

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE COMBINED 1ST AND 2ND EXECUTIVE BOARD OF SZCC, THANJAVUR, HELD ON 05TH DECEMBER 2023 AT 11.30 AM FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24

Minutes of the 1st and 2nd Executive Board Meeting for the year 2023-2024 (Online) held on 05.12.2023 at 11.30 p.m.

The following members from the Member States and Union Territories were present"-

1. Smt. Amita Prasad Sarbhai, IRAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India (the Chairperson of the Meeting)
2. Smt. Mini Antony, IAS, Secretary (Culture), Government of Kerala
3. Shri. Srinivasulu, Additional Secretary, Department of Tourism and Culture, Government of Andhra Pradesh
4. Shri. Harish Kumar, Director, Integrated Finance Division, Ministry of Culture, Government of India
5. Shri. Mammidi Harikrishna, Director, Language and Culture, Government of Telangana
6. Shri. Kaliyaperumal, Director, Art and Culture, Government of Puducherry
7. Shri K.K. Gopalakrishnan, Director, South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur, (the Member Secretary of the Meeting)

Shri K.K. Gopalakrishnan welcomed the Chairperson and Hon'ble Members of the 1st and 2nd Executive Board who attended the meeting. He briefed us on the activities of SZCC during the financial year 2023-2024. Subsequently, with the permission of the Hon'ble Chairperson, the Director took the agenda items one by one for discussion.

AGENDA – I

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD VIRTUAL ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2023 AT 3.00 PM FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-23.

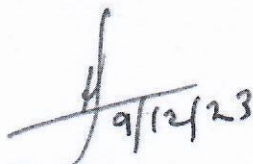
Decision: Upon brief discussion, confirmed.

AGENDA – II

ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD VIRTUAL ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2023

After a brief discussion, the representatives from two Member States who were present (Andhra Pradesh and Telangana) of the four whose Corpus Funds are still outstanding assured that they would speed up the payment due.

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While discussing about the Financial upgrade of Shri. M.M. Mariappan, Typist Grade – 1 and Shri. K. Sekar, Electrician Grade -1 and the compassionate appointment of Shri. S. Pragadeesh, the Chairperson has informed to place the above-implemented action before the BoG for ratification.

While discussing the proposal for DPC, the Director, SZCC informed that the proposal has already been sent to the Ministry. The Chairperson has informed to process the implementation of DPC by seeking clarifications, if any, from the Director, NCZCC.

Decision: Approved

AGENDA – III

PRESENTATION, CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 2022-2023 AND PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED UP TO 04.08.2023

Decision: Approved

AGENDA-IV

A) Statement showing the status of Corpus Fund:-

The Chairperson of the meeting expressed her concern about not remitting the Corpus Fund in full by four Member States (Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep). Members from Andhra and Telangana said they are also following it up with their State Government.

The Chairperson insisted on giving programmes to Member States only proportionately to the Corpus Fund they have remitted. The Director, SZCC, has replied that this procedure started last year, as decided in the then FC and EB held on Feb 16, 2023.

The Chairperson of the meeting asked about the tenure extension of the Centre's Auditor for the financial year 2022-23. The Director of SZCC has informed us that the auditor's tenure is two years, and the appointment was last year.

Decision: Approved.

B) Details of Investment of Corpus Fund and General Reserve Fund:

B: 1) Corpus Fund as of 31.10.2023:

Decision: Approved.

B: 2) GENERAL RESERVE FUND AS OF 31-10-2023:- (SAVINGS FUND)

Decision: Approved

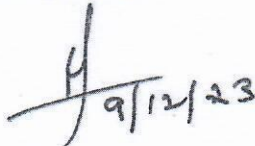
C. Actual Income (Receipts) and Expenditure (Payments) for 2022-23 and Budget estimate for 2023-24

Decision: Approved.

D. Summary of Grants received from Government of India & Expenditure for the Financial Year 2022-23

Decision: Approved

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AGENDA-V

The Budget allocation with physical and financial targets given by the Ministry of Culture for F.Y. 2023-2024

The Chairperson reflected that the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is wrongly shown under the ZCC Plan and comes under the SAP (Swachhta Action Plan). The Chairperson suggested removing it from the ZCC Plan Account. The director assured to look into it and do what was necessary.

Decision: Approved.

State-wise Budget allocation with physical and financial targets for 2023 - 24

Decision: Approved.

AGENDA-VI

State-wise Expenditure for 2022-23

During the discussion, the Chairperson expressed her concern that the Centre has not made any expenditure on the Vanishing Artforms.

The director replied that due to COVID-19 and the non-availability of a regular Director, nothing much towards Vanishing Artforms was done. He added that during 2023-24, the Centre is already into it; for instance, traditions such as Devaram and the four foremost Kathakali plays (known as the four flawless Kathakali plays) that formulated the art form and have hardly been performed since the past decades are already taken up. The Chairperson opined that the money has to be spent on vanishing art forms this year.

Decision: Approved

AGENDA-VII

Administrative Expenditure Incurred for the F.Y. 2022-23 and proposed Budget estimate for the F.Y. 2023-24:

Decision: Approved

AGENDA-VIII

OCTAVE 2023 - CLAIM FOR OVERPAYMENT

Decision: Not approved the additional claim of Rs. 33,06,204/- by M/s Nanjiltech & events, Chennai

AGENDA-IX

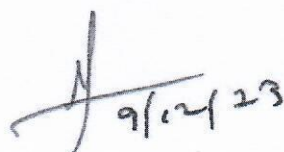
Submission of Certified Accounts of SZCC for the financial year 2022-23:

Decision: Approved

AGENDA-X

SETTLEMENT OF PENDING ADVANCES BY THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES

Decision: After a discussion on long pending advances, the Finance Committee has given direction to write off those old pending advances, such as those over 20 years with



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Governments/Institutions. Regarding the individual's pending advances, the Finance Committee insisted on necessary follow-ups to settle it.

AGENDA – XI

APPOINTMENT OF SHRI. K.K. GOPALAKRISHNAN, AS DIRECTOR OF SOUTH ZONE CULTURAL CENTRE, THANJAVUR

Decision: Ratified the appointment.

AGENDA – XII

EXTENSION OF TENURE OF CENTRE'S AUDITOR FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24:

Decision: Approved.

AGENDA – XIII

DISPOSING OFFICE VEHICLES

Decision: The Finance Committee opined that the applicable rules regarding the disposal of old vehicles should be followed. Secondly, as and when required, the option of hiring drivers through outsourcing and also renting the Mini Bus to other agencies may be considered.

AGENDA – XIV

REVAMPING OF SZCC WEBSITE

Decision: The Chairperson suggested contacting Shri. Gurwin Chawa, Joint Director, Arnite Division, for seeking guidance for revising the website and going for the templates followed by them.

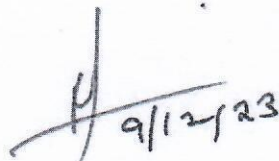
AGENDA – XV

NEW PROPOSALS

CREATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS

1. CONSTRUCTION OF A BOREWELL AND OVER-HEAD TANK AT SZCC CAMPUS
2. CONSTRUCTION OF OPEN CAR PARKING
3. CONSTRUCTION OF PERMANENT CRAFT STALL
4. REPAIRS AND RENOVATION OF "SAMUDAYAKOODAM"

Decision: The Chairperson opined that she would visit the campus during her trip to SZCC, Thanjavur, on 27th December 2023, and after that, any action may be initiated.


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ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

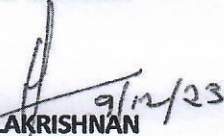
The Chairperson has suggested postponing Salangai Naatham from Dec 23rd to 2024, January or February, in light of the Kashi Tamil Sangamam 2nd edition at Varanasi from Dec 17th onwards.

The Director of Art and Culture, Government of Puducherry, has appreciated the activities of SZCC and came up with a proposal to conduct 'Octave' / Jesh-ne-Kashmir and Sankaradoss Swamigal 100 birthday in the month of February 2024 in Puducherry.

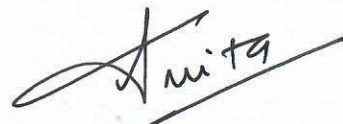
Decision:

1. The Octave Programme may be conducted in the month of February 2024 at Puducherry since they have already paid the Corpus Fund in full, and then this programme may be conducted as an annual event among Member States in Alphabetical Order.
2. Drama Festival viz. Sankaradoss Swamigal's 100 birthday in the month of February 2024 in Puducherry may be organised, but the programmes should be only in Folk Theatre.

The meeting concluded with the Director, SZCC cum Member Secretary of the Executive Board proposing the vote of thanks.


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Government of India, New Delhi &
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SZCC, Thanjavur.