

# Kerala Council for Historical Research

## MINUTES OF THE 45<sup>TH</sup> EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Date : 3rd February 2020

Time : 10.30 am

Venue: KCHR

### **The members present :**

1. Professor P K Michael Tharakan, Chairperson, KCHR
2. Professor P. Sanal Mohan, Director, KCHR
3. Professor Kesavan Veluthat
4. Professor A. Muhammed Maheen, Dept. of History, Calicut University
5. Shri. Reji Kumar, Director, Directorate of State Archives, Govt. of Kerala
6. Smt. Sona, Director, State Archaeology Department, Govt. of Kerala

### **The member absent :**

1. Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department
2. Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department
3. Professor Ravindran Gopinath, VC, Kannur University
4. The Vice Chancellor, Kerala University
5. Professor. Suresh Jnaneswaran
6. Professor K Rajan, Dept. of History, Pondicherry University
7. Dr. S.V. Rajesh, Dept. of Archaeology, Kariavattom

**EC Agenda 45.1:** The Chairperson welcomed the members.

**EC Agenda 45.2:** The Minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on 31st May 2019 was confirmed.

**EC Agenda 45.3:** Approved the Minutes of the VI Research Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 with changes. (Please see Annexure I)

**EC Agenda 45.4:** Conditions of Publication Grant by KCHR

On Publication Grant to Devan Master, *Malayalikalute Marakkapetta Charithram* and other such applications, the terms and conditions of publication grant have not been defined. The matter was omitted to be discussed in the RAC held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**Approved by the EC**

**EC Agenda 45.5:** Approved the Minutes of the XIV Finance and Administration Committee Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 with changes. (Please see Annexure II)

**EC Agenda 45.6:** Approved the Minutes of the XI Publication Committee Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020 with changes. (Please see Annexure III)

**EC Agenda 45.7: Approved the Minutes of the V Library Committee Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020. (Please see Annexure IV)**

**EC Agenda 45.8: Proposal on excavation at Pattanam and Mathilakam by PAMA-Letter of intimation to KCHR**

We have received a letter of intimation from Prof. P.J Cherian, Director of the PAMA, a registered no-profit educational Trust, dated 28<sup>th</sup> December 2019, informing us that the ASI has granted license to PAMA to excavate Pattanam and Mathilakam. The letter informs that in Pattanam, they intend to undertake excavations at three plots under the ownership of KCHR. The communication includes the copy of the license granted to Prof. P. J. Cherian, pages of the 1968 Kerala Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Remains Act, a request letter from the Chairman of PAMA, Dr. RVG Menon to the Chairman KCHR, and a concept note of excavations as annexure. A second request letter addressed to the Director by Dr. R.V.G Menon dated 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020, is a Budget Proposal for the excavations.

Based on the two communications, the following are requested from the KCHR :

- a) Rs. 30 lakhs as Financial Assistance, (b) KCHR buildings for accommodation, office space and storage, (c) excavation tools, furniture, bicycles, and tent material, (d) Research Assistants and Academic Support.

**This Agenda was referred to the AAC meeting to be held on 12-02-2020 for recommendation. The AAC recommendation should be kept in the next / Emergency EC for approval.**

**EC Agenda 45.9: Appointment of Dr. P. J. Cherian as Consultant for the preparation of a Wheeler kind of Report**

The KCHR Chairman had asked the Director, KCHR to follow up the process of appointment of Dr. P.J. Cherian, Former Director of KCHR and Pattanam Excavations regarding the preparation of a Wheeler kind of Report of the archaeological excavations carried out at Pattanam during the period 2006-'07 to 2015-'16 as per the decision of 43<sup>rd</sup> Emergency Meeting of the Executive Council of the KCHR held on 07-12-2018. The EC resolution was as follows, "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".

In this regard, before the consultancy can be executed, the conditions of the consultancy need to be defined and confirmed by the EC. Without this, the decision of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Emergency EC Meeting authorising the Director to proceed with the matter of consultancy of Dr P J Cherian cannot be taken forward.

This Agenda was referred to the AAC meeting to be held on 12-02-2020 for recommendation. The AAC recommendation should be kept in the next / Emergency EC for approval.

**EC Agenda 45.10: Purchase of Equipment for Skype Conferencing at KCHR, Thiruvananthapuram and Pattanam Campus**

The Academic Committee of the KCHR has recommended that it is imperative to have Skype Conference call facilities at Pattanam Campus and at the Thiruvananthapuram Office of the KCHR. This is in view of the necessity for frequent joint meetings and discussions between the staff of the two offices. For the purpose necessary equipment may be purchased at both the offices.

**Approved**

**EC Agenda 45.11:** Any other matter with the permission of the Chairman.

**45.11.1 - Fixing an honorarium for writing introductory articles**

Publication process of the Diaries of Smt. Eliamma Matthen, wife of late C.P Matthen Diaries/Lecture Notes of Prof. TI Poonen, eminent historian and the *Vocabulam, Malabaricum*, the Portuguese-Malayalam Dictionary are progressing (XI Publication Committee, Director's Report Item No, 4, 5, & 6 respectively). Academic Committee suggested incorporating introductory chapters which give light on the socio-political importance of the diaries and linguistic importance of the dictionary in the publications. It is hence requested to fix an honorarium to the experts for writing the chapters.

**The EC authorised the Director to fix the honorarium for the experts.**

**45.11.2 - WP ( C ) 1987/2020 filed by Dr. Preeta Nayar**

Dr. Preeta Nayar, former Research Officer of the KCHR has filed a WP(C) No. 1987/2020 with the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala. The first respondent is the State of Kerala represented by the Secretary to Government, Higher Education; the second respondent is the KCHR represented by the Director; the third respondent is the Director, KCHR and the fourth respondent is the Executive Council represented by the Chairman. The petition is that the earlier WP (C) No.3725/17 of Dr. Preeta Nayar requesting UGC scale to Research Officer and Academic Coordinator in the KCHR which was disposed of by the Hon. High Court of Kerala on 03-06-2019 with direction to Govt. to pass order to grant UGC scales to Research Officer and Academic Co-ordinator of the KCHR was rejected by the Government vide GO (Rt) No.2158/2019/HEdn. Dt. 03-12-2019. Meanwhile Dr Preeta Nayar has obtained a Stay of Recovery of the alleged excess pay from her.

**The EC authorised the Director to proceed as per the advice of the KCHR legal advisor.**

**45.11.3- WP (C) No.32137 of 2019-filed by Smt. Sandhya S.N. and others**  
Smt. Sandhya S N, Publication Assistant , Shri. Dineesh Krishnan, Office Assistant and Shri. Mathew George, Library Assistant filed a WP (C) No. 32137 of 2019 with the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala. The first respondent is the Government of Kerala represented by the Secretary, Higher Education; the second respondent is the Chairman (Executive Council, KCHR) and the third respondent is the Director, KCHR.

The petition is to grant the scale of pay requested to the Government by KCHR to the following staff in respect of their qualifications and value of duties.

Publication Assistant - 9940-16580 to 18740-33680  
Office Assistant - 9940-16580 to 13900-24040  
Library Assistant - 9940-16580 to 15600- 39100 + AGP 6000

And also against the decision of the Government vide Lr. No. K2/71/2019/H Edu dtd 19-06-19 reducing the scale of the above staff from 9940-16580 to 9190- 15780.

**The EC authorised the Director to proceed as per the advice of the KCHR legal advisor.**

The meeting came to a close at 1.45 pm.



**Chairman**



**Director**