



Kerala Council for Historical Research

MINUTES OF THE 47TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 26th February 2021

Time: 11.00 am

Mode: Video Conferencing

The members present in the conference were as follows:

- 1. Professor P. K. Michael Tharakan, Chairperson, KCHR**
 - 2. Professor G. Arunima, Director, KCHR**
 - 3. Professor Gopinath Ravindran, Vice-Chancellor, Kannur University**
 - 4. Professor V. P. Mahadevan Pillai, Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala**
 - 5. Professor Kesavan Veluthat, Director, ISHCK**
 - 6. Professor (Rtd.) P. P. Abdul Razak, Dept. of History, PSMO College**
 - 7. Professor K. M. Sheeba, Dept. of History, SSS University, Kalady**
 - 8. Professor Muhammed Maheen A., Dept. of History, University of Calicut**
 - 9. Professor V. Karthikeyan Nair, Director, Kerala Bhasha Institute**
 - 10. Dr. Rajesh S.V., Department of Archaeology, University of Kerala**
 - 11. Mr. Tarun Lal S., Joint Secretary, Higher Education Department, Govt. of Kerala**
1. The Chairperson, KCHR welcomed the members to the meeting and introduced Professor G. Arunima who has assumed charge as the new Director of the KCHR.
 2. Agenda 47.2: The minutes of the 46th EC was confirmed.
 3. Agenda 47.3: Director's Report was approved by the committee with the suggestion that only the general details related to purchases be included in the report. The EC also authorized the Director to constitute a committee to oversee future purchases.
 4. Agenda 47.4. Proposal for five-day week: The EC approved the proposal and recommended that it should be addressed to the government. Further, the representative of the Department of Higher Education to the EC, Mr. Tarun Lal, gave an assurance that

the Government's response on the matter would be sent to the KCHR before the next EC meeting.

5. Agenda 47.5. Requirement of two library assistants: The EC approved the recommendation. It was decided that two library assistants may be appointed on daily wages @755 (Category -III) per day with either BLISc/or MLISc qualification.
6. Agenda 47.6: Enhancement of DA was approved by the EC.
7. Agenda 47.7. Implementation of Pay Revision: the EC approved the proposal and recommended that it should be addressed to the government. The representative to the EC from the Department of Higher Education, Mr. Tarun Lal, gave an assurance that the KCHR would be given a response on this matter before the next EC meeting.
8. Agenda 47.8. Contract Renewal of seventeen members of the staff: the EC approved that the contract period may be extended for a further period of one year from the date of expiry, with a break in service for two days.
9. Agenda 47.9. Wages of Staff on Daily Wages and Contract: the EC approved that the enhanced wages of employees on daily wages/ contract *vide* Order No. GO (P) No.29/2021/ Fin. Dated 11/02/2021 may be implemented in KCHR for its Staff.
10. Agenda 47.10. Arrangements for two Classrooms and library at Pattanam Campus-the EC approved the proposal and recommended that the arrangement for setting up the classrooms and library be initiated immediately.
11. Agenda 47.11. Rules and Regulations for KCHR Fellowships and Financial Assistance Schemes proposed by the 45th EC: The EC approved that the existing Committee for the formulation of the Rules and Regulations for Fellowships may be authorized to formulate draft guidelines and report it to the RAC.
12. Agenda 47.12: the EC approved that the MoU with Assumption College, Changanasserry, may be signed.
13. Agenda 47.13: the EC approved that the MoU with Pavanatma College, Murikkasserry, may be signed.

14. Agenda 47.14: the proposal for the Study of Buddha Tradition: Festivals and Temples, the EC recommended that the minutes of the previous EC meetings be checked to ascertain whether any cap had been placed on the maximum amount that could be given as financial assistance to projects. If no such cap was placed by any previous EC decision, the entire amount requested by the applicant (Rs.3,21,400/-) may be granted.

15. Agenda 47.15. It was decided that the names of applicants whom KCHR offers financial assistance to should be specified in the report.

A. On the application for Financial Assistance for a *Documentary on Fr. Joseph Taffrel*, the EC decided that financial assistance of Rs.5,07,000/- may be granted to the applicant.

B. On the application for Financial Assistance for the Project Titled *Trade Induced 'World'-ing of Merchants of Malabar: Cosmopolitan Moments in the family History of Keyis of Thalasserry*, EC decided that financial assistance of Rs. 5,00,000/- may be granted to the applicant.

C. On application for Financial Assistance for organising a National Seminar entitled '*Radical Activism and Anti- Untouchability Movements in Malabar: Special Reference to Swami Ananda Thirtha*', it was decided that financial assistance of Rs. 1, 40,000 may be granted to the applicant.

Additionally, the EC decided that KCHR may ask those applying for financial assistance for academic programs, such as seminars and conferences, to provide us with abstracts of the talks.

16. Agenda 47.16. Nomination of New Members to the Sub Committees: it was decided that the Chairperson, in consultation with the Director, may nominate the members to the Sub Committees.

17. Agenda 47.17. Audited Annual Accounts for the year 2019-20: was approved by the EC.

18. Agenda 47.18. Appointment of Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2020-21: the EC approved that M/s Varma and Varma may be re-appointed as statutory auditors and tax consultants for the year 2020-21 at a fee of Rs. 55,000 (Rupees Fifty Five Thousand only).

19. Agenda 47.19: Annual Budget for the year 2021-22 was approved by the EC.

20. Agenda 47.20: Any Other Matters:

- A. It was reported to the EC that KCHR PhD fellowship holder Mr. Rahul M. Ramesh has not claimed his fellowship in spite of repeated reminders and has not given any explanation for the same. The one year period of his fellowship has come to an end. Hence, the PhD Fellowship of Mr. Rahul M. Ramesh stays cancelled.
- B. The EC agreed in principle that the practice of using the term 'Chairman' can be replaced by the more gender sensitive term Chairperson, and the necessary change be made in the revised MoA in order to reflect this change.

The meeting came to a close by 1.10 pm.

Sd/-
Chairperson


Director