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KCHR/EC No.43/18

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Dear Sir

Kindly see the Minutes of the Emergency Meeting of the Executive Council (the 43rd Meeting of the Executive Council) held on 07th December, 2018 at KCHR, enclosed herewith.

In case of any observations, they may be intimated within the next 15 days.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Director

Encl: as above

Minutes of the Emergency Meeting of The Executive Council (the 43rd Meeting of the Executive Council)

Date: 7.12.2018

Time: 1 pm

Venue: KCHR

EC Members Present

Professor P.K. Michael Tharakan. Chairperson, KCHR

Ms. Harita V. Kumar IAS., Director, KCHR

Dr. Ajayakumar P.P., Pro- Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala, Representing the Vice- Chancellor

Mr. Jaikumar S., Archaeological Chemist, State Archaeology Department, Representing the Director

Professor K. Rajan

Professor Sanal Mohan

Special Invitee

Professor Rajan Gurukkal, Chairman, Archaeological Advisory Committee

EC Members absent who expressed their regrets

The Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department

The Vice Chancellor, Kannur University

Professor Kesavan Veluthatt

Professor Vineetha Menon

Dr. Muhammed Maheen A.

Dr. M.T.Narayanan

Dr. Rajesh S.V.

Emergency Meeting Agenda (43)1: Welcome by the Chairperson

The Chairman welcomed the members present and thanked them, as well as those who informed of their inability to attend. He explained that the emergency meeting was called due to the fact that the preparatory work with regard to arranging the prospective Pattanam Campus has reached a high degree of completion in terms of negotiations and decisions. Therefore, it was felt that the present phase of Pattanam

excavation/ research has to be finalized and further work emanating from the KCHR's engagement in the site has to be clarified and taken up.

Emergency Meeting Agenda (43)2: Pattanam Excavation and Related Matters [(a) and (b)]

Both the parts (a) and (b) were discussed in depth and in detail. The EC suggested substantial reworking of the Agenda resolution and authorized the Chairperson and the Director to execute that. The EC came to the following conclusions.

Nine seasons of excavation were conducted at Pattanam under the able leadership of Professor K.N. Panikkar and Dr. P.J. Cherian which brought to light substantial number of archaeological materials, both artefacts and features to reconstruct different aspects of Early Historic Kerala. The mandatory 'Wheeler - kind of Report' on excavations is yet to be drafted. But, arrangements are undertaken towards its preparation. As on today, almost a decade of work has been carried out on a single site and substantial amount of fund has been diverted to Pattanam excavations. The concentration on a single site and, that too, on a particular aspect of history, leaving other demanding valuable works may not be good in the interest of holistic approach towards history. Keeping in view of the tremendous progress in sciences, we require a part of the habitation area to be left for future investigations. The KCHR welcomes other organizations interested in archaeological studies like the State Department of Archaeology, to plan and work together on this important site. The KCHR is taking steps to develop a campus with facilities for post-excavation studies, research, publications etc., in Pattanam near North Paravur

The EC resolved also that, the 'Wheeler-kind of Report' is to be prepared by Dr. P.J. Cherian, who was director of the excavations; and to be submitted to the Director, KCHR to be forwarded to the ASI. The consultancy arrangements to be agreed upon between Dr. P.J. Cherian and the KCHR should be looked at anew and any clarifications if required should be made. The Director, KCHR was authorized to do

so. The execution of the consultancy may be scrutinized by the Chairman of the Archaeological Advisory Committee and should have conditions of review.



Chairperson



Director