

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY
RASHTRAPATI NIVAS, SHIMLA – 171 005**

MINUTES OF THE 178TH (ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHTH) MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY, SHIMLA, HELD ON 02ND DECEMBER 2024 (MONDAY) AT 11:00 AM AT NEW DELHI (IN HYBRID MODE).

The 178th Meeting of the Governing Body of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla, was held under the Chairmanship of Professor ShashiPrabha Kumar, Chairperson, Governing Body, on 02nd December 2024 at 11:00 AM in Hybrid Mode at Camp Office of the Institute at New Delhi. A list of the Members present in the meeting of the Governing Body is given at Annexure - 'A'.

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the Members present, the Members who joined in virtual mode, and thanked them for sparing their valuable time to attend the meeting.

Item-wise comments received from the office of the Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser (Higher Education), IFD, MoE vide e-mail dated 29th November 2024, were placed before the Governing Body for information.

2. Following are the proceedings of the meeting:

Item No.1: To confirm the Minutes of the 177th meeting of the Governing Body held on 15th July 2024.

The minutes of the 177th Meeting of the Governing Body held on 15th July 2024 were confirmed.

Item No.2: To approve the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Minutes of the 177th meeting of the Governing Body held on 15th July 2024.

The Director apprised the Governing Body of the action taken on the minutes of the 177th meeting of the Governing Body held on 02nd December 2024 item-wise. Thereafter, the Governing Body resolved to approve the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes.

With regard to Item No.17 of the ATR relating to mishandling of antique furniture by the then Estate Supervisor, it was mentioned that the Institute may complete the preparation of inventory of the furniture (including pictures) at the earliest possible.

The Institute may seek opinion of Professor Raghuvendra Tanwar, Chairman, ICHR, with regard to use of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), issuance of antique furniture to the employees of the Institute and revision of rent of furniture etc. for proper preservation.

Item No.3: To consider and approve the Minutes of the 124th meeting of the Finance Committee scheduled to be held on 26th November 2024.

The Director apprised the Governing Body of the agenda items discussed in the meeting of the Finance Committee and recommendations made thereon. The Governing Body, after due deliberation, unanimously resolved to approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee.

Item No.4: To consider and approve the minutes of the Academic Committee meeting scheduled to be held on 21st November 2024.

The Director apprised the Governing Body of the details of the proposals for organizing seminars, conferences and workshops, the applications received for Guest Fellows, Visiting Professors and Visiting Scholars. After due deliberations, the Governing Body resolved to approve the recommendations of the Academic Committee.

Item No.5: To ratify the action taken by the Chairperson, Governing Body regarding continuation of the term of Fellowship of Professor K. Gopinathan Pillai, Dr. Priyanka Vaidya, Dr. Renu Dwivedi, Dr. Nibedita Banerjee, Dr. Shaminaj Khan, Professor Jitendra Kumar Rai, Professor Nidhi Sharma, Dr. Pankaj Gupta and Professor Malati Mathur, Fellows.

The Governing Body deliberated on this matter and resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chairperson, Governing Body regarding continuation of the term of Fellowship of Professor K. Gopinathan Pillai, Dr. Priyanka Vaidya, Dr. Renu Dwivedi, Dr. Nibedita Banerjee, Dr. Shaminaj Khan, Professor Jitendra Kumar Rai, Professor Nidhi Sharma, Dr. Pankaj Gupta and Professor Malati Mathur, Fellows.

Item No.6: To ratify the action taken by the Director, IAS, regarding discontinuation of the term of Fellowship of Dr. Manisha Patil, Fellow for the second year.

The Director apprised the Governing Body of the reports of the Evaluators on the work done by Dr. Manisha Patil, Fellow, in the first year of her Fellowship. As both the Evaluators did not recommend continuation of Fellowship to Manisha Patil, the term of Fellowship of Dr. Patil could not be extended. The Governing Body took note of the facts of the case and ratified the action taken by the Director.

Item No.7: To consider the applicability of Gratuity to the Officers and Staff of the Institute covered under National Pension System (NPS) under Gratuity Act 1972.

After deliberations, the Governing Body considered and approved the implementation of applicability of Gratuity to the Officers and Staff of the Institute covered under National Pension System (NPS) under Gratuity Act 1972.

Item No.8: To consider the adoption of Rule 10 of CCS (INPS) Rules, 2021 to the Officers and Staff of the Institute covered under National Pension System (NPS).

The Governing Body considered the comments of the Integrated Finance Division (IFD) on this Agenda Item received vide e-mail dated 29th November 2024 and resolved that the Institute may send the proposal for adoption of Rule 10 of CCS (INPS) Rules, 2021 to the Officers and Staff of the Institute covered under National Pension System (NPS) to the Ministry for consideration.

Item No.9: To consider the points/suggestions made by the University Grants Commission (UGC) with regard to activities of the Inter-University Centre (IUC).

After extensive deliberations, it was resolved that the Director may constitute a Committee to propose suggestions on the spectrum of activities for the IUC, ensuring alignment with its roles as outlined in the original MoU, and to review and refine its goals and objectives. The Committee may also recommend a Revenue Generation Model based on the utilization of intellectual property of the Institute.

Item No.10: To take decision on the preparation of a DPR for establishing the Centre for Indian Civilization Studies at the Institute.

After discussing the matter threadbare, the Governing Body resolved that the Director, in consultation with the Chairperson, may constitute a committee to prepare DPR in respect of Indian Civilization Studies to be carried out in the Institute in a project-based mode.

Item No.11: To consider the proposal for preparation of a long-term project on 'A Companion to Indian Literature'.

After discussion, the Governing Body resolved that the Director, in consultation with the Chairperson, may constitute a committee to prepare DPR in respect of 'A Companion to Indian Literature' to be carried out in the Institute in a project-based mode.

Item No.12: To consider and approve the Director's Report on academic and other activities at the Institute during the period from 01st July 2024 to 15th November 2024.

The Governing Body considered and resolved to approve the Director's Report.

Item No.13: Any other Item(s) with the permission of the Chair.

There was no specific agenda item. However, the following were discussed before the end of the meeting:

(a) The matter relating to holding of the Annual Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture (RKML) was discussed and it was mentioned that the following eminent scholars may be invited to deliver the Annual Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture (RKML):

- (i) Padma Bhushan Dr. David Frawley, Founder of American Institute of Vedic Studies at New Mexico;
- (ii) Padma Shri Dr. Subhash Kak, Distinguished Scientist & Member of the Advisory Council of the Indian Prime Minister's Science, Technology and Innovation;
- (iii) Professor Arindam Chakrabarti, Professor of Philosophy, Director of Centre for South Asian Studies at University of Hawaii.

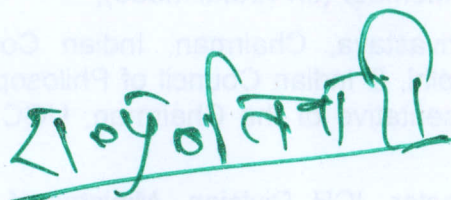
(b) It was mentioned that the revised Recruitment Rules (RRs) for various administrative posts are pending in the Ministry for approval. The Governing Body deliberated on this rather important matter and in the interest of smooth functioning of the Institute, it was resolved that the Institute may initiate action for filling-up of the vacant positions on the basis of the exiting RRs, pending approval of the Ministry on the revised RRs.

It was also mentioned in the meeting that the present incumbent to the post of Librarian is going to superannuate from the services of the Institute on 31st January 2025. Since the Institute will take some time to fill up this post, it was resolved that the present incumbent may be engaged as consultant for a period of six months or till the recruitment to the post of Librarian, whichever is earlier.

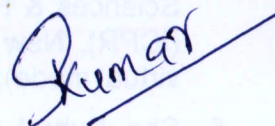
(c) The Chair mentioned that the term of the office of the Members of the Society and the Governing Body of the Institute is for three years, which will end on 29th December 2024. As such, this may be her last meeting of the Governing Body. In the light of this, the Chair expressed her gratitude to all Members of the Governing Body, the Director, and to all Officers and Staff of the Institute, for their support,

which facilitated the smooth conduct of the meetings and other academic & administrative activities of the Institute. The Director also thanked the Chair for her continued support in ensuring the smooth functioning of the Institute.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



(Raghavendra P. Tiwari)
Director



(ShashiPrabha Kumar)
Chairperson

Annexure - 'A'**List of Members of Governing Body, IAS present in the 178th meeting:**

1. Professor ShashiPrabha Kumar, Chairperson, Governing Body, IAS;
2. Professor Raghavendra P. Tiwari, Director, IAS – Member;
3. Professor Raghuvendra Tanwar, Chairman, Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), New Delhi– Member (on virtual mode);
4. Professor Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Sciences & Research, New Delhi, & Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi and representative of the Chairman, UGC – Member (on virtual mode);
5. Shri Subrat K. Pradhan, Director, ICR Division, Ministry of Education and Former Secretary, IAS – Representative of the Secretary, Department of Higher Education, MoE;
6. Shri Vivek Kumar, Under Secretary, Integrated Finance Division (IFD) – Representative of JS&FA, MoE (on virtual mode).

Shri Mehar Chand Negi, Secretary, IAS, also attended the meeting.

List of Members who were unable to attend the above meeting:

1. Professor Shailendra Raj Mehta, Vice-Chairman, Governing Body, IAS;
2. Professor Aniruddha Deshpande, Former Principal, Brihan Maharashtra College of Commerce, Pune, Maharashtra;
3. Dr. (Mrs.) N. Kalaiselvi, Director-General, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi.
