

SOUTH ZONE CULTURAL CENTRE (SZCC), THANJAVUR

**MINUTES OF THE COMBINED 1ST AND 2ND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
SZCC, THANJAVUR FOR 2024-25, HELD ON 21ST OCTOBER 2024 AT SAHYADRI
GUEST HOUSE, MALABAR HILL, MUMBAI @ 03.00 PM**

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

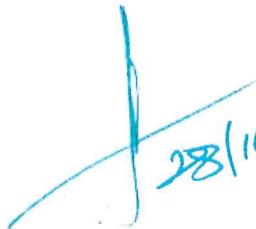
1. Smt. Amita Prasad Sarbhai, IRAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India (the Chairperson of the Meeting)
2. Shri. Kaliyaperumal, Director, Art and Culture, Government of Puducherry
3. Shri. K.K. Gopalakrishnan, Director, South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur (the Member Secretary of the Meeting)

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4. Smt Subhashini Thankachy P., Deputy Secretary, Cultural Affairs Department, Government of Kerala on behalf of Additional Chief Secretary, Cultural Affairs Department, Government of Kerala
5. Ms. Pooja Hali, Director, Integrated Finance Division (IFD), Ministry of Culture, Government of India
6. Shri. S.R. Gandhi IRPFS, Director, Art and Culture, Government of Tamil Nadu on behalf of Additional Chief Secretary, Art and Culture, Government of Tamil Nadu
7. Shri. Himashu Yadav DANICS, Director, Art & Culture, Lakshadweep
On behalf of Secretary, Art & Culture, Union Territory of Lakshadweep Islands
8. Shri. A. Srinivas, Chief Executive Officer (FAC), AP State Creativity and Culture Commission, Government of Andhra Pradesh
On behalf of Principal Secretary, Tourism, Culture, Archaeology & Museums, Government of Andhra Pradesh
9. Shri. Ashok N. Chalawadi, Joint Director, Kannada and Culture, Government of Karnataka on behalf of Secretary, Kannada and Culture, Government of Karnataka

No representatives from Telangana and Andaman & Nicobar Islands attended the meeting.

Shri. K.K. Gopalakrishnan, welcomed the Chairperson, Hon'ble Members of the 1st and 2nd Finance Committee who were present for the meeting. He briefed about the FC committee meeting for the financial year 2024-2025. Subsequently, with the permission of the Hon'ble Chairperson, the Director took the agenda items one by one for discussion.


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AGENDA – I

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE COMBINED 1ST AND 2ND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF SZCC, THANJAVUR FOR 2023-24 HELD ON 05TH DECEMBER 2023 AT 11.00 AM

Decision : Upon discussion, confirmed.

AGENDA – II

ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL FIRST AND SECOND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 05TH DECEMBER 2023

Decision : Approved.

AGENDA – III

PRESENTATION, CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 2023-2024 and PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED UP TO 30.06.2024

Decision : After discussion approved the Annual Activity Report for the year 2023-2024 and the programmes conducted up to 30.6.2024.

AGENDA: IV

ADOPTION OF POLICY FOR PAYMENT TO ARTISTS ENGAGED FOR DIFFERENT FESTIVALS/ PROGRAMS ORGANIZED BY AUTONOMOUS BODIES UNDER MINISTRY OF CULTURE BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Decision : Approved.

AGENDA :V

FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CENTRE

A) Statement showing the status of Corpus Fund:-

Decision : Approved the Statement of Corus Fund and decided to give program to Member States in proportion to the Corpus Fund remitted only.

B) Details of investment of Corpus and General Reserve Fund :-

B: 1) CORPUS FUND AS ON 30.09.2024:-

Decision : Approved.

B:2) GENERAL RESERVE FUND AS ON 30.09.2024

Decision : Approved.

C) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024

Decision : Approved.

D) Actual Income (Receipts) and Expenditure (Payments) for the year 2023-24 and Budget estimate for the year 2024-2025.

Decision : Approved.

E) Summary of Grants received from the Government of India & Expenditure thereon or the Financial Year 2023-24:

Decision : Approved.

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AGENDA-VI

STATEWISE EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 2023-24 AND STATEWISE ALLOCATION OF FUND FOR THE YEAR 2024-25 (Approved by the P.C. meeting of 2024 dt. 18.07.2024)

Decision : Approved.

AGENDA-VII

MOU WITH MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA and the Budget allocation with physical and financial targets approved by the Ministry of Culture for 2024-25.

Decision : Approved.

AGENDA-VIII

PROGRAMME PROPOSALS RECEIVED, WITH MEMBER STATES RECOMMENDATION - KERALA & KARNATAKA

Decisions :

After a detailed deliberation, it was decided that the Member States should follow the guidelines of the Ministry of Culture (furnished below) while recommending for the support from the ZCCs and support to Classical Arts should be less than 7% of the proposal, per item no. 9 below:

Sl.no	Item (Activities)	Ceiling Budget in terms of %	
1	Folk Performing Arts	22%	
2	Folk Visual Arts/Crafts	12%	
3	Tribal Performing Arts	3%	
4	Tribal Visual Arts/Crafts	2%	
5	Vanishing Art Forms	5.30%	
6	Schemes of ZCCs	2%	
7	NE Activities including OCTAVE	9%	
8	Important Domestic Festivals of Member States	9%	
9	Classical	7%	
10	Swachh Bharat Abhiyan	0.20%	71.50%
Part: B: Fund allocated for Shilpgram / Kalagram activities			
11	Schemes of MoC Pension	1.50%	
12	Tagore fellowship / Scholarships (ZCC with Scholars/fellow	2%	
13	Shilpgram / Kalagram activities	15%	
14	Misc. / Local Requirements	10%	28.50%
	Total	100%	100.00%

Vide Circular no. F.No.25-1/2024-ZCC dated 13th May, 2024 and E.mail dated 30th May, 2024 received from MoC, 10% of the total grant is to be ear-marked for the programmes of the Ministry of Culture.

The recommendations from Kerala – Support for Soorya National Theatre Festival Rs. 3,22,000/-, Swaralaya Dance & Music Festival Rs. 24,00,000/-, Sargalaya International Arts and Crafts Festival Rs. 12,00,000/- may be reviewed by the Kerala Department of Culture and resubmitted within a week adhering to the (above) guidelines and the SZCC director may take a call on it provided the ceiling budget is followed in the programming.

The Member States to forward NGO's request for sponsorship of Classical arts to the Sangeet Natak Akademi or the NGOs may apply for the Cultural Functions and Production Grant Scheme (CFPGS) of the Ministry **and not to ZCCs**.

Not approved the Proposal for Folk Arts Festival at Irinjalakuda, submitted by Ms Asha Suresh Nair, BoG Member of SZCC.

Member States coming under more than one ZCC, such as A,P, Telangana and Karnataka must ensure that their recommendation for support to NGOs should be submitted to only one ZCC, with a mentioning about it in the recommendation letter, to avoid duplication. The Member States may also ensure that such applications are not coming under the CFPGS of the Ministry of Culture.

Accordingly, the application of Parinthin Rashtreeya Nritya Sangeetha Mahotsava 2024 at Sagar, recommended by Karnataka Art & Culture Department to both SCZCC and SZCC may be considered by the SZCC and supported as per the above guidelines and subject to availability of funds.

AGENDA-IX

SUBMISSION OF CERTIFIED ACCOUNTS OF SZCC FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24:

Decision : Approved.

AGENDA-X

EXTENSION OF TENURE OF CENTRE'S AUDITOR FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-25

Decision : Approved.

AGENDA - XI

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 settle the pending advance in respect of Member States, Institutions and Individual immediately without further delay and insisted to take follow up action.

AGENDA- XII & XIII

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ADMINISTRATION BLOCK, TAGORE COMPLEX, OPEN AUDITORIUM STAGE & OLD OPEN STAGE COVERING WITH GI SHED FOR SZCC.

Decisions:

The committee approved it and recommended that the SZCC may send:

- (i) The application for the new Administrative Block (Total. 34320. sq. ft. (17160 + 17160=34320 sq. ft G+1 Floor – Rs. 20.53 Crores) and Borewell (Rs. 15 lakhs) (**Agenda XIII**) with the CPWD approved plan and estimate to the ZCC.
- (ii) The application for Tagore AC Auditorium Complex (Total 38,080 Sq.ft.) Rs.34.00 Crores with the CPWD approved plan and estimate as per extant guidelines.
- (iii) The application for the Open Auditorium Stage (with green room), Total Sq ft :5600 Sq ft., Rs.1.50 Crore and the covering the existing Open Stage with GI shed (8050 Sq.ft., Rs.1.00 Crore) with the CPWD approved plans and estimates for financial support under Building Grant.

AGENDA- XIV

PROPOSAL FOR 20% ALLOCATED FUND FOR UTILISING SALARY, ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FROM MOC GRANT

Decision: Not Approved. The Chairperson stressed on the need of the Zonal Cultural Centres to be self-sufficient. In this direction efforts should be made towards internal generation of resources which can be used to set up a staff & artist welfare corpus fund.

AGENDA- XV

PROPOSAL FOR NATIONAL PENSION SYSTEM (NPS) IMPLEMENT TO SZCC

Decision: Directed to submit the application in the prescribed way.

AGENDA-XVI

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

- 1) Request by the representative from Tamil Nadu, Director Art & Culture, to meet the logistics too by SZCC in certain cases of programming.

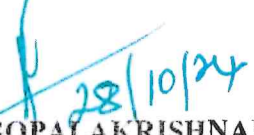
Decision: Per norms the programs in association with Member States are on a cost-sharing basis, with the ZCC meeting the artists' fee and travel and all other logistics including local travel by the Member State Concerned. Further, if the ZCC bear this cost too, it will reflect a shortage in the number of programmes and direct benefit to the artists. However, if exceptional cases up to 25% of the total cost may be met by the ZCC towards logistics by direct payment to the beneficiary.

- 2) Request by the representative from Puducherry, Director Art & Culture, for OCTAVE festival in Puducherry .

Decision: OCTAVE festival may be given in each Member States on a rotation basis. As in 2023 it was at Chennai and prior to that at Karnataka, the SZCC may take a call on it subject to availability of funds.

The Joint Secretary who chaired the meeting suggested all the Member States to document the programs and share the footage with the SZCC.

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


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