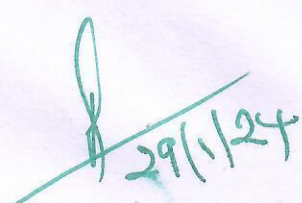


MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF SOUTH ZONE CULTURAL CENTRE (SZCC), THANJAVUR FOR THE YEARS 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 HELD ON 26.12.2023 AT 3.00 pm at RAJ BHAVAN, CHENNAI UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE HON. GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU / CHAIRMAN OF SZCC.

The meeting of the Board of Governors of South Zone Cultural Centre for the year 2022-23 & 2023-24 was held at 03.00 P.M. on 26th December 2023 at Raj Bhavan. The Honourable Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chairman, South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur Shri R.N. Ravi presided over the meeting. The following members were present:-

1. Shri. R.N. Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu(the Chairman of the Meeting)
2. Ms.Amita Prasad Sarbhai, IRAS
Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India
3. Dr.K.Manivasan, IAS
Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Tourism & Culture, Government of Tamil Nadu
4. Shri R.Kirloshkumar, IAS,
Secretary to Governor, Government of Tamil Nadu
5. Shri Nedunchezhiyan, IAS
Secretary to Government, Department of Art & Culture,
Government of Puducherry
6. Shri M.M.Nayak, IAS
Commissioner of Handlooms and Textiles, Government of Andhra Pradesh
7. Dr.V.S.Alagu Varsini IAS,
Director
Telangana State Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited and
Commissioner of Handlooms and Textiles and Apparel Export Parks
Telangana
8. Shri K.Vivekanandan, IAS
Commissioner,Commissionerate of Handlooms, Chennai
9. Shri Durga Prasad Inada,Non Official Member, Andhra Pradesh
10. Brahmachari Yogi Shrikrishna(ShrikrishnanSampagaonkar)
Non OfficialMember, Karnataka


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11. Kalaratna Dr.Vanaja Udaya,Non Official Member, Telengana
12. Shri P.Senthil Kumar,Non Official Member, Port Blair
13. Shri Ramakrishnan Kuzhalmannam Gopalakrishnan
Non OfficialMember,Kerala
14. Ms.Asha Suresh Nair,Non OfficialMember, Kerala
15. Shri K.K.Gopalakrishnan,
Director,South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur (the Member
Secretary of the Meeting)

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16. Ms. Ranjana Chopra, IAS,
Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser,
Government of India
17. Shri. Mammidi Harikrishna, Director
Language and Culture, Government of Telengana
On behalf of Principal Secretary,
Tourism and Culture Department,
Government of Telengana.
18. Shri. Suman, Manager, Shilparamam, AP
On behalf of Special Chief Secretary (Culture),
Government of Andhra Pradesh
19. Smt. Sangeetha Dash,Non Official Member,Puducherry

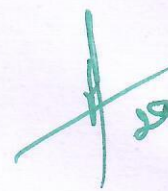
The Auditor of SZCC was also present in the meeting on the instructions of the Director, SZCC.

Shri K.K. Gopalakrishnan, Director of SZCC and Member Secretary of the Board of Governors meeting welcomed the Hon. Governor of Tamil Nadu and other members and, with the consent of the Chairman of the meeting, took up Agenda items one by one for discussion.

AGENDA – I

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMBINED MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND GOVERNING BODYFOR THE YEAR 2020-2021 & 2021-2022 OF SZCCHELD ON 01.08.2022 AT ITC GRAND CHOLA HOTEL HALL, CHENNAI

Confirmed.

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AGENDA – II

ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE COMBINED MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND GOVERNING BODY OF SZCC ON 01.08.2022 AT ITC GRAND CHOLA HOTEL HALL, CHENNAI.

The Hon. Governor and Joint Secretary (ZCC), Govt of India, Ministry of Culture expressed their concern about not remitting the entire sum of the Corpus Fund by Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep. Dr. Smt V S Alagu Varshini IAS Director, Telangana State Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited and Commissioner of Handlooms and Textiles and Apparel Export Parks, Telangana and Shri Mammidi Harikrishnan, Director, Department of Language and Culture representing Telangana and Shri. M.M. Nayak IAS, Commissioner of Handlooms and Textiles, Government of Andhra Pradesh, assured that they will look into the matter and see to it that the corpus fund got released at an early date.

Approved

AGENDA – III

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 2021-2022 & 2022-23

Shri. Brahmachari Yogi Shrikrishna(ShrikrishnanSampagaonkar), non-official member, Karnataka) suggested that SZCC conduct art education programmes for students in Karnataka. Shri K Ramakrishnan (non-official member, Kerala) pointed out running more musical programmes for youngsters and musical therapy programmes for the betterment of differently abled children.

The Hon. Governor suggested that the SZCC conduct programmes such as music for the welfare of differently abled children.

Confirmed.

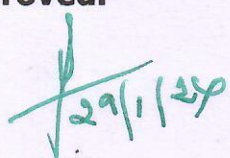
AGENDA - IV

ADOPTION OF INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2022-23 AND RATIFICATION OF THE APPROVAL OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2021-22 APPROVED BY THE HON CHAIRMAN.

The Hon. Governor and other members discussed the outstanding Rs. 72,56,286/- for setting up the Shilparamam Centre in Hyderabad. The Director explained that it pertains to the sum spent on setting up the Shilparamam Centre in Hyderabad, which is no longer under the SZCC. Official representatives from Telangana assured that they would look into it to settle.

Approved.

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AGENDA V

FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CENTRE

Confirmed

AGENDA - VI

Approval of the Minutes of PC, FC and EB of 2022-23 & 2023-24

The Joint Secretary (ZCC) opined to conduct more programmes on vanishing art traditions and their documentation, and called upon the members to suggest SZCC such forms to extend support. Shri. Brahmachari Yogi Shrikrishna (Shrikrishnan Sampagaonkar), Non Official Member, Karnataka opined that programmes of Jalatharangam (Rare art form - water based musical performance) are to be conducted.

Approved.

AGENDA -VII

REVALUATION OF ARTEFACTS IN THE SOUTH ZONE CULTURAL CENTRE

After a detailed discussion, the BoG unanimously decided that the present revalued sum of the artefacts (painting & sculptures etc) is to be taken as the base/bench value and the SZCC may initiate actions such as conducting exhibitions cum sales and auctions and may dispose off the artefacts marked saleable with the price determined by the Expert Committee of Valuation as the base price and generate revenue.

Approved as a base value.

AGENDA-VIII

TAGORE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2020-21 & 2021-22 - Ratification of the constitution of the Institutional Level Search cum Selection Committee (ILSSC).

Ratified.

AGENDA-IX

LIABILITY TOWARDS RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Observation by the CAG Audit as an understatement of liability towards retirement benefits: no provision has been made regarding liability towards leave encashment payable to employees, and the same is accounted for when the expenditure is incurred on retirement, etc., of employees.

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The Director SZCC reflected that the interest earned on Corpus Fund is not enough for such a provision, and hence, SZCC cannot make monthly or annual provisions concerning liability towards leave encashment benefits. Thus, he requested that the Board of Governors of South Zone Cultural Centre be allowed to invest 10% of the annual Grant in a separate account as a provision for the same.

The Joint Secretary (ZCC) explained that, as per extant rules, there is no scope for making such a provision from the grant fund, and it has to be met from the interest of the Corpus Fund. She also explained to the members that efforts are being made to enhance the Govt of India Corpus Fund by Rupees ten crores more, and she also expects the four member States to remit the whole sum as soon as possible. The Hon. Governor advised the SZCC to create revenue-generating programs such as ticketed programs.

Accordingly, it is not approved.

AGENDA-X

ANY OTHER ITEMS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

Additional Chief Secretary, Dept of Culture and Tourism, offered all the support from the State Tourism to invite more tourists for the SZCC programmes. Thanjavur, being a heritage hub, he suggested exploring the tourist potential of SZCC and conducting ticketed programmes. Members indicated that the SZCC Calendar of Events be posted on the website and made available to local tourism department offices and tour operators.

All the members participated in the meeting with their suggestions and opinions.

The meeting concluded with the consent of the Chairman, and the Member-Secretary proposed a vote of thanks.

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Shri. K.K. Gopalakrishnan,
Director
Member Secretary
South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur

29.11.2024

Shri. R.N. Ravi
Honourable Governor of
Tamil Nadu
and Chairman,
South Zone Cultural
Centre, Thanjavur