



**INDIRA GANDHI RASHTRIYA MANAV SANGRAHALAYA**  
**MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GOVT. OF INDIA SHAMLA HILLS, BHOPAL**

Subject: **MINUTES OF THE 63<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF RASHTRIYA MANAV SANGRAHALAYA SAMITI HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.**

The 63<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Executive Council of Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya Samiti was held on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at 11:00 AM under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Lily Pandeya, Joint Secretary Ministry of Culture, Government of India & Vice-Chairperson, E.C., RMSS through Video Conferencing.

The Following members attended the meeting through Video Conferencing:

1. Ms. Lily Pandeya,  
Joint Secretary (IGRMS)  
Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India  
New Delhi. Vice-Chairperson  
(ex-officio)
2. Dr. B.V. Sharma  
Director,  
Anthropological Survey of India,  
Kolkata Member  
(ex-officio)
3. Dr. Subhrasuchi Sarkar,  
Dy. Director General  
Geological Survey of India, Bhopal  
**Rep. of Director General, GSI** Member  
(ex-officio)
4. Ms. Naaz Rizvi,  
Director,  
National Museum of Natural History,  
Delhi Member  
(ex-officio)
5. Ms. Meenakshi Singh, IAS  
Dy. Secretary,  
Deptt. of Tribal Welfare, Govt. of M.P.  
Mantralaya, Bhopal  
**Rep. of Principal Secretary (Tribal),  
Govt. of M.P. Bhopal** Member  
(ex-officio)
6. Prof. Sarit K. Chaudhuri,  
Vice-Chancellor,  
Alipurduar University, West Bengal Member
7. Prof. Vijoy Shankar Sahay  
Ex. Head, Department of Anthropology,  
University of Allahabad Member
8. Prof. Shailendra Mishra  
Asstt. Professor, Department of Anthropology,  
University of Allahabad, Prayagraj Member

9. Prof. Amitabh Pande,  
Director, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav  
Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), Bhopal

Member-Secretary  
(ex-officio)

**Special Invitee**

Shri Arun Kumar, Deputy Secretary (A&A),  
Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

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At the Outset, the Member Secretary (Director, IGRMS) welcomed all Members of the Executive Council and wished all a very Happy and prosperous New Year 2025. He expressed his gratitude to E.C. for making it possible to convene meeting in a short time period. Thereafter, with the permission of the Vice-Chairperson, Director, IGRMS took up the agenda items serial-wise:

**Item No. 01: Confirmation of the Minutes of the last (62<sup>nd</sup>) Meeting of the Executive Council held on 18.04.2024.**

The Executive Council unanimously resolved to confirm the Minutes of the last (62<sup>nd</sup>) Meeting of the Executive Council held on 18.04.2024.

**Item No. 02: Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the last (62<sup>nd</sup>) Meeting of the Executive Council held on 18.04.2024.**

The Executive Council noted the Action Taken Report of the Minutes of the previous meetings with the following suggestions/instructions:

- a. In the matter of Biennale 2025, the Vice-Chairperson suggested that IGRMS and AnSI both should plan and finalize the theme and other formalities along-with budgetary implications well in advance and accordingly organize the event in coordination with Ministry of Culture.

**Item No. 03: Director's Report on Organizational Activities**

The Executive Council noted the Director's Report on organizational activities during January to December, 2024 with following suggestions:

The Director IGRMS explained in detail regarding the activities, events etc. organized by IGRMS, Bhopal during January to December, 2024. The Vice-chairperson appreciates Director's efforts and suggested that the Financial Targets are to be achieved well in time.

There are 65 outstanding Audit Paras of last audit, out of which only 02 has been settled. Outstanding 63 paras are to be attended on priority and comprehensive report may be sent to Ministry periodically.

#### **Item No.4: Approval of Annual Accounts for the year 2023-24**

The Executive Council unanimously approved the Annual Accounts of IGRMS, Bhopal for the year 2023-24.

#### **Item No. 5: Ratification of recommendations of Finance Committee of E.C held on 06.08.2024**

The Executive Council unanimously ratified the recommendations of the 59<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee, E.C. meeting held on 06.08.2024.

Regarding Item No.9.1 of Item No.2 of Action Taken Report, the Vice- chairperson instructed to write a letter to the Director General, ASI with a copy to the Joint Secretary (IGRMS) for immediate refund of the Honorarium drawn during holding additional charge of Shri P.K. Mishra, previous Director, IGRMS, Bhopal.

Regarding Item No.6 of the Finance Committee Minutes 'Permission for procurement of Vehicle against older vehicle having a life of more than 15 years', the Director, IGRMS appraise the E.C. that an approximate amount approval of Rs.14.00 lacs (excluding RTO, etc. charges) for procurement for Truck (01 No.) was given by the Finance Committee. However, during opening of Financial BID on GeM portal the L-1 price quoted by the Firm is Rs.14.50 lacs (excluding RTO etc. charges). Accordingly, difference amount of Rs.50000.00 require E.C. approval. The E.C. approved the same and to be reported to F.C. in next meeting.

Regarding Item No.8 regularly allotment of additional grants of Rs.3.39 Crores other and above the grants to meet out the statutory liability of EPF: - This matter should be resolved on priority in consultation with EPFO, MoL&E.

#### **Item No. 6: Ratification of recommendations of 13<sup>th</sup> Academic Advisory Committee held on 04.01.2025 through Hybrid mode.**

The Executive Council unanimously ratified the Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> Academic Advisory Committee meeting held on 04.01.2025.

Regarding Item No.4 'Initiation of 1-to-3-month certificate course in Museum Studies Dr. B.V. Sharma, Director, AnSI and Prof. Sarit K. Chaudhuri, Member, suggested that the said course may be affiliated from IGNTU, Amarkantak and more focus on practical aspects should be given. Dr. Sharma also suggested that guidelines of National Education Policy 2020 may also be checked in the matter. The Director, IGRMS noted suggestions of both.

Regarding Item No.5.1 of Any other item 'Internship Policy of IGRMS, Bhopal' Dr. B.V. Sharma, Director, AnSI appraise that a draft Internship Policy prepared by Ministry of Culture was circulated among the organizations of MoC. The Vice-chairperson suggested that the said policy document may be gone through and accordingly IGRMS shall Finalize the Internship policy incorporating the MoC guidelines. The Director IGRMS agreed upon the same.

**Item No.7: Opening of Eastern Regional Centre of IGRMS in the campus of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Odisha**

The Executive Council approved the proposal submitted by Director, IGRMS, Bhopal for opening of Eastern Regional Centre of IGRMS, Bhopal in the campus of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Odisha.

**Item No.8: Declaring Holidays for Museum Exhibitions on special occasions/Festivals**

The Director, IGRMS briefed the Executive Council regarding meagre footfall of visitors on special occasions/festivals. The Executive Council approved the proposal submitted by Director, IGRMS, Bhopal for declaring Holidays i.e. Holi, Rangpanchmi and Deepawali for Museum Exhibitions on special occasions/festivals.

**Item No.9 Any other item with the permission of the Chair**

**9.1: Revision of rates of Wages & Daily Allowance payable to Artisans/ Craftsmen/Traditional Performing Artists engaged in the IGRMS activities.**

The Director IGRMS informed the Executive Council regarding current rates of wages and daily allowance payable to the Artisans/Craftsmen/Traditional Performing Artists engaged in the IGRMS activities which is very low and due to which the said artisans/craftsmen/traditional performing artists are not showing interest to visit IGRMS. Dr. B.V. Sharma, Director, AnSI and Ms. Meenakshi Singh, Deputy Secretary, Tribal Welfare, Govt. of M.P. suggested that rates from IGNCIA, New Delhi and Tribal Research Institutes, M.P. may be taken. The Vice-chairperson instructed, Director, IGRMS to collect rates from both Institutes and send a comparative chart to MoC for approval.

**9.2: Additional Fund in GIA General Head for Global Investor Meet at IGRMS, Bhopal**

The Director, IGRMS, apprise the E.C. regarding upcoming Global Investor Meet to be organized by Govt. of M.P. scheduled to be held at IGRMS campus on 24-25<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 in which Hon'ble Prime Minister is inaugurating the programme. Moreover, around 5000 International/National dignitaries will join the event for which, an additional amount of Rs. 225 lacs are required in GIA General Head (Request for Rs.200 lacs in GIA-General already sought in R.E.). The Vice-chairperson instructed to send proposal immediately to MoC for further course of action.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks of the Chair

Sd/-  
(Prof. Amitabh Pande)  
Member Secretary, EC, RMSS &  
Director, IGRMS

Sd/-  
(Lily Pandeya)  
Vice-Chairperson, E.C. RMSS &  
Jt. Secretary to the GOI, Ministry of Culture