

**Indian Institute of Advanced Study
Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla-171005**

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIFTH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY, SHIMLA HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2010 (TUESDAY) AT 3 P.M. AT IIAS GUEST HOUSE, C-499, DEFENCE COLONY, NEW DELHI – 110 024.

Present

1. Professor B.L. Mungekar	Chairman, Governing Body (In the Chair)
2. Professor A.M. Pathan	Vice Chairman, Governing Body
3. Professor Javeed Alam	Member
4. Professor KP Singh	Member
5. Professor R. S. Deshpande	Member
6. Professor Yogendra Yadav	Member
7. Shri Upamanyu Basu	Representative of Education Secretary
8. Shri Pratap Singh	Representative of Financial Advisor, MHRD
9. Shri P. Banerjee	Representative of DG, CSIR
10. Professor G. Mishra	Representative of Chairman, ICPR
11. Professor Peter Ronald deSouza	Director, IIAS, Shimla

The following members regretted their inability to attend the meeting due to previous commitments and were therefore granted leave of absence as per their requests:

1. Professor S.K. Thorat	Chairman, UGC, New Delhi
2. Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya	Chairman, ICHR, New Delhi
3. Professor Mohan Gopal	Member
4. Professor Seyed E. Hasnain	Member

Shri S.P. Thakur, Secretary, IIAS also attended the meeting.

At the outset the Chairman, Professor Bhalchandra Mungekar welcomed the members of the Governing Body. He announced that the MHRD had conveyed the approval of the Government of India for an extension of another term to Professor Peter Ronald deSouza. The Governing Body appreciated the work done by Professor deSouza in putting the IIAS on track to achieve its lofty objectives as stated in the Memorandum of Association of the Institute. The IIAS under his stewardship has been attempting to carve for itself a niche in the International

academic world and the Governing Body would leave no stone unturned in achieving the same.

The Chairman in his opening address desired: (a) the grievances of lower level employees of the Institute be redressed, (b) preparations be made for Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture in January 2011, (c) have a re-look at the bye-laws of the Society and ensure necessary steps to amend the same so that it is in tune with the modern concerns, and (d) to explore the possibility of giving more representation to the performing arts e.g. dance/music.

Professor deSouza thanked the Governing Body, Members of the Society, Chairman, Officers and the staff of the Institute for their unstinted support. The Chairman also announced the appointment of Shri S.P. Thakur as the Secretary of the Institute.

Item No. 1: To consider and approve the minutes of the 134th meeting of the Governing Body held on 10th June 2010 and the action taken on them.

The Governing Body approved the minutes and took note of the Action Taken on the minutes of the 134th meeting of the Governing Body held on 10th June 2010. It also noted the observations of Professor Ramakrishna in his mail.

Item No. 2: To approve the minutes of the 88th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27th October 2010.

The Governing Body considered and approved the recommendations of the 87th Meeting of the Finance Committee.

Item No. 3: To consider and approve the recommendations of the Library Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13th July 2010.

The Governing Body considered and approved the recommendations of the Library Committee. It, however, noted that the library of the Institute was underutilized and there was need to make it more accessible to the academic

community. It further suggested that i) the Library Advisory Committee should reconsider the proposal to charge fee from library users who are other than Fellows and Associates of the Institute, (ii) consider allowing research students of all universities to use the library, (iii) identify more space for the library, (iv) prepare a special scheme for university and college teachers to visit the Institute for library consultation, and (v) coordinate with ICSSR, New Delhi which has a similar scheme, that can be studied and implemented if the IAS feels the aforesaid objectives can be fulfilled.

Item No. 4: To consider the request of Dr. TRS Sharma, Fellow designate regarding the exemption of joining time from the 6 months rule on health/medical ground.

The Governing Body considered the request of Dr. T.R.S. Sharma and resolved to permit him to join the Institute by 1st March 2010.

Item No. 5: To report the action taken by the Chairman, Governing Body with respect to the extension of the term of Dr. Saroj Thakur, Fellow.

The Governing Body noted and ratified the action taken by the Chairman.

Item No. 6: To consider and approve the request of Dr. Michael Krausz regarding his Fellowship for the month of July-August 2010.

The Governing Body considered and approved the proposal.

Item No. 7: To ratify the action taken by the Chairman, Governing Body regarding the proposal to treat Dr. Rita Kothari as Guest Fellow instead of Fellow at the Institute.

The Governing Body noted and ratified the action taken by the Chairman to treat Dr. Rita Kothari as Guest Fellow instead of Fellow at the Institute.

Item 8: To consider and approve re-engaging three Library Trainee and one Computer Trainee on contract in the IAS Library.

The Governing Body deliberated and approved the proposal. The Governing Body, however, noted that Institute administration may consider enhancing their honorarium, if permissible under government rules.

Item No. 9: To consider and approve accepting donations/endowments from industrialists/philanthropists for restoration and conservation of Rashtrapati Nivas building and for other purposes.

The proposal was deliberated upon and it was resolved that the IAS should keep the following for guidance:

- (i) The donations/endowments should be in tune with the objectives as enumerated in the memorandum of Association.
- (ii) The donor should not be allowed to determine the academic agenda of the IAS in any way.
- (iii) The Provisions of relief in Income Tax for contributions to the restoration of monuments under the Act may be looked at.
- (iv) The donation should have no conditional ties that interfere with the objections of IAS.
- (v) Govt. guidelines on the proposal may also be checked.

Item No. 10: To consider the Director's Report on the Academic and Administrative functioning of the Institute during the period from 11th June 2010 to 08th November 2010 and plans for the next quarter.

The Governing Body appreciated the activities of the Institute and the direction in which it is moving. The Governing Body particularly appreciated the publication programme and the increase in the sale of the Institute's books. Some members suggested that there should be a two page synopsis of the Director's Report.

(a) The Governing Body placed on record the competent services rendered by Mr. Shashank V. Thakur as Academic Resource Officer. He joined as ARO on 2nd December 2008 and would be relieved on 10th December 2010 to join his parent Organisation i.e. the Directorate of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of Goa, Panji, Goa. His contribution to the IAS in organizing and coordinating its academic activities was invaluable and his services and tenure would be remembered.

Under Any Other Item:

Supplementary Item No. 1: To ratify the action taken by the Chairman, Governing Body in inviting Professor R.N. Mishra as Guest Fellow to the Institute , and to consider and approve inviting Professor Michael McGhee, Professor Sharad Deshpande and Dr. Rakesh Pandey as Guest Fellows.

The Governing Body noted and ratified the action taken by the Chairman, Governing Body in inviting Professor R.N. Mishra as Guest Fellow to the Institute. The Governing Body considered and approved the proposal to invite Professor Michael McGhee, Professor Sharad Deshpande and Dr. Rakesh Pandey as Guest Fellow to the Institute.

The Chairman, Governing Body spelt out the need to amend the bye-laws of the Institute to make it relevant to the changing times. A committee was constituted for the purpose comprising Professor B.L. Mungekar, Professor Peter Ronald deSouza, Professor Javeed Alam, Professor G. Mishra and Shri S.P. Thakur. The Committee would be submitting its report to the Governing Body in its next meeting.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.


(Peter Ronald deSouza) 1/12/10


(Bhalchandra Mungekar)