

**Minutes of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Governing Body Meeting to be held on December 04, 2024 at 11:30 AM, at Mahogany Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi**

The 93<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Governing Body of the Council was held on December 04, 2024 at 11:30 AM at Mahogany Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The following members were present:

1. Professor Deepak Kumar Srivastava	Chairman
2. Professor S.K. Singh	Member
3. Professor Shrinivasa Varakhedi	Member
4. Professor Sambath Kumar	Member
5. Professor Bindu Puri	Member
6. Representative of Secretary, MoE	Member
7. Representative of Financial Advisor, MoE	Member
8. Professor Sachchidanand Mishra, Member-Secretary, ICPR	Member

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Professor N.N.Chakraborty
2. Professor Ashish Pandey

The Chairman welcomed all the members and with the permission of the Chair, Member-Secretary, ICPR took up the agenda.

**Item No.1 To confirm the minutes of the Governing Body meeting held on April 4, 2024**

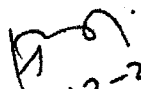
**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** Subject to strict compliance of the relevant Statutory provisions and also strict compliance of the related Govt. of India instructions and guidelines including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission, the minutes may be confirmed.

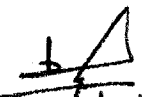
**Decision:** The Governing Body approved the minutes of the Governing Body meeting held on April 4, 2024.

**Item No.2 To report about the Action Taken on the minutes of the Governing Body meeting held on April 4, 2024**

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** Subject to strict compliance of the relevant Statutory provisions and also strict compliance of the related Govt. of India instructions and guidelines including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission, the action taken may be noted.

**Decision:**

  
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Regarding Item No.10, regarding legal opinion in respect of Shri Sreekumaran.S, Governing Body discussed this matter and suggested that a legal action may be initiated by filing a case against Shri Sreekumaran. S.

Regarding Item No.18, to modify in the object/thrust areas of seminar, the Governing Body recommended to hold the meeting within one month.

The Governing Body members discussed the other part of Action Taken Report of and noted the Action Taken by the Council.

**Item No.3** To consider the minutes of the Finance Committee of the Council held on June 27, 2024 and November 29, 2024

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** Subject to strict compliance of the relevant Statutory provisions and also strict compliance of the related Govt. of India instructions and guidelines including those issued by the Central Vigilance Commission, the minutes of 35<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee may be confirmed.

**Decision:** The Governing Body approved the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on June 27, 2024 and November 29, 2024.

**Item No.4** To report about the expenditure incurred upto November 25, 2024 for the year 2024-25

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** May be noted after detailed discussion in the meeting as per GFRs, 2017 and other relevant GOI Instructions.

**Decision:** The Governing Body noted the expenditure incurred upto November 25, 2024 for the year 2024-25.

**Item No.5** To consider additional/alternation and up-gradation work of toilet and replacement/installation of LED Luminaries at ICPR Building, New Delhi

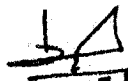
**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** May be noted after detailed discussion in the meeting as per GFRs, 2017 and other relevant GOI Instructions.

**Decision:** The Governing Body noted additional/alternation and up-gradation work of toilet and replacement/installation of LED Luminaries at ICPR Building, New Delhi

**Item No.6** To approve Annual Accounts of the Council for the year 2023-24

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** Subject to the condition that the preparation and presentation of Annual Accounts for the year 2023-24 are strictly as per the Revised Formats of Accounts for CEIs and instructions/guidelines for which were issued

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vide MoE's letter No.29-4/2012-IFD dated 17.4.2015, the Annual Accounts for the year 2023-24 may be recommended for approval.

**Decision:** The Governing Body approved the Annual Accounts of the Council for the year 2023-24.

**Item No.7. To consider and approve the MoU between the Council and Ministry of Education for the year 2024-25.**

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** May be considered for approval. Further, changes in the Mou, if any, may be specifically highlighted and discussed in the meeting.

**Decision:** The Governing Body approved the MoU between the Council and Ministry of Education for the year 2024-25 to be sent to the MoE.

**Item No.8. To consider the Academic Calendar for the year 2024-25.**

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** May be considered for approval after detailed discussion in the meeting.

**Decision:** The Governing Body discussed this item in detail and recommended that in January/February month of every year the Academic Calendar for next financial year may be placed before the Governing Body for approval divided on every quarter. It should also include thrust areas as mentioned in the Action Taken Report. It should also include the tentative schedule of statutory meetings of the Council.

**Item No.9 To report about the Audit conducted by the Internal Audit Wing of Ministry of Education**

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** The pending paras may be discussed in detail in the meeting and may be settled at the earliest as per relevant GoI rules.

**Decision:** The Governing Body members discussed the pending audit paras in detail and recommended the following:

Regarding Para No.2, a reminder letter regarding Corpus fund may be sent to the MoE.

Regarding Para No.3, non-adjustment of long outstanding contingent advances amount to Rs.3,78,09,592/= a strong letter may be sent to the concerned defaulters Registrars/Vice-Chancellors and in case they are not returning the outstanding advances, they may be blacklisted and list of the same may be put on Council's website.

Regarding Para No.15, non-disposal of obsolete/condemned vehicle, the Council representative informed the members that official car to be condemned is placed at ICPR Office, Lucknow bearing and the concerned authority to declare the vehicle condemned at Luknow is not doing since the vehicle registration number is of Delhi. Bringing vehicle

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Delhi, it will be costly. Now, the Council can follow the scrap procedure to condemn the vehicle. The Governing Body approved the proposal to condemn the vehicle at the earliest. Regarding Para No.22, regarding irregularities in the promotion/appointment of Shri D.P. Bhattacharya, Senior P.A, a legal opinion may be sought.

In addition, a services of retired officers of GoI having experience with DGACR may be taken for preparing proper replies of pending audit paras.

**Item No.10 To consider pay fixation case of Professor Sachchidanand Mishra, Member-Secretary, ICPR**

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** The proposal may be discussed in detail in the meeting in the light of relevant GoI instructions/guidelines.

**Decision:** The Governing Body members discussed this matter at length and recommended that a detailed proposal may be sent to DoPT through MoE regarding pay fixation case of Professor Sachchidanand Mishra, Member-Secretary, ICPR.

**Item No.11 To report payment of Honorarium to conduct an Enquiry related to publication of *Cosmic Infinity* book**

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** May be ratified after detailed discussion in the meeting in the light of relevant GOI Instructions.

**Decision:** The Governing Body approved payment of Honorarium to conduct an Enquiry related to publication of *Cosmic Infinity* book subject to the strict compliance of relevant GoI rules.

**Item No.12 To consider revision of pay of Shri Ashwini Mishra, MTS**

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** May be discussed in detail in the meeting in the light of relevant GoI instructions/guidelines.

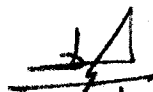
**Decision:** The Governing Body did not approve revision of pay of Shri Ashwini Mishra, MTS and also stop medical facility provided to him.

In addition, the salary given to other Contract employees was also discussed and Governing Body recommended that the contract employees should be hired following the similar terms and conditions adopted by ICSSR and the salary of Contract employees may be given as per the practice/terms and conditions followed by ICSSR.

**Item No.13: To purchase the following capital assets for ICPR Office, New Delhi**

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** May be considered for approval after detailed discussion in the meeting in the light of GFRs, 2017 and other relevant GoI guidelines/instructions.

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**Decision:** The Governing Body approved purchase of one Lap Top for ICPR Academic Centre Office only.

**Item No.14 Implementation of e-office in the Council**

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** Detailed proposal may be sent to the Ministry for consideration.

**Decision:** The Governing Body discussed this item in detail and recommended that the ICPR Office should visit NIC Office for implementation of e-office in the council at the earliest and after getting necessary estimate for implementation of e-office in the Council, send a detailed proposal to MoE for approval.

**Item No.15 Implementation of the PM SuryagharMuft Bijli Yojana**

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** May be considered for approval.

**Decision:** The Governing Body discussed the proposal about implementation of the PM Suryaghar Muft Bijli Yogana in the Council. The Council representative informed that they have sent necessary papers to Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd. (A Govt. of India Enterprise). They have informed telephonically that the roof top area of the council building is very limited and they are installing minimum 50 KV capacity solar plant and recommended that the Council should get it done from outside agency. The Council has requested them to send necessary email in this regard.

The Governing Body recommended to install Solar Plant after receiving positive email from the Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd. Only.

**Item No.16 To report the cases of Contract employment in the Council**

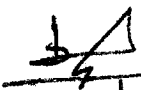
**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** It is observed that more than 50% of the sanctioned posts (sanctioned 61 and vacant 33) are vacant. Therefore, it is advised that all vacant live posts may be filled at the earliest as per approved recruitment rules. Further, efforts be made in filling up these posts may be placed before the meeting.

**Decision:** The Governing Body recommended to act as per the decision taken under above Item No.12 regarding the services of Contract employees in the Council.

**Item No.17 To report about the recruitment process in the Council**

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** May be noted.

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**Decision:** The Governing Body noted about the on-going recruitment process in the Council for the post of Director (Planning and Research), Superintendent and Assistant.

**Item No.18** To consider the case of Dr. Saroj Kant Kar, ex-Programme Office

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** May be considered as per the relevant GoI/ICPR instructions/norms.

**Decision:** The Governing Body recommended to start recruitment process for filling up the post of Programme Office as per ICPR RR.

**Item No.19** To report about the extension of Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Programme Officer

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** May be noted.

**Decision:** The Governing Body noted the extension of Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Programme Officer for 3 months against the lien vacancy or till the appointment of regular Programme Officer in the Council.

**Item No.20** Irregular payment of Rs.8,54,219/- for air travel by private Airlines

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** The proposal may be discussed in the meeting in the light of Ministry of Finance instructions dated 07.06.2016 and 19.07.2017. Thereafter, a detailed proposal with valid justification may be sent to MoE for consideration.

**Decision:** The Governing Body recommended that a detailed proposal may be sent to MoE for approval.

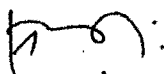
**Item No.21** Booking of Air Tickets of non-entitled employees

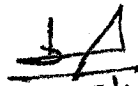
**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** The proposal may be discussed in the meeting in the light of relevant GoI instructions/guidelines. Further, it may also be clarified whether prior approval of Competent Authority have been obtained or not.

**Decision:** The Governing Body recommended that a detailed proposal may be sent to MoE for approval.

**Item No.22** To report Shri Rudra Vikram Singh in the Council's panel of advocates

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** May be ratified.

  
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**Decision:** The Governing Body noted the appointment of appointment of Shri Rudra Vikram Singh in the panel of advocates in ICPR.

**Item No.23** To report about the construction work by CPWD at ICPR Office, New Delhi

**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** May be noted.

**Decision:** The Governing Body noted the construction work by CPWD at ICPR Office, New Delhi.

**Item No.24** To approve draft Annual Report of the Council for the year 2023-24


**Comments of IFD Section (MoE):** May be discussed in the meeting.

**Decision:** The Governing Body approved the Annual Report of the Council for the year 2023-24.

Any other item


1. Director (ICR) suggested to take necessary steps to bring the functioning of ICPR in limelight. Professor Bindu Puri opined that although the ICPR is organizing/giving grants for good seminars, workshops and Conferences but the same are not reflected on the social media platforms, like Facebook, Twitter etc. Therefore, there is a need of projection of ICPR programs. The Council should under Thrust Area scheme also include the different programmes under Five Year Plan scheme so that necessary outline may be made for implementation of the same and also projected. Member-Secretary, ICPR briefed the GB members that the Council has initiated different programmes under Five Year Plan Scheme which have been approved by RPC and Council is starting process for implementation of those programmes shortly.
2. Professor S.K. Singh proposed that as Indian Philosophical Congress is completing 100-year next year and is planning to organize Centenary Year Programme, it should be in collaboration with ICPR preferably at Gujrat. He informed that in this regard, necessary proposal was sent to ICPR and requested Governing Body to approve the sme. The Governing Body approved the proposal of holding Centenary Year Programme of Indian Philosophical Congress in collaboration with ICPR.
3. Professor Bindu Puri stated that the Associate Editors of Journal of ICPR needs be reshuffled to improve the quality of the Journal. Member-Secretary, ICPR informed the members that the agenda item for the reconstitution of JICPR Editorial Board was put up in the 95<sup>th</sup> RPC and the following the direction of RPC, nominations are being invited. The names of JICPR Editorial Board and Associate Editors will be finalized in the coming RPC and subsequently will be reported to the Governing Body members.

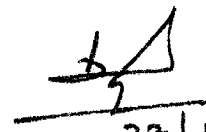
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4. Professor Sambathkumar suggested that Digital content should be created. The Member-Secretary updated the GB that it is taken in the five year action plan and same will be updated to the GB.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
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(Sachchidanand Mishra)  
Member-Secretary

  
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(Deepak Kumar Srivastava)  
Chairman