

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY  
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**MINUTES OF THE 179<sup>TH</sup> (ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINETH) MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY, SHIMLA, HELD ON 03<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2025 (THURSDAY) AT 10:00 AM AT CAMP OFFICE, NEW DELHI (IN HYBRID MODE).**

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The 179<sup>th</sup> 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 03<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 (Thursday) at 10:00 AM at Camp Office of the Institute at New Delhi (in Hybrid Mode). A list of the Members present 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 01<sup>st</sup> April 2025, were placed before the Governing Body for information.

2. The following are the proceedings of the meeting:

**Item No.1: To confirm the Minutes of the 178<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Body held on 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2024.**

The minutes of the 178<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Body held on 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 were confirmed.

**Item No.2: To approve the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Minutes of the 178<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Body held on 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2024.**

The Director apprised the Governing Body of the action taken on the minutes of the 178<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Body held on 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 item-wise. Thereafter, the Governing Body resolved to approve the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes.

With regard to Item No.2 of the ATR concerning the inventory of the antique furniture of the Institute, the Director informed the Governing Body that the Institute is in the process of preparing an inventory of the furniture (including photographs) by using



Tally software. Since the inventory needs to be reconciled with the stock registers prepared from 1970 onwards, this may take some time. However, the work is being carried out on a priority basis and is expected to be completed within the next two months or so. As discussed in the 178<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Body held on 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2024, once the inventory is completed, the Institute will seek expert view of Professor Raghuvendra Tanwar, Chairman of ICHR, regarding the use of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) for the furniture.

With regard to Item No.10 & 11 of the ATR, it was resolved that a timeline for submission of DPRs, may be given to the Committees constituted for the purpose of preparing Detailed Project Report (DPR) for undertaking two projects: (i) '*Indian Civilization Studies*', & (ii) '*A Companion to Indian Literature*' at the Institute.

**Item No.3: To consider and approve the comments of the Members of the Finance Committee on a single-point agenda item with regard to Separate Audit Report (SAR) of Accounts of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS) Society for the Financial Year 2023-24 received through circulation.**

The Director apprised the Governing Body that the Institute circulated a single-point agenda item with regard to Separate Audit Report (SAR) of Accounts of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS) Society for the Financial Year 2023-24 to the Members of the Finance Committee vide e-mail dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The Integrated Finance Division, Ministry of Education, vide e-mail dated 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025, recommended that the SAR may be placed before the Governing Body for approval.

The Governing Body considered the SAR and resolved to approve the same.

**Item No.4: To ratify the action taken by the Director in accepting the resignation of Dr. Tek Chand, Fellow, from the Fellowship.**

The Director informed the Governing Body about the details of the case of Dr. Tek Chand, Fellow. It was mentioned by the Director that the request of Dr. Tek Chand was accepted in view of the fact that he has been appointed as an Assistant Professor of Music (Vocal) at Panjab University, Chandigarh.

After deliberations, the Governing Body ratified the action taken by the Director in accepting the resignation of Dr. Tek Chand, Fellow, subject to the provisions of Clause No.13 of the terms & conditions governing the Fellowship awarded to Dr. Chand.



**Item No.5: To consider nomination of eminent scholars for Award of National Fellowship.**

After due deliberations, the Governing Body resolved to constitute a committee to scrutinize the applications received for the award of the National Fellowship at the Institute. The Committee will also nominate the name of some eminent scholars to be considered for award of National Fellowship by the Governing Body. The Governing Body constituted the following committee for the purpose:

- (a) Professor Shailendra Raj Mehta, Vice-Chairman, Governing Body, IIAS – Chairman;
- (b) Professor Raghuvendra Tanwar, Chairman, Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), New Delhi – Member;
- (c) Professor Raghavendra P. Tiwari, Director, IIAS – Member.

**Item No.6: To report the action taken by the Chairperson, Governing Body, in approving the nomination of the Members of the Fellowship Award Committee for the year 2025.**

After deliberations, the Governing Body noted the action taken by the Chairperson, Governing Body in approving the nomination of the Members of the Fellowship Award Committee for the year 2025.

**Item No. 7: To consider and approve the draft Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2023-24.**

The Director briefed the Governing Body about the key points of the draft Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2023-24.

After discussion at length, the Governing Body resolved to approve the Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2023-24, for submission to the Ministry.

**Item No.8: To consider the proposal for establishing the Acharya Shankar Fellowship at the Institute, based on the analogy of the Tagore Fellowship.**

The Governing Body resolved to approve the proposal, in principle, for making a provision of Acharya Shankar Fellowship at the Institute under the Fellowship Programme. It was further resolved to prepare a detailed proposal for this Fellowship to be sent to the Ministry of Education for concurrence.



**Item No.9: To consider and approve the Director's Report on academic and other activities at the Institute during the period from 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

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

**Item No.10: Any other Item(s) with the permission of the Chair.**

It was discussed that the Institute organizes two flagship lectures annually: the Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture (RKML) and the Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture (RTML). The Institute has already extended an invitation to Professor Arindam Chakrabarti, Distinguished University Professor of Philosophy, Ashoka University, Sonapat, Haryana, and Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Department of Philosophy, University of Hawaii, to deliver the 27<sup>th</sup> Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture.

Further, it was noted that the 09<sup>th</sup> Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture was delivered in the previous year by Dr. Oscar Pujol Riembau, Director and Founder, Instituto Cervantes, New Delhi.

In the above context, it was resolved to invite Professor Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, former Member of Parliament and former President, ICCR, New Delhi, to deliver the 10<sup>th</sup> Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture (RTML) in 2025.

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 179<sup>th</sup> meeting:**

1. Professor ShashiPrabha Kumar, Chairperson, Governing Body, IAS – In Chair;
2. Professor Shailendra Raj Mehta, Vice-Chairman, Governing Body, IAS – Member (in virtual mode);
3. Professor Raghavendra P. Tiwari, Director, IAS – Member;
4. Professor Raghuvendra Tanwar, Chairman, Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), New Delhi– Member (in virtual mode);
5. Shri Mukesh Kumar, Director, Integrated Finance Division (IFD), Ministry of Education – Representative of JS&FA, MoE (in virtual mode).
6. Shri Jyoti Ranjan, Under Secretary, ICR Division, Ministry of Education – Representative of the Secretary, Department of Higher Education, MoE (in virtual mode).

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

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

1. Professor M. Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi;
2. Professor Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Sciences & Research, New Delhi, & Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi;
3. Dr. (Mrs.) N. Kalaiselvi, Director-General, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi;
4. Professor Aniruddha Deshpande, Former Principal, Brihan Maharashtra College of Commerce, Pune, Maharashtra.

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