

MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING OF NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF 150th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF SWAMI VIVEKANANDA HELD IN ROOM NO.41, NORTH BLOCK, NEW DELHI, ON 24TH MARCH 2012

The third meeting of the National Implementation Committee (NIC) for commemoration of 150th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Finance Minister was held on 24th March 2012. A list of Members of NIC and officials who attended the meeting is at Annexure.

The Chairman welcomed the members to the third meeting of the NIC for commemoration of 150th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and requested Member Secretary & Secretary (Culture) Smt. Sangita Gairola, to proceed with the Agenda items. The Agenda items were accordingly taken up as under-

2. Confirmation of Minutes of 2nd NIC Meeting held on 26th May 2011

The Minutes were confirmed.

3. Report on Action Taken on the decisions of the 2nd NIC Meeting held on 26th May 2011

Action taken was noted.

4. Overview of Proposals approved so far

The overview of proposals and expenditure incurred thereunder was noted. NIC ratified the proposals approved by Chairman NIC.

5. Status of proposals

The status of proposals was noted.

6. Discussions were held on the proposals detailed in the Agenda and the following decisions were taken-

6.1 Proposal from Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata

The proposal was ratified as approved by Chairman, NIC.

6.2 Proposal from Sri Rama Krishna Ananda Ashrama, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal

The proposal was ratified as approved by Chairman, NIC.

6.3 Proposal from Shri Sunil Kumar Dutt for photo bank/ production of DVDs on Swami Vivekananda for Ramakrishna Mission, Belur

The proposal was not approved.

6.4 Proposal from Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Sister Nivedita Girls School Kolkata for acquisition and renovation of Sister Nivedita's House and construction of a museum

It was decided that further action would be taken after acquisition of the building by the State Government.

6.5 Proposal from Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari

Response from the State Government of Tamil Nadu may be awaited.

6.6 Proposal received from Moynapur Sri Ramakrishna Akshaykumar Pathachakra, Moynapur, Bankura (W.B.) for building Akshay Smriti Bhawan etc.

NIC decided that proposals for such small amounts from individuals/ societies/ non-government organizations etc. may be considered and disposed of by the State Government of West

Bengal as it is in a better position to verify the activities proposed to be taken up as well as the credentials of the organization. A lump sum of Rs.5 crores may be provided to the State Government of West Bengal for this purpose. The modalities may be worked out by the Ministry of Culture.

6.7 Proposal from Sri Ramakrishna Math, Chennai for acquisition of the historic building of Vivekananda House

NIC noted that there has been no response from the State Government so far and also that now the Institution has requested the State Government for a 99 years lease. In view of the above, NIC did not approve the proposal.

6.8 Proposal received from Malancha Youth Development Society, North 24 Parganas for undertaking various commemorative programmes

NIC reiterated their decision as in the case of Sri Ramakrishna Akshaykumar Pathachakra, Moynapur proposal at 6.6 above.

6.9 Proposals rejected by Ministry of Culture (based on reasons provided at Annexure X of the Agenda).

NIC noted the decision and ratified the action of the Ministry.

6.10 Proposal for upgradation of School/ College associated with Swami Vivekananda's early education

The proposal was ratified as approved by Chairman, NIC.

6.11 Proposal of Ramakrishna Mission Seva Pratisthan, Kolkata for construction of Swami Vivekananda Diagnostic Cardiac Care Centre

The proposal was ratified as approved by Chairman, NIC.

6.12 ICCR Proposal seeking grant of Rs 5 crores

NIC decided that the Ministry of Culture shall be the Nodal Ministry for organizing overseas programmes relating to the Commemoration. Ministry of Culture may collaborate with Ministries of External Affairs and Overseas Indian Affairs and the Ramakrishna Mission, for the purpose.

6.13 Chicago Proposals

NIC noted the progress achieved with respect to the Agreement with the University of Chicago. The projects entered into with the Art Institute of Chicago were ratified as approved by Chairman, NIC. The members of NIC congratulated the Chairman for this unprecedented initiative.

6.14 Proposal from Government of Jammu & Kashmir

NIC approved the proposal.

6.15 Proposal from Government of Uttarakhand

NIC directed that the proposal may be examined on file.

6.16 Proposal from Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Dakshineswar for undertaking various programmes for empowerment of women

The proposal was ratified as approved by Chairman, NIC.

6.17 Proposal from Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama, Hardwar

NIC desired that the matter may be examined in consultation with the State Government of Uttarakhand and Ramakrishna Mission. NIC decided that the request for providing corpus fund need not be considered.

6.18 Proposal from Ramakrishna Sevashrama, Bhadrak, Odisha

As the activities envisaged in the proposal are similar to those being organised by the Ramakrishna Mission in the state of Orissa, NIC did not approve the proposal.

6.19 Proposal from Sri Ramakrishna Math, Chennai to dedicate Vivekanandar Illam to Swami Vivekananda by launching "Experience Vivekananda" Project for renovation of Vivekanadar Illam and upgradation of the existing museum

It was decided to seek the views of Ramakrishna Mission, Belur on this proposal.

6.20 Proposal from Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, District Sargachhi, Murshidabad

NIC decided that all proposals submitted by branches of R.K.Mission, Belur, would be routed through R.K.Mission Headquarters and would not be entertained directly in Ministry of Culture.

6.21 Proposal from Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi for financial assistance for renovation of auditorium

The proposal was approved.

6.22 Proposal from Sri Sarada Math, Kasar Devi Estate, Almora for celebrating Swami Vivekananda's 150th birth anniversary amongst schools & colleges

6.23 Proposal from Radhika Creations, Nagpur, regarding organizing a play based on Swami Vivekananda

6.24 Proposal from Press Club, Kolkata for (i) bringing out a publication on Swami Vivekananda at an estimated cost of Rs 24.80 lakh and (ii) Organizing a special stage

performance on the life of Swami Vivekananda at an estimated cost of Rs 10 lakhs

6.25 Proposal received from Dalanghatia Vivekananda Rural Development Society, South 24 Parganas for a grant for organising 'Sit and Draw' and 'Quiz Contest'

6.26 Proposal from Shantishwari NGO Organisation, Bidar (Karnataka) for organizing a programme on Swami Vivekananda

6.27 Proposal from Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), Assam for a public function on Swami Vivekananda and his vision for the New World

It was decided that the proposals at 6.22 to 6.27 above may be considered under the Cultural Function Grant Scheme of Ministry of Culture.

6.28 Proposal from Ramakrishna Vedanta Math, Kolkata for taking up rural and semi urban development schemes for the underprivileged

NIC did not approve the proposal.

6.29 Issuance of Commemorative Coins & Postage Stamp

It was decided that the commemorative coins and postage stamp would be released during the Opening Ceremony of the commemoration in January, 2013.

6.30 Proposal for inclusion of a capsule on "Great thinkers of India" in the course curriculum for schools

NIC decided that the proposal may be referred to the Ministry of HRD by Ministry of Culture, to finalize a list of 15 great thinkers. Thereafter, Minister of HRD would take the approval of Chairman, NIC.

6.31 Proposals for production of films and documentaries:

- (i) Proposal of Ramakrishna Mission, Belur for production of a film on Swami Vivekananda**
- (ii) Proposal from Shri Diptendu Dey, Executive Director Eastern News and feature Agency, Kolkata for production of 3 films on Swami Vivekananda**
- (iii) Proposal of Shri Sitansu Ranjan De, News Editor, Sakalbela, Agartala for making a documentary film on Swami Vivekananda**
- (iv) Proposal from "One Without a Second Films LLP(OWASF)" for Production of a film on Swami Vivekananda**
- (v) Proposal from The New Global Indian for production of an International Tri-lingual film on Swami Vivekananda**

NIC decided to authorize Chairman, NIC to constitute an Expert Committee for considering the above and similar proposals for production of films on Swami Vivekananda.

6.32 Proposal from Ramakrishna Mission, Mumbai for undertaking Value Education Programmes at an estimated cost of Rs 16.89 crores.

The action taken was noted.

6.33 Incomplete cases or cases wherein information/ clarification/ comments called for are still awaited

With regard to 11 proposals in Annexure XXXI and 12 proposals mentioned in Supplementary Agenda item No 5, NIC decided that these may be processed on the basis of the general decisions recorded in respect of item 6.6 and items 6.22 to 6.27 above.

6.34 Ramakrishna Mission Headquarters, Belur- Implementation of Vivekananda Value Education Programme

The progress of VVEP being implemented by RK Mission, Belur was noted.

6.35 Budget

NIC desired that a note on the requirement of funds for the Commemoration may be sent to the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance.

6.36 Inaugural function (Supplementary Agenda item 1)

NIC advised that the issue pertaining to release of coins and stamps mentioned in Agenda item 19 may form part of the inaugural function to be organized on 12th January 2013. Ministry of Culture may work out the other programmes and obtain the approval of Chairman, NIC on file.

6.37 Proposal of Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama, Muzaffarpur for financial assistance of Rs 3.46 crores for up-gradation of the hospital

NIC directed that the proposal be examined after the recommendations of Ramakrishna Mission, Belur and the State Government of Bihar have been obtained.

6.38 Proposals involving performances by individuals/ groups/ other non-government organizations under Cultural Functions Grant Scheme (CFGS)

It was decided that all Cultural events being planned by various organisations/ NGOs etc. could be considered by Ministry of Culture under its CFGS.

6.39 Other New Proposals:

NIC decided that all such proposals may be dealt with in the following manner:

- a) Proposals relating to cultural events, conferences, seminars etc may be processed under CFGS;
- b) The proposals of branches of R.K.mission, Belur may be sent to R.K.Mission HQ, Belur for examination; and
- c) The proposals from other organizations relating to creation of infrastructure etc may be taken up with respective State governments for further consideration.

7. Any other matter:

Swami Suvirananda made two suggestions-

- i) A directive may be issued by Ministry of HRD to all schools and colleges to celebrate Swami Vivekananda's 150th birth anniversary on 12th January 2013 in a befitting manner; and
- ii) To declare 2013-14 as the year of National Awakening.

With regard to (i) above, NIC directed that a reference may be made to the Ministry of HRD. As regards (ii) above, NIC directed that a note be sent to PMO.

The Chairman thanked the members of the NIC and declared the meeting closed.

Annexure

List of Members/ officials who attended the NIC meeting on 24th March 2012

- 1) Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble Finance Minister & Chairman
- 2) Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of Human Resource Development and
Minister of Communications & Information Technology
- 3) Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, Minister of Health & Family Welfare
- 4) Swami Prabhananda, General Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission,
Belur
- 5) Swami Suvirananda, Trustee, Ramakrishna Mission, Belur
- 6) Smt. Sangita Gairola, Secretary (Culture)- Member Secretary
- 7) Shri Jawhar Sircar, CEO Prasar Bharati- Special Invitee
- 8) Shri Sumit Bose, Secretary (Expenditure)
- 9) Shri T.S.Randhawa, AS & FA, Ministry of Culture
- 10) Shri Bhaskar Khulbe, Principal Resident Commissioner,
Government of West Bengal, New Delhi- Representative of Chief
Minister of West Bengal
- 11) Shri Sanjiv Mittal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture
- 12) Dr. V. Venu, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture
- 13) Shri Kanwar Sameer Lather, Director, Ministry of Culture
- 14) Shri K.K.Banerjee, Director, Raja Rammohan Roy Library
Foundation, Kolkata
- 15) Swami Shubhakarananda, Ramakrishna Mission, Belur
- 16) Shri Sudesh Kumar, Project Coordinator, Ministry of Culture
