

# Indian Council of Historical Research

Minutes of the 146<sup>th</sup> Research Project Committee meeting held on  
27.10.2016 at 02.30 p.m. in Conference Room of ICHR, New Delhi

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## Members Present:-

1. Professor Y. Sudershan Rao	Chairman, ICHR (In Chair)
2. Professor Narayan Rao	Member
3. Professor Michel Danino	Member
4. Professor Purabi Roy	Member
5. Professor Nanditha Krishna	Member
6. Professor Saradindu Mukherji	Co-opted Member
7. Dr. Meenakshi Jain	Co-opted Member
8. Professor Sacchidananda Sahai	Co-opted Member
9. Dr. S.K. Aruni	Member Secretary (Officiating)

Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Deputy Director (Research); Shri Ramesh Yerunagula, Dy. Director (Doc.) and Dr. Noopur Singh, Consultant (Research) also attended the meeting.

## I. REPORTING OF MINUTES

Item 1: To Confirm the Minutes of the 145<sup>th</sup> Research Project Committee meeting held on 13.08.2016 at 11.00 a.m. in Conference Room of ICHR, New Delhi.

**Noted and Approved.**

Item 2: To report the minutes of various Sub-Committee meetings held from 21.10.2016 to 26.10.2016.

(i) The minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting of Foreign Travel Grant (FTG) held on 21.10.2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, ICHR, New Delhi.

**Noted and Approved.**

(ii) The minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting of Study-Cum-Travel Grant held on 21.10.2016 at 02:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, ICHR, New Delhi.

**Noted and Approved.**

(iii) The minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting of Annual Conferences/Seminars/Workshops held on 22.10.2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room, ICHR, New Delhi.

**Noted and Approved.**

- (iv) The minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting of Monograph Series & Publication held on 22.10.2016 at 02:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, ICHR, New Delhi.

**Noted and Approved.**

- (v) The minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting of Research Projects held on 22.10.2016 at 04:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, ICHR, New Delhi.

**Noted and Approved.**

- (vi) The minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting of Library-Cum-Documentation Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 11.00 a.m. in the Conference Room, ICHR, New Delhi.

**Noted and Approved.**

- Item 3: To report the 21-Day National Workshop-cum-Training Course on Epigraphy held at New Delhi during July 4-24, 2016.

**The RPC appreciated and congratulated Professor Michel Danino, Coordinator of the Workshop and his team for successfully completing the 21-day event. The RPC approved the expenditure.**

- Item 4: To approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee meeting for the award of Senior Academic Fellowships (SAF), 2016-2017 held on 24.10.2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room, ICHR, New Delhi.

**The Committee noted and approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee meeting for the award of Senior Academic Fellowships (SAF), 2016-2017 held on 24.10.2016 to the following scholars:**

S. No.	Name	Category
1	Prof. Rabindra Kumar Mohanty	GEN
2	Dr. Suchandana Chatterjee (Chakravorty)	GEN
3	Prof. Bhanwar Lal Bhadani	GEN
4	Dr. Alex Mathew	GEN
5	Prof. Brij Kishore Sharma	GEN
6	Prof. Basavaraj Kalgudi	GEN
7	Dr. Vinay Kumar Ambedkar	SC
8	Dr. Lalit Kumar Arya	SC
9	Dr. Janardhana Bora	ST

**Further, the Committee decided that vacant post of Persons-with-Disability (PwD) category should be re-advertised and complete the process at the earliest.**

Item 5: To approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee meeting for the award of one remaining seat (reserved for SC) of Senior Academic Fellowships (SAF), 2015-2016 held on 24.10.2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room, ICHR, New Delhi.

**The Committee noted and approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee meeting for the award of one remaining seat (reserved for SC) of Senior Academic Fellowships (SAF), 2015-2016 held on 24.10.2016 to the following scholar:**

S. No.	Name	Category
1	Dr. Suresh Chand	SC

Item 6: To approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee meeting for the award of Post-Doctoral Fellowships (PDF), 2016-2017 held on 25.10.2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room, ICHR, New Delhi.

**The Committee noted and approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee meeting for the award of Post Doctoral Fellowships (PDF), 2016-2017 held on 25.10.2016 to the following scholars:**

S. No.	Name	Category
1	Dr. Harshvardhan Singh Tomar	GEN
2	Dr. Ekta Vyas	GEN
3	Dr. Neema	GEN
4	Dr. Bindu Sahni	GEN
5	Dr. Rameebegam Shaik	GEN
6	Dr. E. Balakrishnan	GEN
7	Dr. L. Lamminthang Simte	ST
8	Dr. Vinod Kumar	SC
9	Dr. Achchhe Lal	SC

**Further, the Committee decided that vacant post of Persons-with-Disability (PwD) category should be re-advertised and complete the process at the earliest.**



## **II: ANNUAL CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS/SYMPOSIA**

Item 1: Request for re-validating the grant of an amount of Rs. 50000/- approved by the 142<sup>nd</sup> meeting of RPC held on 28 & 29 April, 2015 to utilize in the current financial year 2016-2017 from Dr. J. Soundararajan, Assistant Professor, Department of Ancient History And Archaeology, University of Madras, Chepauk, Chennai to conduct the seminar on **The Chola Art And Architecture In South India With Special Reference To Rajendra - I**

**The Committee accepted the request and approved that the sanctioned grant should be utilized in the current financial year i.e. 2016-2017 only, failing which the grant will be considered as cancelled.**

Item 2: Request to utilize the unspent balance amount of the sanctioned grant amounting Rs.1,50,000/- approved by the 143<sup>rd</sup> meeting of RPC held on 22.09.2015 (the grant was approved for a Seminar on **Culture and Cognition in Reconstructing the Past**). Now to utilize the unspent amount to conduct a Three-day National level workshop on **GIS and Digital Cartography in History and Archaeological Research** in November, 2016 from Professor K.P. Rao, Dept. of History, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad-500046.

**The Committee decided that the organizers should be asked to submit an utilization certificate, statement of accounts along with a detailed report and proceedings of the Seminar conducted (for which the grant was approved). After receiving the requisite documents the Committee authorised the Chairman to take a decision.**

Item 3: Request for reconsidering the financial assistance for two-day National Seminar on **Regional Instabilities in Indian Ocean Rim States- Legacy of Maritime Conquests and Colonisation**, from Professor K.S. Venugopal, Principal, Faculty of Basic Sciences & Humanities, Indian Naval Academy, P.O. Ezhimala, Kannur-District, Kerala.

**The Committee noted that the proposal vide Item no.29 was placed in the 145<sup>th</sup> meeting of RPC held on 13.08.2016 and the 145<sup>th</sup> committee did not find the proposal adequate in terms of the criteria for financial assistance. (Not approved). The 146<sup>th</sup> RPC reiterated the previous decision.**





Item 4: To approve the sanction of Rs. 1 lakh to Dr. Tirur Dinesh, Director, **Oral History Research, Foundation, Reg. No. 903/2012, P.O.Trikkandiyur, Tirur-676104, Malappuram (Dt), Kerala, for One-day National Seminar on Vettathunadu History National Seminar Thunjathu Ezhuthachan.**

**The 145<sup>th</sup> meeting of RPC held on 13.08.2016 approved to ask the organizer to submit the theme for consideration of the application. After receiving, the Chairman was authorized to take a decision. Accordingly, the organizers submitted the requisite documents and the Chairman approved an amount of Rs.1,00,000/-. The Committee Noted and Approved.**

Item 5: To approve the sanction of Rs.2,50,000/- to Professor Vasant Shinde, Vice-Chancellor & Convener, Astra-2016, Deccan College, Post Graduate and Research Institute, Pune,411 006 for three-day International seminar **Symbolism in Indian Art, Archaeology and Literature.**

**The 145<sup>th</sup> meeting of RPC held on 13.08.2016 approved to ask the organizer to submit the acceptance from the resource persons for consideration of the application. After receiving, the Chairman was authorized to take a decision. Accordingly, the organizers submitted the requisite documents and the Chairman approved an amount of Rs.2,50,000/-. The Committee Noted and Approved.**

Item 6: To approve the sanction of Rs. 60,000/- to Dr. A. Mahalingam, Assistant Professor, Department of Medieval History, School of Historical Studies, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai-21, Tamil Nadu for conducting a for ten-day workshop on **Temples of South India: New Approaches to Art History and emergent Methodologies.**

**The Sub-Committee meeting of Seminar/Conferences held on 22.06.2016 approved to ask the organizer to submit the acceptance from the resource persons for consideration of the application. After receiving, the Chairman was authorized to take a decision. Accordingly, the organizers submitted the requisite documents and the Chairman approved an amount of Rs. 60,000/-. The Committee Noted and Approved.**



Item 7: To approve the sanction of Rs.1,50,000/- to Dr. Ranjana Mishra, Head, Department of History, Shri M.D. Shah mahila College, BJ Patel Road, Near Liberty Garden, Malad (W), Mumbai-400064 for three-day international seminar on **Ancient Indian History of Medicine and Surgery**.

**The Sub-Committee meeting of Seminar/Conferences held on 22.06.2016 approved to ask the organizer to submit the acceptance from the resource persons for consideration of the application. After receiving, the Chairman was authorized to take a decision. Accordingly, the organizers submitted the requisite documents and the Chairman approved an amount of Rs.1,50,000/-. The Committee Noted and Approved.**

Item 8: To approve the sanction of Rs.1,50,000/- to Professor Ramnika Jalali, Professor of Sanskrit, Department of Sanskrit, University of Jammu, Jammu for three-day national seminar on **Relevance of Kashmiri Acharya Kshemendra in Present Era**.

**The Sub-Committee meeting of Seminar/Conferences held on 22.06.2016 approved to ask the organizer to submit the acceptance from the resource persons for consideration of the application. After receiving, the Chairman was authorized to take a decision. Accordingly, the organizers submitted the requisite documents and the Chairman approved an amount of Rs.1,50,000/-. The Committee Noted and Approved.**

Item 9 To report the decision of the Chairman (as authorized by the Sub-Committee meeting of Seminar/Conferences held on 22.06.2016) on an application for financial assistant received from Dr. R. Velmurugan, Head & Assistant Professor, Department of History KMCPGS, Lawspet, Puducherry-605008 for two-day National Seminar on **History of the French Legacy in Pondicherry**

**The Sub-Committee meeting of Seminar/Conferences held on 22.06.2016 approved to ask the organizer to submit the acceptance from the resource persons for consideration of the application. After receiving, the Chairman was authorized to take a decision. Accordingly, the organizers submitted the requisite documents and the Chairman decided that as the date of conducting the seminar has already passed, the application cannot be considered for Financial Assistances. The Committee Noted and Approved.**



Item 10: Request for financial assistance for two-day national seminar on **Ekatm Manav Darsan** (एकात्मक मानव दर्शन): **Relevance in the Contemporary World** from Professor Nalini Kant Jha , Director, UGC Centre for Southern Asia Studies, Pondicherry (Central) University, Puducherry-605014.

**The Committee did not find the proposal adequate in terms of the criteria for financial assistance. (Not approved)**

Item 11: Request for financial assistance for **41<sup>st</sup> Annual Session of Andhra Pradesh History Congress** from Dr. Karanam Sudhakar Local Secretary, Andhra Pradesh History Congress, Lecturer in History, Govt. College (Autonomous) UG & PG Anantapuramu, Andhra Pradesh.

The Committee decided that the organizers should be asked to submit an Utilization Certificate, Statement of Accounts along with a detailed report and proceedings of the previous 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of Andhra Pradesh History Congress. After receiving, the requisite documents the Committee authorised the Chairman to take a decision.

Item 12: Request for financial assistance for three-day seminar on **True History and Religion of India** from K. Venkat Reddy, Integrated Development Organization, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Vihari towers, Kodad-508206, Nalgonda District, Telangana.

**The Committee did not find the proposal adequate in terms of the criteria for financial assistance. (Not approved)**

Item 13: Request for financial assistance for seminar on **Historical Perspectives for Peasants', Workers' and Tribals' (sic) Movements in India** from Dr. Rajendra Sayabu More, Raosaheb Ramrao Patil Mahavidyalaya, Savlaj, Tal. Tasgaon, Dist. Sangali-416311, Maharashtra.

**The Committee approved a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only).**

Item 14: Request for financial assistance for two-day national seminar on **Annihilation of Caste (A Discourse on Indian Caste system)** from Dr. Sanoj Kumar, Department of History, Shyamlal College, Shahdara, Delhi-110032.

**The Committee did not find the proposal adequate in terms of the criteria for financial assistance. (Not approved)**



- Item 15: To consider a request for conducting ICHR's Seminar on **Indian National Army's (INA) Contribution to India's Independence** on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017.

The Committee approved and sanctioned the proposal of a National Seminar on Indian National Army's (INA) Contribution to India's Independence. The Committee suggested that the seminar should be organized by ICHR at Delhi in the first week of February, 2017 or any convenient dates of the Chairman. The Committee recommended Professor Purabi Roy, Member ICHR to be nominated as Coordinator of the seminar. Further, the Committee approved and sanctioned an amount of Rs. 8 Lakh for the seminar.

### **III: PUBLICATION**

- Item 1: Proposal for the inclusion of text entry of the Ayodhya excavation site District Faizabad, U.P in the manuscript of Encyclopedia of Indian Archaeology (Volume - III) being printed and published by the ICHR.

The Committee noted the delay of publication of Volume III of Encyclopedia of Indian Archaeology. The recommendations of the Experts' Committee on the issue of text of the Ayodhya archeological site on 05.07.2016 were placed before the RPC meeting. On the advise of the Experts Committee legal advise from the advocate of Supreme Court was obtained vide E-mail dated 02.09.2016 and he opined "After having read and considered the said text entry, which is based and extracted from the ASI Excavation Report, conducted in the disputed site at Ayodhya under orders of the Allahabad High Court in the then pending Title Suits, I am of the opinion that the text entry in question, being based on the findings in, and relatable to the ASI Ayodhya Excavation Report, could be included in the proposed manuscript of Encyclopedia of Archaeology [*Encyclopedia of Indian Archaeology*] (Volume III)". The RPC recommended to publish the volume Encyclopedia of Indian Archaeology with text as given below:

'Ayodhya, Dt. Faizabad, U.P. The site has been described in A. Ghosh, Vol. II (1989), but it is included here because of the finding of an important inscription at the site, which came to light after the demolition of the disputed structure on 6<sup>th</sup> December 1992. The inscription was read by the Epigraphy Branch of the Archaeological Survey of India on orders of the Allahabad High Court Lucknow Bench (Puratatva, No. 33, 2002-2003, pp. 98-103). It records the erection of a temple, dedicated to Vishnu Hari by a feudatory of Gahadavala King Govinda Chandra (1114-1154 AD). On the orders of the Allahabad High Court, Lucknow Bench the disputed site was



excavated by the Archaeological Survey of India during 2002-03 and the antiquity of the site has been pushed back to around 1300 BC on the basis of radiocarbon dating”.

**The RPC suggested that the same should be communicated to the Editor of the volume, Professor M.K. Dhavalikar.**

#### **IV: JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS (JRF)**

Item 1: Request for deferment the ICHR Junior Research Fellowship for ten months to work on the proposal entitled “Cinema as a Source of History: NFDC’s Narration of Contemporary Indian History” from Ms Tiwari Sudha Sri Ravishankar, Research Scholar, Centre For Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi-110067, (Postal Address): R/O 120, Chandrabhaga Hostel, Girl’s Wing, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Campus, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi-110 067.

**The Committee approved the request of a leave of ten months subject to the condition that the scholar should submit a report of the work done (during the said period of ten months) in Yale University, USA, before re-joining ICHR JRF.**

Item 2: Request for continuing as unpaid scholar of ICHR’s Junior Research Fellowship as per ICHR’s Chapter-II, Clause-20 to work on the proposal entitled “Agrarian System of Kashmir (1846-1950 A.D.)”, from Shri Suhail-Ul-Rehman Lone, Research Scholar, CAS, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, UP, (Postal Address): 43, Macdonnell Hostel, Aftab Hall, Aligarh Mulsim University, Aligarh-202002, Uttar Pradesh.

**Approved.**

Item 3: Request for revalidation of the start of Junior Research Fellowship to work on the proposal entitled “First Three General Elections Of India And Its Political Dynamics” from Shri Nirmal Kumar, Research Scholar, Department of History, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi-110067, (Postal Address): R/O Room No. 245, Sabarmati Hostel, Jawarharlal Nehru University, New Delhi-110067.

**Approved.**



## **V: NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS**

Item 1: To identify and award two National Fellowships to the eminent Historians / Scholars.

**RESOLUTION:** The Committee noted the vacant National Fellowship due to sad demise of Dr. P.V. Prabrahma Sastri and also remaining another National Fellowship for the year 2016-2017. The Committee approved to award the National Fellowships to the following eminent scholars for a period of two years.

1. Professor Shivaji Singh, Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh).
2. Professor M. Chidananda Murthy, Bangalore (Karnataka).

## **VI: RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Item 1: Request for financial support for a Research Project on **Mughal Sub-Imperial Monuments at Agra: A Study in Space Organization, Architecture and Building Technology** from Dr. Manvendra Kumar Pundhir, C/o Shantanu A. Vaidya, Saiyash, 2/103 Vishnupuri, Aligarh - 202001, Uttar Pradesh.

**The Committee recommended that the comments of the Expert be communicated to the applicant for revision and that the revised proposal be sent to the same Expert. The revised proposal along with the Expert's opinion thereon should be placed before the next meeting of the RPC for its decision. (Revise and Resubmit)**

Item 2: Request for financial support for a Research Project on **Ethno History of Kani Tribes in Tirunelveli District of Tamilnadu** from Rev. Dr. T. Sahayaraj S.J., Department of Folklore, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai-627002.

**The Committee approved a sum of Rs.2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lac Fifty Thousand only) for a period of two years.**

Item 3: Request for financial support for a Research Project on **Tamang Community of North Bengal Culture, Identity, History: A Comparative Study** from Dr. Jolly Bagchi, 4, Broad Street, Ballygunge, Kolkata-700019.

**The Committee recommended that the comments of the Expert be communicated to the applicant for revision and that the revised proposal be sent to the same Expert. The revised proposal along with the Expert's opinion thereon should be placed before the next meeting of the RPC for its decision. (Revise and Resubmit)**

- Item 4: Request for re-consideration of tenure of the Project entitled **Comprehensive Volume on source for the study and reconstruction of History and Culture of Telugu speaking people, 500 B.C. to 2000 A.D. from Prof. V. Ramakrishna** as one year, instead of two year.

**The Committee approved the tenure of the project as one year instead of two years.**

#### **VII: SENIOR ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS**

- Item 1: Senior Academic Fellowship (Request for extension without any additional financial aid) from Dr. Devendra Kumar, 69 Z3 C- Block, Dilshad Garden, Delhi – 110095, to work on **Doctor B.R. Ambedkar ke vicharon ka samaj va rajniti par prabhav (Daliton ke vishesh sandharbh mein)**.

**The Committee approved an extension up to 31.03.2017 without any additional financial assistance.**

#### **VII: CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (CEP)**

- Item 1: To report the activities conducted under ICHR's Culture Exchange Programme (CEP)

**Noted and approved.**

- Item 2: To report the constitution of Sub-Committee for Foreign Collaboration and members nominated by the Chairman.

**The Chairman has constituted a Sub-Committee for Foreign Collaboration to review collaborative programmes undertaken by the ICHR under its Cultural Exchange Programme with other countries and to decide future collaborative programmes.**

**The members of the committee are:**

- i. Dr. Saradindu Mukherji**
- ii. Dr. Nanditha Krishna**
- iii. Professor M.D. Srinivas**
- iv. Professor Purabi Roy**
- v. Dr. Meenakshi Jain**
- vi. Professor Michel Danino**
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**The first meeting of the Sub-Committee for Foreign Collaboration was held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016. The Chairman briefed the Committee members regarding the ICHR foreign collaborations, objectives and the need to review the CEP in order to augment the benefit achieved from this programme. The Committee decided that the members will send their suggestions via email which will assist in formulating the draft policy document.**

**The Committee will meet again to discuss the matter further and formulate policy, identify Countries/Foreign Research institutions/ Academic bodies/ Research funding agencies overseas for future research/academic collaborations, identify priority research areas with foreign collaborators, plan the activities to be undertaken under collaborative programmes.**

**Any other Item with the permission of the Chair. (Publication Unit)**

Item 1: To consider including the corrigendum to the decision of the Item No. 5 placed in the 145<sup>th</sup> RPC held on 13.08.2016.

**Agenda Item:** 145<sup>TH</sup> RPC held on 13-08-2016 vide Item No.5. Request for financial assistance for publication approved manuscript entitle, **Comprehensive History of Andhra Pradesh, Vol. 8<sup>TH</sup> Modern Andhra Pradesh, A.D. 1956-1990** by Professor V. Ramakrishna, General Editor, 202, Vijaya Manor Apartments, Gudimalkapur North, Hyderabad-500028. [F.No.1-11/2016(Aca-vii)].





**Decision as recorded in 145<sup>th</sup> RPC:**

*The Committee approved a sum of Rs.3,00,000/- or 50% of the cost of production whichever is less.*

**Corrigendum:-**

**The Committee noted and approved Corrigendum.**

**The Corrigendum read as "The Committee approved a sum of Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lac only)".**

**The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks to the Chair.**

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