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**Minutes of the 61<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting of the Council held on 07<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
At 2.30 p.m. at ICPR Academic Centre, Lucknow.**

The 61<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Council was held at ICPR Academic Centre, Lucknow at 02.30 pm, on 07<sup>th</sup> March 2021. All the following members attended the Meeting, some of them attended in person, whereas few attended through online mode.

Professor Ramesh Chandra Sinha -	Chairman
Professor Arvind Kumar Rai -	Attended Online
Professor S. Panneerselvam	Attended Online
Professor K. Sampat Kumar -	Member
Professor Sirajul Islam -	Member
Professor K.C. Pandey -	Member
Prof. K. Subramaniam-	Member
Prof. H.S. Upadhyay-	Member
Prof. Jata Shankar-	Member
Prof. Hare Ram Tripathi -	Attended online
Professor G.P. Das- Member-	Attended Online
Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi-	Attended Online
Prof. Dilip Kumar Mohanta-	Attended Online
Prof. Raj Kumari Sinha-	Attended Online
Professor TS Girish Kumar-	Member
Mr. Bherav Dutt, Deputy Secretary, MoE-	Attended Online
Professor Rajneesh Kumar Shukla-	Special Invitee
Prof. Kumar Ratnam-	Member Secretary

Besides the Members, Lt. Commander Pawan Deep, Director (A&F) and Dr. Pooja Vyas, Director (A) & Director (P & R) i/c were present during the meeting.

The meeting started with a welcome address delivered by Chairman and Member Secretary. The following decisions were taken during the Meeting:

**Item No.1. To confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.**

The minutes of the Council meeting of the Council held on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were confirmed.

**Item No.2. To report on the action taken on the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

The report of the action taken on the minutes of the Council held on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 were considered and approved.

**Item No.3. To Report status of RTI on C.I.C. Portal, M.I.S. Portal and Grievances on CPGRAMS Portal till 18.02.2021.**

The Council noted the RTI application status, appeals and CPGRAMS grievances from 01.04.2020 to 18.02.2021.

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**Item No.4. To report of E-Auction for Vehicle Ambassador Car (DL-3C-BM-0989).**

The Council noted the reporting of E-Auction of Ambassador Car (DL-3C-BM-0989).

**Item No.5. To report the status of the position of the Old Audit inspection Report/Paras outstanding as on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

The Council noted the Standing Audit Committee meeting minutes where directions have been issued for compliance and settlement of old audit paras which was held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The Council directed to make efforts to close the outstanding audit para's in next audit of ICPR.

**Item No.6. To consider the status of expenditure as on 19.02.2021.**

The Council noted the expenditure details of the Council as on 19.02.2021.

**Item No.7. To consider the budget Estimate for the year 2021-22.**

The Director (A&F) brief about the Budget estimate for financial year 2021-22 The Council meeting approved the Budget Estimate for Financial Year 2021-22 for further consideration by Administrative Ministry.

**Item No.8. To consider the Academic Calendar for the year 2021-22.**

The Council noted and approved the Academic Calendar for the year 2021-22 which were placed as annexure.

**Item No.9. To consider the Separate Audit Report (SAR) for the year 2019-20.**

Director (A&F) briefed the items. The members deliberated and suggested some mechanism is required to recover outstanding advances. The Chairman briefed the Council that the Council is taking stringent action against those who are not settling the issue of outstanding advances for academic concerns viz. Seminar, Fellowship and Projects etc. The Member Secretary informed that the process is going on to recover the outstanding amount. The Council noted and approved.

**Item No.10. To report the printing of Annual Accounts and Annual Report of the Council for year 2019-20.**

The English version of the Annual Accounts and Annual Report of the Council for year 2019-20 was placed before the Council and it was unanimously approved.

**Item No.11. To report on the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 19.10.2020 and 02.03.2021, Governing Body held on 07.12.2020 and Research Project committee meeting held on 28.10.2020 and 23.02.2021.**

Comments from U.3 Section, MoE - Item No.14 and 25 of Governing Body held on 07.12.2020:

The decision taken is in contravention to the advice of IFD, M/o Education. The proposal in these matters may be sent to the Ministry for examination. Till the decision of Ministry, the decision of Governing Body may be kept in abeyance.

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05/17/2021

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Comments from IFD Section, MoE-

1. Our comments in respect of agenda item No. 14, 25 & 30 of 87<sup>th</sup> Governing Body meeting sent vide letter No. 10/2/2009-IFD.pt dated 04.12.2020 are re-iterated.
2. Subject to above and subject to compliance of relevant GoI rules and ICPR norms/guidelines, minutes may be considered.

Discussion/Decision in the Council - The Council noted the report on the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 19.10.2020 and 02.03.2021, Governing Body held on 07.12.2020 and Research Project committee meeting held on 28.10.2020 and 23.02.2021.

**Item No.12. To report the appointment on a compassionate ground of Shri Vinay Kumar for the post of LDC and recruitment on contractual basis of Shri Rakesh Kumar as LDC and Shri Sumit as a M.T.S. in January 2021.**

The Council noted the appointments of Shri Vinay Kumar, LDC as compassionate ground at ICPR, New Delhi dated 25.08.2020 and Shri Rakesh Kumar as LDC (contractual basis) and Shri Sumit as a M.T.S. (contractual basis) in January 2021.

**Item No.13. To report of joining of Shri Saroj Kanta Kar, Programme Officer at ICPR Delhi.**

The Council noted and approved the joining/repatriation of Shri Saroj Kanta Kar, as Programme Officer and joined on 22.01.2021 (forenoon) at ICPR, New Delhi.

**Item No.14. To report the status of two representative from Indian Philosophical Congress (IPC).**

The following two representatives of IPC had been noted and approved by the Council:

1. Dr. Dilip Kumar Mohanta
2. Professor S. Panneerselvam

**Item No.15. To report the present status of Key Group 'A' post and Group 'B' post at ICPR.**

The Council noted and approved the requirements of key post of Group 'A' and Group 'B' at ICPR office.

**Item No.16. To consider inclusion of Gratuity for Council employees under New Pension Scheme (NPS) offer implementation of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC.**

Comments from U.3 Section, MoE - The relevant order of Dept of Pension and pensioners Welfare for payment of Gratuity to the employees of Central Autonomous Bodies, who are covered under NPS after implementation of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC, shall be forwarded to the Council for implementation as and when such as order is received in the Ministry.

*K. Anand*  
08/12/2021

*R. C. Srinivas*  
13/7/2021

Comments from IFD Section, MoE- As on date, this facility has not been extended by the Government to the employees of Autonomous Bodies.

Discussion/Decision in the Council - The Director (A&F) briefed that payment of Death-cum-Retirement gratuity is covered under ICPR Service Regulations (SR) No.33 of 1991. It is clearly mentioned that gratuity shall be applicable as applicable to Government employees. The Council noted and approved the inclusion of Gratuity for Council employees under New Pension Scheme after implementation of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC and suggested to write a letter to administrative ministry for guidance and for budget provision in the Council's budget.

**Item No.17. To report on the status of Enquiry Committee report and new financial anomalies found against Shri Sreekumaran S.**

Comments from U.3 Section, MoE - May be considered as per rules.

Comments from IFD Section, MoE- Detailed proposal with specific recommendation of the ICPR should be forwarded to the Ministry of Education, at the earliest.

Discussion/Decision in the Council - The Council members thoroughly discussed the item and decided that a Special Audit should be carried out through CAG for investigation/audit on all matters relating to Shri Sreekumaran S., Ex-Accounts Officer, ICPR. The Pension of Shri Sreekumaran may not be stopped till the outcome of Special audit. The copies of documents related to enquiry report may be provided to the applicant for sufficient opportunity of justice. Further necessary action may be taken accordingly.

**Item No.18. To consider the case of Shri Ashwani Mishra, MTS (ad hoc), ICPR, New Delhi.**

Comments from U.3 Section, MoE - ICPR should wait for the final outcome of the Court case and act accordingly as per rule.

Further, the action taken by ICPR in last fifteen (15) years to vacate the stay order of Hon'ble High Court dated 10.02.2006 should be placed before the Governing Body.

The report provided at Page 192 of annexure for the Agenda item is incomplete. As the stay order of Hon'ble High Court is not provided. Further information provided in Page 193 of Annexure is incomplete.

Comments from IFD Section, MoE- The agenda item is not recommended.

Discussion/Decision in the Council - The Council considered the matter and decided to confirm the employee as decided in 87<sup>th</sup> Governing Body at agenda item no. 30 and G.B, decided to regularise his services w.e.f. 13.02.2006. The Council also decided to take a legal advice on the matter before taking necessary action.

**Item No.19. To report free basic camp for health check-up organize in ICPR, New Delhi and Lucknow office.**

The Council noted the free basic camp for health check-up organize in ICPR, New Delhi and Lucknow office.

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08/12/2007

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13/11/2007



**Item No.20. To consider draft MOU of ICPR for the year 2021-22.**

The Council considered and approved the MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) between ICPR and Administrative Ministry for the year 2021-22.

**Supplementary agenda:**

**Item No.21. To report the filing of Writ Petition (C) No.2921/21 daed 03.03.2021, Dr. Jahira Khatun Versus Director (A&F), ICPR & others.**


The Council noted the Writ Petition (Civil) No.2921/21 dated 03.03.2021 filed under Article 226 Versus Director (A&F), ICPR and others and decided to send a counter affidavit to the Court. The Council authorized Director (A&F), ICPR to engage lawyer from office side and take further necessary on this matter.

Any other Item with the permission of the Chairman.

Dr. Jai Shankar, Sr. Consultant at Academic Centre Lucknow has requested for age relaxation to apply the post of Programme Officer. Similarly, Mr. M. Chakraborty has also requested age relaxation for the post of Administrative Officer. The matters were thoroughly discussed in the Council meeting. The Ministry representative stated that Govt. Of India rules should be followed for any such relaxation. Member Secretary and Chairman were authorised to look into the matter according to Govt. Of India rules and RR rules of 1991 of the Council. The matter should be placed in the Governing Body for discussion and approval/recommendation and thereafter may be placed before Council for further consideration.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to members of Council.

  
(Professor Kumar Ratnam)  
Member-Secretary

  
(Professor R.C. Sinha) 13/7/2021  
Chairman