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For General Body Meeting on Dated 21.2.2019

Venue: Seminar Hall, Department of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh
Chairman: Prof. Khazan Singh

Minutes of NWISA meeting

First meeting of NWISA-2018-20 held on 20th of April, 2018 at ICSSR Guest House, Panjab University Chandigarh under chairman ship of out-going president of NWISA Dr. Khanjan Singh Sagwan and special guest Prof. BK Nagla and Prof. Satish Sharma. Following points were discussed:

1. Newly elected executive of NWISA-2018, took oath and oath was given by President, General Secretary and Treasurer and other executive members. Dr. Bhup Singh Gaur took oath as President, Dr. Mohinder Slariya as General Secretary, Dr. Manoj Kumar took oath again as treasurer.
2. Three members; Dr. Deepak, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Punjabi University, Patiala, Sh. Amarjeet Lal, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, NSCBM Govt. College Hamirpur, HP and Dr. Hema Gandotra, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Jammu University, Jammu have been nominated for NWISA-2018 by the president and second by secretary and approved by all members.
3. Dr. Jagdish Mehta, EC member suggested to prepare policy to organise annual conference at regional, state, college or university level and criteria should be fixed.
4. Themes to undertake research in whole north-west region should be discussed and agreed upon and it was also decided to send a request letter to department of sociology in universities, colleges or research institutions and for annual or mid-term conferences should be based on those themes and those agreed topics should be converted into research themes for conference as well as for research.
5. Proposal for organising annual conference received from the head of department of sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh has been accepted out the proposal received from two universities i.e. Patiala University and Panjab University.
6. NWISA will be given 20 percent out of registration fee received for annual conference and 10 percent from Mid-term conferences.
7. It was unanimously decided to celebrate "100 Years of Sociology Conference" in 2019 (1919-2019) and will be organised at Govt.

College Chamba. Preparation should start atleast one year after the XX annual conference is over at Chandigarh.

8. Sociology should be included as career at every level so it was decided to send a request letter to all govt. at all level in all states of north-west region. Seminar/activity should be organised to make sociology most saleable subject in the emerging market.
9. Prof. BK Nagla raise the issue of challenges of specialization and courseware should be prepared by a team of experts out the teachers teaching sociology in north-west region for whole region so that uniformity can be established in whole region. Therefore, it is desired that in next meeting a committee will be constituted which check the possibility of preparing courseware for all levels of study i.e. graduation, post-graduation and research level and NWISA should take responsibility to publish and distribute among all students of north-west region.
10. It was also decided that letter should be sent to all concerned department for special leave to attend NWISA meeting anywhere in the country. To execute this, it was decided to prepare data base of teachers teaching sociology in north-west region so that letter should send to concerned vice chancellors, secretary higher education and head of institutions.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

Decision taken in EC held on 20.2.2019 at 8.30 PM

- **Upgradation of Website of NWISA:** New website will be prepared and committee comprises of Dr. Mohinder Slariya, Dr. Deepak, Dr. Manoj Teotia and Dr. Manoj Kumar
- **Enhancement of Life membership fee:** The existing life membership fee will increase from 1000 for students and 2000 for the teachers teaching sociology. Student after coming in job has to re-enrolled and student membership will remain valid maximum for seven years from the date of registration.
- **Organising of NWISA Conference:** At the time of submitting proposal for holding NWISA conference, a letter duly approved by VC in case of university and principal in case of college must be enclosed. The proposal will only be considered if the proposal is coming with these documents. Organising secretary has to manage all required funds and there will be no financial liability for holding conference on NWISA.
- **Introduction of Life Time Achievement Award and Young Sociologist Award**
 - Life member of NWISA will be consider for *Life-time Achievement Award* as well as young sociologist award. For life time achievement award

minimum age should be 60 years and for *Young Sociologist Award* minimum age should be minimum 35 years.

- Committee for fixing criteria: Prof. Satish Sharma (c), Prof. Khazan Singh, Dr. Deepak, Dr. Bhup Singh, Dr. Mohinder Slariya, Dr. Manoj Kumar
- **NWISA Research journal:** Introduction of Research Journal of NWISA was discussed and it was decided that NWISA will publish it's journal soon. For the publication of research journal committee under convenorship of Dr. Deepak Kumar, and Dr. Manoj Teotia, Dr. Amandeep Singh, Dr. Anupam Bahari will be the member. The committee will suggest within three months it's report regarding viability of publishing the journal.
- **Expansion of NWISA Executive:** It was discussed in the EC meeting that executive of NWISA will be expanded and additional posts of vice-president and joint-secretary may be created and it will be discussed in GBM.
- **NWISA as Knowledge Partner:** Involvement of NWISA in national and international events as knowledge partner without any financial liability on the part of NWISA will be explored and it will be discussed in GBM. Any proposal received will be discussed and approve finally by the executive of NWISA.
- **Revival of Patronship:** For wide outreach of sociology, it was decided in the meeting that patronship will be revived. The patron membership fee will be 10,000=00, which will be paid once.
- **Exploration of CSR Funding:** It was decided that CSR funding from big corporate houses will be explored under convenorship of Dr. Manoj Teotia.
- **Introduction of Lecture Series:** Lecture series should be started in different region and EC members will explore funding at their own. It was decided that one presentation will be made and circulated among all EC members and they will present the same in their respective region. They will also motivate students to opt sociology by narrating them it's importance in this competitive world.

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