

**Minutes of the 77th Research Project Committee meeting
held on 7th January, 2015 at 2.00 p.m. at Indian Council of
Philosophical Research, Darshan Bhawan , New Delhi.**

The meeting of the 77th Research Project Committee of ICPR was held on 7th January 2015 at 2.00 p.m. at Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi.

The following members of the Committee attended the meeting.

Professor Mrinal Miri	Chairman
Professor P.R. Bhat	Member
Professor Rakesh Chandra	Member
Professor V.N. Jha	Member
Professor Kanchana Mahadevan	Member
Professor V.T. Sebastian	Member
Dr. Manendra Pratap Singh	Member Secretary

Professor Mihir Chakraborty and Professor Amitabha Dasgupta expressed their inability to attend the meeting. Professor Jonardon Ganeri could not attend the meeting.

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to the members of the Research Project Committee (RPC)

Item No 1 To confirm the Minutes of the Research Project Committee meeting held on June 18, 2014.

The Minutes of the meeting of the 76th RPC meeting held on June 18, 2014 were confirmed.

Item No 2 To report on the action taken on the minutes of the meeting of the RPC held on June 18, 2014.

The RPC noted and approved the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the last RPC meeting held on June 18, 2014. The report was approved with the following observations.

Regarding item No.11 & 12 of the minutes of the RPC, it was resolved that the office should write to the designated authors of the series on Makers of Modern Indian Philosophy and of the 9 other monographs.

Regarding item No.10 of the minutes of the RPC, Professor Rakesh Chandra informed that the schedule originally planned is being implemented and the programmes will continue till the end of March 2015.

Regarding the research orientation/methodology workshops, it was decided that these should be video-graphed and the recordings should be uploaded on the Council's website for wider benefit of scholars.

With regard to Item no.13, the Member Secretary briefed the Committee that the work on the backlog volumes of JICPR on various

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thematic issues is in progress. The volume on "Feminism" is being edited by Professor Asha Mukherjee and the volume on "Reading Indian Philosophy in English" is being edited by Professor Mohini Mullick.

With regard to Item no. 20 (b) the RPC requested Professor Rakesh Chandra to send a proposal to the Council for audio visual recordings of interviews of philosophers - recordings which can then be uploaded on the Council's website.

Item No 3 To consider the recommendations of the Sub-Committee of the RPC which met on 28th October 2014.

The RPC noted and approved the recommendations of the sub-committee of the RPC which met on October 28, 2014. With regard to Item No.1 (S.No.5) it was resolved that the organizers of the seminar be asked to reconsider the title of the seminar. Regarding item no. 2, it was decided that a copy of the paper presented by Dr. Rekha Navneet be forwarded to the Editor, JICPR for consideration of publication in the journal.

Regarding Item no.7 (b) The RPC further decided that Professor Mihir Chakraborty should be requested to send a detailed proposal for establishing a chair in Logic for 5 years in Presidency University, Kolkata. The Chairman also reported to the Committee that a proposal for 5 Chairs in different Universities of the country is being prepared for inclusion in the budget for 2015-16.

Item No 4 To consider the recommendation of the Fellowship Selection Committee.

The RPC noted and approved the recommendations of the Fellowship Selection Committee. However, it was decided that the award of SF to Dr. Akash Singh Rathore will be kept in abeyance pending clarification, from the Government regarding grant of fellowships by the Council to OCI candidates.

The RPC also decided that nominations for National Fellowships may be invited from members of the Council and others. An announcement to this effect may be posted on the ICPR website.

Item No.5 To report on the recommendations of the proposals received for World Philosophy Day programme and periodic Lectures.

The RPC noted and approved the recommendations of the Committee for the selection of Universities/Institutions/Colleges for organizing the World Philosophy Day and Periodic Lectures during the year 2014-15.

Item No.6 To consider the recommendations of the Projects Committee.

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The RPC approved the recommendations of the Projects Committee. However, with regard to Dr. Sujatha Reddy's project proposal, it was decided that she be asked to submit a proposal for translation of a text with philosophical rather than literary content.

All other proposals were approved. The new guidelines for the projects will be applicable in these cases.

Item No. 7. To report on the Lectures Programmes at Lucknow Centre of the Council on 'Makers of Indian Philosophy' Series.

The RPC noted and approved the Lecture Programme for four lectures in the series 'Makers of Modern Indian Philosophy Series'. It also approved an amount of Rs.65,000/- per lecture.

Item No. 8. To consider resignation from Fellowships by four Fellows of the Council.

The RPC noted the resignations of the following Fellows:

Sl. No.	Name	Topics
1.	Dr. Jeetendra Yadav, G.F. w.e.f. 1.10.2013 to 17.07.2014	Prem Ki Avadharna Ka Darshanik Samikshatmak adhyayan.
2.	Ms. Sreetama Mishra, JRF w.e.f. 10.10.2013	Solidarity Rights and the prospect of Planetary-Global Ethics: A Philosophical Inquiry
3.	Sh. Pankoj Kanti Sarkar, JRF w.e.f. 1.4.2014 to 1.8.2014	Environmental Ethics and Future Generation : Some observations

Item No. 9. To consider requests for extension of Fellowship.

The RPC considered the requests for the extension of Fellowship from Dr. Devendra Jatav, General Fellow, working on "Tanav Prabandhan Evam Yog Ki Prasangikata" and from Dr. Mahesh Chandra, General Fellow working on project 'Vak Tattva ka Darsanik paryalochana'. However, it regretted that extension cannot be granted to them.

Item No. 10. To consider the matter regarding change of university for affiliation of Fellows.

The RPC approved the change of University for affiliation of:

- Shri Mukesh Kumar Behera, JRF from Pondicherry University to ISM, Dhanbad w.e.f. 10th September 2014.
- Ms. Mayavee Singh, JRF from Goa University to ISM, Dhanbad, w.e.f. October 2014.


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Item No. 11. To report on the decisions taken by the Chairman on 5 year gap between two fellowships.

The RPC noted and approved the decision taken by the Chairman on 5 year gap between two Fellowships which states:

A Fellow after having successfully completed the term (2 years) of his fellowship will be eligible to apply again after 3 years (2+3) of the completion of his fellowship. (This is the only meaning possible of the phrase "5 years from the date of acceptance of the fellowship". Therefore, within a span of 5 years from the date of acceptance of a fellowship, no other fellowship can be given to the same person by ICPR.

Item No. 12. To report on the termination of Shri Vijay Raj Panchariya, JRF at Jai Narain University, Jodhpur.

The RPC noted the termination of Shri Vijay Raj Panchariya, JRF of Jai Narain University, Jodhpur.

Item No. 13. To consider the agreement signed between ICPR and Springer for the JICPR.

The RPC noted and approved the agreement signed between ICPR and Springer for JICPR on 17th October 2014.

Item No. 14. To consider books as non-assets for the Fellows and Grantees of projects, and allowing them to retain the same with them.


The RPC considered and approved retaining of books by the grantees of projects as non-assets at par with the Fellows of the Council. In addition, the RPC approved retaining by a Fellow of a laptop costing not more than Rs.50,000/-, and a printer costing not more than Rs.10,000/- purchased from the contingency grant in connection with his/her work on his/her research project.

Item No. 15. To consider releasing of funds to Ms. Sabita Samanta for a Project.

The RPC considered and approved carrying forward release of funds in the current year to Ms. Sabita Samanta for working on the project, "*Environmental Crisis and Solution: An Approach from Indian Philosophy and Religions Culture*".

Item No. 16. To consider the publication of the manuscript entitled *Nyayaratnadipavali of Anandambhava* by Dr. Kanshi Ram.

The RPC approved the publication of the manuscript entitled *Nyayaratnadipavali of Anandamibhava* by Dr. Kanshi Ram in collaboration with M/s Motilal Banarasi Lal publishers.

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Item No. 17. To consider the request for change of venue of the University by Dr. R.B.S. Verma for organizing a seminar.

The RPC approved the change of the venue of the University by Dr. R.B.S. Verma for organizing the Seminar on Tribal Rights : Philosophical Base, Problems and Prospects" from Udaipur to Jain Vishva Bharati Institute Ladnun.

Item No. 18. To report on the sanction given to Professor Rakesh Batabyal, Associate Professor for organizing 3-day Annual Session of the India History Congress.

The RPC noted and approved the sanction of Rs. 1.00 lakh given to the 3 day Annual Session of the Indian History Congress organized by Professor Rakesh Batabyal to cover the discussions on Philosophical issues.

Item No. 19. To consider the following seminar proposals for a financial assistance.

The RPC approved the following seminar proposals.

Sl. No.	Name	Purpose	Topic	Amount approved
1	Prof. Prajit K. Basu, University of Hyderabad	International Seminar 8-10 Jan. 2015	Internationality Normativity and Objectivity	Rs.2.50 Lakhs
2	Dr. Md. Sirajul Islam, Vishwa Bharati, Shantiniketan	National Seminar	Women Issues in Philosophy and Religion	Rs.2.25 Lakhs
3.	Dr. Rajkumar Modak	Workshop at SKB, University, 2-22 January 2015 at Purulia	Philosophy through the Analysis of Language	Rs.4.75 lakhs. They must revise the budget and should reduce no of days to 10 days.
4.	Dr. Pravesh Kumar Srivastava, BHU, Varanasi	Conference on Religion, Ritual and Archeology, 16-17 January 2015	Religion Philosophy	Rs. 2.00 lakhs.

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Supplementary Agenda

Item No. 20. To consider the recommendation of the Book Grant Committee.

The RPC considered and approved the recommendations of the Book Grant Committee.

Item No. 21. To consider the seminar proposals received by the Council.

The RPC deferred the seminar proposals of the following to the relevant Committee.

Sl. No.	Name	Purpose	Topic	Amount asked for
1.	Prof. R.C. Panda Coordinator, Malviya Nagar Centre for Ethics & Human Values, BHU, Varanasi	2-day Seminar During 6-7 Feb. 2015	Contemporary Society & Human Values	Rs.81,000/-
2.	Dr. Dilip Kumar Rana, Director, Chinmaya International Foundation, Shodha Sansthaan Ernakulam, Kerala	International Conference from 18-21 Nov. 2015	The Contribution of Advaita Vedanta to Humanity	Rs.15.00 lakhs
3.	Dr. Ajay Parmar Asstt. Professor, Dept. of History, MPG College, Mussoorie	Two days Seminar	Buddhist Philosophy: Old Glory & Future Prospects.	3.00 lakhs

Item No. 22. To consider the request of Dr. Snehlata Kusum, GF, to keep her fellowship in abeyance.

The RPC approved the extension of fellowship for 6 months to Dr. Snehlata Kusum, GF who is working on her project on "Bharatiya Sanskriti ke Vikaas mein Ramaayan aur Mahabharat ka Yogdaan: Swami Vivekananda ki drishti" at BHU, Varanasi. This is in lieu of the six month period (from April to September 2014) for which her Fellowship was kept in abeyance owing to maternity leave.

Item No. 23. To consider publication of the manuscript on *Love and Friendship* in the Indian Context and Sigmund Freud by Manashi Dasgupta.

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The RPC approved the publication of the manuscript on *Love and Friendship* in the Indian Context and Sigmund Freud by Manashi Dasgupta with co-publisher M/s. D.K. Printworld.

Item No. 24. To consider additions in the guidelines formulated for Fellowships.

The RPC considered and approved the additions as given below of the fellowship clauses to be incorporated in the guidelines formulated for fellowships.

- (i) Pending dues of the Fellows should not be entertained beyond 4 years of the fellowship period from the date of acceptance of fellowship. Submission of final manuscript within this period is mandatory.
- (ii) The contingency grant due to the Fellow should be claimed within 3 months of the submission of the manuscript. Thereafter the claim will be treated as time barred.

Item No 25. To consider additions in the guidelines formulated for Projects.

The RPC approved the following clauses as addition to the guidelines for Project.

- (1) The Major project grants should not exceed Rs.10.00 lakhs and the duration may be for 2 years.
- (2) The Project Director/coordinator who is unemployed is entitled for an honorarium of Rs.25,000/- per month for carrying out the work.
- (3) The publication Rights will be solely with the Council.
- (4) Project coordinator is entitled for DA of Rs.1000/- per day while visiting other places within the country. The places to be visited should be informed to the Council and should be part of the approved project.
- (5) All the original vouchers should be submitted to the Council for settlement of accounts.

Item No 26. To consider a project proposal received from Dr. Sumitra Purkayastha, J.B. College, Jorhat.

The RPC resolved that the project proposal received be referred to the Project Committee.

Item No 27. To consider the travel grant request of Shri Aditya Angiras for participating in the International Seminar in Japan.

The RPC resolved that the request of Shri Aditya Angiras for participating in the International Seminar in Japan be referred to the travel grant Committee.

Item No 28. To consider a topic for the Essay Competition-Cum-Young Scholars Seminar for 2014-15.

The RPC decided on the topic, "The Idea of India" for the Essay Competition-Cum-Young Scholars Seminar to be held during 2015-16.

Item No 29. To consider the recommendations of the travel grant Committee.

The Committee approved the recommendations of the travel grant committee for 50% air fare to be given to

1. Mrs. Harsha P. Balkar
2. Dr. Anita Valmiti
3. Dr. Suneet Varma

Item No 30. To consider grants for projects

The RPC approved the Project grants to the following scholars

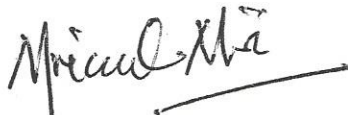
Sl. No.	Name of Scholars	Topic	Grants (in Rs.)	Period
1.	Dr. Preeti Singh	Sufism - A Study of its Historical Perspectives and Elements of Communal Harmony In an Age of Conflict	10.00 lakhs	2 yrs.
2.	Dr. Lalima Dhar Chakrabarti	Philosophy of Rabindra Sangeet	6.00 lakhs	2 yrs.
3.	Dr. Reena Patra	Ethnic Identity Nationalism & Culture: Phenomenological Grounding for otherness in North-East India.	10.00 lakhs	2 yrs.

Item No 31. Any other item.

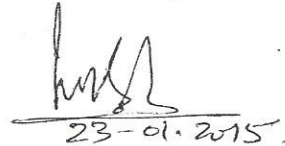
- I) Professor Rakesh Chandra put forward the following proposals.
 - (a) The Chairman should consider writing to State Governments requesting them to take steps to introduce philosophy at plus two level on the pattern of CBSE.
 - (b) There should be on-line courses of 4 weeks with written assignment open to 30 participants with one Coordinator. The courses should be on Indian Realism, Indian Materialism, Philosophy of Culture, Philosophy of Science and Philosophical Analysis.
 - (c) Research Methodology workshops should be for 10 days and should be video-graphed and uploaded on the Council's website. The workshops should be conducted in different parts of the country.

- (d) Academic activities at Lucknow could be conducted in the Centre and other locations as and when required.
- (e) There should be an ICPR journal for young scholars, to be titled, 'Reflection'.
- (f) The Council should prepare model research proposals in different areas of philosophy for the guidance of Fellowship aspirants. Each proposal should be accompanied by a comprehensive reading list.
- II) Professor Kanchana Mahadevan also suggested that there should be a move to introduce Philosophy at the High School level as in the West. The RPC decided that a proposal may be worked out and a Committee will go into its detail.
- III) Professor V.N. Jha reiterated his earlier suggestion that there should be a multi-volume project on a source Book of Indian Philosophy.
- IV) It was also suggested that the provision of foreign travel grant be extended to PhD. Students also.

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



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