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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING (185TH) OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY, SHIMLA, HELD ON 17TH JUNE 2026.

The Special Meeting (185th) 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 17th June 2026 (Wednesday) at 03:00 PM (in Virtual 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.

Item-wise comments received from the office of the Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser (Department of Higher Education), IFD, MoE, vide e-mail dated 17th June 2026, were placed before the Governing Body for information.

2. The following are the proceedings of the meeting:

ITEM NO.1: To consider and approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting (130th) of the Finance Committee held on 16th June 2026 at 03:00 PM.

The Director apprised the Governing Body of the single agenda item discussed in the Special 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.2: To consider and approve the proposal for publication of a book titled, “वन्दे मातरम् के 150 अध्याय” by the Institute.

The Director briefed the Governing Body about the discussions held during the 184th Meeting of the Governing Body held on 11th May 2026 regarding the visit of the Hon’ble Vice-President of India on 10th July 2026. The Hon’ble Vice President will inaugurate the permanent exhibition on *Vande Mataram*, commemorating 150 years of the national mantra, along with the International Seminar titled, “*Sardar Patel’s Vision: Integration, Unification and Federalism.*” This apart, the Institute is also in the process of preparing a Coffee Table Book titled, *Vande Mataram – A Journey*, which

is proposed to be released during the aforesaid event.

Further, the Director apprised the Governing Body that the Institute is planning to publish a book titled, “*वन्दे मातरम् के 150 अध्याय*”. The Director also elaborated the proposed contents and scope of the publication during the meeting.

After discussion at length, the Governing Body unanimously approved the proposal for publication of a book titled, “*वन्दे मातरम् के 150 अध्याय*” by the Institute.

As regards the financial implications mentioned by the representative of the Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser (Department of Higher Education), IFD, MoE, the Chairperson expressed the view that the Institute will work out the same and will be brought to the notice of the Governing Body at its next meeting.

ITEM NO. 3: Any other Item(s) with the permission of the Chair.

NIL.

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

-Sd/-
(Himanshu Kumar Chaturvedi)
Director

-Sd/-
(ShashiPrabha Kumar)
Chairperson

Annexure - 'I'

List of Members of Governing Body, IAS present in the 185th meeting:

1. Professor ShashiPrabha Kumar, Chairperson, Governing Body, IAS – In Chair;
2. Professor Shailendra Raj Mehta, Vice-Chairman, Governing Body, IAS – Member;
3. Professor Himanshu Kumar Chaturvedi, Director, IAS – Member;
4. Professor Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty, Chairman, Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi;
5. Professor Madhukarbhair S. Padvi, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi;
6. Shri Mukesh Kumar, Director, Integrated Finance Division (IFD), Ministry of Education – Representative of JS&FA, MoE;
7. Shri Jyoti Ranjan, Under Secretary, ICR Division, Ministry of Education – Representative of the Secretary, Department of Higher Education, MoE.

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

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