

**Minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya Samiti (RMSS) meeting held through blended mode on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya Samiti was held under the Chairmanship of President, RMS Samiti and Hon'ble Union Minister for Culture, Shri G. Kishan Reddy on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 at 4.30 PM in New Delhi. Following were present:

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| 1. | Shri Govind Mohan<br>Secretary<br>Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India<br>New Delhi.  | Vice President<br>(ex-officio) |
| 2. | Ms. Ranjana Chopra,<br>AS&FA,<br>Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India<br>New Delhi  | Member<br>(ex-officio)         |
| 3. | Ms. Mugdha Sinha<br>Joint Secretary<br>Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India<br>New Delhi.   | Member<br>(ex-officio)         |
| 4. | Ms. Pooja Gupta,<br>Joint Director (Archaeology).<br>Govt. of MP, Bhopal<br>(Rep. of Chief Secretary, Govt. of MP)<br>(Through Online) | Member<br>(ex-officio)         |
| 5. | Dr. M. Sasi kumar<br>Joint Director,<br>Anthropological Survey of India<br>Kolkata<br>(Rep. Of Director, An.S.I., Kolkata)             | Member<br>(ex-officio).        |
| 6. | Dr. K.K. Chakravarty,<br>Former Vice Chairman, DIHRM<br>Rajarhat, Kolkata<br>(Through Online)  | Member                         |
| 7. | Prof. Vijay Shankar Sahay,<br>Deptt. Of Anthropology, University of Allahabad<br>Allahabad<br>(Through Online)                         | Member                         |
| 8. | Prof S.K. Chaudhuri<br>Deptt. of Anthropology,<br>RG University, Rono Hills<br>Arunachal Pradesh.<br>(Through Online)                  | Member                         |

9	Dr. Anand Murti Mishra Deptt. of Anthropology, Shaheed Mahendra Karma University, Jagdalpur. (Through Online)	Member
10	Prof. A. Papa Rao, Professor (Retd.) Deptt. of Anthropology, SV Univ. Tirupati (Through Online)	Member
11	Prof. Jibon Kumar Singh, Deptt. of Anthropology, University of Manipur, Imphal (Through Online)	Member
12	Prof. Subho Roy, Deptt. of Anthropology, University of Calcutta, Kolkata. (Through Online)	Member
13	Dr. Shailender Kumar Mishra Asstt. Professor Deptt. of Anthropology, (Through Online)	
14	Dr. Praveen Kumar Mishra Director Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS) Bhopal	Member-Secretary

At the outset, the Director welcomed the Chairman and members and make a power-point presentation on the activities of IGRMS. The following observations were made during the meeting. -

1. The President directed that the country needs such institution and IGRMS should be strengthened. He further advised that the IGRMS should not remain confined to its premises in Bhopal, but to enhance its visibilities. Its activities should be increased and expanded to different parts of the country including the remote and far-flung areas. He enquired about the courses offered by IGRMS and further suggested that IGRMS should make effort on the qualitative aspects of the courses. This will be a contribution of the Museum for improvement in museum field and creating job opportunities for the youth of the country. The

President also invited written suggestions from all members of RMSS for upgradation of activities of IGRMS. The IGRMS will try to include the suggestions of members in its annual activities and would achieve the target. The Ministry would help as much as possible in the execution of the programmes and activities.

2. Prof. Jibon K. Singh suggested that like earlier period, the Museum may start collaborative academic programmes like seminars, workshops with different universities.
3. Prof. Anand Murti Mishra suggested that IGRMS should tie up/collaborate with various universities and other educational institutions including Bastar University. He further suggested that IGRMS should again start the academic national workshops like Anthropology and Museums for the students and teachers of Anthropology and related disciplines.
4. Prof. Sarit K. Chaudhuri suggested that IGRMS is associated with different tribal groups of India through its activities and cultural interpretation centres. But this activity was stopped due to various administrative reasons which should be restarted. The IGRMS should revive its activities to function as National Museum and plan its activities in much broader way.
5. Dr. K.K. Chakravarty suggested that the Ministry should seriously look into the pending problems of IGRMS such as reconstitution of Academic Advisory Committee, appointment of Director. IGRMS is known for its extension and outreach activities which should be revived again in alignment with SDG's of UNESCO. It should plan some activities keeping in mind the Look East Policy of the Government. He further suggested that IGRMS must get recognition as nodal department by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India for development of Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum in different parts of the country. Accordingly, the IGRMS should plan some activities. Besides these, Ministry may specially pay attention to the Govt. contribution for implementation of CPF scheme for the employees of IGRMS.
6. Prof. Subho Roy suggested that IGRMS should increase its visibilities through outreach academic activities.

7. Prof. A. Paparao suggested that there is a good museum established by Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam Trust. The IGRMS should plan some collaborative activities with them.

In response to the above suggestions, the Director, IGRMS said that the IGRMS will try its best for expansion of outreach activities in collaboration with different Universities/Departments and Museums according to budget and available resources. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chairman, the Director took up the following Agenda items:

**Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the last (27<sup>th</sup>) Annual General Meeting of the RMS Samiti held on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2019.**

The Council unanimously resolved to confirm the Minutes of the last (27<sup>th</sup>) Annual General Meeting of the RMS Samiti held on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2019. Samiti also noted that the 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> meetings were organised by circulation and the Annual Report were placed before both the Houses of Parliament.

**Item No.2: Director's Report on Organisational Activities (Apr 2022-Dec 2022)**

The Samiti noted the Director's Report of organisational activities for the period Apr.2022 to Dec 2022.

**Item No.3: Approval of Annual Report (2021-22) and the Separate Audit Report of the C.A.G. on the Annual Accounts 2021-22.**

On the recommendation of the Executive Council the Samiti unanimously resolved to adopt the Annual Report of IGRMS activities (2021-22) and Audit Report of the CAG for the year 2021-22.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair

(Dr. Praveen Kumar Mishra)  
Member-Secretary RMSS &  
Director IGRMS

(G. Kshan Reddy)  
President, RMSS &  
Minister, Ministry of Culture



**Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya Samiti (RMSS) held through hybrid mode on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya Samiti was held under the Chairmanship of President, RMS Samiti and Hon'ble Union Minister for Culture, Shri G. Kishan Reddy on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 at 2.00 PM through Video Conferencing. The following were present:

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| 1. | Ms. Ranjana Chopra,<br>AS&FA,<br>Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India<br>New Delhi   | Member<br>(ex-officio)  |
| 2. | Shri Arun Kumar<br>Deputy Secretary (A&A)<br>Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India<br>New Delhi.<br>(Representative of JS, MoC) | Member<br>(ex-officio)  |
| 3. | Prof. B.V. Sharma,<br>Director,<br>Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata   | Member<br>(ex-officio). |
| 4. | Prof. Vijay Shankar Sahay,<br>Deptt. of Anthropology, University of Allahabad<br>Allahabad                                    | Member                  |
| 5. | Prof. S.K. Chaudhuri<br>Deptt. of Anthropology,<br>RG University, Rono Hills, Arunachal Pradesh.                              | Member                  |
| 6. | Dr. Anand Murti Mishra<br>Deptt. of Anthropology,<br>Shaheed Mahendra Karma University, Jagdalpur.                            | Member                  |
| 7. | Prof. A. Papa Rao,<br>Professor (Retd.) Deptt. of Anthropology,<br>SV Univ. Tirupati  | Member                  |
| 8. | Prof. Jibon Kumar Singh,<br>Deptt. of Anthropology,<br>University of Manipur, Imphal  | Member                  |
| 9. | Prof. Subho Roy,<br>Deptt. of Anthropology,<br>University of Calcutta,<br>Kolkata,  | Member                  |

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| 10. | Prof. Shailendra Mishra,<br>Allahabad University,<br>Prayagraj                         | Member           |
| 11. | Prof. Amitabh Pandey<br>Director<br>Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal | Member-Secretary |

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At the outset, the Director warmly welcomed the President and the esteemed members of the Samiti and with the permission of the chair present the Agenda through power-point presentation.

**Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the last (31<sup>st</sup>) Annual General Meeting of the RMS Samiti held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2023.**

The RMS Samiti unanimously resolved to confirm the Minutes of the last (31<sup>st</sup>) Annual General Meeting of the RMS Samiti held on 18<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2023. The Samiti also noted that Annual Report for the year 2021-22 was placed before both the Houses of Parliament.

**Item No.2: Report of Action Taken on the Minutes of the previous 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the RMS Samiti held on 18.1.2023.**

The Samiti noted the Action Taken Report of the previous 31<sup>st</sup> AGM of RMSS held on 18.01.2023.

**Item No.3: Director's Report on Organisational Activities (Apr 2023-Dec 2023)**

The Samiti noted the Director's Report of organisational activities for the period Apr.2023 to Dec.2023 with the following suggestions:

a. The President said that IGRMS shall make tentative Action Plan for activities of its Mysore Centre. He further said that proper presentation of activities in social media platform should be taken care of. He instructed Director IGRMS to enhance social media activities by hiring professionals on contract basis who takes care of publicizing IGRMS activities at Nation level social media platform. Moreover, he emphasized on sharing important events through Ministry of Culture social media, for publicizing them across the nation. He instructed that IGRMS also make endeavour for dropping Audit Paras.

b. Prof. A. Papa Rao suggested that physical meeting should be convened for better interaction, proper presentation and deliberations. He further said that IGRMS shall organize events focusing on Andhra Pradesh/Telangana State. He also said that grant for field visit to research students of university/anthropology to collect material culture of various cultural groups is to be given to IGRMS. The President appreciated the suggestions and assure for convening of next AGM meeting through physical mode.

c. Prof. Sarit K. Chaudhuri suggested that IGRMS shall make endeavour for acquiring land for permanent setup and infrastructural development of its Southern

Regional Centre at Mysuru. He said that Life Time Achievement Award in Museum Anthropology which was given before Covid 19 may again be started. He also emphasized on implementation of social security scheme to IGRMS officials of the National Museum.

d. Prof. Vijoy S Sahay suggested for collections of objects of Andaman and Nicobar region in collaboration with Anthropological Survey of India and anthropological museums of Andaman.

e. Dr. Anand Murti Mishra said that Chhattisgarh area is the core tribal area of India. He emphasize on organizing collaborative events focusing on Tribal Freedom Fighters with Jagdalpur University.

f. Prof. Jibon K. Singh suggested that IGRMS may plan to organizing collaborative programme with Anthropology museum of Manipur University for preservations of museum artefacts.

In response to the above suggestions, the Director, IGRMS said that the IGRMS will try its best for expansion of outreach activities in collaboration with different Universities/Departments and Museums according to budget and available resources.

**Item No.4: Approval of Annual Report (2022-23) and the Separate Audit Report of the C.A.G. on the Annual Accounts 2022-23.**

On the recommendation of the Executive Council the RMS Samiti unanimously resolved to adopt the Annual Report of IGRMS activities (2022-23) and Audit Report of the CAG for the year 2022-23.

Lastly, the President concludes the meeting by expressing his gratitude to the Samiti Members for providing their constructive suggestions. He instructed the Director, IGRMS for follow-up of the suggestions given by the Members of the Samiti. Activities should be planned in different states by IGRMS. He suggested for organizing less but effective programme/events which shows larger impact on the society and nation. He stressed that all organizations of MoC altogether should organize events/programme of similar nature at large scale, so that it will make larger impression on public.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-  
(Prof. Amitabh Pandey)  
Member-Secretary, RMSS &  
Director, IGRMS.

Sd/-  
(G. Kishan Reddy)  
President, RMSS &  
Minister, Ministry of Culture





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**Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of  
Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya Samiti (RMSS)  
held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**



The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya Samiti was held under the Chairmanship of President, RMS Samiti and Hon'ble Union Minister for Culture, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 at 11.00 AM at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. The following members were present at the meeting:

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| 1. Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat,<br>Hon'ble Union Minister for Culture<br>Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, New Delhi | President<br>(ex-officio)      |
| 2. Shri Arunish Chawla,<br>Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Govt of India<br>Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi                     | Vice President<br>(ex-officio) |
| 3. Smt. Lily Pandeya,<br>Joint Secretary<br>Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, New Delhi                                | Member<br>(ex-officio)         |
| 4. Ms. Pooja Hali<br>Director (Finance)<br>Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India<br>New Delhi. (Rep. of AS&FA, MoC)         | Member<br>(ex-officio)         |
| 5. Prof. B.V. Sharma,<br>Director,<br>Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata  | Member<br>(ex-officio).        |
| 6. Dr. K.K. Chakravarty,<br>Former Chairman, DIHRM, Kolkata   | Member                         |
| 7. Dr. Anand Murti Mishra<br>Dept. of Anthropology,<br>Shaheed Mahendra Karma University, Jagdalpur.                      | Member                         |
| 8. Prof. Jibon Kumar Singh,<br>Dept. of Anthropology,<br>University of Manipur, Imphal                                    | Member                         |

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| 9.  | Prof. Subho Roy,<br>Dept. of Anthropology, University of Calcutta, Kolkata             | Member                            |
| 10. | Dr. Shailendra Mishra,<br>Allahabad University, Prayagraj                              | Member                            |
| 11. | Prof. Amitabh Pande<br>Director,<br>Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal | Member-Secretary<br>(ex-officio). |

At the outset, the Director warmly welcomed the President and Esteemed members of the Samiti to the 33<sup>rd</sup> AGM of RMS Samiti. With the permission of the chair, he presented the agenda for discussion and approval.

The Secretary (Culture), Vice-Chairperson of the Samiti, briefed the President of the Samiti about the resolution of the contempt case for pension benefits to IGRMS employees recruited from 15.3.1985 to 31.03.2003 and the decision of the Ministry of Culture to extend pension benefits to these employees through internal resources of the institution. The Director, IGRMS briefed about the source internal revenues and effort being made to increase the internal revenue to meet the requirement of pension. The Hon'ble Minister instructed to make a sustainable plan to address the issue.

The President of the Samiti directed to address the following points:

1. RMS should prepare a plan for increasing footfall and earnings to support future fund requirements due to increased expenditures. The Joint Secretary should discuss this matter with the Director of IGRMS for the action.
2. RMS may create some permanent structures like auditorium, convention hall, etc. for which the Ministry of Culture would allot additional grants under Tagore Cultural Complex and other schemes of MoC.
3. RMS to collaborate with the respective State Govt. for its "People of India" exhibition of different state culture and create new exhibitions state wise with regional focussed programmes and with a plan for 7 to 10 days festival comprising thematic cultural heritage exhibition, academic, ethnic food, performance etc., so that holistic participation of state corresponding with the RMS aim of Living Culture, accordingly inputs and grants could be received from the State Govts. The exhibition may focus on regional flavour by

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adding a few more states at a time so that material cultural objects during exhibition display this will also attract other states/ regionscommunities to participate in the exhibition. In such a programme, a leading state may also be selected. It will also be helpful in cultural exchange among different states and also increase visitors' footfall.

4. RMS to prepare anSOP for publicity to reach its public at large. RMS should also identify target visitors before planning the exhibition.
5. RMS should collaborate with ITDC, of the Ministry of Tourism, GoI, for adding RMS on their website (Incredible India, etc.), tour operator guides and also on the tourist map of India. It will be helpful in increase of visitors.President asked the Joint Secretary and Director, IGRMS, to coordinate with the Ministry of TourismGoI
6. RMS should make community-orientedprogrammes and activities and make efforts to organise with a thought process to meet the basic core concepts of the organisation. To increase the Global footprint,RMS should make short documentaries and videos of 5-15 min duration and engage in wider publicity for expanded outreach.
7. The Secretary of MoC informed that the IGRMS would be allotted more grants to address these issues.

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The Samiti noted the Action Taken Report of the previous 32<sup>nd</sup>AGM of RMSS held on 17.01.2024.

**Item No.3: Director's Report on Organisational Activities (Apr 2024-Feb 2025)**

The Samiti noted the Director's Report of organisational activities for the period Apr.2024 to Feb.2025 with the following suggestions:



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1. Dr. K.K. Chakravarty submitted written suggestions, which were circulated among the members of the Samiti. Dr. Chakravarty further briefed the proposed plans for the execution of the proposal. Dr. Chakravarty highlighted some important activities to be undertaken, such as the community knowledge system, collaboration with MSME, Ramkrishna Mission, showcasing of in-situ revitalisation, updating of archival resources, and documentation of paintings in Haveli's of Rajasthan, etc. While agreeing with the proposal, the President of the Samiti directed the Director, IGRMS, to prepare an activities plan incorporating the suggestions of Dr. Chakravarty.
  2. Prof. Anand Murti Mishra suggested that the IGRMS should plan to collaborate with *Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram* for the documentation of unsung tribal freedom fighters.

**Item No.4: Approval of Annual Report (2023-24) and the Separate Audit Report of the C.A.G. on the Annual Accounts 2023-24.**

The RMS Samiti unanimously resolved to adopt the Annual Report of IGRMS activities (2023-24). However, the Audit Report of the CAG for the year 2023-24 could not be received due to a delay at the end of the CAG office. It was resolved that the CAG Report may be adopted through circulation.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.