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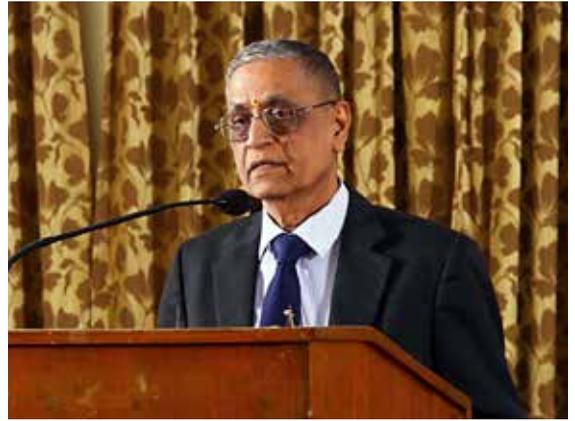
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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

As we wished in the beginning of this year, the first quarter of the new year has been very eventful and quite rewarding. Three major events were organized by ICHR in this quarter: a three-day national seminar at New Delhi (8-10 February 2017) on INA and its contribution to India's independence in the light of recently declassified INA files by the Governments of India and West Bengal; a two-day national seminar on Depiction of Epic Narratives in Indian art at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh (8-9 March 2017); and the third national seminar on Antiquity and Continuity of Civilization in Ancient Bharat, at New Delhi (27-29 March 2017). These three seminars have fructified Council's long-term planning and consistent pursuance. Very distinguished and senior scholars in the respective fields of specialization gracefully responded to our request and made their scholarly presentations. The detailed reports are on our website.



ICHR has also made significant progress in developing positive relations with the foreign academic agencies with whom it has long-term association and also with those newly joined like Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). Academic exchanges, international workshops and summer schools for young scholars are planned with Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Germany; Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), UK; etc. These events will be taken up in the next quarter. A



two-week training-cum-course workshop in methodology for our young scholars inviting transnational experts is also being planned by the ICHR. A three-day international seminar in collaboration with AHRC (UK) on Rapid Urbanization and Indian Heritage with about 15-20 experts from England and equal number from our country who specialized in urban history of India is in the pipeline. This workshop is slated for the second fortnight of May 2017. We are also making efforts to collect source data on India at least in digital form from foreign repositories as our major project of translations of source books in non-English European languages is already in good progress.

On 27th March 2017, ICHR celebrated its 45th Foundation Day with staff events and honoured two Gurus with Gurukul Fellowships recently instituted by ICHR. Internationally known vintage scholars and archaeologists, Dr B.B. Lal and Dr R.

Nagaswamy, are chosen for this year. They are given one disciple each to assist them in their work and learn nuances of the specialized study.

Now, we are busy working out for a two-week workshop for our young scholars in Art History, which needs special attention. Indian art requires traditional knowledge base to study, understand, and appreciate. We are also planning to train our young research archaeologists through a workshop-cum-course in Marine archaeology keeping in view our long coastal line. The theme is already placed on our website.

I take this opportunity to welcome into ICHR family, Dr. Anand Shanker Singh from Allahabad University, who has joined us as Member Secretary on a regular basis. We earnestly hope that he infuses more spirit and strength into our administrative machinery.



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SELECTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN'S DIARY

06.01.2017: National Conference on “*The Bhagvata Purana: History, Philosophy and Culture*”, Department of Philosophy, University of Madras, Centenary Building, Chennai - 600 005

Chairman in his inaugural address spoke on the special character of Purana as a genre of literature. The Puranic literature is generally described as ‘mythical’ by the Western scholars. But this literature has special significance in

the ancient Indian literature. The Purana has five major characteristics or aspects. Each aspect deals with one major part of the history of universe. One of these aspects covers human history. The Purana gives us corpus of information about lineages of kings and sages and major events in the long history of human kind which is Bharat-centric. As we cherish to preserve the family history through tradition, the Purana keeps alive the collective memory of humankind unbroken for generations to come. He said that the Bhagavata tradition preserves our collective memory with the help of several art forms - theatric and folk performing arts. A student of history has a greater responsibility to collect historical material from Puranic literature and search for collaborative evidences through other sources of history, he opined.



Chairman honouring Prof. Nanditha Krishna with a memento

09.01.2017: Book release function: “*The Modern Monk (Penguin) on Swami Vivekananda*” by Hindol Sengupta, Auditorium, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, Teen Murti House, New Delhi



While complimenting the author of the book titled, *The Modern Monk*, the Chairman expressed his great reverence for Swami Vivekananda who introduced Bharat to the entire world as the oldest culture and that its philosophical thought had no parallel. He said that the flow of Veda gnana is an eternal fountain ever live in Bharat. Like ancient sages who brought us Veda in a special literary form, the later gurus, sants and philosophers have been handing over this universal knowledge in a form comprehensible to the contemporary generations. Swamiji has put spirituality in a social format, he said.

16.01.2017: Seminar on ‘Rediscovering Telangana: An International Seminar on the Recent Trends in Archaeology, Art History and Conservation’, Department of Archaeology & Museums, Hyderabad, Government of Telangana

In his keynote address, the Chairman explained the importance of the regional history but cautioned that every region should be treated as a part of the whole while focusing light on the special characteristics of people of the region. The regional studies should enrich our understanding on the diversities while establishing its linkages and exchanges with other regions and neighboring communities. Telangana region has a great strategic importance from the remote Puranic times till the present as the central region in Bharat. On occasions, the Telangana had sway from the present Madhya Pradesh in the north, Odisha in the north-east, covering east coast up

to Chennai, Tanjavur/Kanchipuram in the south and reaching up to west coast. Flourishing in trade and commerce with Africa, Europe, Burma, China and south-east Asia, the region facilitated the rise of great empires ruling north and south India. He complimented that the Department of Archaeology serving from Hyderabad has an illustrious history in developing the historical tradition under very able scholars and historians. He said that ICHR has also been providing guidance and financial assistance to various research projects on the history of the region.



Chairman seen with other scholars at the seminar in Hyderabad

01.02.2017: Seminar on “History Reconstructed through Literature: Nation, Identity and Culture”, Department of English, Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur

The Chairman, inaugurating the seminar, complimented the Department of English for holding this seminar on the importance of literary sources in writing history. In



fact, he said, the beginning of historical phase in human development is marked with the beginning of decodable script. He further said that the archaeological artifacts or remains of ancient monuments or artistic expressions of ancient man need help from literature for interpretation and comprehension. There is a long debate on the dependability of ancient Indian literature for the use as historical sources in view of symbolism and poetic exaggerations. But, in ancient times, there was nothing like fiction in literature. Novels and stories have developed as fictions in the modern literature. The Puranas and epics claim that nothing was written by the authors, which were unreal and without any confirmed source. While we take these works as source of history, a historian should be careful to choose his material, which sounds reasonable. He said that the ancient literature should not be condemned as myths and be rejected outright. Bharat is known in the world as the one which has been a knowledge society from times immemorial only because of its valuable literature, he opined.



Chairman delivering the inaugural address at the National Conference at Jodhpur

04.02.2017: Seminar on 'Antiquity of Jainism', Organized by International School for Jain Studies, Delhi, at IIC, Delhi

While inaugurating the seminar on the antiquity of Jainism, the Chairman said that one sage, like Rsabha, was mentioned in the Rgveda at several places which Jains accept as their first Tirthankara. According to the Vedic and Jain literature, Rsabha is known to us who initiated agriculture and established family and social systems. While his historicity and chronology of the other Tirthankaras and their times are not very certain, the last two Tirthankaras are undoubtedly known to history. Jains claim that the Vedic thought and the Jain thought have many commonalities and they evolved as different streams in course of time but differ on the issue as to which of the two emerged earlier. In recent times, many studies have revealed that Jainism had also spread in other countries and continents much before the rise of Buddhism. The scholars, he appealed, should explore the spread of Jain tradition in countries other than India.



Chairman addressing the audience at the National Seminar on 'Antiquity of Jainism'



07.02.2017: 'Haryana Swarna Jayanti National Conference' & Exhibition, Haryana Through the Ages: Reflections on History, Society, Culture & Economy, Senate Hall, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Haryana.

While inaugurating the seminar, the Chairman highlighted the significance of the venue as it was a *kshetra* in the real sense of the term, *Dharmakshetra*, where a great battle was fought for upholding *Dharma* some five thousand years ago. The area was also known from the *puranic* times as the region proper for the evolution of man. Cunningham, father of Indian archaeology, while tracing the route of Chinese pilgrim, Yuan Chwang, identifies this region that was under the rule of Hiranyakashyapa in the remote past. Since Mahabharata times to the most recent times, this place had witnessed many battles between the natives and the foreign hordes. Apart from wars and disturbances, the land is known

for its fertility and water sources that this part of India is still known as prime Bharat enriched with Vedic tradition and *Dharma* based culture. Not only the inhabitants of this region but the whole Bharat should be proud of this piece of land, he opined.

16.03.2017: 2nd Convocation of Gour Banga University, Malda (W.B.), Gour Banga University, Malda (W.B.)

Delivering convocation address, the Chairman said that the occasion draws one's attention to the present education system. He continued, "Our elders say that education makes a man civil and human. Character-building is considered the main object of the system. Our system goes a step further. It aims at spiritual accomplishments. Therefore, we nurtured both *apara*(worldly) and *para*(non-worldly) systems in our education. India has a rich knowledge tradition. The English records vouchsafe the existence of *pathasalas* (schools) in the



Chairman with other dignitaries at Kurukshetra University, Haryana



Chairman addressing the audience at the Convocation Ceremony of University of Gour Banga



towns and villages where general education was taught by private teachers supported by parents. Sanskrit, vernaculars, mathematics, medicine, astronomy, astrology, etc. were taught. Literature, philosophy and other sastras were taught in *gurukuls*.

Till the mid-nineteenth century, our native system which was not disturbed or 'reformed' since times immemorial continued to stay. The 'new' education replacing the 'old' alienated the natives from their traditional education. We are made strangers in our own country. The 'new' education was introduced in India in an alien alphabet and the object of the 'new' system was to prepare the youth to serve in the British Government offices at lower grades. The damage caused to Indian knowledge systems was soon realized by our scholars--leaders of 19th century. This pious land, Banga, played cradle for the Indian renaissance movement which turned out to be the national movement later. Let us hope that the upcoming generations of this land take the lead in recovering what we lost in our ancient culture and wisdom.

Our leaders of the national movement have all through been conscious that the British system of education should be reformed in such a way that the objects of both systems are achieved by designing a hybrid one considering the inevitability of continuing modern system as the basic structure. What stirred the Indian intelligentsia for freedom was primarily to restore our ancient

knowledge systems. Towards the close of the freedom struggle, many such models were designed and proposed with an intention that the emerging free nation could adopt it with a finest amalgam of both tradition and modernity. But so far we failed them in their aspirations with regard to our education. After independence, many commissions on education were constituted from time to time from Sri Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Commission onwards; but even after seven decades of Indian independence, efforts are on to look for a 'New Education Policy'.

In fact, university does not mean mere concrete structures. Monastic centres of education in India sprang up with Buddhism. Earlier, there were education towns like Varanasi or Takshila where *gurus* and their *chelas* used to live in hundreds, nay, in thousands. Those cities were only conglomerations of individual houses.

As I understand that this region has long and rich history dating back to *puranic* times. This part of India is known from epic times with illustrious and civilizational developments as recorded in history. We should establish and strengthen the link between the past and present. We should see that young minds develop respect for the past wisdom through our education. The historical tradition has to be established so that we are not cut off from our own origins", he concluded.



SPECIAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

The ICHR, apart from providing fellowships and financial assistance to young teachers in colleges, universities and research organizations through its various grants-in-aid schemes, has also been undertaking, for the benefit of scholars and researchers in history, Special Research Projects (SRPs). During the period under report, satisfactory progress was made in two Special Research Projects: i) *Translation of Foreign Sources on India*; ii) *Modern India: Politics and Demography, 1881-2001*

ICHR LECTURE SERIES

In keeping with the avowed aim of expanding its academic base and reinforcing existing research activities, ICHR began a lecture series in 2007. During the period under report, the following lecture was organized:

4th January 2017: Dr. Sabyasachi Ghosh Dastidar, Professor, Department of Politics, Economics and Law, State University of New York, Old Westbury, spoke on the topic: 'Consequences of Partition, 1947-1971: Demographic, Political, Social and Human Consequences' at the Conference Hall of ICHR, New Delhi.

The lecture was followed by an interactive session that gave an opportunity to scholars to interact with Dr. Dastidar.

SEMINARS ORGANIZED BY ICHR

1. National Seminar on 'The Indian National Army' (INA) and Its contribution to Indian Independence

A three-day National Seminar on 'The Indian National Army (INA) and Its contribution to Indian Independence' was organized by ICHR from 8th to 10th February 2017 at New Delhi.

Aims and Objectives of the Seminar

Keeping in view the recent declassification of documents on various aspects of the life of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose (1897-1945) by the Government of India, this seminar was meant to bring out aspects of the formation, constitution, and contribution of INA to the cause of India's independence. One of the chief objectives of this seminar was to examine how this massive army comprising captured soldiers and nationalists in South-East Asia was organized, structured and assimilated. The purpose of the seminar was also to look at the motivations and interests behind Japanese encouragement and the response of Britain and its ally, the United States, towards these proceedings. And, of course, the towering figure of Subhas Bose was re-examined in the context of his role as chief negotiator and strategist for the INA.

Inaugural Session

The seminar commenced on the morning of 8th February 2017 at the National



Museum Auditorium, New Delhi, with the igniting of the traditional lamp by the dignitaries, viz. Professor Y. Sudershan Rao, Chairman, ICHR; Major General G. D. Bakshi; Professor Purabi Roy, Member of the Council of ICHR and also the Convener of the Seminar; Dr. B. R. Mani, Director-General, National Museum; Dr. Bal Mukund Pandey, Organizing Secretary, Bhartiya Itihas Sankalan Yojna; and Dr. S. K. Aruni, Member Secretary(officiating), ICHR.



Igniting the traditional lamp: seen in the picture are Prof. Y. Sudershan Rao, Dr. Bal Mukund Pandey, Major General GD Bakshi, Dr. BR Mani, Prof. Purabi Roy and Dr. SK Aruni

Following the ceremony of lighting of the lamp, the session began with Presidential and Opening Remarks by Prof. Y. Sudershan Rao, Chairman, ICHR. He marked this day as a great day in the history of the ICHR for remembering and offering respects to Subhas Chandra Bose and the Indian National Army. At the outset, the Chairman was glad to convey the best wishes sent by Shri Prakash Javadekarji, Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development (HRD), for the success of the seminar. If Gandhiji, said the Hon'ble Chairman, is Father of

Nation, Subhas Bose is Neta for all Indians or *Bhartiyas*. According to him, what Netaji did for Indian nationalism on the political front, the same was done by Swami Vivekananda on the social and spiritual front. He announced that a workshop/seminar on Vivekananda shall soon be organized by the ICHR.

Further, Professor Rao stressed upon the need for fair and logical research on Netaji to find out the reality of his mysterious disappearance in August 1945. According to him, facts are very important to draw logical conclusion but, unfortunately, most of the post-independence literature has been created with preconceived views; this is because historians first developed logic and then corroborated it with the facts to reach at conclusion instead of finding the real facts and rallying them to a logical conclusion. He also expressed his concern that there are many claims in the regional studies that the freedom struggle was won by a particular leader or through a particular event. He stressed upon the need to acknowledge the contributions made by all heroes, equally, without any preconceived notions. According to Professor Rao, Netaji was taken as symbol of nationhood in India that created fear in the Allied Forces.

Finally, Professor Rao expressed hope that the deliberations and discussions in the three-day seminar would throw new light on the contribution of Subhas Chandra Bose to the freedom struggle of India. Before leaving the podium, he also introduced the luminaries sitting on the dais to the



audience. Later in the session Professor Rao informed, to the great happiness of the audience, that ICHR had prepared short biographies of more than 1500 martyrs of INA in its Dictionary of Martyrs Project.



Chairman delivering his Presidential remarks at the seminar on INA

After the Presidential remarks of the Chairman, Professor Purabi Roy, known for her rigorous research on Netaji, introduced the theme of the seminar to the audience. She defined this event as a path-breaking one. She also acknowledged the present government's efforts for declassifying the files on Netaji and urged the Indian Government to declassify more files on Netaji kept in the custody of Defence and other Ministries. She emphasized that in the history of Independent India, it is the first occasion that two former soldiers of INA, Col. Aman Bahadur Singh and Mrs. Momota Mehta are to be felicitated by the ICHR. Unfortunately, these two revered soldiers could not attend the ceremony owing to health issues. However, the Chairman, keeping in mind their immense contributions and failing health because of

old age, thought it appropriate to felicitate and honour them at their homes without any delay.

Thereafter, Dr. B. R. Mani shared some of his memories with the members of the INA including Shah Nawaz Khan, Gurbaksh Singh Dhillon, Prem Sahgal and their families. He congratulated the ICHR for organizing a seminar on this neglected theme which was akin to worshipping India's nationhood. He also referred to the INA trial at Lal Qila, Delhi, where some of the items displayed in the museum revive old memories which are fondly cherished by all Indians. Popular songs of the time like, *Qadam Qadam Badhaye Ja* and *Gali Gali se Aayi Awaz*, *Sahgal Dillon Shahnwaz* still linger fresh in our memory.

Dr. Bal Mukund Pandey in his brief address paid rich tributes to Netaji. He commended ICHR for having made a pioneering effort by way of organizing a seminar on Netaji. He pointed out that though we see Bose's impression in all directions of India visually but our libraries are lacking sufficient literature on Netaji. He announced that in order to disseminate more information about Netaji, his organization, *Bhartiya Itihas Sankalan Yojna*, shall also consider organizing a

one-day seminar on Netaji in April 2017 in collaboration with the ICHR. The conspicuous feature of the proposed seminar will be an interactive session wherein senior historians will respond to the queries of young scholars pertaining to the subject.





Dr. Bal Mukund Pandey addressing the audience at the seminar on INA

Dr. Bal Mukund Pandey's inspiring talk was followed by a brief talk by Major General G. D. Bakshi who evoked the nationalism in the light of Subhas Bose's contribution. He expressed his anguish for not having a clear picture till now over Netaji's mysterious disappearance and supported Professor Purabi Roy's demand for declassifying all files on Bose kept in the custody of different ministries of the Government of India in order that a clear and unbiased history could be written on this topic. On the basis of the interview of Clement Attlee, the

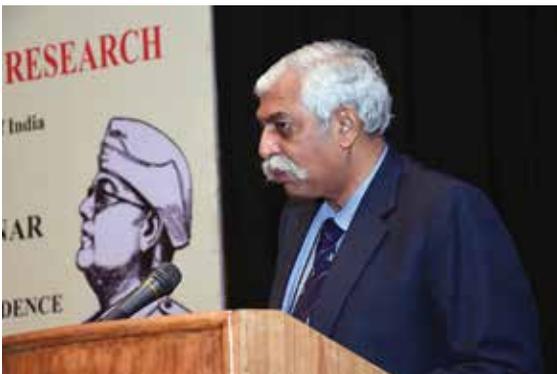
then Prime Minister of England, who had signed the papers of India's Independence, Major General Bakshi substantiated that it was primarily because of Bose and his Indian National Army that the British were compelled to leave India.

Towards the end of the Inaugural Session, the keynote address sent by Professor Chitra Ghosh (daughter of Subhas Chandra Bose's brother and currently a Professor of Political Science, Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata) was read by Dr. Noopur Singh of ICHR). Because of some other pressing commitments, Professor Chitra Ghosh could not attend the seminar; however, she expressed her sincere regrets for not being able to make it to the seminar and also conveyed her good wishes for the success of the seminar.

The Inaugural Session of the seminar came to a close with the vote of thanks presented by Dr. S. K. Aruni, Member Secretary(officiating), ICHR. On behalf of the ICHR, he expressed gratitude to all dignitaries on the dais, Members of the Council of ICHR, delegates, and all the participants, including his colleagues at ICHR, for having taken an active part in the seminar and making it a grand success.

Academic Sessions

In the first academic session of day one of the seminar which was chaired by Professor Purabi Roy, three presentations were made: i) Major General G. D. Bakshi spoke on the topic, *'Military Evaluation of the Structure, Motivation and Combat performance of*



Major General GD Bakshi addressing the audience at the seminar on INA



the INA'; ii) Er. Vekho Swuro presented the second paper on the topic, '*INA's first administered village in Nagaland*'; iii) Sandhya Jain presented the last paper of the session on the topic, '*Indian Media, Netaji Subhas Bose and the INA: A Case Study*'.

In the second academic session of the seminar which was chaired by Professor Saradindu Mukherji, the following presentations were made: i) Dr. Sumit Mukherjee spoke on the topic, '*Rashbehari Bose and Subhas Chandra Bose, Life, Action and Thought in Comparative Perspective*'; ii) Colonel Gautam Das spoke on the topic, '*Japanese Invasions in Asia, 1902-1942*'; iii) Dr. Abhijit Bhattacharya spoke on the topic, '*Bose: the eternal legend of Jai Hind*'.

In the third academic session chaired by Professor Nikhilesh Guha, the following presentations were made: i) Professor Kaushik Roy presented the first paper on the topic, '*Japan and INA in South-East Asia: Origins and Organization of the INA*'; ii) Major General P. K. Chakravorty spoke on the topic, '*Bose in South East Asia and his Negotiations with Japan: His Assessment of the way operations would result in Freedom for India*'; iii) Dr. Roshan Khanijo spoke on the topic, '*Rani Jhansi Regiment*'.

In the fourth academic session chaired by Professor V. K. Vashishtha, the following presentations were made: i) Dr. M. Jugindro Singh spoke on the topic, '*The First and the Last INA Headquarter of Free India*'; ii) Dr. Tapan Chattopadhyay spoke on the topic, '*The Nature and Extent of INA's Freedom*

Offensive: British Intelligence Assessment'.

In the fifth academic session chaired by Professor Abhijit Choudhuri, the following presentations were made: i) Dr. Monmayee Basu spoke on the topic, '*Netaji and Empowerment of Indian Women: Role of Rani Jhansi Regiment of INA in India's Independence*'; ii) Professor Abhijit Choudhuri spoke on the topic, '*The "Springing Tiger" on the Eastern Frontier: Two Narratives*'.

In the sixth academic session, presided over by Dr. Tapan Chattopadhyay, the following presentations were made: i) Professor Nirmala Joshi spoke on the topic, '*Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's Perception of the Soviet Union; Ideology and Role in International Affairs*'; ii) Professor V. K. Vashishtha spoke on the topic, '*Subhash Chandra Bose, Indian National Army and Rajputana States*'; iii) Dr. Raj Kumar Sharma spoke on the topic, '*Subhas Chandra Bose's Views on Foreign Policy: Dominance of Realism*'.

In the last academic session chaired by Professor Nirmala Joshi, the following presentations were made: i) Dr. Iqbal Malhotra presented the first paper on a very controversial topic, '*Did Subhas Bose die in the Taihoku plane crash?*'; ii) Dr. Naushad Ali presented the second and the last paper of the session on the topic, '*The Indian Independence League, Indian Legion and Azad Hind Radio under Subhas Chandra Bose*'.



Valedictory Session

After successful completion of the three-day academic deliberations in the seminar, valedictory session was conducted as an hour of assessment, recognition and thanksgiving to all who contributed to make it a grand success. The convener of the seminar, Professor Purabi Roy, said that she felt as if soldiers are coming back after the victory, victory of the INA. She thanked all the scholars who presented papers, dignitaries from Defence and Indian Police Services and specially Dr. Iqbal Malhotra for making a film on Bose for the Discovery Channel. She extended special thanks to the ICHR's Chairman, Professor Y. Sudershan Rao, Dr. S.K. Aruni and Dr. Noopur Singh. Professor Vashishtha, the Guest of Honour for this session, expressed the opinion that the seminar was a grand success and indeed an academic treat that kept the entire audience absorbed for three days. He thanked ICHR for bringing scholars from various parts of India to make deliberations on the role of INA in the struggle for India's Independence. He emphasized that Subhas Chandra Bose was an expert on International Relations who wanted to send cultural missions to other countries to let them know about the real culture of India.

Professor Saradindu Mukherji, another Guest of Honour of the session, expressed his concern about why enough space was not given to the icons of independence in the history books and syllabi published after independence? Why certain important pages are missing from the files and

authentic information has been destroyed? He thanked ICHR's Chairman Professor Rao and the staff of ICHR for making this seminar—which provided food for thought for scholars-- a grand success.

The final session of the seminar ended with warm thanks being extended by Dr. S.K. Aruni and Dr. Ramesh Yernagula to all the scholars and members of the ICHR family who contributed to make the seminar a great success.

2. Three-day National Seminar on 'Antiquity, Continuity and Development of Civilization and Culture in Bharat (India) up to 1st millennium BC' (from 27th-29th March at IIC, New Delhi)

The main objective of the seminar was to present the results of recent researches in history and archaeology and to discuss their relevance to update the present understanding on the origin and development of civilization. The seminar also aimed at providing a platform for serious debate on the following major issues: theoretical perspectives in understanding India's ancient past; geological and climatological researches with special reference to Saraswati River; linguistic literature and philosophy; chronology and sequencing of Vedic texts; searching for connection between literature and archaeology; archaeo-astronomy, chronology and dating methods.

Keynote Speakers

1. In the Inaugural Session keynote addresses were delivered by five



eminent scholars:

2. Professor B.B. Lal (Padma Bhushan Awardee; eminent archaeologist and former Director-General of ASI) on 'Testing Ancient Indian Literary Traditions on the Touchstone of Archaeology: Manu's Flood—A Case Study';
3. Dr. David Frawley (Padma Bhushan Awardee, and Director, American Institute of Vedic Studies, Sante Fe, USA) on 'Vedic Thought and Yoga Tradition';
4. Professor KS Valdia (former VC, Kumaon University, Uttarakhand) on 'Saraswati: The River that Nurtured Human Settlements of Harappan Civilization';
5. Professor Shivaji Singh on "Knowledge of Indian Psyche, A must for Understanding Indian History"; and
6. Professor SR Bhatt (Chairman, ICPR, New Delhi) on "Vedic Wisdom, Cultural Inheritance and Modern Relevance".

The first session on 'Archaeological Findings-Saraswati and Gangetic Civilization, Linguistic and Foreign Contacts' was held on 28th March 2017. It was chaired by Dr. B. R. Mani, Director-General, National Museum and Vice-Chancellor, National Museum Institute. In this session, the following presentations were made: i) Prof. Vasant Shinde (Vice-Chancellor, Deccan College, Pune) on 'Harappan Influence on the Chalcolithic Cultures of Central India and Deccan'; ii) Dr KN Dikshit (General Secretary, Indian Archaeological Society, New Delhi) on 'Material Culture of the Late Harappan Age'; iii) Prof. Vibha Tripathi (Emeritus Professor, Department of AIHC & Archaeology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi) on 'Impact of Metallurgy in development of Agriculture and Crafts in India'; and iv) Dr. Rajiv Nigam (former Scientist, National Institute of Goa, Goa) on 'Role of Sea Level Fluctuations in Shaping the Destiny of the Ancient Indian Coastal Cities'.



Chairman along with the participants of the Seminar on 'Antiquity...'



Make-shift bookstall installed by Publications Unit of ICHR at the Seminar



In the afternoon session of 28th March, chaired by Prof. R.C. Agrawal (former Joint Director-General, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi), the following three presentations were made: i) Dr. B.R. Mani spoke on 'Emergence of Historical Urbanisation: Chronological Sequence'; ii) Prof. Maruti Nandan Tiwari (Emeritus Professor, Department of History of Art & Tourism Administration, BHU, Varanasi) on 'Indian Art before 600 BCE in respect of Antiquity, Continuity and Concept'; iii) Prof. D.N. Tripathi (former Chairman, ICHR) on various aspects of 'Language and Archaeology'.

The next session on 'Ancient Literature and Philosophy', was chaired by Dr. Bhagwan Singh, eminent Historian. The following presentations were made in this session: i) Prof. S.R. Bhatt (Chairman, Indian Council of Philosophical Research) on 'Origin and Development of Buddhism in India'; ii) Dr. S. Rammohan (Deputy Director, Saraswati Research Centre, Chennai) on 'Ancient Bharat: A Treasure-Trove of Culture', iii) Prof. Bhagchandra Jain (Emeritus Professor, Jain Viswa Bharti, Deemed University, Ladnu) on 'Historic Position of Jainism up to 1st Millennium BC'.

On 29th March 2017, the morning session on 'Geological Changes--Land and Rivers', was chaired by Prof. Narayan Rao and in this session the following presentations were made: i) Prof. Rajiv Sinha (IIT, Kanpur) on 'Lost River in the NW Indo-Gangetic plains: Testing river culture hypothesis'; ii) Dr. Anil Kumar Pokharia on 'Agriculture and

Agricultural Systems in Prehistory of India'; iii) Dr. Santosh K. Rai (Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun) on the 'Cessation of the course of River Saraswati (Haryana)'; iv) Prof. Shivaji Singh on 'Stratification of Rigveda'.

In the last session on 'Continuity of Civilization and Culture', chaired by Prof. D.N. Tripathi, former Chairman, ICHR, the following presentations were made: i) Prof. T.P. Verma on 'Geology in Support of Archaeology and Traditions'; ii) Dr. S. Kalyanaraman (Director, Saraswati Research Centre, Chennai) on 'Saraswati Script', iii) Prof. Bhagwan Singh (Vedic Scholar) on '*Bhasha Itihas aur Bhartiya Chintan*'; iv) Dr. Saroj Bala (former Member, CBDT and Director, Institute of Scientific Research on Vedas) on 'Scientific determination of cultural continuity since Vedic and epic eras'.



Prof. DN Tripathi, former Chairman, ICHR, addressing the audience at the Seminar

The seminar was attended by scholars from a number of Universities and research organizations spread over different parts of the country encompassing various disciplines such as archaeology, history,



geology, oceanography, sanskrit, space science, etc.



Seen among the audience are Chairman, ICHR, Dr. David Frawley and Members of Council, Prof. RS Agrawal and Prof. Vishwakarma



Chairman welcoming Prof. Lokesh Chandra with a shawl

In the valedictory function on 29th March, 2017 Prof. Lokesh Chandra, President, Indian Council of Cultural Relations and former Member of Rajya Sabha, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and delivered the valedictory address. Dr. Bal Mukund Pande, General Secretary, Bhartiya Itihas Sankalan Yojana Samiti and Prof. Sushmita Pandey, Chairman, National Monument Authority, also graced the occasion as Guests of Honour and delivered their addresses. Prof. Y. Sudershan Rao delivered the concluding remarks in which he mentioned that the proceedings of the seminar shall soon be published. He profusely thanked all the participants, particularly scholars of eminence, for having actively participated in the seminar. Mementos were presented by the Chairman to some of the dignitaries and senior scholars. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Anand Shanker Singh, Member Secretary, ICHR.



Chairman honouring Dr. David Frawley with a memento; to his left is Dr. Anand Shanker Singh



Chairman honouring Professor DN Tripathi with a memento





Chairman presenting a shawl to Professor Sushmita Pandey



Dr. KS Valdia being greeted by Chairman and Member Secretary

FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

It was on 27th March 1972 that the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) was established by the Government of India as an autonomous organization to encourage objective and scientific research in various aspects of our history. Little wonder then that the Foundation Day is by far the most important event of ICHR which is celebrated every year on or around 27th March with

great enthusiasm and fanfare.

This year, on the occasion of ICHR's 45th Foundation Day, a three-day National Seminar was organized on the theme: "Antiquity, Continuity and Development of Civilization and Culture in Bharat (India) up to 1st Millennium BC" during 27th-29th March 2017 at the Auditorium, India International Centre (IIC), Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi.

The Inaugural Function commenced at 10 AM on 27th March 2017; Dr. B.B. Lal (former Director-General, ASI) was the Chief Guest of the function. The Hon'ble Minister of HRD, Shri Prakash Javadekar, could not attend the Seminar due to official engagements but his best wishes were sent to the Chairman. Dr. David Frawley (Padma Bhushan Awardee, and Director, American Institute of Vedic Studies, Sante Fe, USA) was the Guest of Honour.



Dr SK Aruni introducing the dignitaries on the dais to the audience

Chairman's welcome address

To start with, Professor Y. Sudershan Rao, Chairman, ICHR extended a warm



welcome to the entire audience that participated in the ICHR's 45th Foundation Day celebrations.

The Chairman said:

“On such occasions, ICHR usually organizes a lecture by a distinguished scholar. During the first year of my three-year tenure, I had the honour of inviting Pandit Vamadeva Sastryji (Dr David Frawley) to deliver the prestigious lecture. In his scholarly lecture he drew our attention to the Vedic literature and explained how rich it is with historical content. Last year, we invited distinguished professor, Dr. Satish Chandra Mittal, who presented an excellent exposition critiquing Indian historiography. This year, ICHR proposed to have a 3-day national seminar keeping in view the sincere calls of these two eminent scholars who stressed upon the need for a fresh look on our sources of ancient history and to revisit our history narratives in colonial and post-colonial times. Further, we take this opportunity to take a step forward in this seminar attempting a critical assessment of the latest research finds in historical, geological, linguistic and other allied disciplines so that we can correct, reaffirm and update our knowledge about our past, both recent and remote.

This seminar will make an attempt to address the recent finds of researches in various allied disciplines and the problems and limitations of these disciplines, which are making serious efforts in delving into our past.

“The object of this scholarly endeavor of this three-day seminar backed up by at least two years constant consultations is to kick start for a multi-disciplinary approach to understand the major problems in constructing the true ancient history of Bharat that is presently called India.... This seminar has been planned to have five academic sections-- history, archaeology, geology, literature and philosophy.

Work Report, 2015-16

In the inaugural session the Member Secretary, Dr. Anand Shanker Singh presented the Council's Annual Report. This was followed by the release of Council's new publication— *Inscriptions of the Vijayanagara Rulers, Vol. VI; Sanskrit Inscriptions*, edited by Srinivas Ritti. The ICHR awarded Gurukul Fellowship to Prof. B.B. Lal and Dr. R. Nagaswamy. Felicitation of the Gurukul Fellows was held in this occasion.



Chairman felicitating ICHR staff-members and Consultants

Distribution of prizes

On the occasion of the Foundation Day



celebrations, prizes were distributed among the winners of the four important events of ICHR which are as follows:

1. *Hindi Pakhwara* (held on the occasion of the *Hindi Divas* in the month in September 2016);
2. *National Unity Day* (celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel);
3. *Vigilance Awareness Week* (31st October to 5th November 2017); and
4. *Sports activities* (organized on the occasion of the ICHR Foundation Day).

Professor B.B. Lal and Dr. David Frawley did the honour of giving away prizes to the winners. Details of prizes won by ICHR staff-members in different competitions are given below:

Hindi Pakhwada (16th to 30th September 2016)

i. Debate Competition

The following staff-members were declared winners in the Debate Competition:

Shri Nazim and Shri Sachin Kumar Jha: 1st prize

Shri Rajesh Kumar Ojha: 2nd prize

Shri Mukesh Kumar and Shri Jaipal Singh Bhoj: 3rd prize

ii. Kavita Competition

The following staff-members were

declared winners in the Kavita Competition:

Shri Sachin Kumar Jha: 1st prize

Shri Mukesh Kumar: 2nd prize

Shri Nazim: 3rd prize

iii. Translation Competition

The following staff-members were declared winners in the Translation Competition:

Shri Devender Singh Bisht: 1st prize

Shri Nazim: 2nd prize

Shri Mukesh Kumar: 3rd prize

iv. Essay Writing Competition

The following staff-members were declared winners in the Essay Writing Competition:

Shri Arvind Kumar: 1st prize

Shri Mukesh Kumar and Shri Sachin Kumar Jha: 2nd prize

Shri Nazim; Shri MD Joshi; Shri Arun Kumar; and Ms. Saloni Verma: 3rd prize

National Unity Day(31st October to 6th November 2016)

Essay Writing Competition

The following staff-members were declared winners in the Essay Writing Competition:

Shri Nardev Sharma: 1st prize

Shri Mukesh Upadhyay: 2nd prize



Ms. Saloni Verma: 3rd prize

Vigilance Awareness Week (31st October to 5th November 2016)

Essay Writing Competition

The following staff-members were declared winners in the Essay Writing Competition:

Shri Mukesh Upadhyay: 1st prize

Ms. Saloni Verma: 2nd prize

Shri Nardev Sharma: 3rd prize

Sports activities (20th to 24th March 2017)

Badminton Competition

Winners: Shri Dharmender Singh and Shri Anil Kumar

Runners-up: Shri Jaipal Singh Bhoj and Shri Arvind Kumar

Carrom Competition

Winners: Shri Jaipal Bhoj and Shri Anil Kumar

Runners-up: Shri Dharmender Singh and Shri Partap Chand

Chess Competition

Winner: Shri Rakesh Roshan

Runner-up: Shri Mukesh Kumar

PUBLICATIONS

The ICHR, a premier institution in the field of historical studies, provides lead in fostering research on all aspects of Indian history. A number of research projects are undertaken or sponsored every year and new findings are brought out in print. The ICHR has brought out many such publications. These publications fall broadly into the following categories:

1. Publication of research works and sources commissioned by the Council;
2. Publication of books on Indian History translated into various Indian languages;
3. Publication of works for which financial subsidy has been awarded by the Council; and
4. Publication of two biannual journals—*Indian Historical Review* in English and *Itihas* in Hindi—and newsletter(quarterly).

During the period under report, the following work was done under different heads:

Publication Subsidy

- i. ICHR has been helping authors to publish books under its Publication Subsidy scheme. The majority of these are doctoral dissertations approved by the Council after rigorous scrutiny. During the period under report, 4



Proceedings; 2 journals and 7 books were published under the Publication Subsidy scheme of ICHR. In addition, 9 books are under publication through this scheme.

- ii. During the period under report 12 new proposals were received and are under process. Further, two Publication Subsidy Meetings were held and 23 proposals were placed before the Committee for consideration of Publication Subsidy Grant out of which 21 proposals were approved.

Promotional Activity

ICHR had participated in the New Delhi World Book Fair 2017 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, during 7-15 January, in connection with display/sale of ICHR publications.

INDIAN HISTORICAL REVIEW(IHR)*

*listed in Thomson Reuters Citation Index

The IHR, brought out since 1974 by the ICHR, has been an important means of transmitting results of researches in history. It has won wide recognition for its comprehensive and balanced coverage of different periods, as well as its high academic and editorial standards. It is indeed among the most prestigious publications of ICHR and is perhaps the only journal of its kind that has been published continuously for more than 40 years. It is one of the few journals in India with an elaborate system of referral of all contributions to experts.

The IHR will continue to serve a broad range of research interest in Indian history from early times to contemporary history, and in the various specializations or sub-disciplines which have developed in the area of historical studies.

Professor Dilip K. Chakrabarti (Professor Emeritus of South Asian Archaeology, Cambridge University, UK) is the Editor-in-Chief of IHR. The technical work of production and marketing is taken care of by Sage Publications (India) Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.

During the period under report, IHR, Vol. 44, No. 1 (June 2017) of IHR was sent to Sage Publications for publication. The articles/review article included in this issue are listed below:

Articles

1. *Origin of Hindu Religion and Sanskrit in Central Asia: A Recent Claim and its Rebuttal* by Varun Singh
2. *The Date of Kanishka Since 1960* by Robert Bracey
3. *The Dutch East India Company Through the Local Lens: Exploring the Dynamics of Indo-Dutch Relations in Seventeenth Century Bengal* by Byapati Sur
4. *On Slippery Ground: The British Position in Punjab in 1857* by Bir Good Gill
5. *Beyond the Apparent: The Male Doctors and the Medicalization of Childbirth in Bengal 1840s-1940s* by Ambalika Guha



Review Article

Some Aspects of Bengal Partition [*Based on Tathagata Roy, *My People Uprooted : The Exodus of Hindus from East Pakistan and Bangladesh* (Synergy, New Delhi), by Chhanda Chatterjee

ITIHAS (Shodh-Patrika)(Hindi Journal of History)

During the period under report, the Sub-Committee of the Editorial Board met on 02.01.2017 & 21.02.2017 and decided that by end of the March 2017, the present volume of *Itihas*, Vol. 2, No. 2, July-December 2016 should be brought out. With the hard work and dedication of the unit and Editor, the present volume was brought out on 25.03.2017. Articles contained in this issue are listed below:

Articles

1. *Vishva ke sandarbh main Bhartiya Itihas ke mahatvpurn mudhhe* by Satish Chandra Mittal
2. *Rajasthan ki Tambrapashan Sanskritiyan : 'Ganeshwar' ke sandharbh main* by Sudarshan Chakrawarty and Vikas Singh
3. *Jain Dharm ka anya Prachin Bhartiya Dharmo ke sath sahinsun bhav : Jain Katha Sahitya ke Alok mein* by Hari Narayan Dubey
4. *Kashmir : Utpatti, Prachinta aivam Aitihisik Bhugol* by Alok Shrotia
5. *Madhyakalin Rajasthan ke samajik*

sanskritik itihās ke kuchh pahalu: Charan Sahitya ke alok me by BL Bhadani

6. *Unnisvi shatabadi ke utrardh me Banaras ka Samaj aivam Sanskriti* by Vinod Kumar
7. *Nehru ke sambandh me Lohia ke vichar* by Girija Shankar

LIBRARY-CUM-DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

LIBRARY

The ICHR library, the knowledge hub of the organization, provides comprehensive access to books, journals, theses and dissertations covering diverse disciplines. Regardless of where we are in the world, the advances in new technologies, and the new generations of students and researchers who we welcome, the primary purpose and enduring value of ICHR library is to enable intellectual discovery. During the period under review, around 500 scholars visited the library for reference work.

It has been a busy time as we continue to develop the range of our services to staff and scholars. Many of the key services that we offer have seen significant uptake over this period. ICHR Library has developed an improved technical infrastructure to support Open Access work flow for the scholars.

The library has also been providing xerox copies of academic reference to the scholars



on demand at a nominal rate of Re. 1/- per page . About 7200 exposures were delivered to the scholars for their research requirement with complete satisfactory report.

Being a member of the DELNET (Developing Library Network), the library has an advantage of accessing bibliographic information of books and can borrow books on Inter Library Loan from different libraries of Delhi and some of the libraries in other parts of the country.

A Library Sub-Committee meeting was held on 21st March 2017 and approximately 165 books largely on Indian history and allied disciplines, including reference books and books relating to the history of Asia and neighbouring countries, were selected for purchase.

The reference section provides information and resources via telephone, email and through personal support to the research and study needs of scholars. The reading room of the ICHR Library is kept open from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm on all days, with the exception of Sundays and gazetted holidays. Scholars are welcome to offer suggestions for improvement of the library.

DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

The Documentation Centre has received, during the period under report, a total of 46 M. Phil. dissertations/Ph.D. theses, project-reports and source material from all Grants-in-Aid units of the Council, under different schemes of financial grant.

Documentary Film

During this period, the Library-cum-Documentation Committee had approved to develop the documentary film which can disseminate information about the significance and importance of historical research in India and the role of ICHR for promoting dynamic and diversified research in Indian History. The duration of the film may be 30-45 minutes and includes the content of the film to be covered with value and need, scope and importance of historical research, objectives and visions of the Council, growth and development of the Council and role of the grants given to the National Fellows, Senior Research Fellows and Junior Research Fellows for conducting historical research and other experts for expansion and bringing unknown information and unpublished information to the world funded by ICHR.

DHARA (Digital Historical Academic Repository Access) Archival Portal

The Library-cum-Documentation Committee has given a unique name for wider access and dissemination of the Council's historical digital archive, namely DHARA (Digital Historical Academic Repository Access) for bona fide scholars, including interested scholars. The digitization of various reports, including old issues of ICHR journal, thesis and dissertations submitted by research scholars of JRF and PDF funded by ICHR, Proceedings of Seminars/ Conference / Workshops funded by ICHR; videos of various lectures and



academic programmes sponsored/ funded by ICHR, etc. was done by the Centre.

Digitization of Photographs, Slides of Historical Sites and Monuments

During this period, the Documentation Centre initiated the collection of old Photographs, Slides of historical Sites and Monuments from the Private Collections and Institutions for Digitization. The Scholars who are in possession of photographs of historical and archaeological sites, slides of their field work which include various sites, monuments, etc., may approach the Documentation Centre for their digitization. These collections would be returned back to the scholars after their digital conversion.

Research Trends

The Documentation Centre has initiated analysis on research trends of subscribed e-resources of the Documentation Centre. The Documentation Centre of the Council is facilitated to access remotely for the online databases, online journals of historical resources like JSTOR, Project Muse, through RemotesXS tool for bona fide scholars of the Council (JRF, PDF, National Fellows, Staff and Council members) and interested scholars across India. From August 2016 to March 2017, a total of 197 registrations was received and their state-wise break-up is listed below for reference:

Table 1: Total Registration (State -Wise)

State	Total no. of Users	Percentage
Andhra Pradesh	12	6.09%
Assam	7	3.55%
Bihar	3	1.50%
Chattisgarh	1	0.50%
Delhi	62	31.47%
Gujarat	1	0.50%
Haryana	2	1.01%
Himachal Pradesh	1	0.50%
Jammu & Kashmir	12	6.09%
Karnataka	2	1.01%
Kerala	8	4.06%
Maharashtra	21	10.65%
Meghalaya	1	0.50%
Orissa	2	1.01%
Pondicherry	3	1.50%
Punjab	7	3.55%
Rajasthan	5	2.53%
Tamil Nadu	6	3.04%
Uttar Pradesh	26	13.19%
Uttaranchal	2	1.01%
West Bengal	10	5.07%
Others	3	1.52%
Total	197	

The maximum number scholars are from Delhi, followed by Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra; there are no users from M.P. and Telangana; the maximum number of registration is from JNU, followed by



University of Delhi, and then University of Jammu; the maximum number of scholars are from Social History specialization, followed by Archaeology; majority of registered scholars are male (61%). The percentage of registration among females is 39.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

ICHR is a nodal agency for implementation of many Cultural Exchange Programmes (CEPs) signed by Government of India with various countries of the world through the agency of which the Council contributes significantly to furthering historical research and fostering closer cultural cooperation between India and the world.

During the period under report, the following progress was made under the CEP:

1. Indo-Japan

Visit of delegation from JSPS to ICHR

A delegation from the JSPS and representatives of Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), as listed hereunder, visited the ICHR on 30th January to discuss the future activities to be undertaken jointly under this collaboration:

i) Mr. Ei Takeuchi, Director, International Science and Technology Affairs

Division, Science and Technology Policy Bureau, MEXT

ii) Ms. Mariko Kobayashi, Director, International Programme Department

iii) Mr. Hideyuki Yamaguchi, Head, Bilateral Cooperation Division, International Programme Department.

iv) Mr. Daisuke Kobayashi, Staff Member, Bilateral Cooperation Division, International Programme Department.

v) Mr. Junichi Hirata, Senior Specialist for International Research Coordination, International Science and Technology Affairs Division, Science and Technology Policy Bureau, MEXT

vi) Ms. Yumi Ogasawara, Trainee, International Science and Technology Affairs Division, Science and Technology Policy Bureau, MEXT.

In the meeting, Mr. Ei Takeuchi expressed that his Ministry was interested in a joint research on the history of India's independence movement that had been developed before and after the Second World War and its relationship with Japan. The RPC held on 21st March 2017 approved the taking up of the Joint Research Project on the said theme.

2. Indo- German

a. ICHR-DFG Lecture Series Programme

The RPC held on 21st March 2017 approved the names of four historians to visit Germany in the year 2016-17 under the ICHR-DFG



Lecture Series Programme. These names are: Dr.Saradindu Mukherji, Prof. C.I. Issac, Prof. Kiran Kant Choudury and Prof. Raghuvendra Tanwar.

b. ICHR-DFG Summer and Winter School

The RPC held on 21st March 2017 approved the name of Dr.Saradindu Mukherji as the nodal point (academics) from Indian side for the joint Indo-German summer school in Germany and an Indo-German winter school in India (two weeks each). The objective is to jointly select and invite 10 young scholars or so from each country into a “cohort building” process. Candidates will need the approval of both sides. The aim of the winter/summer schools is to build up methodological and academic competencies in historical research and history writing. The groups participating in both schools shall be identical in order to consolidate the network in view of potential future collaboration.

The focus will be on “Problem-oriented New Methodologies in Historiography”. The winter school and the summer school will be focusing on recently discovered and/or digitized archival holdings to be jointly selected by ICHR and DFG, so that there will be both teaching and research elements. Both sides will agree upon one coordinator on each side and a team of 3-4 senior scholars to carry out the schools.

3. EU-India Platform for the Social Sciences and Humanities (EqUIP)

Symposium and Meeting

The Chairman, ICHR has been invited to attend the EqUIP Showcasing Event: ‘Research with Impact’ on 24-25th April 2017 and the EqUIP Steering Committee to be held on 26th April 2017 in Brussels.

This event will bring together high level policy and research stakeholders to discuss the potential impact of collaboration between Europe and India in the Social Sciences and Humanities for research and policy innovation to address global societal challenges. The event will consist of presentations and a panel discussion between academic, policy and research funding stakeholders working on issues relevant to EqUIPs strategic research agenda.

The international travel, visa fee and the local hospitality will be taken care of by EqUIP.

4. Indo-UK

New RCUK India Director, Mr Daniel Shah and Ms Geeny George visited ICHR on 15th February 2017 to meet the Chairman; Dr. Saradindu Mukherji, Member of the Council of ICHR, also attended the meeting. This was a follow-up meeting of Dr Nafees Meah, RCUK India and Ms Geeny George with the Chairman, ICHR on 7th September 2016 to discuss the possibility of funding long-term joint research project to take further the theme of ‘Rapid Urbanisation and Cultural Heritage in India’.

So far, the AHRC-ICHR research partnership



under the theme of heritage and impact of urbanization on heritage has conducted a joint workshop in 2014 and funded four research networking projects in 2015-16.

The RPC, held on 21st March 2017, approved to organize a workshop working towards the new call in the third week of May 2017 before the announcement of the joint research project call.

Some key points of the proposed research programme are:

- The new call is proposed as a long-term, collaborative, inter-disciplinary joint UK- India research programme to understand the impact of rapid urbanisation on India's cultural heritage; consider the historical development of cities and the role of heritage.
- It is anticipated that joint projects will interrogate issues such as the place of heritage in urban planning; role of digitization in preserving heritage; the impact of urbanization on intangible heritage, historic spaces, etc.
- AHRC has approximately acquired £250k for this programme.
- ICHR will provide matched resources to support the researcher.

REGIONAL CENTRES

With a view to reaching out to far-flung areas of the country, the Council runs three regional centres: at Bengaluru, Guwahati and Pune. These centres have been actively involved in helping scholars carry out their research by providing library infrastructure and organizing regional and state level seminars, symposia, workshops, exhibitions, etc.

The Southern Regional Centre(SRC), Bengaluru, and the Western Regional Centre(WRC), Pune, are headed by Dr. Jyotsna Arora, Deputy Director(Library); while the North Eastern Regional Centre(NERC), Guwahati, is headed by Dr. Uttam Bathari (Deputy Director[Research]).

SOUTHERN REGIONAL CENTRE(SRC), BENGALURU

The Southern Regional Centre has been complementing the work of ICHR by actively taking part in various research schemes of ICHR. The Centre's endeavour has been to promote scientific research in history.

A brief report of the activities undertaken by the SRC during the period under report is given below:

1. NATIONAL SEMINAR

The Centre organized a National Seminar on 'Depiction of Epic Stories in South Indian Art'. Professor D. Kiran Kranth Choudury, former Principal and Dean, Professor



Emeritus, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati (AP), was the Coordinator of the Seminar. The Seminar was organized at SVU Arts Block Auditorium, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, on 8th and 9th March 2017.

Inauguration

The two-day National Seminar was inaugurated on 8th March 2017 at 10.30 a.m. by lighting of the lamp, followed by a prayer. Opening remarks of the programme were delivered by the President of the Programme, Professor Y. Sudershan Rao, Chairman, ICHR, New Delhi. The Chairman called for more research in this area since adequate attention was not paid to this area in the past years.



Inauguration of Seminar by dignitaries: T.T.D Chairman, C. Krishnamurthy, Prof. Nanditha Krishna, ICHR Chairman, Dr. K.K. Choudury and Prof. S.S. Ramachandra Murthy

The theme of the Seminar was introduced by Professor D. Kiran Kranth Choudary, the Coordinator of the Seminar. Keynote Address was delivered by Professor Nanditha Krishna, Member of the Council of ICHR.

The programme was followed by an address by the Chief Guest, Dr. Chadalawada Krishnamurthy, Chairman, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, Tirupati. Professor Y. Sudershan Rao delivered the concluding remarks. The programme was conducted by Dr. Jyotsna Arora, Dy. Director (Library) and Controlling Officer (SRC).



Chairman welcoming Dr. C. Krishnamurthy

An important part of the Inaugural Programme was the felicitation of Professor S.S. Ramachandra Murthy (Tirupati) as the ICHR National fellow for the year 2016-18 for his distinguished and untiring efforts made to promote to studies in Indian



Prof. S.S. Ramachandra Murthy being felicitated by Chairman



History, Culture and Epigraphy. He was honoured by Professor Y. Sudershan Rao with a shawl, memento and a commendation certificate.

The two-day Seminar was divided into five academic Sessions apart from the Inaugural and Valedictory programmes. The following nine papers were submitted in the academic sessions:

- i) Dr. R. Nagaswamy, Depiction of Epic Stories in South India
- ii) Prof. N. Krishnan Reddy, Influence of Epics on Epigraphy
- iii) Dr. Meenakshi Jain, Mobility of Gods in Medieval India(???)
- iv) Professor Shrinivas V. Padigar, Epic Themes in the Narrative Sculpture of the Chalukyas of Badami
- v) Professor D. Kiran Kranth Choudary, Impact of Regional Ramayanas in the Depiction of Episodes in Art
- vi) Dr. T. Satyamurti, Cultural Migrations Reflected in Art
- vii) Prof. V. Meena Kumari, Bhagavata Themes in Shorapur Miniature Paintings
- viii) Ms. Lathashree, A mind set in stone-- interpreting the role of the artist as an individual: a case study of narrative panels based on the epics in the temples of Bengaluru area.
- ix) Dr. Niharika K. Sankrityayan, The Ramayana Panels on the Khetapai Narayana Temple at Bhatkal.

Valedictory Function

The Valedictory Session of the two-day Seminar was organized on 9th March 2017 at 4.00 p.m. Dr. Jyotsna Arora extended a warm welcome to the guests followed by singing of Vande Mataram with great patriotic fervour. Professor Rao then extended his sincere thanks to all the participants and dignitaries. The Seminar Report was presented by Dr. Niharika K. Sankrityayan, Post-Doctoral Fellow, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Mandi. Guests of Honour, Dr. R. Nagaswamy, Eminent Historian, Archaeologist & Epigraphist, and Professor M. Devarajulu, Registrar, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, also spoke on the occasion. This was followed by a message by the Chief Guest, Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam (Padma Bhushan Awardee, Indian Classical Bharata Natyam Maestro), Director, 'Nrityodaya'. The programme concluded with the presentation of vote of thanks by Professor D. Kiran Kranth Choudury.



The audience listening with rapt attention to the speaker in the seminar



II BOOK RELEASE PROGRAMME

The Southern Regional Centre's epigraphical volume the Inscriptions of the Vijayanagara Rulers, Vol. VI [Sanskrit Inscription], edited by Srinivas H. Ritti was released during the Inaugural Programme of the two-day National Seminar on 'Depiction of Epic Stories in South Indian Art' held on 8th March 2017 at SVU Arts Block Auditorium, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati. The programme was presided over by Professor Y. Sudershan Rao, Chairman. The volume was released by Dr. Chadalawada Krishnamurthy, Chief Guest.

Scholars of eminence like Professor D. Kiran Kranth Choudary, the Coordinator of the Seminar and Professor Nanditha Krishna, Member of Council of ICHR were present during the occasion. Dr. Jyotsna Arora, Dy. Director (Library) and SRC Controlling Officer (New Delhi) was also present.



The Book Release function: seen in the picture from left to right holding the book (Inscriptions of the Vijayanagara, Rulers, Vol. VI) are Dr. Choudury, Prof. Rao, Dr. Krishnamurthy and Prof. Nanditha Krishna

III BOOK DISCUSSION PROGRAMME

The SRC organized a Book Discussion Programme on 27th January 2017. Professor S. Settar's book entitled Halagannada Lipi, Lipikara, Lipi Vyavasaya (Ancient Kannada Script, Scribe and Cultivation of Letters) was selected for the programme. Dr. Basavaraj Kalgudi, former Professor, Bangalore University and ICHR Senior Academic Fellow spoke about the book. Prof. Aswathanarayana (Bangalore University), Sri H.G. Rajesh, and other scholars and research students attended the programme. The programme was conducted by Dr. S.K. Aruni, Member Secretary (Officiating), ICHR, New Delhi.

IV REPUBLIC DAY CELEBERATION

The SRC celebrated the

68th Republic Day with pride and honour on 26th January 2017. The flag was hoisted by Dr. S.K. Aruni, Member Secretary (Officiating) in the Centre's premises followed by National Anthem. Sweets were distributed among the staff and civilians attending the programme.

V FELICITATION PROGRAMME

The ICHR bestowed upon Professor S.S. Ramachandra Murthy (Tirupati) National Fellowship for the year 2016-18 for the immense contribution made by him to Indian History, Culture and Epigraphy. He was honoured by Professor Y. Sudershan Rao, Chairman, ICHR, during the course of the Inaugural Programme of the two-day National Seminar.



VI MEETING

During the said period, with the approval of the competent authority, the Library Books Selection Sub-Committee meeting was held on 27th January 2017. The Committee recommended 232 books and 59 journals for the SRC's library.

VII Library-Cum- Documentation Unit

- 4 books were purchased for the library during the said period.
- 2 books and 2 journals were received as complimentary from the Publications Unit of ICHR, New Delhi.
- Around 430 scholars consulted the library during the reporting period.
- During the reporting period, the library served around 1,200 photocopies to scholars

Facilities like J-Stor, Historical Abstracts and photocopy are extended to the library readers by SRC.

Apart from these, important and rare paintings, old photographs, E-book CDs and photographic slides are also available for the use of scholars. The Centre also received articles from various research scholars and also has a collection of Bibliographies.

VIII JRF EXAMINATION

In keeping with the instructions of the Head Office, the Centre coordinated to conduct the JRF Entrance Examination, 2017, in Bengaluru on 26th February 2017. Ms.

Malavika Gulati, Asst. Director (Library) was deputed from the Head Office at New Delhi to conduct the Examination work. Necessary arrangements for the smooth conduct of the Examination were made by the SRC. The Examination was conducted at the Govt. Arts College, Bengaluru. Thirty-six candidates attended the examination.

IX SALES OF ICHR PUBLICATIONS

During the period under report, the SRC sold some ICHR publications both at the Centre and at the Annual History Conferences held at different places in south India. An amount of Rs. 17,578/- was collected from such sales.

Make-shift bookstalls were opened by the SRC for the display and sales of ICHR publications at:

- a. 41st Annual Conference of Andhra Pradesh History Congress held at Government College at Ananthapuramu (Andhra Pradesh) [7-8 January 2017].
- b. SRC National Seminar on 'Depiction of Epic Stories in South Indian Art' at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati (AP) [8-9 March 2017]

X CIRCULATION

JRF Examination Notification

As per the instructions received from the Head Office, the Centre circulated the notification related to Junior Research Fellowship to different universities and research institutions in south India. The SRC also sent the notification in the regional



languages to different local newspapers for its publication in order to reach out to the rural scholars.

ICHR Calendars and Diaries

As per the instructions received from the Head Office, the SRC circulated the Council's calendars and diaries among the universities and scholars in south India.

XI STAFF NEWS

The ICHR, New Delhi, invited Sri C. Sonnappa, OA, and Smt. Mangamma, Safai Karamchari, to attend the Foundation Day programme at ICHR, New Delhi, on 27th March 2017.

XII FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES

The Centre is planning to undertake the following programmes in the near future:

1. Foundation Day Programme;
2. Periodical Lecture Series Programme;
3. Book Discussion Programme;
4. Publication/Reprinting of SRC Lecture Series – 1: Indian Inscriptions – A Study in Comparison and Contrast by K.V. Ramesh.

WESTERN REGIONAL CENTRE, PUNE

ICHR shifted its Western Regional Centre at the Deccan College, Pune, on 2nd December, 2016. The Western Regional Centre has been complementing the work of ICHR by actively taking part in various research schemes of ICHR. The Centre's

endeavour has been to promote scientific research in history in the western part of India.

During the period under report the Centre conducted various academic activities the details of which are given below:

a. Inauguration of Periodical Lecture Series Programme

The WRC, Pune, initiated academic programmes at the Centre. To begin with, the WRC launched the Periodical Lecture Series Programme in the month of January, 2017. The programme provides a platform to the young and senior scholars to exchange views and conduct research. The inaugural lecture was held on 11th January 2017. Dr. G.B. Deglurkar, former President of Deccan College PG & RI, Pune, was invited to deliver a lecture. Dr. Deglurkar presented his lecture on 'Iconographic Expression: A Study in Evolution'. The programme was chaired by Prof. Y. Sudershan Rao, Chairman, ICHR. Dr. A.P. Jamkhedkar, Chancellor of Deccan College; Prof. Vasant Shinde, V.C. of Deccan College; Prof. K. Paddayya, former Director



Dr. G.B. Deglurkar delivering his lecture



of Deccan College; Dr. S.K. Aruni; Dr. Jyotsna Arora; Dr. Nilesh; Dr. A. S. Pathak; faculty members and students of the college and others attended the programme.

b. IInd Lecture Programme

Under the lecture series programme Dr. Suraj A. Pandit (HOD, Ancient Indian History and Archaeology and Department of Buddhist Studies, Sathye College, Vileparle, Mumbai) was invited to deliver a lecture on 'Historiography of the Western Indian Buddhist Rock cut temple architecture' on 23rd February 2017 at WRC premises. Dr. A.S. Pathak, Senior Research Consultant, ICHR, presided over the lecture and accorded a warm welcome to Dr. Pandit.

In his lecture Dr. Pandit enlisted the works of pioneers in this field from 1880 when the study of rock cut architecture was undertaken for the first time by Dr. Fergusson. He also gave an elaborative account of the works of eminent scholars like Dr. Walter Spink, Dr. Dhavalikar, Dr. Dikshit, Dr. M.N. Deshpande, Dr. Vidya Daheja, Dr. Shobhana Gokhale and Dr. Suresh Vasant. Also, he gave brief account of the works of Dr. S. Nagaraju.



Dr. Suraj A. Pandit delivering the lecture

After the lecture, Dr. Pandit interacted with the audience, answering their questions and clearing their doubts. It was indeed an intellectually stimulating experience and all present benefited a lot by this interaction.

Meetings

(a) First Meeting of the WRC Advisory Committee

The Chairman convened the Western Regional Centre's 1st Advisory Committee on 11th January 2017 at 11.00 am in the premises of WRC, Pune. The Committee Members, Professor Rahman Ali, Professor Baidyanath Labh, Professor R.S Agrawal, Professor Vasant S. Shinde, Professor V.K. Sonawane, Professor V.K. Vashishtha and Dr.K.N. Dikshit attended the meeting. Dr. S.K Aruni, Member Secretary (Officiating), Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Dy. Director (Research) and Dr. A.S. Pathak also attended the meeting. Various topics like seminars, projects, workshops, lecture programmes, etc. were discussed and important decisions were taken and recommendations made by the Committee.



Meeting of the 1st Advisory Committee in progress



(b) Meeting of the Research Projects Committee (RPC)

The WRC hosted the Council's Research Projects Committee meeting at Pune. The 147th RPC was held at the premises of WRC, Pune, on 12th January 2017. The Committee Members, Professor Narayan Rao, Professor Michel Danino, Professor Nanditha Krishna, Professor Rahman Ali, Professor Saradindu Mukherji, Dr. Meenakshi Jain, Professor P.T. Haridas, Professor Iswar Sharan Vishwakarma, Professor Baidyanath Labh, attended the meeting. Dr. S.K. Aruni and Dr. Rajesh Kumar from New Delhi also attended the meeting. Various decisions were taken and recommendations made by the Committee.

JRF Examination

The Centre coordinated to conduct the JRF Entrance Examination (2017) in Pune on 26th February 2017. Dr. Jyotsna Arora, Dy. Director(Library) was deputed from the Head Office, New Delhi, for Examination work. Necessary arrangements for the smooth conduct of the Examination were made by the Centre which was conducted at the Deccan College, Pune; thirty-four candidates attended. It was the first ICHR JRF Examination to be held at WRC, Pune.

Important Visitors and Book Donation

Many eminent scholars and stalwarts visited the WRC during the review period; some of the eminent scholars are: Dr. Ravindra Muley, Vice-Chairman of Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Vedavidya Pratishthan,

Ujjain, Dr. Rekha Ranade, HOD, Department of History, University of Pune, Dr. G.B. Deglurkar, Former Chairman, Deccan College (Deemed University), Pune.

Dr. Anuradha Govind Kulkarni visited the Western Regional Centre of ICHR and gifted two books edited by her to Dr. Pathak. The books "*Moraya Gosavi Sansthanchi Sanadpatre, ani tyanche Devnagari Lipyantar*" and "*Modi Kagadpatatranchya Namunyanchi Lekhan Prashasti*" have been added to the collection of WRC Library. Another important publication "*Rajya Gazetteer-itihaas-Prachin Kal*" (State Gazetteer-Ancient History), edited by Dr. Pathak, was donated to WRC Library.

NORTH-EAST REGIONAL CENTRE, GUWAHATI

Like the SRC and WRC, the NERC too has been complementing the work of ICHR by actively taking part in various research schemes of ICHR. During the period under report, the following work was done by the NERC:

1. Lecture Programme

Lecture XXXIX : *Under Water Archaeology in India*

The NERC organized Lecture XXXIX to mark the occasion of Foundation Day of the Council on Thursday, 30th March 2017. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Alok Tripathi, Dept. of History, Assam University, Silchar. The topic of the lecture was: Under Water Archaeology in India. Dr. Dwipen



Bezbaruah, Dept. of Anthropology, Gauhati University, presided over the lecture. More than 45 teachers/scholars/students participated from various universities and colleges; the lecture was followed by a lively discussion on the methods and tasks of doing *Under Water Archaeology*.



Prof. Alok Tripathi delivering the Foundation Day Lecture at NERC, Guwahati

2. Documentation Work

- i) The NERC is currently collecting and compiling a list of dissertations in history and allied disciplines submitted in the Gauhati University for the degree of Ph.D. The list once completed may be uploaded at the ICHR website. This has been done as per the decision of the 11th RAC meeting held on 9th September 2015.
- ii) The NERC is currently editing the summaries of files collected from the Assam State Archives as part of the project entitled 'Survey, Collection, Documentation and Digitization of Archival Sources of North East India'.

3. JRF Examination

The Centre provided assistance in conducting the Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) Examination which was held on 26th February 2017. The written test was held in the office of the NERC.

4. Staff Participation

- i) Sri Prabin Kalita (Accounts Clerk), Sri Diganta Sarma (Office Attendant) and Kabita Basfore (Safai Kamachari) participated in the celebration of the Foundation Day of the Council at New Delhi on 27th March 2017.
- ii) Dr. Uttam Bathari, Deputy Director (Research) attended a national seminar on the 'Issues and Trends in Language, History and Culture of Dimasas' and presented a paper on 'Problems of Writing Dimasa History: Need for an alternative archive' on 12th January 2017. The seminar was organized by Dimasa Youth Forum, Maibang.
- iii) Dr. Uttam Bathari, Deputy Director (Research) was invited by the Department of History, Dibrugarh University, Assam, to attend a Departmental Seminar on "Assam since Independence: Polity, Economy and Society", on 2nd and 3rd March 2017 and presented a paper on the 'Sixth Schedule: History, Constituent Assembly Debate and Aftermath'.

5. Other activities

- a) *Library-cum-documentation unit:*



- i) Eighteen titles were purchased for the library of the Centre during this period.
- ii) Around 197 (9836 pages appx.) books were used for providing photocopies to students/researchers.

b) *Number of Visitors*

During the period under report, around 679 scholars visited the Centre's library for consulting books, etc. Besides, the Centre also attended to 25 visitors who visited the Centre to inquire about the various grants-in-aid schemes of ICHR.

6. Promotional Activities

- i) ICHR Newsletter (Vol. 12, No. 5, Vol. 13, No. 2 and Vol. 13, Nos. 3 & 4) were distributed among researchers/scholars/students of the region.
- ii) ICHR diary and calendar of 2017 were distributed among historians and other scholars including officials of Gauhati University.

7. Newspaper Auction

Old newspapers from 1st January to 31st December 2016 were auctioned off.

8. Republic Day celebrations

Like in previous years, this year too the Centre celebrated the Republic Day with intense patriotic feelings. After the flag hoisting ceremony, sweets were distributed among all the staff-members and others present during the occasion.

STAFF NEWS

Appointment

Dr. Anand Shanker Singh, Principal, Iswar Saran Degree College (Constituent PG College), University of Allahabad has been appointed as Member Secretary of ICHR. He joined as Member Secretary on 22nd March 2017 for a period of three years. Dr. Singh is an historian and specializes in Ancient Indian History, Epigraphy and Numismatics. He has served as Principal of the College for 12 years.



Obituary



On the dark side of things, it was regretfully learnt that Smt. Ranjana Gupta, Assistant (Cash), after having served the Council for more than 30 years, left for her heavenly abode on 26.02.2017. She served the Council with utmost sincerity and devotion and maintained cordial relations with all staff-members. Her memories shall always remain fresh in the minds of ICHR staff-members. We pray to the Almighty that her soul may rest in peace.



RESEARCH FUNDING SCHEMES

The primary objective of the Council is to promote and give direction to historical research and to encourage and foster objective and scientific writing of history. Enhancing the academic standard of the output of ICHR activities has been the foremost objective of ICHR. In pursuance of this objective, the Council i) provides fellowships and financial assistance to young teachers in colleges, universities and registered research organizations, as well as to senior scholars who might need financial support; ii) brings historians together by providing financial assistance for holding symposia, seminars, workshops, etc. for exchanging views related to history; iii) provides publication subsidy to the seminar proceedings, congress proceedings, journals, etc. so that these publications may reach out to researchers and scholars.

The grants-in-aid are awarded to scholars/institutions and are released through affiliating agencies like research institutes, universities or colleges.

The different types of research funding schemes are explained in the Research Funding Rules book of ICHR. These can also be seen on the ICHR website(www.ichr.ac.in).

During the period under report, grant was extended under different schemes as per the details given below:

Foreign Travel Grant

During the period from 1st January to 31st March 2017, the unit received 23 applications under the Foreign Travel Grant scheme. Nine items were placed before the meetings held on 12.01.2017 (RPC), 20.03.2017 (FTG) and 21.03.2017 (RPC) of which 8 cases were approved. Out of the remaining applications, some were regretted as per the rules and some are under process.

Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and Post Doctoral Fellowship(PDF)

JRF

The Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)-2017-Entrance Examination notification was issued on 26.02.2017. The RPC in its meeting held on 21/3/2017 approved 75 cases @Rs 16,000/- per month + Contingency Grant @ Rs 15,000/- per annum(for each fellow

Post Doctoral Fellowship (PDF)

The 148th RPC meeting approved one case @ Rs 28,000/- per month + Contingency Grant @ Rs 20,000/- per annum.

Research Projects

During the period under report, the Research Projects Unit received 25 (twenty-five) fresh proposals for the award of Research Projects Grant. The Research Projects Unit approved 21 (twenty-one) proposals.

ICHR Gurukul Fellowship Scheme

In keeping with the Indian tradition of



education system, the ICHR introduced a new Fellowship--'ICHR Gurukul Fellowship'--for historians and their disciples. This Fellowship is given in two components--*Gurus* (teacher) and his *Shishya* (disciple).

During the period under report, the 147th Research Projects Committee meeting held on 12.01.2017 expressed its gratitude to the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, according approval to the ICHR's new fellowship--*Gurukul Fellowship*. The Committee approved the Terms and Conditions of the Gurukul Fellowship and recommended the

incorporation of the same in the ICHR's *Research Funding Rules*. Further, the Search-cum-Selection Committee meeting held on 30.01.2017 interviewed the shortlisted candidates to be selected as a Disciple (*Shishya*) of the ICHR Gurukul Fellowship. Out of the three shortlisted candidates, Shri Vishnu Kant was selected as the Disciple (*Shishya*) by the Committee under Guru, Professor B. B. Lal, for a period of two years.

Senior Academic Fellowship (SAF)

During the period under report, 44 cases were approved for extension of seminar grants and Study-cum-Travel grants.



An Appeal To History Fraternity

Dear esteemed colleagues and friends,

I am delighted to inform you that the Council intends to hear from you if you have any suggestions to make for improvising the structural framework, projects, programs, rules, regulations and functioning of Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) which is getting closer to celebrate its golden jubilee in the year 2021-22. As you all know, this is the only research funding body for Historical studies at the national level wholly supported by Government of India; every one of the fraternity will certainly be interested to further strengthen the body to serve more effectively and justifiably. Most of you might have served in various capacities in the Council in official and /or non-official capacities or consultants or as beneficiaries. I shall be glad to receive your comments and suggestions by 1st of June 2017 to the email id: suggestions@ichr.ac.in

The Council will convene a conference in the second week of June 2017 with select former officials, members, representatives of the professional associations conducting annual sessions regularly, past chairmen and member secretaries. Your views will be communicated to the participants in advance so that relevant points may reflect in the discussions of the conference.

Your specific recommendations may be made on the following references:

- Memorandum of Association (MoA), aims and objects, rules and regulations etc as stated in the MoA. (The text of the MoA can be viewed on the ICHR website),
- Research Funding Rules (The latest booklet can be viewed in the ICHR website),
- Norms relating to evaluation of proposals for research, travel grants, study grants and fellowships,
- To define ICHR's relationship with the professional organizations, research centers and voluntary trusts and associations, working for the historical research at national, regional, local and individual levels and
- On any other aspect which you like to convey specifically.

The ICHR is looking forward to your valuable contribution to our effort to make our effort more meaningful and purposeful to facilitate historical studies.

- Chairman



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