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RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN

NEW DELHI-4

March 22, 1972.

I am glad to know that the Indian Council of Historical Research will be inaugurated on the 27th March, 1972.

Historical research is of fundamental importance to a nation like India which is rich in history. A proper historical perspective is necessary to understand the real significance of the great many political, social and economic changes that are taking place in the presentday world. I send my best wishes for the success of the work of the Council and its inaugural ceremony.

(V.V.Giri)



PRIME MINISTER'S HOUSE NEW DELHI

MESSAGE

The establishment of the Indian Council of Historical Research is welcome. I hope this will encourage objective and scientific research in various aspects of our history. People must be made aware of the influences which have moulded them over thousands of years so as to be able to face the problems of change without losing their moorings.

It is up to historians to give vision to people. Vision can be sustained only if the study of history is freed from the shackles of an artificially created framework. The history of India is far too identified with political or cultural conflicts. There seems little concern with the people themselves, with the forces of change in society, and the processes of culture. Sometimes mere chauvinism and blind acceptance of the past passes off as a re-interpretation of history.

Our approach to history must be rigorously scientific. Historical analysis should take account of the whole complex of interaction between the economic, political, intellectual and technological factors.

I hope that the work of our historians will add to our knowledge and to our understanding of ourselves.

New Delhi,

March 19, 1972.

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(Indira Gandhi)

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

The importance of giving a proper direction to historical research and of encouraging and fostering objective and scientific writing of history is being increasingly recognised in the country. The subject gains not only from the point of view of national integration but also from that of the need to inculcate a healthy respect for our cultural heritage without encouraging a blind acceptance of superstition, obscurantism and revivalism.

- 2. It is equally important to promote the application of historical method to the study of the social sciences and the humanities, so that an inter-disciplinary approach is achieved in an understanding of these subjects. The development and adoption of new historical methods have a bearing not only for the study of history but in improving and updating techniques and methods of social sciences and humanities as a whole.
- 3. It was felt that an Indian Council of Historical Research which would be an autonomous body registered under the Societies Registration Act would help in achieving these objectives and in enunciating and implementing a national policy of historical research. After some preliminary discussion on the subject, a Working Group was set up in December, 1971 by the Ministry of Education, to work out the details of such a body, its objectives; functions and organisational set-up. The Group consisted of Prof. R.S. Sharma, Patna University (Chairman); Prof. Satish Chandra, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Prof. Tapan Raychaudhuri, Delhi University; Dr. S. N. Prasad, Director, National Archives; Shri J. Veeraraghavan, Director (Internal Finance), Ministry of Education and Social Welfare; and Smt. S. Doraiswami, Deputy Education Adviser, Ministry of Education and Social Welfare.
 - 4. The objectives of this new body would be to:

- bring historians together and provide a forum for exchange of views between them;
- give a national direction to an objective and rational presentation and interpretation of history;
- promote, accelerate and coordinate research in history with special emphasis on areas which have not received adequate attention so far:
- promote a coordinated and balanced distribution of research effort over different areas;
- elicit support and recognition for historical research from all concerned and ensure the necessary dissemination and use of results.
- The frame-work within which the new body would function will be as follows:
- (a) The Indian Council of Historical Research should be a smallsized body consisting mainly of eminent historians of the country.
- (b) The proposed Council would cover History in its broader aspect including the History of Art, Literature and Philosophy and allied subjects such as archaeology, numismatics, epigraphy and the historical study of manuscripts. If would promote the study of any subject with a strong historical bias and content.
- (c) It would be necessary to ensure that the new council does not duplicate the functions at present carried out by the Indian Historical Records Commission.
- (d) Several historical projects with a strong social and economic content are at present being assisted by the Indian Council of Social Science Research. The establishment of the Indian Council of Historical Research should not deprive these projects of this assistance nor should similar projects be excluded from the perview of the LC.S.S.R. in future.
- (e) The Member-Secretary of the I.C.S.S.R. should be invited to attend the meetings of the I.C.H.R. on a reciprocal basis in order to maintain coordination between the two.

The Memorandum of Association and the Rules of the Indian Council of Historical Research prepared on the basis of the above frame-work and as approved and registered are given in the pages that follow.

THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

In the matter of the Societies Registration Act (Act XXI of 1860) being an Act for the registration of literary, scientific and charitable societies and

In the matter of the Indian Council of Historical Research

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

- The name of the society shall be the Indian Council of Historical Research (hereinafter referred to as the 'Council').
- 2. The objects for which the Council is established are:
- to foster objective and scientific writing of history such as will inculcate an informed appreciation of the country's national and cultural heritage;
- to review the progress of historical research from time to time and indicate neglected or new areas where research needs to be specially promoted;
- to sponsor historical research programmes and assist institutions and organisations engaged in historical research;
- (d) to provide technical assistance for the formulation of historical research programme by individuals or institutions and to support institutional arrangements for training in research methodology;
- to develop and support centres for documentation and reference service on historical research;
- (f) to maintain a National Register of research workers in history and their fields of specialisation;
- (g) to initiate measures, in cooperation with State Archives and Regional Record Survey Committees, for the location, survey, listing and preservation of historical material in private custody or in institutions lacking the necessary facilities;
- (h) to indicate periodically areas and topics on which historical research is to be promoted and adopt special measures for the

- development of research in neglected or new areas of historical research such as economic and social history, historical geography, history of science and technology, history of arts, etc;
- (i) to coordinate research activities in the field of historical research;
- to act as a clearing house of ideas and information on historical research in India and abroad;
- (k) to organise, sponsor and support seminars, workshops, and conferences for the promotion and utilisation of historical research;
- to promote publications of historical research of a high standard and to undertake publication of digests, periodicals and journals devoted to such research;
- (m) to encourage the production of popular literature which would foster an objective understanding of India's cultural heritage;
- (n) to undertake the compilation and publication of source material such as would facilitate historical research and historical writing;
- to institute and administer scholarships and fellowships for historical research;
- (p) to develop a body of talented young historians and to identify and encourage research talent, encourage the young teachers in universities and other research organizations;
- (q) to advise the Government of India on all such matters pertaining to historical research and training in history methodology as may be referred to it from time to time, including cooperational arrangements in historical research and training facilities with foreign academic bodies;
- (r) to enter into arrangements with the Government of India, State Governments and other public or private organizations or individuals for furtherance of its objectives, for implementation of its programmes and for securing and accepting endowments, grants-in aid, donations or gifts on mutually agreed terms and conditions;

- (s) to acquire by gift, purchase, lease or otherwise any property, movable or immovable, which may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Council and to construct, alter and maintain any building or buildings for the purposes of the Council;
- to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount and negotiate Government of India and other promissory notes, bills of exchange, cheques or other negotiable instruments;
- to invest the funds of the Council in such securities or in such manner as may from time to time be determined be the Governing Body and, from time to time, to sell or transfer such investments;
- (v) to take over and acquire by purchase, gift or otherwise from Government and other public bodies or private individuals, movable and immovable properties or other funds together with any attendant obligations and engagements not inconsistent with the objects of the Council;
- (w) to sell, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of any movable or immovable property of the Council; and
- (x) generally to take all such measures as may be found necessary from time to time to promote historical research and its utilization in the country.
- The Council will ordinarily initiate and promote research through university departments, research organisations and individuals.
- 5. (a) The income and property of the Council, however derived, shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects thereof as set forth in the Memorandum of Association, subject nevertheless, in respect of the expenditure of grants made by the Government of India, to such limitations as the Government of India may, from time to time, impose.
 - (b) No portion of the income and property of the Council shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividends, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the persons who are or at any time have been members of

the Council or to any of them or to any persons claiming through them:

Provided that nothing berein contained shall prevent the payment, in good faith, of remuneration to any member or any other persons in return for any services rendered to the Council or for travelling allowances, halting, or other similar charges.

- The names, addresses and occupations of the first members of the Administrative Committee of the Council to whom under rules and regulations of the Council, the management of its affairs is entrusted, are given below as required under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Act XXI of 1860);
 - Prof. S. Nurul Hasan, Educationist & Historian, Minister of State, Ministry of Education & Social Welfare, 24, Wellingdon Crescent, New Delhi.
 - Shri T.P. Singh, Civil Servant, Secretary, Ministry of Education & Social Welfare, 13-AB Pandara Road, New Delhi-11.
 - (3) Prof. Satish Chandra, Historian, Professor of History and Dean, School of Social Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Hauz Khas, New Delhi, E-52, Anand Niketan, Moti Bagh, New Delhi.
 - (4) Prof. Tapan Raychaudhuri, Historian, Head of the History Department, Delhi University, 22 Cavalry Lines, Delhi.
 - (5) Prof.(Miss) Romita Thapar, Historian, Professor of History and Chairman, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, awaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, C-7 Annexe, 23-B. Road, Maharani Bagh, New Delhi-14.
 - (6) Dr. S.N. Prasad, Historian, Director, National Archives, Janpath, New Delhi-1, 77, Rabindra Nagar, New Delhi-11.
 - (7) Shri B.B. Lal, Historian, Director-General, Archaeological Survey of India, Janpath, New Delhi, D-1/127, Satya Marg, New Delhi-21.

 A copy of the Rules of the Council, certified to be a correct copy by three members of the Administrative Committee is filed alongwith the Memorandum of Association.

We, the several persons whose names and addresses are given below, having associated ourselves for the purpose prescribed in this Memorandum of Association, do hereby subscribe our names to this Memorandum of Association and set our several and respective hands hereunto and form ourselves into a Society under Act XXI of 1860 this twenty-second day of February, 1972 at New Delhi.

- Prof. S. Nurul Hasan, Educationist and Historian, 24, Wellingdon Crescent, New Delhi.
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RULES

- Short Titles: These Rules may be called the "Rules of the Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi, 1972.
- Definitions: In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) The 'Council' shall mean the Indian Council of Historical Research;
 - (b) The 'Chairman' shall mean the Chairman of the Council appointed by the Government of India under Rules 3 & 13;
 - (c) The 'Member-Secretary' shall mean the Member-Secretary appointed by the Government of India or the Council as the case may be under Rule 14;
 - (d) The 'Administrative Committee' shall mean the Administrative Committee appointed under Rule 30; and
 - (e) The 'Research Projects Committee' shall mean the Research Projects Committee appointed under Rule 39.
- Members of the Council: The Council shall consist of the following members;
 - An eminent historian nominated by the Government of India who shall be Chairman of the Council;
 - Eighteen historians nominated by the Government of India;
 - Representative of the U.G.C;
 - Director-General of Archaeology;
 - Director, National Archives;
 - Four persons to represent Government who shall be nominated by the Government of India and which shall include one representative each of the Ministry of Educa-

- Roll of Members: The Council shall keep a Roll of Members giving their addresses and occupations and every member shall sign the same.
- If a member of the Council changes his address, he shall notify
 his new address to the Member-Secretary who shall thereupon
 enter his new address. The address given in the Roll of Members
 shall be deemed to be his address.
- 6. Duration of Membership: The term of office of the Council constituted under Rule 3 shall be three years and shall be deemed to commence from the date on which it holds its first meeting. However, a Council once constituted shall continue to be in office till a new Council is constituted and the names of the members are published in the Official Gazette.
- 7. When the term of office of a Council comes to an end, all its members, except the Chairman and Member-Secretary whose term of office will be regulated in accordance with these Rules and Regulations, shall vacate office. Outgoing members shall be eligible for reappointment, subject, however, to the condition that no person shall be a member of the Council for more than two consecutive terms of office.
- During the term of office of Council, vacancies may arise from the reasons indicated below:
 - (a) death;
 - resignation addressed to the Member-Secretary in writing and accepted by the Council;
 - (c) becoming of unsound mind or insolvent;
 - (d) conviction for a criminal offence involving moral turpitude;
 or

- (e) failure to attend three consecutive meeting of the Council without proper leave of the Council.
- 9. Any vacancy in the membership of the Council (or any of its committees) caused by any of the reasons mentioned above shall be filled up in accordance with the provisions of these Rules. But the persons appointed in the vacancy shall hold office only for the unexpired period of the term of the membership.
- 10. Where a member of the Council (or any of its committees) becomes a member by reason of the office or appointment he holds, his membership of the Council (or of its committees) shall terminate when he ceases to hold that office or appointment; and in his vacancy, his successor in office or appointment shall automatically be a member of the Council for the unexpired period of the term of membership.
- 11. The Council and all its committees shall function notwithstanding that any person who is entitled to be a member by reason of his office is not a member of the Council (or its committees) for the time being and notwithstanding any other vacancy, whether by non-appointment or otherwise; and no act or proceeding of the Council (or its committees) shall be invalidated merely by reason of the happening of any of the above events or of any defect in the appointment of any of its members.
- The officers of the Council shall be the Chairman, the Member-Secretary and such other employees of the Council who may be so designated by the Council.
- 13. The Chairman of the Council shall be honorary. The term of office of the first Chairman shall be five years and three years in all subsequent cases. The outgoing Chairman shall be eligible for re-appointment by the Government of India. But no Chairman shall be appointed for more than two consecutive terms.
- The first Member-Secretary of the Council shall be appointed by the Government of India and shall hold office till such time as a

Member-Secretary has been appointed by the Council with the approval of the Central Government. The remuneration, terms and conditions of service, powers and duties of the Member-Secretary shall be as specified in the regulations.

- 15. The Government of India may appoint one or more persons to review the work and progress of the Council and to hold enquiries into the affairs thereof and to report theron, in such manner as the Government of India may stipulate, and upon receipt of any such report, the Government of India may take such action and issue such directions as it may consider necessary in respect of any of the matters dealt with in the report and the Council shall be bound to comply with such directions.
- 16. (a) The Government of India may give directives to the Council in respect of its broad policies and programmes.
 (b) If at any time a difficulty arises in the functioning of the Council because of any lacunae in the Memorandum of Association or in the Rules, or the failure of any of their provisions to operate, the Government of India shall have powers to give directives to resolve the difficulty and such directives shall be binding on the officers and authorities of the Council.
- 17. Authorities: The following shall be the authorities of the Council:
 - (a) The Administrative Committee;
 - (b) The Research Projects Committee; and
 - (c) Such other authorities as may be constituted by the Council.

Proceedings of the Council

 The Annual General Meeting of the Council shall be held at such time, date and place as may be determined by the Chairman.

- (b) The Chairman may convene an ordinary general meeting of the Council whenever he thinks flt. However, the Council shall hold at least two ordinary general meetings every year.
- (c) Ten members of the Council may, by a letter addressed to the Member-Secretary, requisition a special meeting of the Council. On receipt of such requisition, the Member-Secretary shall convene a meeting.
- Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, all meetings of the Council shall be called by notice under the signature of the Member-Secretary or any other officer authorised in this behalf.
- 20. Every notice calling a meeting of the Council shall state the date, time and place at which such meeting will be held and shall be served upon every member of the Council not less than lifteen clear days before the day appointed for Annual or Ordinary General Meeting and seven days for a special meeting.
- If the Chairman is not present at meeting of the Council, the members present may elect a Chairman for the meeting.
- Ten members of the Council present in person shall form a quorum at every meeting of the Council.
- All disputed questions at the meetings of the Council shall be determined by vote. In case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- The Member-Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Council and a copy thereof shall be sent to the Government of India.
- 25. Regulations: (a) With the previous approval of the Government of India, the Council shall have power to frame and amend Regulations, not inconsistent with the Memorandum of Association and these Rules, for the administration and management of its affairs.

- (b) Without prejudice the generality of the foregoing provision, such Regulations may provide for the following matters:
 - the preparation and sanction of budget estimates, the sanctioning of expenditure, making and execution of contracts, the investment of the funds of the Council and the sale or alteration of such investment, and, account and audit;
 - (ii) powers, functions and conduct or business of such Committees or Advisory Panels as may be constituted from time to time;
 - (iii) the procedure, terms and tenure of appointments, emoluments, allowances, rules of discipline and other conditions of service of the officers and staff of the Council. Provided that the prior approval of the Government of India shall be obtained for the creation of all posts with a salary of Rs. 2,000 per month or more and for making appointments to such posts;
 - (iv) terms and conditions governing scholarships, fellowships and deputations, grants-in-aid, research schemes and projects, and establishment of data library and documentation centre; and
 - (v) such other matters as may be necessary for the furtherance of the objetives and proper administration of the affairs of the Council.
- 26 Subject to memorandum of Association, Rules and Regulations, the Council shall have the power to —
 - appoint all categories of officers and staff for conducting the affairs of the Council, to fix the amount of their remuneration, subject to the budget provision, and to define their duties;
 - (b) to enter into arrangements with the Government of India,
 State Governments and other public or private organizations

or individuals for furtherance of its objectives, for implementation of its programmes and for securing and accepting endowments, grants-in-aid, donations or gifts on mutually agreed terms and conditions:

Provided that the conditions of such grants-in-oid donations or gifts shall not be inconsistent or in conflict with the objectives of the Council or with the provision of these Rules;

- (c) To acquire by gift, purchase, lease or otherwise any property, movable, or immovable, which may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Council and to construct, alter and maintain any building or buildings for the purposes of the Council;
- (d) To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount and negotiate Government of India and other promissory notes, bills of exchange, cheques or other promissory notes, bills of exchange, cheques or other negotiable instruments;
- (e) To invest the funds of Council in such securities or in such manner as may from time to time be determined by the Governing body and, from time to time, to sell or transfer such investments;
- (f) To take over and acquire by purchase, gift or otherwise from Government and other public bodies or private individuals, movable and immovable properties or other funds together with any attendant obligations and engagements not inconsistent with the objects of the Council;
- To sell, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of any movable or immovable property of the Council;

Provided, however, that no immovable property of the Council shall be sold without the prior approval of the Government of India.

- 27. The Council may, by resolution, appoint Advisory Panels or Committees other than the Administrative Committee or the Research Projects Committee, for such purposes and with such powers as it may think fit, and it may also dissolve any of the Committees and Advisory Panels set up by it.
- 28. The Council may delegate to the Chairman, of its Committees, or members and to the Member-Secretary or to any other officer of the Council such administrative and financial powers as it may deem proper and also prescribe limifations within which these powers are to be excercised or discharged.
- 29. The Annual General Meeting of the Council shall, among other things, approve the Annual Report and Accounts of the preceding year, sanction the programme and budget estimates of the subsequent year and constitute the Administrative and Research Projects Committees.

Administrative Committee

- 30. The administrative and financial affoirs of the Council shall be looked after, subject to rules and regulations and orders of the Council, by the Administrative Committee which shall consist of the following:
 - (a) Chairman
 - (b) Financial Adviser
 - (e) Not less than five or more than seven members appointed by the Council at the Annual General Meeting; and
 - (d) Member-Secretary
- The term of the office of the Administrative Committee shall be one year from the date of the Annual General Meeting in which it is constituted. However, an Administrative Committee once

- constituted shall continue in office until another Administrative Committee is constituted.
- The Member-Secretary of the Council shall be the Secretary of the Administrative Committee.
- Every meeting of the Administrative Committee shall be presided over by the Chairman and in his absence, by a member chosen by the members present at the meeting to preside for the occasion.
- Four members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Administrative Committee.
- Not less than 15 clear days notice shall be given for an ordinary meeting of the Administrative Committee, but this condition may be relaxed by the Chairman for special meetings.
- 36. Every notice calling a meeting of the Administrative Committee shall state the date, time and place at which such meeting will be held and shall be under the signature of the Member-Secretary or any other officer authorised by the Chairman in this behalf.
- The Administrative Committee shall hold at least three meetings in a year at such times as the Chairman may decide.
- 38. Each member of the Administrative Committee including the Chairman shall have one vote; and if there shall be an equality of votes on any question to be decided by the Committee, the Chairman shall, in addition, have a casting vote.

Research Projects Committee

- 39. The Research Projects Committee of the Council shall scrutinise and sanction grants-in-aid to research projects and other proposals for financial assistance submitted to the Council subject to rules and rgulations and orders of the Council. It shall consist of:
 - (a) Chairman;
 - (b) Three historian members of the Council appointed by the Council at the Annual General Meeting;

- (c) Three specialists to be coopted for individual meetings according to the field of study under examination, to be nominated by the Chairman; and
- (d) Member-Secretary
- Rules 31-38 of the Administrative Committee shall apply also to the Research Projects Committee.

Funds of the Council

- 41. The funds of the Council will consist of the following:
 - (a) Grants made by the Government of India for the furtherance of the object of the Council;
 - (b) Contributions from other sources;
 - (c) Income from the assets of the Council; and
 - (d) Receipts of the Council from other sources.

Amended Rule

- 42. The Banker of the Council shall be State Bank of India or a Nationalised Bank. All funds shall be paid into Council's account with SBI or a Nationalised Bank and shall not be withdrawn except through a cheque signed by such officers as may be duly empowered in this behalf by the Chairman and countersigned by the Chairman or by a member of the Council authorised by the Council in this behalf.
- 43. The person appointed by the Government of India representing the Ministry of Finance on the Council shall be the Financial Adviser to the Council. If the advice tendered by the Financial Adviser on any matter referred to him is not acceptable to the Member-Secretary/Chairman, the matter should come before the full Administrative Committee for a decision.

Accounts, Audit and Annual Report

 (a) The Council shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare annual accounts comprising the receipt and

- payment accounts, statements of liabilities, etc., in such form as may be prescribed by the Government of India in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India.
- (b) The accounts of the Council shall be audited annually by the Comptroller and Auditor-General or any other person appointed by him in this behalf and any expenditure incurred in connection with the audit of accounts of the Council shall be payable by the Council.
- (c) The Comptroller and Auditor-General or any other person appointed by him in this behalf shall have the same rights, privileges and authority in connection with the audit of accounts of the Council as the Comptroller and Auditor-General or any other person appointed by him in this behalf has in connection with the audit of Government accounts and in particular, shall have the right to demand the production of books, accounts, connected vouchers and other documents and papers, and to inspect the offices or institutions of the Council.
- (d) The Accounts of the Council as certified by the Comptroller and Auditor-General or any other person appointed by him in this behalf together with the audit reports thereon shall be forwarded annually to the Government of India and the Government shall cause the same to be laid before the House of Parliament.
- 45. An Annual Report of the proceedings of the Council and of the work undertaken during the year shall be prepared for the information of the Government of India and others concerned and interested and shall be laid before the House of Parliament.

Amendment of Rules

46. Subject to the prior approval of the Government of India and the provision of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860), these rules may be amended at any time by a resolution passed at an ordinary general meeting of the Council duly convened for the purpose and supported by more than half of the total number of members of the Council.

General

 The Council shall be subject to all the provisions of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Act XXI of 1860) as amended by the Punjab Act of 1957 and as applied to the Union Territory of Delhi.

Certified to be correct copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi.

(Sd.) Satish Chandra (Sd.) S.N. Prasad (Sd.) Romila Thaper.

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 Dr. S.N. Prasad Director National Archives New Delhi.

25. Representative of the Government of India—Vacant

Member-Secretary

Vacant