



Regional IYRP Support Group (RISG) South Asia

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MoM-6 ~ Minutes of Meeting of RISG_SA held on 13th July, 2021

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Aneet Kour	Purnendu Kavoori	Kamal Kishore
K P Ramesha	Ram Kumar Mandal, Nepal	Mahesh, Shepherd of Himalayas
Balaram Sahu	Shah Mobin Jinnah, B'desh	Shruti
Arjava Sharma	P Vivekanandan	Rashmi Singh
D K Sadana		

- The meeting started with featuring the IYRP opening film. Dr. Aneet Kour moderated.
- Members introduced themselves and narrated how they are pursuing the Rangelands and Pastoralists [R&P] activities and shared their rich experiences for the benefit of all.
- Rashmi Singh updated the members on a full-fledged South Asian page on the IYRP site [IYRP 'Online Booth' <https://iyrp.info>] and it's contents. She also requested the members to send policy documents that can be added to the policy tab on the South Asian page, and also provide pictures/videos on R&P for projecting on our page. She shared and explained the IYRP global taglines and invited the participants to use them and make an impact on the social media. She requested all the participants to follow the IYRP on Twitter, FaceBook and Instagram accounts to make further impact.
- Dr. Aneet Kour requested members for an update on Letter of Support from the South-Asian countries viz. Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- Our member from Bangladesh, Mobin Jinnah mentioned that he approached the authorities but due to the pandemic they are not prompt in their response. He suggested a joint letter from us should be forwarded to the office of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh.
- P. Vivekanandan updated on the entries he has received for the planned Pastoralists' Awards for breed and pasture land development. Ten applications have been received and he appealed for more applications from different South Asian countries. In the Himalayan region it is proposed that more entries are to be obtained with the help of Sh. Mahesh, Shepherd of Himalayas.
- With concluding remarks Dr. Sadana narrated the achievements so far and, in view of the UNGA Meeting due from 14th September 2021, he emphasized that now we need to make a last-ditch effort to promote R&P in whatever manner we can. He requested the members to add more NGOs, academicians and researchers in the RISG-SA group and put efforts to bring R&P to highlight. He requested all the South Asian countries to project their country status in our next meeting [tentative date 21st August], as this would be our last monthly meet before the United Nations General Assembly Meeting for possible and MUCH awaited approval of IYRP-2026.

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