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There shall be a Centre for Himalayan Studies, in the university of Delhi with the following objectives:

1. A multi-disciplinary research centre devoted to study the Himalayan history, geography, society, economy, polity, culture, traditional knowledge, bioresources, environment, sustainable development and related fields.
2. To carry out primary research on the above areas and collect data from all available resources both primary and secondary.
3. Development of transdisciplinary and an integrated Himalayan Data Centre. To have a database on people or organizations working on various aspects of the Himalaya and associate them with the centre. Establishing a Network of Scientists, Social Scientists, individuals, organizations etc., working on Himalaya by coordinating with several regional, national, and international organizations.
4. To strongly advocate conservation of the Himalayan resources and sustainable utilization for the benefit of people and create awareness using new media and visual aids. Develop community usable warning tools that will facilitate participation at the local level towards Himalayan emergency events. Recommendation to the Government and Communities identifying major challenges facing diverse local actors together with future challenges.
5. It will organize workshops, seminars, conferences, symposia, training etc, at both national and international level.
6. The centre will contribute towards Science-Policy and Social Science-Communities interfaces to the Government of India in the context of global agreements i.e. Sendai Framework of Disaster Risk Reduction, Sustainable Development Goals, Paris Climate Action and Biodiversity Conservation.
7. To secure funding from all national and international organizations in the areas of Himalayan studies.
8. Providing a platform for communication and education by offering certificate and diploma courses initially and PhD degree eventually.

2. Governing Structure

The governance of the Centre for Himalayan Studies shall be carried out through the following bodies under the overall control and supervision of the Executive Council of the University. There shall be the following structure:

- 2.1. Governing Body
- 2.2. Advisory Council

2.1.1. Constitution of the Governing Body

Subject to the general control and supervision of the Executive Council, and in accordance with the Statutes and Ordinances of the University, the Centre for the Himalayan Studies shall have a Governing Body. The composition of the Governing Body shall be as follows

1. Chairperson (Vice-Chancellor or his nominee)

2. Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Ex-Officio)
3. Dean of Colleges (Ex-Officio)
4. Treasurer(Ex-Officio)
5. Dean Research Council/Dean Faculty of Science
6. Registrar(Ex-Officio)
7. Finance Officer (Ex Officio)
8. Three expert members to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
9. Director,Centre for Himalayan Studies Member Secretary (Ex Officio)

2.1.2. The Term

Except for the ex-officio members, all other members of the Governing Body shall have a term of one year. The Governing Body shall meet at least once in the financial/academic year. The quorum in the meetings of the Governing body shall be one third of the total membership.

2.1.3. Functions of the Governing Body

The Governing Body shall exercise the following powers and functions, subject to the general control and supervision of the Executive Council, and in accordance with the Statutes and Ordinances of the University.

1. To chart out the programme and activities of the Centre for Himalayan Studies and enhance and/or review activities of the Centre.
2. Identify and appoint faculty on deputation from various Colleges/departments from within the University and outside the University, appoint faculty on contract basis, visiting fellow, visiting faculty and/or guest faculty as per the requirements of the Centre.
3. Prepare the Budget of financial requirements of the Centre and monitor the progress made by it.
4. Consider and approve the Annual Accounts along with the Audit Report.
5. Approve proposals for generation of funds for the programmes undertaken by the Centre.
6. Make such rules as it may consider necessary for the regulation and smooth functioning of the Centre from time to time.
7. To appoint, suspend or terminate the services of administrative, academic and non-academic staff of the Centre and to determine the emoluments and conditions of service: provided, however, that the qualifications for appointment, emoluments, and conditions of the service of such persons shall be in accordance with those laid down for similar posts in the University;
8. To appoint or terminate the services of the non-academic staff on contract basis on the recommendation of the Director in order to improve the efficiency of the Centre
9. To determine the infrastructure requirements, including building, make arrangements for procurement and consider the recommendations of the Advisory Council.

2.2.1. Constitution of the Advisory Council

The advisory body will be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor for a period of 3 years. It shall comprise:

- (i) Chairperson to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor
- (ii) Director , Centre for Himalaya studies (ex-officio)– member secretary
- (iii) There will be maximum of 7 members expert in Himalayan studies to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Director.

The function of the Advisory Body will be to give suggestions for meaningful accomplishment of the objectives of the Centre and to engage with the progress of the ongoing programmes from time to time.

2.2.2. The Term

Except for ex-officio members, all other members of the Advisory Council shall have a term of two years. The Advisory Council shall meet at least twice in one academic year. The quorum in such meetings shall be one third of the total membership.

2.2.3. Functions of the Advisory Council

The function of the Advisory Body will be to give suggestions for meaningful accomplishment of the objectives of the Centre and to engage with the progress of the ongoing programmes from time to time.

3. Office Bearers

3.1. The Director

- (i) There shall be a Director with high academic credentials who should be a Professor. The Director should have sufficient knowledge in the field of Himalayan studies which can be reflected from his publications and outreach activities. The term of appointment of Director shall be for 5 (Five) years. The Director shall be eligible for appointment for another term.
- (ii) The Vice Chancellor will appoint the Director and report the same to the Executive Council.
- (iii) The Director shall function under the overall control of the Governing Body.He/ She will be responsible for the management and administration of the Centre in accordance with the Act, the Statutes, the Ordinances, the rules and regulations of the University.
- (iv) The Director shall act as:
 - Member Secretary of the Governing Body;
 - Member Secretary of the Advisory Council
- (v) The Director shall be authorized to maintain and operate an Imprest Account for meeting day to day expenditure of the School.
- (vi) In the absence of the Director, the Assistant Director shall perform all such functions and responsibilities which are vested with the Director under the Ordinance.

3.2. Assistant Director

- (i) There shall be an Assistant Director with distinguished credentials in the field of Himalayan studies and related fields appointed by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of the Director.
- (ii) He/She shall hold the position of Assistant Director in addition to her/his regular duties at his/her parent Department/Institution/College.
- (iii) Minimum designation of Assistant Director shall be Associate Professor. However a Professor can also be appointed as Assistant Director.
- (iv) The term of the Assistant Director shall be up to three years which may be renewed.

4. Faculty members : Visiting Professors/Adjunct Professors/Fellows /Distinguished Professors/Professor of Emeritus/Associated Faculty /Junior/Senior/Post-doctoral Fellows etc.

The Centre shall have Faculty members appointed as per the relevant rules of the University. The Centre shall also have Visiting Faculty/Fellows/Post-doctoral Fellows, and Research Associates.

- (i) Core Faculty members can be appointed on direct recruitment basis whenever the regular posts are sanctioned/available by the university or University Grants Commission. The Advisory Committee recommended that 3 posts of Professors, 3 posts of Associate Professors and 4 posts of Assistant Professors as well as one section officer and 3 office staff can be appointed in the centre subject to approval/sanction of the posts by UGC or Delhi University.
- (ii) **Visiting and Adjunct Professors/ Fellows/Faculty:**
 - a) Scholars who have made notable contributions in the field of Himalayan studies and the allied fields or those who have the research and teaching experience in the same may be appointed as Adjunct Professors/ Visiting Fellows/Faculty by the Director with the approval of the University.
 - b) They may be appointed for a period up to one year . In exceptional circumstances, the duration may be extended to a maximum period of five years on yearly renewal basis.
- (iii) **Distinguished Professors and Professor of Emeritus:**

Eminent experts in the field of Himalayan studies and allied field can be appointed as Distinguished Professors and Professor of Emeritus by the Director with the approval of the university.
- (iv) **Associated Faculties:**

Faculty members working in University Departments/Colleges/Centres can be appointed as Associate Faculty to carry out research and teaching in the Centre for a specific project for a specific period by the Director with the approval of the university.

(v) **Junior/Senior/Post-doctoral Fellows etc.**

Junior Research Fellows(JRF),Senior Research Fellows (SRF) Research Associates/Scientists/Fellows of UGC/CSIR/DBT/DST / DRDO and post Doctoral Fellows from any funding agencies having their own Fellowships can join the Centre till the tenure of their Fellowships.

6. Finances

- (i) The university will provide Annual expenses to the Centre as per requirements.
- (ii) The Centre can also raise resources through projects/Donations/Philanthropy/Crowd Funding etc.
- (iii) All expenditures of the Centre such as on the conduct of research/teaching/outreach, seminars, research projects, publications, administration and other support activities shall be made as per the rules of the university.
- (iv) All financial operations shall be conducted according to the rules and regulations of the University of Delhi.

CENTRE FOR HIMALAYAN STUDIES

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The 2nd Advisory Committee meeting of the Centre for Himalayan Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi was held virtually on 11th August 2021 at 4:00PM.

The following members were present:

Prof. Dinabandhu Sahoo (Chair)

Dr. Anil Joshi

Prof. Rajesh Naithani

Prof. Kaushal Kumar Sharma

Prof. Suresh Bandooni

Dr. Avitoli G Zhimo

The Chairperson, Prof. Dinabandhu Sahoo welcomed all the members and commenced the meeting.

1. Agenda: Condolence meeting in respect of late Prof. R.B. Singh

Notes: One minute silence was observed in honour of late Prof R.B. Singh who passed away on 22 July 2021. Prof. Singh was one of the drafting committee members of the Centre for Himalayan Studies and also the Advisor of the Centre. He was formerly the Head and Professor in the Department of Geography, Delhi School of economics, University of Delhi. His academic contributions were highly acknowledged around the world. The Centre will miss him. May his soul Rest in Peace.

2. Agenda: Confirmation of the minutes of the 1st Advisory Committee meeting

Notes: The minutes of the meeting of the 1st Advisory Committee was earlier circulated to the members for their comments and no comments were received. The members also did not give any additional comments. Thus the members unanimously confirmed the minutes of 1st Advisory committee meeting held on 24th March 2021.

3. Agenda: Allotment of sufficient space for the Centre

Notes: Director informed that the university has allotted half of the First Floor to the Centre in the DREAM Building. Many of the members visited the centre and appreciated the space allotted by the university. However, considering the mandate of the centre and its future expansion, it was resolved that the Centre for Himalayan Studies should be allotted more space in the building. A Himalayan Museum depicting the rich culture, Biodiversity and other aspects of Himalayas should be established on the top most priority and more research and outreach activities should be undertaken.

4. Agenda: Promulgation of Ordinance for the Centre by University of Delhi

Notes: The members discussed the proposal in great detail and unanimously recommended inclusion of the Centre for Himalayan Studies under the Ordinance XX of University of Delhi immediately. This will help in smooth functioning of the centre. The members suggested that UGC should be approached to sanction 3 posts for Professors, 3 posts of

Associate Professors, 4 posts of Assistant Professors as well as 1 Section Officer and 3 office staffs.

5. Agenda: The Centre's initiative on tree plantation by the students and others :

Notes: The Chair informed the committee about tree plantation initiative undertaken by the Centre for Himalayan Studies. The University of Delhi has notified that planting a tree by the student should be part of curriculum, wherein every student is required to plant a tree from this academic session onwards. The members supported this initiative and recommended that the Director should write letters to all central universities, deemed universities, state universities and other academic institutions to implement such initiatives. Organisations like UGC, AICTE, NCTE, AIU can be roped in. The plantation initiative should not be limited to higher education centres but may request all state boards, kendriya schools, CBSE, ICSE etc. to implement such programme.

6. Agenda: Organization of Himalayan Day

Notes: It was resolved that the Centre for Himalayan Studies will organize the 'Himalayan Day' in September 2021. Dr Anil Prakash Joshi will confirm the date for the celebration. The celebration can be done in both physical and virtual mode depending on the COVID situation.

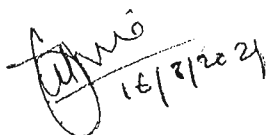
7. Agenda: Himalayan Lecture Series and other activities.

Notes: It was resolved that the Centre will organize a lecture series regularly. The inaugural webinar will be on the topic "Himalayan Future beyond 2050" which will be held on 16th August 2021. The committee authorised the Director to organize all future lectures, seminars, conferences and other activities of the centre.

8. Agenda: Any other mater

- i) The Centre for Himalayan Studies should apply for projects on the Himalaya. It can also collaborate with other colleges / universities / organizations for the same and other activities.
- ii) University of Delhi should write to UGC for recognition of the centre and make provisions for regular financial assistance.
- iii) The Centre can also raise money from CSR funds of various industries and corporate houses. Besides, it can also raise funds through donations etc.

9. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



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