
THE 24TH MEETING OF SOCIETY CIHTS, SARNATH, VARANASI

Minutes



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Minutes of the 24th meeting of the Society of Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi held on June 07, 2022 at 11.00 AM in the Conference Room of the Central Secretariat Library (CSL), Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri Govind Mohan, Secretary, Ministry of Culture.

A list of participants is given at Annexure – I

Prof. Bhaichung Tshering Bhutia, Associate Professor, Sikkim University, Shri Mrutyunjay Behera, Economic Advisor, Deptt. of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Geshe Lhakdor, Director, LTWA, Dharamsala and Shri Naveen Shrivastava, Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs could not attend the meeting.

Soon after this, with the permission of the Chair, the meeting was started and the agenda items were taken one by one.

<p>Agenda Item 24.1</p>	<p>Welcome of the august members of the Society and presentation of the progress of the last five years by the Vice Chancellor of the CIHTS.</p> <p>At the outset, the Vice Chancellor of the CIHTS welcomed all the members present in the meeting. He thanked the Chairperson, Shri Govind Mohan ji and all other august members for attending this 24th meeting of the Society and giving their precious time for the meeting. As this was going to be the first meeting after its reconstitution on 22.01.2022, the Vice Chancellor introduced each member of the Society to the Chair. Thereafter, the Chairman welcomed all the members of the meeting.</p> <p>Thereafter, the Vice Chancellor, CIHTS made a Power Point Presentation on the points briefly given below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, is moving forward successfully in pursuing the objectives envisaged by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Govt. of India for the preservation of Tibetan knowledge system and culture. • CIHTS has made significant advancement in teachings, research and activities of collaboration with other institutions and organizations within and outside India. • CIHTS has initiated an attempt to revive the ancient Nalanda tradition of sound interaction among the Indian philosophical schools. • Following the ancient tradition and being in the postmodern era, CIHTS has initiated interaction with Western philosophy and modern science. • The Ministry of Culture, Govt of India, has approved an amount of Rs. 91.22 crores for the construction of the
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building, furniture and equipment as proposed, and sanctioned an amount of Rs. 45.91 for the first phase of construction, which is about to be completed by the end of the year 2022.

- Golden Jubilee of the CIHTS was celebrated on the 1st January 2018. On that occasion, an international conference was organized on "*Mind in the Indian Philosophical Schools and Modern Science*". It was participated by eminent scholars of Vedanta, Mimansa, Vaisheshik, Naiyayik, Jain, Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism and scientists from India and abroad.
- In the last five years alone individual students have published 34 books of different nature.
- 6-7 journals of students of different groups were published before the pandemic.
- Students are given opportunities to participate in the international and national conferences and other national events for students.
- Various kinds of social works were undertaken by the teachers, students and staff in the adopted villages as well as in other villages during the pandemic.
- On the request of Shri Nitish Kumar ji, the Hon'ble CM of Bihar, a mega project of Hindi Translation of the entire works in Tibetan language brought by Mahapandit Rahul Sankrityayana from Tibet was launched. Five books are at the final stage to be published. Another important project of critical editing of the Sanskrit manuscripts brought by Mahapandit Rahul Sankrityayana from Tibet initiated. About 20 titles have been published
- On the request of the then CM of Sikkim, CIHTS assisted and guided to develop teaching department of the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology (NIT).
- The National Commission of Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) has designated CIHTS to conduct NEET Exam of Sowa Rigpa for the year 2021-22 and 2022-23.
- CIHTS has been honored by the Govt of India in the year 2018 as the best Buddhist academic institute in India and for the contribution it has made in teaching and research and helping other institutions for academic advancement. The PRASHASTI was given by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi ji on the Veshak Day.

After the presentation, Hon'ble Chairman inquired whether different courses of the Institute cover only Panch Maha Vidyas as per Tibetan Buddhist tradition or other modern subjects also. Replying to this, the Vice Chancellor informed that the Institute, through its Faculty of Adhunik Vidya, is providing education of modern subjects of Social Science like Political Science, Economics History etc. up to the Under Graduate level and Tibetan History in Post Graduate level also. It was further informed that on an average around 500 students study in the Institute each year.

<p>Agenda Item 24.2</p>	<p>Considering confirmation of the Minutes of the last (23rd) Meeting of the Society dated January 15, 2021.</p> <p>It was informed by the Vice Chancellor, CIHTS that the Minutes of the last (23rd) Meeting of the Society held on January 15, 2021 were sent to the members of the Society seeking suggestions/comments, if any, on the same. No suggestions/comments have been received from the august members till date. The Society may therefore, kindly consider and confirm the Minutes of the last (23rd) Meeting of the Society dated January 15, 2021.</p> <p>With the above observation, the Minutes of the last (23rd) meeting of the Society held on January 15, 2021 were confirmed.</p>	
<p>Agenda Item 24.3</p>	<p>Considering action taken/presents position on the decisions of the last (23rd) Meeting of the Society dated January 15, 2021.</p>	
<p>Item No</p>	<p>Agenda Item & decision</p>	<p>Action taken/present position</p>
<p>23.9</p>	<p>Considering to receive suggestion for the development of the Institute</p>	<p>In pursuance of the suggestions made by the August members of the Society a National Level seminar was organised by the Centre for Teacher Education, CIHTS on the topic Yoga and Mental Health in orders to provides training on mindfulness to solace the condition of the persons being emerged due to coved-19 effect.</p> <p>From the funds collected by the employee's contribution and Donation Fund of the Institute, The Institute distributed food grains, clothes and several other edible items to the needy households of the two adopted villages namely Paterwan and Bhusaudi situated in the Sarnath area of Varanasi.</p>
<p>The members of the Society considered the action taken by the Institute and endorsed it.</p>		

24.4	Reporting Items:				
24.4.1	<p>MoU between CIHTS and Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi. The Society endorsed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) executed between CIHTS and Ministry of Culture, Government of India for the year 2021-22.</p>				
24.4.2	<p>Audited accounts and certificate for the Financial Years 2020-21 already approved by the F.C. & BoG in its meetings held on February 11, 2022 and March 22, 2022 respectively. The Society noted that the issues related to approval of the Annual Audited Accounts and certificates for the F.Y. 2020-21 have already been discussed in the last meetings of the Finance Committee and Board of Governors held on February 11, 2022 and March 22, 2022 respectively, and approved these in the light of the recommendations of the F.C. and BoG.</p>				
24.4.3	<p>Annual Report for the year 2020-21. The Society noted that the matter related to approval of the Annual Report for year 2020-21 has already been discussed in BoG meeting held on 22nd March, 2022 and in the light of the recommendations of the BoG, the Society approved the same.</p>				
24.4.4	<p>Annual/ revised budget for the year 2021-22 and Budget Estimate for the year 2022-23 and approved BE for the year 2022-23 of the Institute duly approved by the F.C. and BoG in its meeting held on February 11, 2022 and March 22, 2022 respectively.</p>				
Rs.in Lakhs					
	Head (S)	BE (Proposed) 2021-22	BE (Approved) 2021-22	RE 2021-22	B.E. (Proposed) 2022-23
	GIA Salary (3.5.36)	3093.63	3480.00	2861.00	3632.96
	GIA General (3.5.31)	748.41	457.00	457.00	559.91
	Grant (CCA) (3.5.35)	430.00	1463.30	2964.50	550.00
	96-31	3.00	1.40	1.40	03.00
	Total	4275.04	5401.70	6283.90	4745.87
	<p>The Society noted that the matters related to approval of Annual/revised budget for the year 2021-22 and Budget Estimate for the year 2022-23 and approved BE for the year 2022-23 of the Institute have been duly discussed by the F.C. and BoG in its meeting held on February 11, 2022 and March 22, 2022 respectively, approved in the light of the recommendations of the F.C. and BoG.</p>				

<p>Agenda Item 24.5</p>	<p>Considering the observation of Audit related to implementation of EPF and ESI for temporary Employees (Contractual/daily wagers).</p> <p>The Registrar I/c of the CIHTS briefed the members about the issue. Referring to the Appendix F of the Agenda, he informed that the Audit team from the AGUP, Prayagraj has brought its observation in light through AIR that the CIHTS is not implementing Employee's Provident Fund (EPF) and Employee State Insurance (ESI) schemes even when it is obligatory on the part of the Institute to implement such social security bills as "provisioned constitutional requirement". The AIR further states that non-participation to these schemes is causing increasing statutory financial liability on the part of the Institute.</p> <p>In view of the above observations the matter is brought before the august members to allow the Institute to contribute the liabilities like EPF and ESI for the fixed and daily wagers employees of the Institute as it is "provisioned constitutional requirement".</p> <p>On this, the Director (BTI), MoC informed that the matter was discussed elaborately in the last meetings of the Finance Committee and Board of Governors. Differing to the Institute's demand for entering into agreement for EPF and ESI, it was resolved to change the mode of employment of these employees to outsourcing one in a way that present employees do not suffer and the outsourcing agency itself, shall take care of their registration for EPF and ESI.</p> <p>Putting up his view point on the matter, the Vice Chancellor, CIHTS, stated the fact that most of the works being carried out by the fixed and daily wager employees of the Institute are of specialized and traditional nature and as such it may not be feasible to get the services of these employees through outsourcing mode. Further; clarifying the apprehension that the Institute shall have to take care various liabilities of these employees such as regularization etc. in future, he referred the DoPT OM No. 49014/7/ 2020- Estt. (C) dated 7th October 2020, which says that the employee engaged as fixed/daily wager cannot claim for regularization. He also informed that some centrally governed institutions are providing EPF/ESI contributions for their temporary/contractual employees.</p> <p>After detailed discussions on the issue, the Chairman stated that the matter is not the one which can be resolved right here in the meeting as it involves various other aspects also to be considered. For a separate reference of the matter, he advised, that the Institute should send a write-up of the whole issue along with the precedents of other centrally funded Universities etc. to be considered by the Administrative Ministry. In the meanwhile, the decision taken in the meetings of BoG & Finance Committee in this regard, shall be hold over."</p>
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<p>Agenda Item 24.6</p>	<p>Considering the matter related to continuation of the programmes under the Centre for Teacher Education- CIHTS.</p> <p>Opening the discussions on the matter, the Registrar I/c of the CIHTS stated that the Institute has been providing B.A. B.Ed. & B.Sc. B.Ed. (4 years integrated course), and B.Ed. (2 years course) from the grant received from MHRD under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching Scheme since November, 2018.</p> <p>Under said PMMMNMTT scheme, the MoE sanctioned Rs. 9.5 crore under two different heads i.e. Recurring & Non-recurring. Further, Rs. 5.41 crore was sanctioned for the construction of new building of Centre for Teachers Education (CTE). The same has been completed by NBCC (India) Ltd. and handed over to the Institute in October, 2021. The newly constructed CTE building has been <i>inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji on 23rd December 2021</i> with a mission to awaken and develop the humane qualities of wisdom, compassion and art of creativity & innovation among teachers in perspective of National Education Policy – 2020.</p> <p>The courses of CTE are duly approved and sanctioned by National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE), New Delhi – the apex body of controlling and monitoring teachers' education in India.</p> <p>The course curriculum holds true spirit of NEP-2020 by focusing on Philosophy and logics and teaching through didactic and dialectic method common for both Science and Art stream.</p> <p>The PMMMNMTT scheme has been discontinued by the Govt. of India in March, 2021. Thereafter, with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, CIHTS, the Institute has been maintaining the expenditures incurred in the shape of the remuneration to the employees of CTE as well as miscellaneous expenditures and stipend etc. from donation fund of the Institute. Keeping the said course continued with support of donation fund would not be possible for a longer period.</p> <p>The matter was discussed in the meeting of FC and BoG held on 11.02.2022 and 23.03.2022 respectively. It has been resolved that to continue the course in the long run, the Institute should get approval from its "Society" and will not take further new admissions until it receives a favourable decision; however, in order to meet various other miscellaneous expenses like housekeeping, stationary, educational tours which are part</p>
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of course curriculum etc., the Board allowed to use up to Rs. 10 Lakhs per annum to meet the other miscellaneous (non-wages) expenses from the Institute's fund under GIA General (3.5.31) Head.

Therefore, the matter is being brought to the notice of the Society for consideration and decision for funding the CTE from the grant received by the Institute from MoC, Govt. of India so that the continuity of the said courses could remain intact in the interest of the students and to accomplish the mission in perspective of National Education Policy – 2020. The expected financial implication for running the said programmes of CTE shall be approximately Rs. Eighty lakhs annually.

Adding his view point on the matter, Prof. Rajanish Kumar Shukla, Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishvavidyalaya, Wardha stated that the passed out students from this centre (Centre for Teacher Education, CIHTS, Sarnath) are employed as trained teachers in (i) many Tibetan Children's Village (TCV) Schools providing primary and secondary level education situated in various Tibetan Settlements of the country and run by Education Department of Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), Dharamsala, H.P., (ii) Gompas (traditional monasteries-cum-educational institutions) situated in trans Himalayan and Himalayan regions of India, and (iii) State owned primary, middle and secondary level schools of various states like Himachal Pradesh, Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand etc. As the grant from PMMMNMTT scheme has stopped, it might not be possible for the Institute to continue the academic programs of CTE running unless the teaching and few non-teaching posts are sanctioned from the Government. We, as the members of the Society, should recommend the proposal for sanctioning the required number of posts for the CTE.

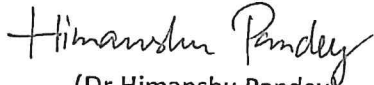
The Vice Chancellor, CIHTS added that not only the courses of CTE are duly approved and sanctioned by National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE), New Delhi, but the centre has received appraisal from this apex body for running the courses in a befitting manner.


On this, the Chairman stated that **it is quite praiseworthy that the students of this Centre are employed in the feeder cadre of various Government and Non-Government institutions of the country and therefore, the proposal for utilising the Institute grant for continuation of the programmes under the Centre for Teacher Education is approved. CIHTS, Sarnath should send a fresh proposal for creation of the required number of posts for the CTE along with justification, which shall be followed up by the Administrative Ministry at the right forum for permission.**

<p>Agenda Item 24.7</p>	<p>Considering the Re-employment of Prof. Lobsang Tenzin and Prof. Jampa Samten in the light of the UGC Rule.</p> <p>The Vice Chancellor, CIHTS stated that the Faculty of Sowa Rigpa-CIHTS offers UG/PG courses in Sowa Rigpa (Tibetan Medicine) which is duly recognized by National Commission of Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), Ministry of Ayush, New Delhi. As the courses of Sowa Rigpa are governed by the Council, the compliance of council's norms is mandatory. To comply upon the requirement of faculty members, Re-employment of Prof. Lobsang Tenzin (Ex- Dean, Faculty of Sowa Rigpa, CIHTS) may be considered.</p> <p>As per UGC rules, retired professors can be engaged on re-employment basis. Accordingly, the Institute constituted a committee of experts, as per UGC norms, to examine and report. The committee has submitted its recommendation for re-employment (contractual) for a period of 3 years in the Department of Sowa Rigpa. Further, the committee has recommended to offer the emoluments equivalent to the last pay drawn minus pension as consolidated amount which will remain same through- out the tenure of re-employment.</p> <p>Similarly, Prof. Jampa Samten (Ex- Head of the Department of Social Science, CIHTS) has also been recommended, by the Expert Committee, for re-employment (contractual) for a period of 3 years in the Department of Social Sciences. Further, the committee has recommended to offer the emoluments equivalent to the last pay drawn minus pension as consolidated amount which will remain same through- out the tenure of re-employment.</p> <p>Further, both of them are supervising the PhD scholars since the Academic session 2020-2021 i.e. before their superannuation and without their re-employment they cannot supervise their research scholars as per UGC rule.</p> <p>Therefore, the Society may consider the Re-employment of Prof. Lobsang Tenzin and Prof. Jampa Samten as per the recommendation of the Expert Committee.</p> <p>After detailed deliberations on the matter, it was decided that the Institute shall send a detailed proposal along with proper justification for reemployment of these two scholars for examination at the Administrative Ministry level. In the meantime, as the posts are to be filled through direct recruitment, advertisement for these vacant positions be published.</p>
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Agenda Item 24.8	Any other item with the permission of the Chair. There being no other matter for discussions, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.
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(Dr. Himanshu Pandey)
Registrar I/c


(Prof. Geshe N. Samten)
Vice Chancellor

APPENDIX - I

LISTS OF PARTICIPANTS

01	Shri Govind Mohan, IAS Hon'ble Secretary, MOC, GOI, New Delhi	Chairman
02	Prof. Geshe Ngawang Samten Vice Chancellor, CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi	Member
03	Ms. Deepika Pokharna Director (BTI), MOC, GOI, New Delhi	Member
04	Prof. Rajaneesh Kumar Shukla Vice Chancellor, M.G.A.H.V., Wardha (Maharashtra)	Member
05	Prof. Baidyanath Labh Vice Chancellor, NNM, Nalanda (Bihar)	Member
06	Prof. Lallan Prasad Singh 142, Maharaja Apartment, Dwarka New Delhi	Member
07	Dr. Namita Nimbalkar Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Mumbai	Member
08	Gehse Dorjee Damdul Director, Tibet House, New Delhi	Member
09	Prof. Tashi Tsering CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi	Member
10	Dr. Anirban Dash Associate Professor, CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi	Member
11	Dr. Lhakpa Tsering Asst. Professor, CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi	Member
12	Dr. Himanshu Pandey Registrar (Add. Charge), CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi	Non-Member Secretary



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02	Prof. Geshe Ngawang Samten V.C., CIHTS, Sarnath	
03	Ms. Amita Prasad Sarbhai, IRAS / Ms Deepika Pokharna Jt. Secretary (BTI), MOC, GOI, New Delhi Director, BTI	
04	Prof. Rajaneesh Kumar Shukla V.C., M.G.A.H.V., Wardha (Maharashtra)	
05	Prof. Baidyanath Labh V.C., NNM, Nalanda (Bihar)	
06	Prof. Bhaicung Tsering Bhutia Associate Professor, University of Mumbai	
07	Prof. Lallan Prasad Singh New Delhi	
08	Dr. Namita Nimbalkar Asst. Professor, University of Mumbai	
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