

Kerala Council for Historical Research

MINUTES OF THE 44TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Date : 31st May 2019

Time : 10 am

Venue : KCHR

Members present :

1. Professor P K Michael Tharakan, Chairperson, KCHR
2. Professor P. Sanal Mohan, Director, KCHR
3. Professor Gopinath Ravindran, VC, Kannur University
4. Professor V P Mahadevan Pillai, VC, University of Kerala
5. Dr. D.K.Satish, Deputy Director, Collegiate Education (For Higher Education Dept.)
6. Dr. A. Muhammed Maheen, Dept. of History, Calicut University
7. Dr. S.V. Rajesh, Dept. of Archaeology, University of Kerala

Members absent :

1. Principal Secretary, Finance Department
2. Professor Kesavan Veluthat
3. Professor Suresh Jnaneswaran
4. Professor, K. Rajan, University of Pondicherry
5. The Director, Directorate of State Archives
6. The Director, State Archaeology Department

EC Agenda 44.1: The Chairperson welcomed the EC members and offered a special welcome to Professor P. Sanal Mohan who has taken charge as the Director of KCHR and who was attending the KCHR EC meeting for the first time in the capacity as Director, KCHR.

EC Agenda 44.2: Approved the Minutes of the XIII Finance and Administration Committee Meeting held on 24th May 2019 with some modifications. (Please see Annexure I)

EC Agenda 44.3: Amendments in the Service Rules of KCHR

Some of the existing Service Rules of the KCHR have to be amended. In consultation with the Service Consultant, the following existing rules are suggested to be amended. (Please see Annexure II)

Discussed and approved the service rules. Changes were suggested for the following:

1. In Chapter (i) Definitions, instead of UGC Guidelines, it was decided to mention it as ICSSR guidelines or other comparable cases.
2. Section (j) "Non Academic Staff" it was decided that the status of Librarian as Academic Staff can be decided according to ICSSR guidelines or other comparable cases.

3. The matter of pension and gratuity has to be discussed by a sub-committee including the Principal Secretary, Higher Education Dept., Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Director, KCHR and Finance Officer, KCHR and recommendations to be forwarded to the Government after the EC approves it.

EC Agenda 44.4: Approved the Minutes of the V Archaeological Advisory Committee Meeting held on 15th May 2019. (Please see Annexure III)

EC Agenda 44.5: Approved the Minutes of the V Research Advisory Committee Meeting held on 22nd May 2019 which some modifications made. (Please see Annexure IV).

EC Agenda 44.6: Future of the KCHR as an Institution

The KCHR currently functions more as a facilitator of research, rather than as an institution capable of promoting new research and conducting new research. In order to take the organization forward in this direction, the avenues that we need to explore are as below :

- Reviving KCHR's status as a research centre of the Kerala university (5.14 in the RAC Minutes)
- The possibility of developing the KCHR as research institute, that can attract research faculty on a short/long term basis.
- The possibility to develop the institute in a direction that allows it to function independently or by affiliation to a university, in the way that the CDS currently works. The process can begin through certificate courses
A Committee may be appointed to look into these matters.

The EC decided not to have a Committee to look into these matters. Current academic activities should continue. Short and long term training programmes and workshops may be conducted. Short term courses like the proposed Certificate Course in Epigraphy may be conducted. The EC opined that conferring degrees is not practical.

EC Agenda 44.7: Identifying a suitable space for the headquarters of KCHR

On 8 May 2019, the KCHR Chairperson was invited to a meeting called by the Hon. Minister for Culture in which the Hon. Minister for Education also participated. As the Vyloppilli Samskriti Bhavan comes under the Ministry of Culture, the KCHR might eventually have to shift out. Under this circumstance, it is pertinent that we try to identify a space that would meet our current requirements and also provide space for the new directions that KCHR envisions for its development in the future.

- i. The EC decided to request to Government to find a suitable place in Thiruvananthapuram for the shifting of KCHR from Vyloppilly Samskrithi Bhavan
- ii. A Committee with the Director, KCHR, Dr. D.K. Satish, Deputy Director, Collegiate Education (deputed by Higher Education

Department) and the Finance Officer, KCHR should inspect the campus of the Blind School, Jagathy, Thiruvananthapuram which is lying vacant now to assess its suitability for KCHR.

EC Agenda 44.8: Approval of the Minutes of the Library Committee Meeting held on 3rd November 2018.

Approved by the EC

EC Agenda 44.9: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 42nd Executive Council Meeting held on 31st October 2018.

Confirmed by the EC

EC Agenda 44.10: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 43rd Executive Council Meeting held on 7th December 2018.

Confirmed by the EC

EC Agenda 44.11: Assessment of work done by M/s Exeevents:

A Technical Committee was constituted with AE (Electronics) PWD Ernakulam, Finance Officer, KCHR and Research Officer, KCHR as Technical Committee members in the 42nd EC for assessing the work done by M/s Exeevents. The AE, PWD examined the LED Panels and submitted his report. On 30.05.2019, a meeting with M/s Exeevents was arranged by the Director to discuss the issue. They have agreed with the rates suggested by the AE, PWD and also finalised the amount to Rs.8,74,562.00 (Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Two only) instead of Rs.17,89,492 (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Two only).

Approved by the EC.

EC Agenda 44.12: Request of Publication Grant by Dr. Sujith Kumar Parayil

Dr. Sujith Kumar Parayil's book tentatively titled 'Photography and Materiality' on the History of Photography in Kerala is to be published by Orient Blackswan. He has requested for a grant of Rs. 70,000/- mainly to purchase images of Travancore needed for his Chapters from the British Library as they are available only there.

Approved by the EC on condition that KCHR's contribution be acknowledged.

EC Agenda 44.13: Any other matter with the permission of the Chairman.

44.13.1 : Renewal of contract of KCHR Staff

The contract of the following staff expiring on 13-06-2019 has to be renewed for one more year.

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| 1. Smt. Sindhu Sabu | Site Paripalika |
| 2. Shri. Dileep K K | Night Watchman |
| 3. Smt. Mariam Susan A D | Administrative Officer |
| 4. Smt. Sreekumari B | DTP Operator |
| 5. Shri. Santhosh J | Driver |
| 6. Shri. Sarathchandrababu | Research Assistant |

Approved by the EC

The meeting came to a close at 4.45 pm.



Chairman



Director