

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

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING (183 – A) OF THE GOVERNING
BODY OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY, SHIMLA, HELD ON 18TH
APRIL 2026 (SATURDAY) AT 11:00 AM AT SHIMLA (IN HYBRID MODE).**

A Special Meeting (183 – A) 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 18th April 2026 (Saturday) at 11:00 AM at Shimla (in Hybrid Mode). A list of the Members present is given at **Annexure – ‘I’**.

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the Members present, and thanked them for sparing their valuable time to attend the meeting at short notice.

2. The following are the proceedings of the meeting:

Special Item (1): To report the matter relating to the repair and restoration of collapsed retaining wall by providing stone masonry gravity retaining wall at north-western direction of main building of the Institute.

The Director briefed the Members of the Governing Body on the background of the matter and the actions taken by the Institute following the incident that occurred on 10th April 2026 at around 09:30 AM. The Governing Body expressed serious concern over the quality of work executed by CPWD related to the repair and restoration of the collapsed retaining wall located on the north-western side of the main building of the Institute.

After detailed deliberations, the following decisions emerged:

- (i) The Institute shall issue a notice to CPWD detailing all aspects of the case, along with the timeline, for taking necessary action to avoid any untoward incident in the future.
- (ii) The Institute shall constitute an independent Committee comprising an expert from IIT, Mandi, as the Chairperson, Shri Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Senior

Principal Scientist, CSIR–Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee, Uttarakhand, as a Member, and Shri Mehar Chand Negi, Secretary, IIAS, as the Member-Secretary, to inquire into the quality of the work undertaken by CPWD and to suggest measures to prevent any such recurrence in future.

- (iii) The Institute shall escalate the matter to the level of the Director General, Central Public Works Department, New Delhi.

It was further resolved that the Institute should prepare a Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for dealing with CPWD while awarding repair and renovation works in the future.

ITEM NO.(2): Any other Item(s) with the permission of the Chair.

No item was discussed.

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

-Sd/-
(Himanshu Kumar Chaturvedi)
Director
18th April 2026

-Sd/-
(ShashiPrabha Kumar)
Chairperson
18th April 2026

Annexure - 'I'

List of Members of Governing Body, IIAS, present in the Special Meeting (183 – A):

1. Professor ShashiPrabha Kumar, Chairperson, Governing Body, IIAS – In Chair (in Virtual Mode);
2. Professor Shailendra Raj Mehta, Vice-Chairman, Governing Body, IIAS – Member (in Virtual Mode);
3. Professor Himanshu Kumar Chaturvedi, Director, IIAS – Member;
4. Professor Raghuvendra Tanwar, Chairman, Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), New Delhi– Member (in Virtual Mode);
5. Professor Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty, Chairman, Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi – Member (in Virtual Mode);
6. Shri Mukesh Kumar, Director, Integrated Finance Division (IFD), Ministry of Education – Representative of JS&FA, MoE (in Virtual mode);
7. 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, IIAS, also attended the meeting.

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

1. The Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi;
2. The Chairman, Indian Council of Social Sciences & Research (ICSSR), New Delhi;
3. The Director-General, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi.
