

Minutes of the Virtual/ Physical Meeting of the TSEWA National Executive Committee
held at 1000 Hrs. on 24 Jan 2026

Attendance

The meeting was attended by the following members:

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| 1. Brig D. S. C. Varma, VSM | – | <i>President</i> |
| 2. Lt Col G. Parvathesam | – | <i>Vice President</i> |
| 3. Col Satyanarayana Naresh | – | <i>General Secretary</i> |
| 4. Smt Shalini Gupta | – | <i>Joint Secretary</i> |
| 5. Brig C. S. Vidyasagar | – | <i>Chief Mentor</i> |
| 6. Col Dr. G. B. Sethi | – | <i>Mentor</i> |
| 7. Cmde Sudheer Parakala | – | <i>Mentor</i> |
| 8. Col Ajit Singh Rana | – | <i>President, North Zone</i> |
| 9. Maj Gen Shibnath Mukherjee | – | <i>President, East Zone</i> |
| 10. Cmde K. S. Sandhu | – | <i>President, West Zone</i> |
| 11. Col Srikantha Seshadhri | – | <i>President, Karnataka</i> |
| 12. Col C. A. J. Swamy | – | <i>President, Andhra Pradesh</i> |
| 13. Col C. M. Unnithan | – | <i>President, Chennai Metro</i> |
| 14. Lt Col V. R. R. S. Reddy | – | <i>NEC Member</i> |
| 15. Hav Harish Asthana | – | <i>President, Uttar Pradesh</i> |
| 16. Hony Capt B. Joseph | – | <i>NEC Member</i> |
| 17. Hony Capt M. N. Reddy | – | <i>NEC Member</i> |
| 18. Smt Neera Sirohi | – | <i>Admin, SSLOG</i> |

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1. **The President** welcomed all to the meeting and thereafter requested the Gen Secretary to commence the proceedings.
 2. **The General Secretary** gave an update on the points raised in the last meeting held on **20 Dec 2025. Thereafter, two policy letters of ECHS pertaining to AYUSH treatment and NA of Medicines already uploaded on TSEWA website were earmarked for discussion.**
 - a) **Col Srikantha Seshadhri (President, Karnataka)** clarified that AYUSH has got Govt approval, however modalities are being worked out and as on date Ayurved treatment policy letter is released and designated ECHS Polyclinics have been approved for treatment and approval. NA of medicines unlisted remains problematic, as the system cannot be tweaked to generate NA of medicines.

- b) **Col Ajit Singh Rana (President, North Zone)** Conveyed that there would always be a lag time in ECHS procurement, and the patient should request for issue of an NA certificate, procure urgent medicines, and thereafter, on the next visit, submit the claims, and if the medicines are still unavailable, continue the same procedure.
- c) **Col C. M. Unnithan (President, Chennai Metro)** Conveyed that, as per the latest policy on procurement of NA medicines prescribed by empanelled hospitals, a patient has to undergo two visits to the ECHS for NA certificate, which is regressive and harassment of critically ill patients.
- d) **Cmde K. S. Sandhu (President, West Zone)** conveyed that NA of unlisted medicines is a management issue and needs to be resolved, further most of the medicines are off the list.

Points by Members

- 3. **Cmde Sudheer Parakala (Mentor)** reiterated on efforts to get TSEWA recognised by MoD. **Col Ajit Singh Rana** conveyed that the only way out is to gain access to RM and convince him of the efforts put by TSEWA in resolving issues of ESM (including widows) and their dependents. Col Rana concurred to meet Secy DESW who appeared to be amenable.
- 4. **Hav Harish Asthana (President, Uttar Pradesh)** gave a brief on his visit to Prayagraj and resolve issues of ESM. His coordinated interaction with Brig Vidyasagar, Mrs Shalini Gupta and Lt Col Chintamani resulted in:
 - a) Correction of Life certificates.
 - b) Resolving issues of non-recovery of arrears on migration to SPARSH.
 - c) Extracting assurance of Col Chintamani to be the sole Point of Contact for TSEWA.

The President congratulated Hav Harish Asthana for the excellent work being done by him. TSEWA is fortunate to have a true frontline warrior Hav Harish Asthana Ji.

- 5. **Maj Gen Shibnath Mukherjee (President, East Zone)** expressed his happiness on concerted efforts of Hav Asthana and exclaimed, "RIGHT MAN AT THE RIGHT PLACE". Further, he assured that he was fully prepared for awareness camp scheduled from 01 -02 Feb 2026 at Kolkata.
- 6. **Brig C. S. Vidyasagar (Chief Mentor)** conveyed his appreciation on tasks undertaken by Cmde Sudheer Parakala and Col Unnithan in locating Lt Col Srinivas (NOK of twin Tower Blast victims of New York), enabling payment of huge LTA arrears. Further, he conveyed his compliments to Hav Asthana on his initiative in accessing good offices of SPARSH Centre at Prayagraj.

7. **Smt Neera Sirohi (Admin, SSLOG)**, who abruptly left the meeting post haste due to prior commitments, conveyed her points on Chat:
- (i) Mrs Neera Sirohi drew attention to a newspaper cutting wherein the widow of Late Wg Cdr D. Bhattacharya had been granted a Liberalised Family Pension by the Supreme Court. She wanted guidance as to the modalities for arrears and the issuance of a revised PPO. Col Rana informed that the judgment must first be received through established official channels by the Directorate of Air Veterans (DAV) and thereafter forwarded to PCDA (Pensions). After its receipt, necessary directions will be issued to the concerned directorates to implement the judgment.
 - (ii) Mrs Neera Sirohi conveyed that she was procuring NA medicines regularly and putting up claims. The dependent ECHS expressed that she had access to good quality medicines when compared to Jan Aushadhi, Col Shrikanta Seshadri remarked that generic medicines also have the same composition as the branded medicines and prescription of medicines is generally on available brand or composition.
 - (iii) Mrs Neera Sirohi expressed her gratitude to Hav Asthana in resolving a long-pending case of Mrs Satwinder Kaur at SPARSH. Further, she put forth travails of a widow in resolving sale of property where there were many claimants due to incomplete documentation. Education of SSLOG and spouses in this regard is of paramount importance. Resistance of ladies to any suggestion has to be progressively overcome Col Rana conveyed that children have to undertake responsibility of widows as they are tech savvy and knowledgeable.
8. The President thereafter lauded the efforts put in by Hav Asthana and all those liaising with PCDA Prayagraj on behalf of TSEWA. He suggested that any planned moves to Prayagraj or Army HQ MP5 be intimated in advance and a feedback be given after the visit. Further, he requested members to restrict discussions to the bare minimum so that core issues are discussed and deliberated due to the limited time available in NEC Meetings. Members who have commitments elsewhere may give their points in advance so that they may be heard on priority. A gentle reminder on chat will also alert the Management Committee present.
9. There being no more points from the members, the meeting was declared closed. The next meeting will be held on **21 Feb 2026**.

Brig. D. S. C. Varma, VSM (Retd)

President, TSEWA