and Panchkula residents
  - iv. Starting the Day care cum Vocational Centre in the group home
10. The Annual Report for the Year 2023-24 was presented by the Executive Committee, discussed and approved unanimously by the house.
11. The Audited Financial Report for the Year 2023-24 was presented by the Executive Committee, discussed and approved unanimously by the house.
12. The Office Bearers & Members of the new Executive Committee as follows, were nominated by the House unanimously :

Dr Adarsh Kohli - President

D R Paul - Vice-President

Rajni Sood – Treasurer

Aditya Vikram - General Secretary

Brigadier Manohar

Dr Simmi Waraich

Dr Nik Bhandari

Sonam Singla



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Special Invitee:

Neelu Sarin

Dina Singh

Shivani Dhillon

Gurpreet Singh

13. The new Executive Committee shall remain in Office until the next Annual General Body Meeting, to be held in late 2025.

14. There is No change in UTTHAAN representatives for now.

**15. Next steps:**

- i. Organize small group meetings of families and prospective applicants for the group home.
- ii. Conduct more awareness programs on rehabilitation in general and group home in particular.
- iii. Reach out to untapped families and professionals, and motivate them to participate in CIL activities and events.
- iv. While the CIL Executive Committee members and UTTHAAN family representatives will continue to take up the concerns of the families with the UT officials, it is very important that the families themselves also send emails and go meet the concerned UT officials regarding their concerns.

16. The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks for the outgoing Executive Committee.

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