

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN
AHMEDABAD KENDRA
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23.03.2019

A meeting was held on the 23 Mar 2019 which was attended by the following

- a) Shri Mukesh Patel - Honorary Secretary
- b) Shri Prakash Bhagwati, - Member Trustee
- c) Shri Gaurav J Shah - Member Trustee
- b) Dr. Neerja A. Gupta - Principal, College of Arts & Commerce
- c) Dr. Hemant M. Patel - Principal, Science College
- d) Shri Sajjan K.O. Joseph – Director HBI Cm
- e) Shri JigarRana - Director, BCACA
- f) Col. R. C. Saklani (Retd.)- Coordinator
- g) Shri Vinod Gajjar - Accountant RA Science College
- h) Ms Harshaben - Accountant R A College of Arts & Commerce
- j) Ms Nivrutiben - Accountant Kendra
- k) Shri Shashank Acharya – Accountant HBI CM
- l) Ms Anjanaben - Accountant Bhavans Cultural Centre

The meeting started with Shri Mukesh S Patel saying that as per the last meeting everyone must have thought over the process of integration and the difficulties involved in the process.

Shri Gaurav J Shah said that there could be distribution of responsibilities where the talent and acumen of the heads could be utilized for building up the Bhavan's Ahmedabad Kendra as an institution. This would mean providing guidance and inputs for efficient administration, financial health and image building of the Ahmedabad Kendra. Ways and means of tapping various sources of funds for the betterment of campus could be found by the heads whether from grants, expansion of HBIs revenue generation through new course curriculum or the utilization of Bhavan's auditorium. And holistic view can only be taken through integration of the entities of Ahmedabad Kendra. It becomes incumbent on us to meet more often - at least once a fortnight. The idea is to come up with possible solutions to a problem in the fortnightly meeting. This would also motivate the heads to meet more often within the period to discuss various issues and come out with mutually agreed options.

Dr Neerja A Gupta, Principal said that in the past also both the colleges have shared their resources and finances in the building up of the Kendra. She

also said that the funding of the colleges depends on the NAAC grades that they achieve. Higher the NAAC grades the colleges receive more grants under various heads. She informed everyone about the selection of Bhavan's RA College of Arts & Commerce in the first eight institutions for the funding of start-up projects by the students for development of entrepreneurship amongst them. The college will have to develop a facility for promotion of such entrepreneurship projects for receiving this fund for which details are yet to be shared by the Govt.

The coordinator informed the body that inquiries had been made with one of the service providers about synchronization of the six Tally accounts of Bhavan's Ahmedabad Kendra. They have quoted a price of Rs 57600/- for the initial synchronization and an annual maintenance contract renewal for Rs 36000/- every year. The issue had further been discussed with the Bhavan's HO, Mumbai. They advised against such a move since they were already receiving the Tally accounts of each of the institutions through the Tally Gateway which were being integrated at the HO. Any software problems /glitches at the Kendra level may compound their problems and would be against the well established protocol.

Another problem of the synchronization of the accounts was that each of the institutions had a different time schedule and therefore getting all the accountants together would be difficult. Shri Gaurav Shah said that both the above problems could be resolved through prompt reporting and periodical updates of accounts. One of the accountants could be given the responsibility of collecting the data and collating the same for the information of the committee. Thus the decision making authorities would obtain the regular status of financial health of the Kendra.

Shri Gaurav Shah said that we also need to look at forming various bodies comprising the Principals and Heads for optimum utilization of Bhavan's resources with guidance and direction of the member trustees.

The meeting was concluded with the next meeting fixed for 05 April 2019.

Note:- The next meeting could not be held on 05 April 2019 due to Shri Gaurav Shah being out of station and instead was held on 16 April 2019.