

Minutes of a Special Meeting (virtual) of the Board of Governors of Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi held on 25th January, 2021 at 11.30 a.m. through Video Conferencing.

The following members participated in the meeting through Webinar:

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| 1. Prof. Geshe N. Samten
Vice-Chancellor
CIHTS, Varanasi. | Chairman |
| 2. Ms. Amita Prasad Sarabhai, IRS
Joint Secretary, Government of India
Ministry of Culture, New Delhi. | Member (MOC) |
| 3. Ven. Geshe Lhakdor
Director (LWA)
Dharamsala | Member (Nominee H.H. the Dalai Lama) |
| 4. Shri Harish Kumar
Director (IFD)
MoC, New Delhi | Member
(Representative, IFD) |
| 5. Shri Satish Sivan
Director (East Asia)
MEA, New Delhi. | Member |
| 6. Prof. Rana Purushottam Kumar Singh
Head of the Deptt. of Buddhist Studies
NNM, Nalanda (Bihar) | Member (Nominee, Govt. of India. MoC) |
| 7. Prof. Rajiv Kumar Sinha
Head, Deptt. of History
T.M. Bhagalpur University
Bhagalpur (Bihar) | Member (-----do-----) |
| 8. Prof. Amarjiva Lochan,
University of Delhi, Delhi | Member (-----do-----) |
| 9. Prof. D.D. Chaturvedi
Prof. in Sanskrit
CIHTS, Sarnath | Member(Nominee of the Chairman of the Board
from teaching staff) |
| 10. Prof. Tashi Tsering (S)
Prof. in Sakya
CIHTS, Sarnath | Member (-----do-----) |
| 11. Dr. R.K. Upadhyay
Registrar, CIHTS, Sarnath. | Non-Member Secretary |

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At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the august members- particularly Ms. Amita Prasad Sarbhai, Jt. Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi, Shri Harish Kumar, Director (IFD), MoC and Shri Satish Sivan, Director (East Asia), MEA, New Delhi for sparing and giving time for the special meeting of the Board within a very short notice. He also thanked to Ven. Geshe Lhakdor of Dharamsala, Prof. Rana Purushottam Kumar Singh of NNM, Nalanda(Bihar), Prof. Rajiv Kumar Sinha, T.M., Bhagalpur University(Bihar), and Prof. Amarjiva Lochan, University of Delhi for participating in the meeting. He further thanked Prof. D.D.Chaturvedi and Prof. Tashi Tsering (s) of CIHTS for participating in the meeting.

As it was the first meeting of the Re-Constituted Board, the Vice-Chancellor, CIHTS, Chairman of the Board stated that when we met face to face, we always have some ceremonial functions on the occasion i.e. offering prayers to Triple Jem, lighting of lamps, and reciting Sutras etc. But, for the present, due to Covid -19, it could not be possible and therefore, he would recite some slokas. Accordingly, he recited some slokas from Acharya Nagarjuna's works.

Prior to come to the agenda item, the Chairman of the Board further stated that there are some new members to this new Board and therefore, he would like to brief them about the Institute, its mandate and activities being carried out. Accordingly, he briefed the members starting from the very establishment of the Institute, its mandate, teaching and research work, Academic Exchange Programmes etc. being carried out including evaluation of systems, pedagogical method and examinations patterns etc.

Thereafter, the Board took up the agenda and resolved as under:

Agenda Item No. 1	Nomination of the nominee of the Board of Governors to the Search-Cum-Selection Committee to be constituted for the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor, Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi.
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The Chairman of the Board read out the Agenda and asked the members to suggest the name of the Nominee of the Board. The Joint, Secretary stated that it has been in practice in other BTI organisations to nominate the Secretary (C) as the nominee of the Board and accordingly, she proposed to nominate the Secretary (c) as the nominee of the Board. The Chairman of the Board stated that if it has been in practice of the MoC, then the Secretary (C) may be nominated as the nominee of the Board. Prof. Rajiv Kumar Sinha also stated that if it is in practice, Secretary (C) may be nominated as nominee of the Board. Prof. Amarjiva Lochan inquired whether there stands written document about this, if so, it should be here. Madam, Jt. Secretary stated that it is in practice, no such written document is available. She further added that, as usual, the related documents are sent to DOP&T and it may be possible that DoP&T may raise question on the ground that in other BTI organisations, Secretary(c) has been the nominee of the Board currently. All members were not in consonance of the same. Most of them were of the view that in academic Institutions, scholars of repute of the concerned field should be nominated. Here, Prof. D.D. Chaturvedi proposed the name of Prof. Avinash Chandra Pandey, a renowned academician and ex-Vice-Chancellor of Bundelkhand University, and presently, Director of Inter University Accelerator Center, New Delhi. Ven. Geshe Lhakdor seconded the Proposal and added that in terms of this Institute activities, he would be right person. Prof.

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seconded the Proposal and added that in terms of this Institute activities, he would be right person. Prof. Tashi Tsering (s) also supported the name of Prof. Avinash Chandra Pandey. Again all the members were not agree with this proposal too. Further, Prof. Rana Purushottam Kumar Singh, proposed the name of Prof. Baidyanath Labh, the Vice-Chancellor of NNM, Nalanda to be nominated as nominee of the Board. Prof. Amarjiva Lochan seconded the proposal for nomination of Prof. Baidya Nath Labh. It was observed that the Board could not make unanimous decision in the matter and as such it was decided that all the three names as follows be sent to the Administrative Ministry (MoC) for onward submission to the Hon'ble Chancellor to decide the name of the nominee of the Board.

- (1) Shri Raghvendra Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Culture
- (2) Prof. Avinash Chandra Pandey, Director, Inter University Accelerator Centre, New Delhi.
- (3) Prof. Baidya Nath Labh, Vice-Chancellor, NNM, Nalanda.

Agenda
Item No. 2

Nomination of the nominee of the Board of Governors to the Finance Committee of the Institute.

The Board discussed matter and unanimously nominated Dr. S.P. Mathur, the Jt. Registrar of BHU, Varanasi and former Registrar, IIT, BHU as the nominee of the Board to the Finance Committee of the Institute.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Dr. R.K. Uapdhayay)
Registrar &
Non-Member Secretary


(Prof. Geshe N. Samten)
Vice-Chancellor
Chairman, BoG