

# MINUTES

[63rd Meeting of the Board of Governors]  
held on 16.10.2025 at 12.00 PM in  
INA Conference Hall, Puratattva Bhavan, New Delhi



**Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies**  
(Declared as "Deemed to be University" under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956)  
**Sarnath, Varanasi**



**MINUTES OF THE 63<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS,**  
**CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF HIGHER TIBETAN STUDIES**

**HELD ON 16.10.2025 AT 12.00 PM IN THE INA Conference Hall, Puratattva Bhavan, New Delhi**

The following members attended the meeting:

1	Prof. Wangchuk Dorjee Negi Vice-Chancellor CIHTS, Varanasi.	Chairman
2	Shri Samar Nanda Joint Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi	Member
3	Ven. Geshe Lhakdor, Director, LTWA, Dharamsala	Member
4	Prof. Anagha Vishwas Joshi Department of Sanskrit and Prakrit, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, Maharashtra	Member
5	Prof. Madhumita Chattopadhyay Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Jadavpur, Kolkata, West Bengal	Member
6	*Prof. Adarasupally Nataraju, Centre for Philosophy, School of social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi	Member
7	Prof. Umesh Chandra Singh Dean, Faculty of Adhunik Vidya CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi	Member
8	Dr. Dakpa Senge Dean, Faculty of Hetu & Adhyatma Vidya CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi	Member
9	Ms Donngaih Ching, Representative of Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor (Ministry of Culture)	Member
10	Dr. Sunita Chandra, Registrar, CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi	Non-Member Secretary

\*Prof. Adarasupally Nataraju, Centre for Philosophy, School of social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi attended the meeting through video conferencing. Representative from UGC and Sh. Aniket Govind Mandavgane, Director (East Asia), could not attend the meeting.

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At the outset, Prof. Wangchuk Dorjee Negi, the Vice Chancellor of the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies and the Chairman of the Board welcomed the members to the meeting and expressed gratitude that Mr. Samar Nanda, Joint Secretary, had just returned from Russia and made it possible to join the meeting. The Vice Chancellor stated that this was the first Board meeting with Mr. Samar Nanda as Joint Secretary and expressed confidence that the institute would receive full support for development and growth from the ministry.

The Chairman expressed profound gratitude to Ven. Geshe Lhakdor, acknowledging his esteemed position as Director of the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives. Despite his exceptionally demanding schedule, which entails engaging with national and international scholars and delegations, Ven. Geshe Lhakdor graciously undertook the journey from Dharamsala to participate in the meeting, underscoring his commitment and dedication.

The Chairman extended sincere appreciation to Prof. Madhumita Chattopadhyay and Prof. Anagha Vishwas Joshi for graciously traveling from Kolkata and Pune, respectively, to participate in the meeting. Their presence, amidst demanding academic schedules and the coinciding Deepawali festivities, was a testament to their dedication and commitment. He also conveyed gratitude to Prof. Adarasupally Nataraju for joining the meeting virtually, underscoring his flexibility and support.

The Chairman presented a comprehensive overview of the Institute's progress and academic activities since the last Board of Governors meeting. He apprised the esteemed members that a national-level entrance examination, conducted across various regions, yielded 145 admissions of new students. Notably, 10 students have been admitted to the newly inaugurated 2-year Rigorous Sanskrit Training Programme, while another 10 students have been enrolled in the Ph.D. Programme.

Furthermore, the Chairman informed the members that, pursuant to directives from the administrative ministry, the Institute successfully organized Seva Parv 2025, a grand event that drew participation from approximately 500 students representing diverse schools, colleges, and institutions, with winners receiving due recognition. Additionally, the Institute collaborated with Bharatiya Adhyayan Sansthan, New Delhi, to host a 7-day Faculty Development Programme, chaired by Prof. Ram Nath Jha of J.N.U., New Delhi. The FDP witnessed participation from around 50 faculty members of the Institute, fostering academic enrichment and growth.

Dr. Sunita Chandra, Registrar of the Institute, extended a warm welcome to all members, expressing sincere appreciation to Shri Samar Nanda, Joint Secretary, BTI Section, Ministry of Culture, Ven. Geshe Lhakdor, Director, LTWA, Dharamsala, Prof. Anagha Vishwas Joshi, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, Maharashtra, Prof. Madhumita Chattopadhyay, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, and Prof. Adarasupally Nataraju, Centre for Philosophy, School of social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi. She also thanked the Board members from CIHTS and Ms Donngaih Ching, Representative of Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor (Ministry of Culture) for graciously accommodating the meeting amidst their demanding schedules. The agenda items were subsequently presented for deliberation, marking the commencement of substantive discussions.

**Agenda Item No. 63.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the last (62nd) meeting of the Board of Governors held on February 16, 2025.**

The Chairman informed that the minutes of the BOG was forwarded to all the august members of BOG through e-mail dated 22 May, 2025 inviting comments/suggestions.

**The Board confirmed the Minutes of the last (62<sup>nd</sup>) meeting of the Board of Governors held on February 16, 2025.**

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Agenda Item No. 63.2 Action taken/present position on the resolutions of the Governing Body taken at its last (62<sup>nd</sup>) meeting.

62.2 [A] 62.4 Revision of Memorandum of Association (MoA) of the Institute.

The Board noted the action and endorsed the same.

[B] 62.11 Revision of Special Allowance for the post of Vice Chancellor, CIHTS

The Board noted the action and endorsed the same.

[C] 60.12 Extension of Retirement/Death Gratuity benefits to the NPS borne employees and Leave Encashment benefit for teaching faculty of the Institute.

The Board noted the action and endorsed the same.

[D] 60.14 Promotion of Faculty members under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS).

The Board noted the action and endorsed the same.

[E] 60.16 Recommendations of Selection Committees.

The Board noted the action and endorsed the same.

[F] 60.17 Considering the recommendation of the Committee for the counting of services rendered on Ad-hoc basis.

The Board noted the action and endorsed the same.

[G] 60.18 To consider the enhancement of honorarium in favour of Ven. Geshe Beri Jigme Wangyal.

The Board noted the action and endorsed the same.

Agenda Item No. 63.3 Reporting Items

63.3.1 MoU executed between the Ministry of Culture (MoC), Govt. of India and Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi for the F.Y. 2025-26.

The Board considered and approved the MoU executed between the Ministry of Culture (MoC), Govt. of India and Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi for the F.Y. 2025-26.

63.3.2 Placing the services of Dr. Anirban Dash, Professor, Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi at the disposal of the Ministry of Culture, on loan basis for the period of 03 years.

The Board noted the action and endorsed the same. The Joint Secretary (MoC) intimated that the terms and conditions for relieving Dr. Anirban Dash on loan basis shall be shared by the Ministry to the CIHTS in due course of time.

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**Agenda Item No. 63.4 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee**

The members were apprised of the fact that the Minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee was circulated amongst the members of the F.C. through E-mail dated 13.10.2025 and the consent of the members is awaited.

The Board considered and approved the Minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee subject to the consent of the members of the Finance Committee.

**Agenda Item No. 63.5 To consider and approve the Annual Statement of Account for the F.Y. 2024-25**

The Board considered and approved the Annual Statement of Account for the F.Y. 2024-25.

**Agenda Item No. 63.6 To consider and approve B.E. & R.E. for the year 2025-26.**

The Board considered and approved the B.E. & R.E. for the year 2025-26 as per the following details:

Head(s)	BE 2025-26 (Proposed)	BE 2025-26 Approved by MoC	RE 2025-26	BE 2026-27
Grant in Aid Salary (3.5.36)	4154.83	2550.00	4890.81	3179.10
Grant in Aid General (3.5.31)	1151.11	600.00	1151.11	2076.22
Grant for creation of Capital Asset (3.5.35)	1045.00	1000.00	1045.00	1000.00
SAP 96-31	3.00	2.00	3.00	3.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>6353.94</b>	<b>4152.00</b>	<b>7089.92</b>	<b>6258.62</b>

**Agenda Item No. 63.7 Nomination of the BoG Nominee for the Finance Committee of the Institute.**

It was apprised by the Registrar to the members that as envisaged under para (iv) of clause 18 of the MoA and Rules & Bye Laws of the Institute, the BoG has to nominate one member to the Finance Committee of the CIHTS, Sarnath.

The name of Dr. Smita S. Chaudhary (IA & AS 1990), Dy. C&AG and former Finance Officer of B.H.U. was placed before the house for consideration by the BoG for nomination.

After thorough discussions, the BoG unanimously nominated Dr. Smita S. Chaudhary as member to the Finance Committee for a period of three years to the Finance Committee of the Institute.

*Smita*

**Agenda Item No. 63.8 Recommendation of Selection Committee.**

The Registrar apprised the members that the recruitment process for the post of **Technical Officer cum Computer Programmer Grade-I** against the Advertisement No. CIHTS/Admn/Rectt/01/2025 dated 14.04.2025 has been completed. Sealed envelope carrying the recommendation of the Selection Committee was put up on table.

**The Board approved the recommendation of the Selection Committee for appointment of Mr. Anubhav Sinha for the post of Technical Officer cum Computer Programmer Grade-I.**

**Agenda Item No. 63.9 Any other Items with the permission of the Chair.**

The august members shared their view points on the functioning and progress of the Institute as mentioned below:

**Ven. Geshe Lhakdor**, Director of Tibetan Works and Archives, Dharamsala appreciated the functioning of the Institute and further emphasized on the need for exploring possibilities of academic upgradation in the Institute.

Ven. Lhakdor further emphasized that this institute is distinctive, having been established through the dedicated efforts of His Holiness Dalai Lama and the Government of India with a specific mission and vision. He noted that its identity and uniqueness are widely recognized and should be preserved. Geshe Lhakdor requested the members to visit the Institute and encouraged them to gain firsthand insight into its activities being undertaken. The proposal to visit the Institute was welcomed by the house and the Registrar assured that all the arrangements relating to the visit shall be undertaken by the Institute.

Responding to points raised by Ven. Lhakdor, the Chairman apprised members that the institute is poised to launch online courses in Tibetan and Sanskrit languages, aimed at augmenting the academics. Online Sanskrit Basic Course in Tibetan Medium has been meticulously prepared for Tibetans and students in traditional Buddhist monasteries. Furthermore, a certificate course on 'Introduction to Buddhism' is under consideration for online delivery, pending requisite approval. The Chairman informed that the Academic Council has accorded its consent for initiating online courses in Bhoti and Sanskrit languages, which the institute is set to implement forthwith.

**Prof. Madhumita Chattopadhyay**, Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University read out the resolution of the last meeting of the BoG on the issue of recognition of Purva Madhyama (2-year) and uttar Madhyama (2-year) pre-University courses and inquired about the outcome of the action taken by the Institute and subsequently by the Ministry. The Joint Secretary (MoC) ensured that the matter shall be taken up at the appropriate forum. He further suggested CIHTS to prepare a self-contained note and send it to the Joint Secretary (MoC) so that the matter may be taken up for arriving to logical conclusion.

She further inquired about the status of establishment of **Rahul Sankrityayan Chair** in the Institute. Replying to the query, the Registrar of the Institute apprised the members that in a meeting held on 16.05.2025 the Ministry has already given its approval on establishment of Rahul Sankrityayan Chair as well as on some other proposals of the Institute. She further apprised that an agenda for Budget allocation on these approved proposals was put up by the Institute in the recently held meeting of the Finance Committee and the Committee has directed to put up the matter before the Board of Governors for its approval to establish Rahul Sankrityayan Chair. The Joint Secretary (MoC) suggested to send a detailed note on the matter for consideration at the Ministry level.

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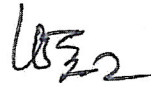
Prof. Anagha Vishwas Joshi, in her insightful remarks on the Institute's academic upliftment, proposed for exploring ways & means for academic collaboration with esteemed institutions nationally and internationally. The proposal garnered enthusiastic endorsement from the house, reflecting a shared vision for elevating the Institute's academic stature.

On another note, the Chairman apprised members that the Institute had recently presented a proposal to the Finance Committee for establishing an in-house printing press, aimed at facilitating the printing of institutional publications. The Finance Committee resolved that the proposal necessitates approval from the Board of Governors. He emphasized that the envisaged unit would be compact, requiring a limited staff complement, and would incorporate interested students under the 'Gain Experience While Learn scheme', thereby fostering practical learning. Additionally, the unit is anticipated to cater to the printing requirements of other BTI institutions, notably facilitating the production of literature in Tibetan script.

Following comprehensive deliberations, the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, recommended that CIHTS formulate a detailed proposal for the Printing Press and submit it to the Administrative Ministry for consideration and further action.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
(Dr. Sunita Chandra)  
Registrar

  
(Prof. Wangchuk Dorjee Negi)  
Vice Chancellor