

Minutes of the 59th (virtual) Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, (Deemed to be University), Sarnath, Varanasi held on October 1st, 2020 at 3.00 p.m. through webinar.

The following members attended the meeting:-

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| 1. Prof. Geshe N. Samten
Vice-Chancellor
CIHTS, Varanasi. | Chairman |
| 2. Ms. Amita Prasad Sarbhai, IAS
Joint Secretary, Government of India
Ministry of Culture, New Delhi. | Member (MOC) |
| 3. Shri Harish Kumar
Director, Govt. of India
MoC (IFD), New Delhi | Member |
| 4. Ven. Geshe Lhakdor
Director (TWA)
Dharamsala. | |
| 5. Prof. K.T.S. Sarao
University of Delhi, Delhi | Member |
| 6. Dr. Amarjiva Lochan
University of Delhi, Delhi | Member |
| 7. Dr. S.P. Mathur
Registrar, IIT, BHU,
Varanasi. | Special Invitee |
| 8. Dr. Lobsang Tenzin
CIHTS, Sarnath
Varanasi | Member |
| 9. Dr. D.D. Chaturvedi
CIHTS, Sarnath
Varanasi. | Member |
| 10. Dr. Himanshu Pandey
Officiating Registrar, CIHTS, Sarnath. | Non-Member Secretary |

Dr. Amit Telang, IFS, Director (EA), MEA, Govt. of India, New Delhi, and Prof. Ram Raksha Tripathi could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the august members- particularly, Madam Amita Sarbhai, Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi and Shri Harish Kumar, Director (IFD) Government of India, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi for attending the BoG meeting on Webinar in spite of other hectic schedules in the Ministry. He also thanked to Prof. K.T.S. Sarao, Prof. Amarjiva Locha and Geshe Lhakdor, Director (TWA) for participating in the virtual meeting of the BOG. He further thanked Prof. Lobsang Tensin and Prof. D.D. Chaturvedi for attending the meeting of the Board of Governors. He also expressed his extreme hope in the guidance of the luminaries, which would let the Institute usher into a new era of development and achievement.

Agenda Item No. 59.1 **(i) Confirmation of the Minutes of the last(58th) meeting of the Board of Governors held on September 21, 2019 in the Committee Room of the Academic Building of the Institute at Sarnath, Varanasi.**

During discussions on Minutes of the 58th Board meeting, Madam Joint Secretary stated about the amendments made by the Ministry in the Draft Minutes of the 58th BoG. The Board observed the contents of the related amendments made by the Ministry. It was "*in any case Dr. Upadhyay must be relieved from the charge of the Registrar, CIHTS before 30-06-2020 so as to enable him to superannuate from his substantive post in his parent organization i.e. BHU. Any further appointment of the persons will be considered afresh exercise undertaken strictly in accordance with the existing Recruitment Rules for the post of Registrar, CIHTS*". The Board noted the above amendment. Observing all pros and cons of the fact, the Board confirmed the 58th Minutes of the BoG treating the amendments as a part of the Minutes of the 58th Board meeting.

(ii) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 29th June, 2020.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 29th June ,2020 were confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 59.2 **Action taken/present position on the resolution of the Governing Body taken at its last(58th) meeting held on September 21, 2019.**

The issue relating the case of Shri L.K. Mishra was discussed elaborately. The Chairman of the Board apprised the members about the whole scenario of the embezzlement made by Shri L.K. Mishra and thereafter action taken thereon. Madam Joint Secretary invited the attention of the Board stating that the penalty

imposed on the official does not commensurate with the gravity of the charge. The Chairman further clarified that Shri Mishra has been given compulsory retirement without his due promotion on the basis of the legal opinion taken on the report of the Inquiry Officer. He has gone to the Court and as such the matter is now Sub judies. Madam Jt. Secretary inquired about the amount already recovered and balance to be recovered. It was clarified by the Institute that as per the order, he was given a notice to deposit the amount of Rs. 18,57,000/-with interest @4% i.e. Rs. 32,95,908/-. Since Shri Mishra did not deposit the same, an amount of Rs. 15,40,066/- was recovered from his retirement benefits (Gratuity & Leave encashment) and he was informed that the rest amount i.e. Rs. 17,55,842 /- will be recovered from 7th CPC arrear and dearness relief.

With above observations the Board endorsed the action taken report.

Agenda Item No. 59.2 (ii) Action taken/present position on the resolution of the Special Meeting of the Governing Body meeting held on June 29, 2020.

The Board discussed the issues relating continuation of Dr. R.K. Upadhyay in the light of the resolution of the Special Meeting of the Board and further Office Order No. TI/VC/ADM/51-2020/1599 dated 1st July, 2020 issued in the light of the D.O. No.-BTI-13/3/2020-BTI dated 30th June, 2020 of the Govt. of India, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi related to withdrawal of the Office Order No. CIHTS/And-II/GNS/Registrar/560/16/2020-300 dated 30-06-2020. Thereafter, the Board unanimously endorsed the Office Order No. TI/VC/ADM/51-2020/1599 dated 1st July, 2020.

Reporting Items:

Agenda Item No. 59.3

59.3.1 Resignation of Shri Yishey Wangdu, Research Assistant, Department of Translation

Prof. Amarjiva Lochan expressed his apprehension observing the matter of resignation and voluntary retirement of the Institute's employees. The Chairman clarified that the resignation/ voluntary retirement of the employees concerned are on account of personal reasons of the employees concerned. In some cases, it is for better future either in India or abroad and in some cases its' relates with health conditions or so. Thereafter, the Board discussed each employee matter.

The Board discussed the matter relating resignation of Shri Yeshey Wangdu, Research Assistant, Department of Translation w.e.f. 1-04-2020 and endorsed the same.

**59.3.2 Resignation of Shri Jigme, Assistant Professor,
Department Tibetan Fine Arts, Faculty of Shilp Vidya.**

The Board discussed the matter relating resignation of Shri Jigme, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of Tibetan Fine Arts, Faculty of Shilp Vidya w.e.f. 14-06-2020 tendered via email dated 15-06-2020 and endorsed the same.

**59.3.3 Voluntary Retirement of Shri S. Bhattacharya (S.O.)
w.e.f. 30-09-2019.**

The Board discussed the voluntary retirement of Shri S. Bhattacharya (S.O.) W.e.f. 30-09-2019 and endorsed the same.

**59.3.4 Voluntary Retirement of Dr. Penpa Dorjee, Prof. Deptt. of
Restoration w.e.f. 31-10-2020.**

The Board discussed the voluntary retirement of Dr. Penpa Dorjee, Prof.(Restoration) w.e.f. 31-10-2020 and endorsed the same.

**59.3.5 Compulsory retirement of Shri Lavlesh Kumar Mishra,
S.A. (Account).**

The Board discussed the matter of Shri Lavlesh Kumar Mishra, who was given compulsory retirement vide Institute order no. CIHTS/Adm/Reg/Dis.C/2018-2614 dt. 10-12-2018 and endorsed the same.

**59.3.6 Engagement of Dr. Richard Tilakaratna as Visiting ,
Professor w.e.f. 01-01-2020 to 31-12-2020**

Prof. Amarjiva lochan expressed apprehension regarding the works of Dr. Richard Tilakaratna and enquired about his scholarship in the related field. He was also of the view that while engaging such Visiting Professors, the Institute should obtain the views of the academic members of the BoG like Prof. K.T.S. Sarao and himself as they could help in ascertaining the background & proficiency of the scholarship of such field of scholars. The Chairman clarified the doubts and also explained that he(Dr. Tilakratna) was here only for 2-3 months though agenda

stated that his engagement was for twelve month. During his period, the Institute started Diploma Courses in Pali language. Shri Harish Kumar, Director (IFD), Government of India, Ministry of Culture raised the question regarding whether proper Visa procedures had been followed in the case of Dr. Richard Tilakratna as it was not stated whether he was on teaching Visa/ or tourist visa. The Chairman stated that most probably he was on teaching visa. The BoG advised the CIHTS authorities regarding conforming to the laid down extant orders/guidelines & MEA clearance in such cases so as to ensure no undesirable activities gets permitted in the guise of visiting/guest faculty. The Chairman assured the Board that in future completion of required formalities will be ensured while engaging any foreign national. With this observation, the Board endorsed the engagement of Dr. Tilakaratna as Visiting Professor starting from January 7, 2020 to 23rd March, 2020.

**59.3.7 Re-engagement of Prof. Yeshi Thabkhey as Visiting ,
Professor w.e.f. 04-03-2020 for one year.**

The Board discussed the re-engagement of Prof. Yeshi Thabkey as Visiting Professor w.e.f. 04-03-2020 for a year to work on Neyartha Neetartha Project and endorsed the same.

**59.3.8 Increase in rate of wages for daily wagers/
Contract employees based on the circular dated 27-03-
2019 of Chief Labour Commissioner, Ministry of Labour
Employment Office, N. Delhi.**

The Board discussed the increase in the rate of wages for daily wagers/contract employees based on the circular dated 27-03-2020 of Chief Labour Commissioner, Ministry of Employment Office, New Delhi. Thereafter, the Board endorsed the Institute order bearing No. CIHTS/Adm-II/2020 dated 21-01-2020 issued for implementation of new rates for the daily wagers/contract employees.

**59.4 Audited Statement of Account for the year 2018-19
along with Audit observation and reply of the Institute
on the comments of the Audit.**

The Board discussed the Audited Statement of Account for the year 2018-19 and endorsed the same in the light of the recommendation of the F.C. meeting held on 1st October, 2020.

59.5 Annual report of the Institute for the year 2018-19

The Board discussed the Annual Report of the Institute for the 2018-19 and endorsed the same.

59.6 Revised Budget for the year 2019-20, Budget Estimate for the year 2020-21 and approved B.E. for the year 2020-21 by the Ministry (MoC).

Head(s)	R.E.2019-20 Rs. in Lakhs	B.E. Proposed 2020-21 Rs. in Lakhs	B.E. approved 2020-21 Rs. in Lakhs
Grant in Aid General 31	623.12	813.91	600.00
Grant in Aid Capital – 35	400.00	660.00	430.00
Grant in Aid Salary – 36	3511.80	2907.66	3013.56
96-31	1.00	3.00	2.00

The Board discussed and approved the above in the light of the approval of the F.C. in its last meeting held on 1st October, 2020.

59.7 Draft MoU to be executed between the Ministry of Culture(Moc), Govt. of India and Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath. Varanasi for year 2020-21

The Board discussed the Draft MoU to be executed between the Ministry of Culture (MoC), Govt. of India and Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi and endorsed the same.

59.8 Annual Statement of Account for the year 2019-20

The Board discussed the Annual Statement of Account for the year 2019-20 placed separately and endorsed the same in the light of the recommendation of the F.C. in its last meeting held on 1st October, 2020.

59.9 Recruitment Rules of the Institute for Non-teaching Staff.

The Board discussed the Recruitment Rules for Non-teaching staff and it was decided that the Institute would arrange to send the copy of the Recruitment Rules to the Administrative Ministry (MoC) for examination and thereafter, this will again be put up in the next Board for consideration and approval.

59.10 Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Item No. 1 Considering way of implementation for extending medical facilities to the employees of the Institute including pensioners.

The Board discussed the matter relating extension of medical facilities to the employees of the Institute and pensioners . The Board noted that the matter has already been discussed in the last meeting of the F.C. held on 1st October, 2020 and accordingly approved the recommendation of the F.C. in the matter.

Item No. 2 Considering R.E. for the year 2020-21 and B.E. for the year 2021-22.

The matter related to R.E. for the year 2020-21 and B.E. for the year 2021-22 was discussed elaborately. The Board noted that the matter has already been discussed in the last meeting of the F.C. held on 1st October, 2020 and accordingly approved the recommendation of the F.C. in the matter.

Item No. 3 To undertake project for translation of Pali Buddhist Canonical literature into Tibetan,

The Chairman apprised the Board members about the Project for translation of Pali Buddhist Canonical literature into Tibetan. He referred

the letter of Secretary to His Holiness, the Dalai Lama in which it is stated that it has been his holiness' long held wish to have translation of Buddhist Classical Treatises in Pali into Tibetan language. The Institute and Gaden Phodrang Office would together undertake this important project. However, the CIHTS have to prepare the project proposal and therefore the matter is before the Board for approval.

The Board discussed the project and approved it.

Item No. 4

Considering re-employment of Prof. D.R.Singh.

The Chairman apprised the Board that presently, there is only one teacher in Economics. Therefore, it would not be possible to meet out the required teaching load in the subject concerned. As per UGC rules, retired professors can be engaged on re-employment basis. Accordingly, the Institute constituted a Committee of experts to examine and report. The Committee has submitted its recommendation for re-employment (Contractual) for a period of 3 years in the Deptt. of Social Science. Further, the Committee has recommended to offer the emoluments equivalent to the last pay drawn minus pension as consolidated amount which will remain the same through -out the tenure of re-employment.

The Board discussed the matter and approved the re-employment of Prof. D.R. Singh as recommended by the said Committee adding therein that till the period of re-employment of Prof. Singh, no recruitment on the post be made.

Item No. 5

Considering Minutes of the 30th Academic Council meeting held on June 30, 2020.

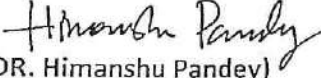
Prof. Amarjiva Lochan invited the attention of the Board on Ph.D in the Department of Sowa-Ripa and emphasized on the need of approval from Ayush Ministry for Ph.D. in the Department of Sowa-Rigpa. The Chairman clarified the situation relating Ph.D. in Sowa-Rigpa to the Board satisfaction. Thereafter, the Board approved the Minutes of the 30th Academic Council meeting held on June 30, 2020


Item No. 6

Considering Minutes of the 54th Finance Committee meeting held on 1st October, 2020 dat 9.30 a.m. through Webinar.

The Board discussed the Minutes of the 54th F.C. meeting held on 1st October, 2020 and approved the same.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to Chair.


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Officiating Registrar


(Prof. G.N. Samten)
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