

Indian Council of Historical Research

**Minutes of the 83rd General meeting of the Council held
on 29.06.2016 at 10:30 A.M. in the Conference Room of ICHR,
35, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi**

Members Present:

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| 1. | Professor Y. Sudershan Rao | Chairman |
| 2. | Professor Michel Danino | Member |
| 3. | Dr. Meenakshi Jain | Member |
| 4. | Professor Nanditha Krishna | Member |
| 5. | Professor C.I. Isaac | Member |
| 6. | Professor Purabi Roy | Member |
| 7. | Professor P.T. Haridas | Member |
| 8. | Professor Baidyanath Labh | Member |
| 9. | Professor R.S. Agrawal | Member |
| 10. | Professor Nikhilesh Guha | Member |
| 11. | Professor Ishwar Sharan Vishwakarma | Member |
| 12. | Professor Rahman Ali | Member |
| 13. | Professor K. Ratnam | Member |
| 14. | Shri Pankaj Rag | Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture
& Director-General, NAI |
| 15. | Dr. Urmila Sant | Joint Director-General
<i>(Representative of DG, ASI)</i> |
| 16. | Shri Arun Kumar | Under Secretary
<i>(Representative of JS & FA, MHRD)</i> |
| 17. | Dr. S.K. Aruni | Member Secretary (Officiating) |

The following Council Members could not attend the meeting:-

1. Prof. Dilip K. Chakrabarti
2. Prof. Gangmumei Kamei
3. Prof. Sachidananda Sahai
4. Prof. Narayan Rao
5. Dr. Saradindu Mukherji
6. Professor M.D. Srinivas
7. Representative of UGC, New Delhi
8. The Secretary, Department of Higher Education, MHRD

Comments on the Agenda items received from Shri Sanjay Kumar Sinha, Director-ICR (representative of Secretary, Department of Higher Education, MHRD) were duly taken into account while discussing the Agenda items in the meeting.

Item 1: To confirm the minutes of 82nd General Meeting of the Council held on 29th March 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

Noted and Confirmed.

Item 2: To report action taken on the Minutes of the 82nd General Meeting of the Council held on 29th March 2016.

Noted and approved with following observations:

- (A) Regarding ATR Item No. 6 "To Consider to withdraw the proposal submitted to Ministry pertaining to the Restructuring and Rationalization of ICHR", the Council took note of the Ministry's letter F.No.3-9/2012 U.3 dated 14.06.2016 acceding to ICHR's request for the withdrawal of the above said proposal. The Council also took note of the existing acute shortage of manpower in the ICHR due to which its functioning has come to a standstill, and, thus, unanimously resolved that necessary action may be initiated to fill up all the vacant posts without any further delay.
- (B) As regards ATR Supplementary Item No. 5 "To Consider to take-up a Sub-Project of Dictionary of Martyrs: Up to 1961 Liberation of Goa", the representative of the Ministry of Culture, Dr. Pankaj Rag, Joint Secretary, advised that the Project of Dictionary of Martyrs up to 1961: Liberation of Goa may be re-submitted as a fresh proposal to their Ministry under the 70th Commemoration year of India's Independence Celebration programme. The Council appreciated the suggestion and resolved to act accordingly.

Item 3: To Report the Major Activities of the Council from 30th March, 2016 to till date.

Noted and approved with following observation:

With regard to sub-item 'O' "ICHR's ongoing Special Research Project on Dictionary of Martyrs: India's Freedom Struggle (1857-1947)", the Council, on a query made by Dr. Pankaj Raj, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, resolved that all necessary clarifications sought for by the Ministry may be submitted to the Ministry of Culture for favourable consideration.

Item 4: To approve the Annual Accounts of ICHR for the year 2015-2016.

Noted and approved.



Item 5: To receive and approve the minutes of various Committees of the Council held from March 2016 to till date.

The Council noted and approved minutes of various Committees of the Council held from 30.03.2016 to 22.06.2016 as indicated below:

1. Minutes of the meeting of the Experts' committee for the Three - Week Workshop-cum-Course on Epigraphy held on 30.03.2016 at 11:30 a.m. in the Committee Room of ICHR.
2. Minutes of the meeting of the Advisory/ Monitoring Committee of the Special Project 'Translation of Foreign Sources on India' held on 30.03.2016 at 10 a.m. in the Committee Room of ICHR, New Delhi.
3. Minutes of the 12th of the Advisory/ Monitoring Committee of the ICHR, North East Regional Centre, Guwahati held 4th April 2016 at 3.30 p.m., NERC, Guwahati.
4. Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee/ Monitoring Committee of ICHR- IDSK, Joint Project entitled 'Documents on Economic History During the British Rule in Northern and Western India in the Late Nineteenth Century: Quality of Life', held on 7 April, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at IDSK Kolkata.
5. Minutes of the meeting of the Advisory/ Monitoring Committee of the Special Project entitled 'Modern India: Pre-Partition and Post- Partition India' held on 11th April, 2016 at 11 a.m. in the Committee Room of the ICHR, New Delhi.
6. Minutes of the Sub- Committee of the Junior Research Fellowship Meeting held on 13th April 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the mini committee room, ICHR, New Delhi.
7. Minutes of the meeting of *ITIHAS* (Shodh Patrika) for scrutiny and finalization of the volume 2, 2016 held on 20, 21 & 22 April, 2016 in the Committee Room of ICHR, New Delhi.
8. Minutes of the meeting of the Advisory/ Monitoring Committee of the Special Project entitled 'Environmental History of India' held on 26th April, 2016 at 10 a.m. in the Committee Room of the ICHR, New Delhi.
9. Minutes of the meeting of the Construction Committee for NERC Building, held on 1st June 2016 at the office of the NERC, Guwahati.
10. Minutes of the Discussion at the Office of the NERC on 2nd June 2016 after the preparatory Workshop on Comprehensive History of North East India at the office of the NERC, Guwahati.

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11. Minutes of the Editorial Board meeting of *ITIHAS* (Shodh-Patrika), held on 14.06.2016 at 2:30 p.m. in the Committee Room of the ICHR.
12. Minutes of the Sub-Committee on Foreign Travel Grant meeting held on 21.06.2016 at 02:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the ICHR, New Delhi.
13. Minutes of the Sub-Committee of Study-cum-Travel Grant meeting held on 21.06.2016 at 03:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the ICHR, New Delhi.
14. Minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting for the award of Annual Conference/ Seminars/Workshops Grant held on 22.06.2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the ICHR, New Delhi.
15. Minutes of the Sub- Committee for introduction of the "ICHR Gurukul Fellowships" by the ICHR held on 22.06.2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Mini Committee Room of ICHR, New Delhi.

Item 6: To report recommendations of the Expert Committee to workout modalities for implementation of a new scheme of fellowship - ICHR Gurukul Fellowship.

The Council appreciated the proposal and unanimously approved it, in principle. The Council noted the suggestions made by Shri Sanjay Kumar Sinha, Director (ICR), MHRD, vide his letter F.No.3-11/2015-U.3 dated 28.06.2016 and resolved that a comprehensive proposal may be prepared and sent to the Ministry for their approval. The Council also suggested that the expenditure involved may be met within the budgetary grants of ICHR.

Item 7: To consider a Major Research Project entitled, "*Historical Encyclopedia of Towns & Villages in India*" to be Undertaken by the Council.

The Council appreciated the proposal and approved it. The Council suggested that an Experts Committee may be constituted by the Chairman to prepare the theme, work-plan, estimated budget and to chalk out the modalities for its execution.

Item 8: Any other item with permission of the Chair.

- (1) **Perspective Plan of for the second half of the term as Chairman (January, 2016 –June, 2017).**

The perspective plan prepared by the Chairman, ICHR, Professor Y. Sudershan Rao is presented before the Council. This perspective plan includes New Academic

Programmes introduced and the efforts to widening the existing scenario of the academic activities of the ICHR for giving a new direction and dimensions to the promotion of studies and research in various aspects of history besides initiatives for promoting dissemination of its knowledge amongst scholars. The perspective plan also includes preparation of the ICHR Vision Document-2022, when the ICHR will be completing 50 years of its establishment (Golden Jubilee year).

The Council highly appreciated the Chairman's vision and took a note of it. The Chairman requested the members to contribute their suggestions, if any, for their inclusion in the Vision Documents-2022.

- (2) **To consider to take up a project proposal entitled 'Study of Cultural continuity between early populations of India and South East Asia'.**

The Council considered and approved the Project. Professor M.N. Vahia, TIFR, Mumbai, will be the Project Director and Professor M.D. Srinivas will be Member-in-Charge of the Project.

The Council approved an amount an amount of **Rs 2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lac and Fifty Thousand only)** for this project.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

