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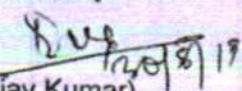
MEETING NOTICE

Sub: Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission held on 17th August, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Sabarmati Ashram Preservation and Memorial Trust (SAPMT), Ahmedabad-regarding.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the minutes of the 14th meeting of the Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission held on 17th August, 2019 at 10.00 AM at Sabarmati Ashram preservation and Memorial Trust (SAPMT), Ahmedabad, for information and necessary action.

Encl:- AS above

Yours faithfully


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To,

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**MINUTES OF THE 14TH MEETING OF THE GANDHI HERITAGE SITES MISSION
HELD ON 17.08.2019 AT 10:00 AM AT SABARMATI ASHRAM PRESERVATION
AND MEMORIAL TRUST, AHMEDABAD**

A meeting of the Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission was held on 17.08.2019 at 10:00 AM at Sabarmati Ashram Preservation and Memorial Trust, Ahmedabad. The list of participants is annexed.

Dr. Sudarshan Iyengar, Member was requested by consensus, to chair the meeting.

After welcoming all the participants to the meeting, Sh. S.C.Barmma, Joint Secretary and Secretary to the Mission took up the agenda paras.

Agenda item no.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Mission held on 04th August, 2019

Secretary, GHSM informed that the Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission held on 04th August, 2019, were circulated among all the Members of the Mission. No comments were received from any of the Members. Therefore, the minutes were confirmed.

Agenda item no.2 Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 13th meeting of the Mission held on 04th August, 2019

Secretary, GHSM informed the Mission that the following projects were completed:

Proposal for setting up a permanent exhibit at Pietermaritzburg Railway Station, South Africa.(para no.1 ATR)

- a. Procurement of digital copies of the issues of "Indian Opinion" for the period 1930-1949 from the National Library of South Africa (NLSA). (para no.2 ATR)
- b. Proposal for preparing image based 3D Model of Artefacts used by Gandhiji.(para no.3 ATR)

It was also informed that the following matters were to be discussed by the Finance Committee in its meeting scheduled for 19th August, 2019.

- i. Joint publication of "Gandhi Places"- A book Documenting Gandhi Heritage Sites.(para no.4 ATR)
- ii. Status of project for architectural documentation of the Core Sites. (para no.5 ATR)
- iii. Website of the Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission.(para no.6 ATR)

Proposal for Conservation / Renovation of the Museum of the Aga Khan Palace (Prison Cell), Pune.

The matter was not discussed as it has already been taken up by ASI.(para no. 7 ATR).

Upgrades and new exhibitions at Phoenix Settlement, South Africa – reg (para no. 8 ATR).

Deputy Secretary, GHSM informed that HCI, South Africa had recommended a proposal of the Phoenix Settlement Trust, South Africa relating to preservation and promotion of Gandhian Heritage in South Africa. In principal approval was given by the Mission. The Finance Committee of the Ministry desired certain clarifications on the proposal. The clarifications were sought from HCI, South Africa, but no response has been received till date.

Dr. Sudarshan Iyenagar, Member, GHSM suggested that if no response has been received so far, HCI, SA may perhaps not be interested in the execution of the proposal/project and therefore the proposal could be dropped.

After deliberations, it was decided to drop the proposal.

Proposal for (i) 3D laser scan (lidar) for Bapukuti at Sevagram Ashram, Wardha, Maharashtra and Kochrab Ashram at Ahmedabad, Gujarat and (ii) Virtual tours for 13 core Gandhi Heritage Sites. (para no.9 ATR)

Director, SAPMT informed that the 3D Laser Scan for Bapukuti at Sevagram Ashram, Wardha and Kochrab Ashram at Ahmedabad have been completed. Virtual tour of Ten sites(10) have been completed. Further, Sh.Virat Kothari, Technical Director, SAPMT informed that there is a problem in making virtual tours of remaining three sites namely, Bhatgam, Surat which is not traceable, Yerwada Jail, Pune where the authorities are not allowing access to the jail and Beliaghata, West Bengal where the State authorities are not give permission.

After deliberation, it was decided that SAPMT should expedite the work.

Proposal for (a) 3D laser scanning of Hridayakunj (b) Virtual Tour of 10 Core Gandhi Heritage Sites (c) Mobile Apps of 5 Core Gandhi Heritage Sites(para no. 10 ATR).

Director, SAPMT informed that 3 D laser scanning of Hridayakunj and Virtual Tour of 10 Core Gandhi Heritage Sites has been completed. Sh. Kothari, Technical Director informed that Mobile Apps of 5 Core Gandhi Heritage Sites namely Kochrab Ashram, Ahmedabad, Mani Bhavan, Mumbai, Aga Khan Palace, Pune and Manorville, Shimla can be downloaded from Google Play Store. Work is in progress on the mobile app of Kirti Mandir, Porbandar.

Sh.Kartikey Sarabhai, Member(GHSM) suggest for a single App for all core Gandhian sites instead of individual Apps. Sh. Kothari, Technical Director informed that it is not possible as size of the App would become quite

large. Sh.Kartikey Sarabhai, member (GHSM) further suggested to take note of the number of visitors who are visiting mobile Apps and basic experiment can start from mobile App of SAPMT.

After discussion, Dr. Iyengar, Member(GHSM) suggested that a complete note explaining the steps on the usage of mobile App must be sent to Ministry of Culture.

Proposal for 3D laser scan (lidar) of core sites Mani Bhavan, Mumbai and MKG home, Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.(para no. 11 ATR)

Director, SAPMT informed that the 3D Laser scanning of Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha has been completed and Mani Bhavan will be completed within 2 months.

After deliberations, it was decided that SAPMT to expedite the work.

Uploading of Gandhi papers handed over by Honourable Prime Minister to SAPMT, Ahmedabad(para no. 12 ATR)

Director, SAPMT informed that Honourable Prime Minister has given some papers to SAPMT. SAPMT has requested National Archives of India(NAI) to verify the list of these papers. Response is awaited from National Archives of India New Delhi.

After deliberations it was decided that matter should be pursued with National Archives of India, to expedite the work.

Project for "Creation and Verification of database relating to Gandhi Heritage Sites". (para no. 13 ATR)

Deputy Secretary(GHSM) informed that during last meeting Director, SAPMT was requested to provide the details relating to Gandhi Heritage Sites 'place wise' as well as 'date wise'. Sh. Kartikeya Sarabhai,member(GHSM) suggested that SAPMT should do place wise details for one place in the starting. There will be two sets, one would be sent to Ministry of Culture and other copy would be kept with SAPMT and all the material would also be available on Gandhi Heritage Portal.

Prof. Tridip Suhrud, member(GHSM) was requested by GHSM to help in this project and he agreed for the same. Based on success of this site, place and date wise, details can be done for other sites also. A detailed proposal was to be sent by SAPMT.

As the proposal has not been received, deliberation it was decided that a reminder may be sent by the Ministry to SAPMT for this work.

Digitization of material related to Mahatma Gandhi available at Maneklal Jethabhai (M.J.) Library of Ahmedabad. (para no. 14 ATR)

Director, SAPMT informed that 3100 books have been digitized. JS(GHSM) inquired when the project is expected to be completed. Sh. Kothari, Technical Director informed that project will be completed within 6 months. Further, Sh. Kartikey Sarabhai, member(GHSM) inquired whether there is any marking on pages of the books originally done by Gandhiji that are being digitized. Sh. Kothari, Technical Director informed that in some books such markings are done but their authenticity is not known.

It was discussed and decided to expedite the work.

Progress of the Gandhi Heritage Portal (para no. 15 ATR)

Director, SAPMT informed that the total content uploaded on Gandhi Heritage Portal till July, 2019 is 1907786 pages. They require Corus for maintenance of the Portal. JS(GHSM) informed that Gandhi Heritage Portal is separate from Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission and it will not be possible for Mission to provide corpus fund for this project. SAPMT may send a fresh proposal clearly indicating the annual requirement for one year for the maintenance of the portal.

It was discussed that SAPMT will send a detailed proposal clearly indicating the annual requirement for one year for the maintenance of the portal.

Project proposal for National Virtual Library of Gandhiana submitted by SAPMT, Ahmedabad. (para no. 16 ATR)

Director, SAPMT informed that automation of 5 libraries, namely, Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha(Chennai), Gandhi Memorial Museum(Madurai), Mani Bhawan(Mumbai), Harijan Sevak Sangh(Delhi), Gandhi Museum(Bhavnagar) has to be carried out under this project. At this stage, work on 2 sites, namely, Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha(Chennai), Gandhi Memorial Museum(Madurai) is in progress.

After deliberation it was decided to expedite the work.

Proposal for establishing and maintaining digital Museum at Gandhi Ashram, Pallipadu, Andhra Pradesh. (para no. 17 ATR)

Discussed as main agenda item.

Project to upgrade and modernize the complex at the Gandhi Ashram Trust (GAT) for making it a "Gandhi Centre" at Noakhali, Bangladesh.

(para no. 18 ATR)

Deputy Secretary(GHSM) informed that Rs. 5.3 crore has been released to High Commissioner of India in Bangladesh and they have requested some extra money due to currency rate fluctuation for the project. Dr. Sudarshan Iyengar suggested that the requisite amount may be released.

and informed that the main building of the Ashram will be completed by end of August 2019.

After deliberations it was decided to request Dept. of Culture, Govt. of Uttarakhand to expedite the work. On furnishing of the completion report, the next instalment would be released.

Proposal for construction of Gandhi Memorial around Gandhi Nivas, from Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras. (para no. 22ATR)

During last meeting it was decided that Prof. Chhaya should be sent as a representative of the Mission to Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras to get a detailed proposal for onward transmission to the Mission. Accordingly, Prof. Chaya was requested for making the aforesaid visit. Response is awaited. Sh.Kartikeya Sarabhai, member(GHSM) informed that he had visited Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras and had sent a report of his visit to Ministry of Culture. Secretary(GHSM) informed that Ministry of Tourism is also looking after similar project.

After deliberations it was decided to drop the proposal as Mission would not be able to complete the project before March 2020.

Proposal for signages at Gandhi Sites within the country at all places visited by Mahatma Gandhi(para no. 23 ATR)

During last meeting it was decided that Centre for Environment Education (CEE) should submit a detailed proposal for 10 Core Sites to be taken up in first phase. Accordingly, CEE was requested to submit a detailed proposal. Sh.Kartikey Sarabhai, member(GHSM) informed that he had already submitted the detailed proposal and if it has not been received by Ministry of Culture then he will again send the proposal to Ministry of Culture.

After due considerations, it was decided that Centre for Environment Education (CEE) should again submit a detailed proposal for 10 Core Sites to be taken up in first phase.

Upgradation of the Museum at Pietermaritzberg Railway Station, South Africa-regarding (para no. 24 ATR)

Discussed as main agenda item.

Proposal from Government of Kerala to set up a Museum at Vaikom (Vaikkam) in memory of Vaikom Satyagraha and also a life statue of Mahatma Gandhi. (para no. 25)

Deputy Secretary, GHSM informed that during last meeting it was decided to send a reminder to State Govt. of Kerala for obtaining the latest status. Accordingly, matter was pursued with them and they have informed

After detailed deliberation it was decided that the additional funds as desired by High Commissioner of India in Bangladesh for completion of the project may be released.

Proposal from Gandhi Seva Sangh, Sevagram, Wardha (Maharashtra) regarding preservation of Gandhian Literature. (para no. 19 ATR)

During last meeting it was decided that Dr. Sudarshan Iyengar, Member and Prof. Shahid Amin, Member may be requested for making a visit to Gandhi Seva Sangh, Sevagram, Wardha. Dr. Sudarshan Iyengar informed that there is no need of visiting the site instead Gandhi Seva Sangh, Wardha, Maharashtra may again be requested to send a fresh proposal for consideration of the Mission.

It was decided to request Gandhi Seva Sangh, Sevagram, Wardha to send a fresh proposal if ownership related issues are resolved.

Proposal for digitization of books at Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore (para no. 20(a) ATR)

Deputy Secretary (GHSM) informed that during last meeting, it was decided that Dr. Iyengar, member (GHSM) along with officials of Ministry of Culture may visit Barrackpore. Visit is awaited.

After deliberations, it was decided that proposal may be deferred and would be taken up after re constitution of the Mission.

Proposal for upgradation of the Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore (para no. 20(b) ATR)

Deputy Secretary, GHSM informed that the proposal for upgradation of the Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore was approved at an estimated cost of Rs. 161.32 Lakh and an amount of Rs. 161.32 Lakh has been released to them. Progress report was sought from the Secretary, Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya and they have informed that work on two galleries will be completed by September 2019.

Mission Members suggested to request Secretary, Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya to expedite the work.

Proposal for renovation of Anasakti Ashram, Kausani, district Bageshwar, Uttarakhand. (para no. 21 ATR)

Deputy secretary, GHSM informed that after approval by the Mission and Finance Committee, Rs. 127.50 lakhs was released to Secretary, Department of Culture and Tourism, Govt. of Uttarakhand. Progress report was sought from the Secretary, Department of Culture and Tourism, Govt. of Uttarakhand and they have sent some photographs of the completed work

Agenda item no. 3 Project proposal for rejuvenation of sodepur khadi pratishthan- proposed action plan-regarding

Deputy Secretary (GHSM) informed that a proposal regarding rejuvenation of Sodepur, Khadi Pratishthan, West Bengal at an estimated cost of Rs. 27.71 Crore has been received. He further informed that earlier Dr. Arun Chakrabarty has made a visit to Gandhi Memorial Ashram, the Khadi Pratishthan in Sodepur, West Bengal and had submitted a status report. Subsequently, DPR was received from Secretary, Khadi Pratishthan and details of the cost estimates are mentioned in the DPR.

Dr. Sudarshan Iyengar, Member, GHSM suggested that as the tenure of the Mission is till March 2020 it would be better if we drop the proposal as a lot of civil work is involved and it would not be possible to complete the project till March 2020.

After detailed deliberation it was decided that project proposal may be dropped.

Agenda item no. 4: Revival of the famous Gandhi Mandapam in Kanyakumari-regarding

Deputy Secretary (GHSM) informed that the proposal at an estimated cost of Rs.30 Lakh is regarding revival of Gandhi Mandapam in Kanyakumari. The proposal has been received from Assistant Collector, Kanyakumari the district administration, after consultation with several expert bodies, has prepared a plan for the physical repair and restoration of the structure. The project is divided into two components:

- (1) Strengthening and retrofitting of the damaged portions,
- (2) Application of Special paint and refurbishment of interiors,

Dr. Sudarshan Iyengar, member(GHSM) suggested that the matter is outside the purview of the Mission and hence the proposal may be dropped.

After detailed discussion and due consideration, it was decided that project proposal may be dropped.

Agenda item no. 5: Project proposal for Gandhi Ashram, Pallipadu, Andhra Pradesh

Deputy Secretary(GHSM) informed that a proposal was received from Sh. Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy, MP, Rajya Sabha regarding inclusion of Pinakini Satyagraha (Gandhi) Ashram, Pallipadu, SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh in the list of Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission and also helping in establishing and maintaining a Digital Museum in the newly constructed premises.

He had requested that funds are required for equipment for amphi-theatre, library, Digital Gandhi Museum and solar tree lights, quarters etc. which comes out to be RS. 2.8 crores. And, there is also need to have about Rs. 13.8 Lakhs annually

that work on the setting up of the Museum gallery has started and the Museum work is expected to be completed within three months.

It was decided to request State Govt. of Kerala for expediting the work and complete it before March 2020.

Template for preparation of process document for various projects undertaken by GHSM(para no. 26)

During last meeting it was decided that SAPMT will provide the templates as per suggestion given by Prof. Tridip Suhrud to GHSM for further circulation among the Members for approval. Accordingly, SAPMT was requested for providing the template. Response is awaited.

After discussion, it was decided that a reminder be sent to SAPMT for obtaining the latest status of the work.

Uploading of Peasant testimonies available with NAI on the Gandhi Heritage Portal(para no. 27 ATR)

During last meeting Director, SAPMT informed that papers related to peasant testimonies after being received in SAPMT are being transcribed, annotated by Prof. Tridip Suhrud, Ms. Megha Todi and Prof. Shahid Amin. The same will be uploaded on Gandhi Heritage Portal after that.

Prof. Tridip Suhrud, member, GHSM telephonically informed that once the work on volume 1 is completed it will be uploaded on Gandhi Heritage Portal.

After detailed deliberation it was decided that once the proposal of SAPMT is finally approved SAPMT can upload it on Gandhi Heritage Portal.

Proposal of Prof. Tridip Suhrud regarding Champaran papers(para no. 28ATR)

It was informed that matter was pursued with Navjivan Trust for providing the cost estimates and SAPMT was requested for sending the detailed proposal regarding the research cost for the remaining volumes to the Mission. Response is awaited from them.

Prof. Tridip Shrud, member, GHSM telephonically informed that work on Volume I has been completed and GHSM can be partner in it. Director, SAPMT further informed that cost estimates has been obtained from Navjivan Trust and cost of per copy would be Rs. 475/-. 200 copies are required to be purchased. In total there will be 8-9 volume and approx 500 testimonies will be there in a volume. SAPMT would send the detailed proposal. Secretary, GHSM suggested that we can give in principal approval to the project and if Mission is continued beyond March 2020 then new Mission would consider afresh.

After detailed deliberation it was decided that SAPMT would send a detailed proposal to Ministry of Culture for its consideration.

Agenda item no. 7 Third party evaluation for GHSM

Deputy Secretary(GHSM) informed that tenure of the Mission is up to March 2020. There is an urgent need for extension of Mission beyond March 2020 for further conservation and restoration of heritage sites associated with the father of the nation. An Agency is being engaged for carrying out independent evaluation of the performance of the Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission. Mission members were requested to provide their valuable inputs in this regard.

Dr. Sudarshan Iyengar suggested the following:

- a) It should be explained to evaluation team the purpose the Mission for which it was set up.
- b) Distinct features of Mission mode methodology.
- c) Agency should discuss with Members of the Mission and understand their contribution towards the Mission.
- d) Terms of reference of Agency must also be explained.
- e) Third party evaluation team may have person on Gandhian thought.

Prof. Tridip Suhrud, Member, GHSM vide Email suggested that:

- a. the scope of work for evaluation should include content development, authenticity of content technological robustness of the platform and feedback from research users and casual visitors to the Portal. Understanding of the Gandhi heritage both tangible and intangible and how Gandhian sites function and are administered.
- b. the Agency should have competence to comment on the content and its authenticity, technological aspect of the platform and impact analysis.
- c. the Agency should have expertise in architectural documentation from the perspective of conservation architecture and a team of architects to elevate the work proposed and executed
- d. Domain expertise in technological applications and technological evaluation abilities.

Sh. Kartikey Sarabhai, member(GHSM) suggested that the technical evaluation team may compare/study any 5 Gandhian Sites with architectural documentation.

Members were of the opinion that technical evaluation team may visit atleast 2/3 sites complete in all respects like, Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha Chennai, Gandhi Smarak Sanghralaya, Barackpore & Sabarmati Ashram Preservation & Memorial Trust, Ahmedabad.

The meeting ended with thanks to all the present.

for recurring expenses such as building maintenance, salaries for staff etc. The details of costing are attached at Annexure V.

Dr. Sudarshan Iyengar suggested that as the tenure of the Mission is till March 2020 it would be better if we defer the proposal as a lot of civil work is involved, it would not be possible to complete the project till March 2020.

After detailed deliberation it was decided that project proposal may be deferred till March 2020.

Agenda item no. 6: Upgradation of the Museum at Pietermaritzburg Railway Station, South Africa-regarding

Secretary (GHSM) brought to the notice of the chair about post facto approval on the proposal regarding setting up a Digital Interactive museum at Pietermaritzburg Railway Station at a cost of Rs. 39.40 lakh. The background of the case chronological events is as follows:

- i. On 27th April, 2018, a letter addressed to Hon'ble Culture Minister was received from Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs about her proposed visit to South Africa scheduled for 7.06.2018 enclosing therewith a proposal of Shri Birad Rajaram Yajnik Trustee – Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Curator – Mahatma Gandhi Digital Museum and Managing Deputy secretary & Publisher – Visual Quest India, with for deploying museum as mentioned. She would like to inaugurate it on 7.06.2018.
- ii. Thereafter, High Commission of India, South Africa approached Secretary (Culture) about the proposed visit of Hon'ble EAM, on 6.06.2018 to South Africa and requested to update them about the proposal of upgradation of Gandhi Museum at Pietermaritzburg Railway Station.
- iii. Secretary (Culture) was informed that fund can be realised if the project get approved by GHSM and concurred in by Finance Committee and MOU get signed between HCI on behalf of GOI and executing agencies as per procedure.
- iv. Thereafter, proposal was circulated to Members of GHSM twice before execution of the project by the agency but could not be approved.
- v. Without any approval of the Mission, the project was executed at the venue. Thereafter, HCI forwarded the invoice of Rs. 39.40 Lakh to MOC for its settlement directly with Shri Yajnik.
- vi. The matter was then placed during the meeting of GHSM held on 4.08.2018. Mission also observed about the procedural lapse in this project and requested for some photographs of the completed work. Photographs were received from HCI, South Africa. Also during the visit of Secretary (Culture), along with Joint Secretary (SCB), it was ascertained that work has been completed.

The proposal was again discussed in detail by the Mission and finally the Mission approved the proposal being a fate accompli and recommended that proposal be placed before the Finance Committee.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS OF 14th MEETING OF GANDHI HERITAGE SITES MISSION WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING ON 17.08.2019 AT 10.00 AM AT SABARMATI ASHRAM PRESERVATION AND MEMORIAL TRUST, AHMEDABAD

SL.NO	NAME
1.	Shri Kartikeya Sarabhai, Member, GHSM
2.	Dr. Sudarshan Iyengar, Member, GHSM
Officers from Ministry of Culture	
3.	Shri S. C. Barmma Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture
4.	Shri Manoj Dehury, Deputy secretary, Ministry of Culture
5.	Smt. Sunita Under Secretary, Ministry of Culture
6.	Shri Ankush Rastogi Assistant Section Officer, Ministry of Culture
Other Special invitee	
7.	Sh. Atul Pandaya Director, SAPMT
8.	Sh. Virat Kothari Technical Head, SAPMT