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CENTER FOR TRIBAL LITERATURE OF AMERICA

Minutes of the First Board of Studies (BoS) Meeting Held on 24 March 2021

The meeting of the First Board of Studies (BoS) of the Center for Tribal Literature of America was held on 24 March 2021 at 03:30 p.m. on Google Meet online platform. The meeting started with a formal welcome of all the members present, by the chair, Dr. Nanduri Raj Gopal.

The following members were present:

1. Shri. Shyam Parande: Subject Expert – Secretary General, Indian Council for International Co-operation, New Delhi.
2. Prof. S. Armstrong: Subject Expert—Professor and Head Dept. of English, Madras University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
3. Dr. Nanduri Raj Gopal: Chairman & Convenor
4. Prof. Manoj Kumar Saxena: Vice Chancellor's Nominee
- 5.. Dr. Digvijoy Phukan: Vice Chancellor's Nominee

In this meeting, each item on the Agenda, prepared strictly on the basis of provisions in the Ordinance No. 4 of Section 23 and Statute 16(2) of the Central Universities Act 2009, was deliberated upon extensively and the following was resolved unanimously:

Item No. CTLA/BOS/1.1:

Appraisal and approval of the the academic activities conducted since the formation of the Center for Tribal Literature of America on 20 March 2020.

The BoS members were appraised and an approval was sought for the activities of the Center since its inception on 20 March 2020, namely –

1. The International Webinar organized from 7 July 2020 to 9 July 2020 with a participation and feedback received from about 450 participants.
2. The ongoing Weekly Online Lecture Series on various aspects related to Native American, History and Civilization started by the Center beginning 30 December 2020. It was also agreed that an appropriate title be given to the this Lecture Series commemorating the Native American glory.

Item No. CTLA/BOS/1.2:

Discussion and Approval of the new course to be introduced by the Center for Tribal Literature of America.

The BoS members were appraised with the proposal to start a free Online One-month Course titled – **Introduction to the Native American History and Literature** by the Center. A brief outline of the Course was presented by Chair. A proposal was made to conduct three lectures per week for this One-month Course.

All the members unanimously agreed to the suggestion of Prof. Manoj Saxena that all the required necessary approvals from UGC should be sought to initiate the online course.

Shri. Shyam Parande suggested that while preparing the course content , the study of Native American tribes should be classified geographically according to their presence and strength in USA, Canada, Mexico and South America for a better perspective. He also suggested the need to study the works of European scholars who have already contributed to this field. He suggested that the Center should try to collaborate with various University and Centers in USA to foster a better understanding of the entire realm of study.

Professor S. Armstrong agreed to facilitate in very possible way for the conduct of the Course by providing inputs for the course content.

Dr Digvijoy Phukan drew attention of the members towards ensuring the availability of books related to the Course for students in the library. The pursuit of the same was unanimously agreed to by all the members.

Item No. CTLA/BOS/1..3:

Any other item to be taken up for discussion only if the chair permits provided such an item could satisfactorily be dealt with in the meeting without any prior notice

Dr Nanduri Raj Gopal put forth the proposal to publish a collection of articles presented in the **International Webinar** conducted by the Center along with the publication of lectures delivered during the **Online Weekly Lecture Series** started by the Center For Tribal Literature of America. The proposal of this first publication with about twenty-five contributions in all was welcomed by all members.

Prof. S. Armstrong's suggestion to follow appropriate norms of publication and form a committee of reviewers and editors for giving a better form to this publication was noted in this regard.

All the suggestions given by the Board members were noted for implementation and further approval in the next meeting of the Board of Studies.

The meeting came to an end with the chair proposing 'Vote of Thanks' to the External Subject Experts and the VC's Nominees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N. G. P. N.', written over a diagonal line.

Director

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