

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

01 MAY 2022

1. AGM of CENERS-K was held virtually on 01 May 2022 commencing at 11 am (1100 hours), with ACM, Arup Raha, the President, in the Chair.

### **ATTENDANCE**

2. Following members attended the meeting :-

- (a) ACM Arup Raha - **ARH**- President – The Chair
- (b) Maj Gen Arun Roye (Retd) - **AR** --(Vice President Finance, Planning, Policy Implementation and Administration
- (c) Maj Gen S N Mukherjee (Retd) - **SNM**-- Executive Director and Editor CJGA
- (d) Brig N S Mukherjee (Retd) - **NSM**-- Secretary & Treasurer
- (e) Dr Suman K Mukerjee- **SKM** -- Member (Industry)
- (f) Lt Gen J R Mukherjee (Retd) - **JRM**-- Special Member (Emeritus)
- (g) Mrs Karuna Singh -- Member
- (h) Mr. Nirmallya Bhattacharya - Member
- (i) Prof Surinder Munshi, -Member
- (j) Mr Asok Dasgupta -Member
- (k) Mr SL Dugar --Chartered Accountant
- (l) Mr Aniruddha Lahiri – Member
- (m) Ms Atreyee Mitra- Observer

### Members in Attendance via Proxy

- (a) Professor Siddharta Dasgupta
- (b) Maj Anil Bhalla(Retd)
- (c) Mr Ajit Nandkeolyar
- (d) Mr Gautam Sureka
- (e) Dr Soumen Sircar
- (f) Mr Vikash Singh Sengar
- (g) Mr Amit Kiran Deb -Member ( Liaison with Govt Agencies)
- (h) Ms Arpana Dutt
- (i) Col P Baidya
- (j) Brig P Vij Assistant Editor and Publisher CJGA.

### CALLING TO ORDER- OPENING ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT

3. **ARH** welcomed all members to the virtual AGM and wished good health to all and expressed the hope that all members and their families are following all protocol during this pandemic and, hoped that all members had taken their two doses of vaccines, and first cautionary dose.

4. **ARH** reminded all of the untimely demise of one of our revered members, **Late Pratim Kumar Ghosh, and Air Cmde B C Talukdar, and National Professor Jayanta Kumar Ray and Brig P P Kochhar** who passed away since our last AGM and, requested that all present on the meet stand up and observe a minute's silence in memory of the departed souls.

5. **ARH** thereafter. on a plea by **NSM**, granted leave of absence to all members who had sought leave due to various reasons from attending the virtual AGM. He was apprised that members had recorded their proxies with VP Finance and the Secretary, and, that the quorum was complete. The meeting could thus be proceeded with.

#### **ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR 2021-2022**

6. **ARH** stated that despite the continuing pandemic and various other restrictions CENERS-K, had an eventful year with a total of nine conferences, five of which were international meetings. The various programmes were as under :-

- a) **06 Sep 2021-** International **Discussion** with **NOVA University**. The Event was held in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Our **EAM Sri S Jaishankar** also participated. An MOU was signed, and a talk given by **AR**.
- b) **23-24 Nov 2021-** The **5th International East Asian Security- Maritime Security Conference** - with **MEA**, Govt of **Australia**, All **Indo- Pacific Nations**, **NMF** and **RIS**. This conference was coordinated by **AR**
- c) **26 Nov 2021-** International Round Table Discussion with **Konrad Adenauer Stiftung**. The Round Table Discussion was held physically at **Grand Hotel**. The discussion was coordinated by **AR**
- d) **29 Nov 2021-** Webinar on **Border Disputes in NER, and Act East Policy**. The Webinar deliberated on the situation in The States of North East India and The Effect of the same on India's Act East Policy. **JRM** conducted this webinar.
- e) **16-17 Dec 2021-** **Economic Summit on Health Infrastructure in India** at the **BCC& I** Auditorium. The Seminar, held in partnership with **BCC& I** was very successful and the all present had a word of praise for **Mr Aniruddha Lahiri** who organised the seminar. The seminar was successful in raising sponsorship of amount of over **Four and a half lacs** for the Organisation.
- f) **12 Feb 2021-** **R K Dutta Memorial Lecture** was delivered virtually by **His Excellency Shri Jagdeep Dhankar, The Governor of West Bengal** on the topic of "**Centre State Relations**". **ARH** was in the Chair.
- g) **03-04 Mar 2022.** **International Conference on A I with Peace Research Institute, Oslo.** **AR** steered the programme for our CENERS-K.
- h) **04 Mar 2022 – JRM and AR** represented CENERS-K in a Round Table Discussion on Ukraine Situation with **IFPS** of Calcutta University.
- i) **22 April 2022.** - The **Annual Calcutta Dialogue** held in Hybrid format in partnership with **ICC**. It was a great success. **SKM** and **NSM** were the point persons.

7. **ARH** congratulated all active members who conducted the various conferences in spite of the general fatigue that had set in due to the pandemic. He stated that there was a reluctance amongst most members to actively participate in these meetings. He expressed his opinion that this will have to change

as we go forward, with more intellectually stimulating content in the coming activity year. He thereafter asked the NSM to take forward the deliberations.

### **AGENDA POINT ONE : AUDITORS REPORT - ACCOUNTS 2021-2022**

#### Overview of Accounts

8. Snapshot of Financial Performance of CENERS-K is as under

<b><u>Sl No</u></b>	<b><u>Particulars</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2021-22 (Current Previous Year)</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2020-21 (Prior Year)</u></b>
1	Gross Interest Earned	7,11,990/-	6,24,053/-
2	Amounts invested in FD as at the end of the year	1,08,43,074/-	84,01,016/-
3	Rate of earnings	6.56%	7.43%

9. The average rate of earnings decreased because of reduction of rate by the bank. The difference in other earnings during the years as mentioned above was majorly due to the after effect of COVID-19. Due to the pandemic, gatherings and events were restricted, and hence only limited activities could be carried out, keeping in mind the Govt. guidelines in regards of the same. Due to this, earnings from seminars etc were not there in **FY 2020-21**. However, **FY 2021-22** had lesser effect, especially towards the end of 2021 and 2022, and therefore there was a considerable amount of income saved / earned through conducting of seminars and receipt of general donations. These earnings were applied for the purposes of the organisation as much as required, and balance, if any, were credited to the savings account of the organisation. All in all, the funds and resources were used efficiently and with taking minimal risk in financial dealings. **AR** also brought to the notice of all, that due to the efforts of **Mr Aniruddha Lahiri** in acquiring sponsorship for the **Economic Summit**, a sum of Approximately **₹ 4,60,000 /-** was added towards our corpus. Finally **AR** queried if there was any Query/ Observation from members. Audit report has been circulated to all members for perusal. Salient points are as under :-

- a) E- Journal Publication ₹ 105,009.44
- b) Expenditure towards hosting EAS Conference ₹ 600,248.00
- c) Expenditure towards hosting Seminars/ Webinars ₹ 11,795.22
- d) Amount available in Savings Bank A/c ₹ 1,200,406.47

10. There being no queries/ observations from any member **AR** read out the Adoption and passing of Accounts as follows:-

" Resolved that the balance sheet of CENERS-K as on **31 March 2022**, the statement of income and expenditure of CENERS-K for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 together with the Notes annexed to the Auditors Report to the members for the **FY 2021-2022** be hereby approved and adopted " President asked the members to propose and second the Passing of the Resolution. **Mr Anirudha Lahiri** proposed and **SNM** seconded passing of the Resolution. Resolution was thereafter passed unanimously.

### **AGENDA POINT TWO : APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR- AY 2023-2024**

11. **AR** stated that two new offers were received from different firms. On raising queries, no definitive responses were received from the two firms. CENERS-K has received a consent letter from **Ms S L Dugar and Associates, Chartered Accountants** who are also the current Auditors to be reappointed as the Auditor for another year at a rate of **₹Twenty Five Thousand** only for **Auditing, Accounting,**

loading accounts on backup Expert software, Renewal of Tax Exempt Status every Three Years, Filing of Accounts and Income Tax as also, to advise on statutory compliances and appear in front of Tribunal/ Court when called upon to do so. He stated that there being no other offers, proposal for reappointing **Ms S L Dugar & Associates** be considered. AR read out the Ordinary Resolution on the Appointment of Auditor as follows:-

" Resolved that **Messers S L Dugar & Associates- Kolkata- Registered No- 054703** be and hereby appointed as the Auditors of CENERS-K to hold such office for a **period of one year** from the conclusion of the AGM, subject to the ratification by the General Body Members of this AGM, at a total remuneration of **₹ 25,000.00/-, including GST**, as applicable".

12. The Resolution was proposed by **Mr Aniruddha Lahiri** and seconded by **SKM**. The Resolution was put to vote and passed unanimously.

### **AGENDA POINT THREE: REVIEW OF KEY GOVERNING COUNCIL DECISIONS DURING THE YEAR -2021-2022**

13. **NSM** stated that a number of decisions were taken by the Governing Council (**GC**) during the year 2021-2022. All decisions / resolutions were informed to all members by circulating the minutes of the GC Meetings. However for the information of all members some key decisions are once again being indicated, so that if there are any comments/ observations, the same can be deliberated upon at this AGM . The important decisions were :-

- a) CENERS-K will make efforts to sign MOUs with leading National and International Organisations for knowledge sharing and profile branding.
- b) It was decided that Media, both print and visual, will be invited to cover all events of CENERS-K.
- c) The accounts in **SBI, Survey Park**, will be operated, and cheques signed by any two, amongst **Lt Gen J R Mukherjee, Maj Gen Arun Roye, Maj Gen S N Mukherjee , Mr Aniruddha Lahiri , Brig NS Mukherjee and Mr Ajit Nandkeolyar** . Any two amongst **Maj Gen Arun Roye, Maj Gen S N Mukherjee and Brig NS Mukherjee** will be authorised to operate and be signatories for cheques for the Account in **IDFC First in Sector V Salt Lake**.
- d) The **Admission Fee** was raised to **₹ 7000/-** on joining, and it was also decided that a yearly **Subscription fee** of **₹ 1500/-** would also be required to be remitted by members.
- e) It was unanimously decided that those individuals who join as new members, will pay the Subscription Fee from the **following Financial Year**. ( **eg Person joining upto 31 March 2022, in the FY 2021-2022, will need to pay Subscription Fee of ₹1500/- for the FY 2022-2023, onwards. The Fee can be paid anytime from 01 April2022 to 31 March 2023**).
- f) It was unanimously decided that those members, who do not pay the subscription Fee by the **31 March 2022** for the **FY 2021-2022**, will have their **names deleted** from the **addressee list after the AGM of 2022**.
- g) It was decided to confer membership status to the Journals Publisher, **Brig Pradip Kumar Vij**. He would also be part of the **Editorial Team**.
- h) Decision was taken to hire a IT Consultant and refurbish our Website to make it attractive and user friendly. Negotiated payments were approved towards this venture.
- i) Approval was accorded for **constructing a toilet** in the office premises, for office staff. A maximum expenditure of sum of **₹ 50,000/-** was sanctioned. Any expenditure over and above the sanctioned amount would be borne by **AR**.
- j) It was unanimously approved to request HE The Governor of West Benga,l **Sri Jagdish Dhankhar** to deliver the Inaugural Address of the RK Dutta Memorial Lecture on the topic "**Centre State Relation in a Federal Structure of Governance** "

k) It was approved that **An Emergency Resolution** in writing can be circulated by Secretary or an Office Bearer to the members of the GC and, if its approval is **signed by majority**, the same would be **deemed to have been adopted by the GC**.

#### **AGENDA POINT FOUR : RESEARCH AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME**

14. **NSM** informed all that during the Activity year 2021-2022, considerable efforts were made by **Ambassador Sarvajit Chakraborty**, **SNM** and himself to introduce an **Internship Programme** in our Organisation. A detailed process was also formatted to invite academics to join as Research Scholars. Both these Programmes have been UPLOADED on our Website. A panel of our Members who have the credentials to act as Mentors to the interns and research scholars was drawn up and their consent sought. Details of the Mentors are :-

- a) **ACM Arup Raha** (Retd) - Domain Specialisation--- \*National Security, Strategic Issues, Modernisation of Armed Forces, Geopolitical Issues.
- b) **Lt Gen J R Mukherjee** V (IA) -Domain Specialisation---\* As above and Issues Related to North Eastern States.
- c) **Maj Gen Arun Roye** V (IA) - Domain Specialisation---\* Geopolitical Issues and Role of Armed Forces in Nation Building.
- d) **Maj Gen S N Mukherjee** V(IA)- Domain Specialisation ---\* Self Reliance & Sufficiency in Defence Equipment and Production including R&D.
- e) **Prof Suman K Mukerjee** - Domain Specialisation---\* Economic Affairs and Business Management.
- f) **Dr Dhriti Roy** -Domain Specialisation---\* India -China Relations .
- g) **Mr Harsh V Poddar**- Domain Specialisation---\* International and Strategic Affairs, Management-Mentors and Leadership, Economic Development, Trade and Cultural Studies .
- h) **Ms Karuna Singh**- Domain Specialisation---\* Geopolitical and Environmental Issues.
- l) **Mr Asok Dasgupta**- Domain Specialisation---\* Energy Sector and Supply Chain Management.

15. **AR** stated that there was need to invite interns from Universities and Academic Institutions for **Research on North Eastern States and South Asian Region**. This could be done through our members in the academic circles, and with **SNM** liaising with the VCs of Various Universities. He said that our proposals so far have not borne much dividend. He stressed that the primary requirement is to address this issue with recalibrated ideas. He emphasised that the entire focus should be on do-ability and practicability. Finally he said that a reasonable amount of funds can be found through sponsorships for the research assistants and interns.

16. The idea of the Research should be to make available our platform and The Calcutta Journal of Global Affairs (**CJGA**) to the Researchers for monetising their work with our Organisations guidance. **ARH** requested all to reach out to young academics and motivate them to intern with our Organisation and undertake genuine pioneering research work . He stated that we could announce adequate funding to outstanding academics.

#### **AGENDA POINT FIVE: REPORT OF SECRETARY ON RENEWAL OF THE CENERS-K REGISTRATION, AND SUBMISSION OF STATUTORY COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS/ RETURNS**

17. **NSM** informed all that as an Organisation we had not been regular in submitting our returns to the **Registrar of Societies** since 2008. **Mr Pramod Agarwal**, a professional consultant whom we had

commissioned to complete this task was unable to take it to fruition. Eventually we managed to regularise all observations and by paying a **penalty of ₹ 13,350/-** and a **consultant Fee of ₹ 10,000/-**. We are now in compliance with all statutory rules and regulations. We continue to be a tax exempted, not for profit organisation and continue to be accredited to NITI AYOJ Net Systems in Delhi. For purposes of this renewal in future, the official appointments are only The **President**, The **Secretary** and The **Treasurer**. All other appointments to the GC would be for internal working of CENERS-K and with organisations other than **Registrar of Societies**. These Three appointments would be the ones to communicate with governmental organisations and matters relating to finance.

#### **AGENDA POINT SIX : UPDATE ON THE CENERS-K WEBSITE**

18. **AR** informed all that the Website of the Organisation has been refurbished by our IT consultant . However it has not yet reached our satisfactory standards in the interactive sense, with all our other sites of CJGA and YouTube. The consultant is yet to propagate the brand name through the site and expand it to various social and official sites. We are in negotiations with him to train our **Office Staff Mr Robert Harless** to update the Website as per contents provided by **ALL members**. We also are organising a process to promote the Website on **Facebook** and **Google My Business** etc. The intention is to design two posts per week based on the content provided. This phase may take some time. In the meanwhile all members are requested to **visit the site on a daily basis** and get familiar with the portal, and provide suggestions to improve . **AR** stated that frequent visit to the site will keep members informed of all activities of CENERS-K as also allow members to contribute content, as views and observations.

19. **AR** also informed that the three Whatsapp Groups had been created for interaction amongst GC Members, EB Members and the members as a whole, and is functional. This has been a big help in dissemination of information and advisories. We however need to be cautious on our posts, so as to restrict ourselves to matters of CENERS-K only. Matters of general interest and wide circulation NOT RELATED TO CENERS-K may be sent through individual posts. This shall reduce clutter.

20. **AR** further said that from once we have put in place all the requisites, the recording of public meetings and conferences conducted by us along with the report will be uploaded on the site and will also be available on our Facebook Page once created, and on YouTube, which is already existing. This will enable the Organisation to use social media to reach a larger audience and simultaneously strengthen our brand name.

21. **AR** informed all that if we decide to have a full time IT consultant on retainer basis who would update the site on a weekly basis as also keep our banner and content circulating on all social media platforms, we would have to spend approximately **₹ One lac a year**. Since such an expenditure is presently not possible given our yearly earnings. WE are training our Mr Harless to do this without the consultant's help. Once he has become proficient in his work, it should ease our propagation aspects.

#### **AGENDA POINT SEVEN: ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023; NOMINATIONS TO POSTS OF EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE CALCUTTA JOURNAL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS ; APPOINTING DIRECTORS FOR SPECIFIC ROLES**

22. On the directions of **ARH**, **AR** proceeded to conduct elections of the new team of Office Bearers. As Protem Member **AR** asked all Office Bearers except **ARH**, the **President**, and **SNM the Editor** of CJGA, to resign as per convention. Office Bearers indicated by raising their hands that they had offered their resignation. Protem Member stated that all were informed vide notice of AGM that members were required to submit their candidature for election to various offices in advance. However none submitted their candidature. Protem Member now again asked if there was any one who wish to contest for a

particular Office. After due pause it was recorded that there were **NO VOLUNTEERS** for any Office or for appointments to the Editorial Board and to the appointment of Directors.

23. In the absence of any volunteers, Protem Member recommended that the incumbent Office Bearers be asked to continue to be in Office for another year. Consent of the incumbent Office bearers was sought and the same was agreed to by all. Protem Member thereafter proposed that all incumbent Office Bearers be elected for another year. Proposal was seconded by **ARH**, with the proviso that such a system should not be repeated year after year. The Office Bearers elected are :-

**PATRON- Gen Shankar Roychowdhury V(IA)**

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| A) | President                           | - ACM Arup Raha (Retd)         |
| B) | Member Emeritus                     | - Lt Gen J R Mukherjee V ( IA) |
| C) | Vice President-                     | - Maj Gen Arun Roye V(IA)      |
| D) | Executive Director                  | - Maj Gen S N Mukherjee V(IA)  |
| E) | Member Industry                     | - Prof Suman K Mukerjee.       |
| F) | Member North Eastern States         | - Mr. J N Chaudhuri.           |
| G) | Secretary                           | - Brig N S Mukherjee V (IA)    |
| H) | Member (Liaison with Govt Agencies) | -Mr Amit Kiran Deb.            |

24. Post of the Treasurer for official purposes needed recording. The Protem Member recommended the name of **Ajit Nandkeyolar**. His acceptance was required to be conveyed.

25. The Editorial Board Office Bearers are :-

**CHAIRMAN- ACM Arup Raha**

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| A) | Editor | - Maj Gen S N Mukherjee V (IA) |
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**Advisors / Mentors**

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| B) | General and Business                 | - Prof Suman K Mukerjee       |
| C) | India-China and Geopolitical Aspects | - Dr Dhriti Roy               |
| D) | Finance                              | - Mr Aniruddha Lahiri         |
| E) | North East Region                    | - Lt Gen J R Mukherjee V (IA) |
| F) | Defence and Security                 | - Brig N S Mukherjee V (IA)   |
| G) | Publishing and Editing               | - Brig Pradip Kumar Vij V(IA) |
| H) | Research and Internship              | - Ambassador S Chakravarty    |

26. **ARH** thanked the outgoing/ incoming Office Bearers for their dedicated work . He stated that in absence of volunteers who could step up for assuming responsibility as Office Bearers, we need to earmark members as Reserve / Understudy, to each of the appointments. Names of suitable members may be proposed and the same would be examined during the next GC Meeting. Their specific acceptance need to be recorded prior to commencing their becoming conversant with those aspects.

**AGENDA POINT EIGHT -SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023**

27. It was decided that there will be a restricted list of events for the year 2022-2023. The following RTDs and Conferences alongwith proposed dates were approved to be conducted :-

- A) **01 Aug 2022** A Research Based Presentation cum Round Table Discussion on " The Genesis of the Naga Land Problem , present status of the Nagaland Accord and the way forward " Team Leader for the Research Project- **JRM, JNC**; Volunteers
- B) **03 Jan 2023** A Research Based Presentation cum Round Table Discussion on " Ways and Means to Revive Economic Activity and Manufacturing Industry in the state of West Bengal" Team Leader for the Project-**SKM**.
- C) **06 Sep 2022** R K Dutta Memorial Lecture- The Theme of the talk would be finalised during the next GC Meeting. Suggestions for speakers of National / International repute is invited from members. Team Leader **ARH**
- D) **6-7 Dec 2022** Economic Summit in partnership with BCC& I – Points person Mr **Aniruddha Lahiri; ARH**
- E) **07 Mar 2023** The Annual Calcutta Dialogue in partnership with ICC Pointsperson **SNM; NSM**
- F) RTDs with National and International Institutions and Think Tanks will be held as and when such proposals are received. Details will be informed to members well in time. **AR** shall coordinate all such events and nominate members for participation.

28. Few subjects which were suggested for R K Dutta Memorial Talk, by members, such as **Electoral Reforms** by a **former CEC**, OR **Judicial Reforms** by a **former Judge / CJ / CJI**. Mr **Nirmallya Bhattacharya** suggested the subject of **Family as an unit of overall Economic betterment**. **ARH** desired that the next GC Meeting be held in the last week of May 2022, to approve and finalise details of issues for which indications have been made at this AGM.

#### **AGENDA POINT NINE: ISSUES OF THE CALCUTTA JOURNAL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS**

29. Editor **SNM** stated that he had been holding the Office of Editor CJGA for the last two years and now again he is continuing for another year as there were no volunteers to take on this assignment. He appealed to the GC Members to find a suitable candidate from amongst members to take on the Editor's Chair. He put forward the name of our Assistant Editor and Publisher **Brig Pradip Kumar Vij** to be considered and his consent taken.

30. **SNM** informed all that the CJGA is being published and uploaded on our journal website regularly. Of the **100 copies** of the journal **published**, one copy each is sent by speed post to the authors whose articles are carried in the issue published. Fifty copies of the September 2021 Issue was forwarded to VCs of the Universities of the NE States. He mentioned that the journal gets about 12 to 15 articles per quarter of which 5-6 articles are found relevant and suitable for publishing. Editor stated that there was very poor response from the peer review group. Due to this poor response the articles are not selected in time for publishing. The work load eventually falls on the Editor which is not desirable.

31. **SNM** mentioned that of the 100 copies printed , the **publisher keeps 25 copies for circulating it to a select panel** in order to build up our CJGA brand and seek visibility. He stated that of the 75 copies that are received by the Organisation, **we keep 25 copies** for handing over copies as **complementary issues** to panellists and speakers at our conferences and meetings. Editor stated that GC Members are required to prepare a **list of names of individuals** and institutions to whom the remaining copies would be forwarded in each quarter.



32. **SNM** stated that the Conference / Seminar reports received by him is suitably edited by him and is then published in the journal as content in the Editorial and also as a chapter devoted to printing reports of the various conferences / seminars/ webinars/ roundtable Discussions / meetings conducted.

33. Finally, **SNM** reiterated that names of eminent academics be collated by all members after due consent from them, for taking up the responsibility of peer reviewing articles received. This requires urgent attention of all members.

### **POINTS FROM PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS**

34. Agenda points and Elections to Office having being completed, **ARH** asked members to raise points if any. He set the ball rolling by stating that members of CENERS-k were generally not interested in involving themselves in activities of the Organisation. He stated that on many occasions CENERS-K had to face embarrassment due to thin attendance at partnership events. He wanted members to discuss as to how to energise the members and how to enhance the profile of the Think Tank.

35. **Mr Aniruddha Lahiri** stated that we must consider ways and means to enhance the profile of our Think Tank by taking **recourse to professional guidance** for an exercise of **major branding** of CENERS-K. This could be done by spreading our footprint in social media and by allocating a budget to advertise our products and content in a meaningful manner. Each endeavour that we undertake must be advertised in a manner that makes an impact and catches enough visible eyeballs. **Media must be co-opted** and a **vigorous effort made to get sponsors**. To ensure all this, each effort must be planned over three to four months and a buzz built around the oncoming conference/ seminar. **The focus** needs to be with **achievable objectives**.

36. **Mr Aniruddha Lahiri** further expanded that we need to concentrate on branding of CENERS-K, rather than an individual. This would in turn assist in monetising our brand and journal. All in all, there is a requirement to **revitalise CENERS-K**.

37. **Mrs Karuna Singh**, a former Secretary of CENERS-K, brought out the requirement of investing in Green Economy, **and inviting speakers worldwide** from widely accepted organisations such as **World Bank, European Union**, and such other organisations. Mrs Karuna Singh undertook to take this forward with **Dr Suman K Mukerji** and **Mr Aniruddha Lahiri's** assistance.

38. **Mr Asok Dasgupta** stated that having been a corporate person, he found getting used to the system in CENERS-K a bit challenging. CENERS-K should announce Events where Prizes could be given to Individuals, Institutions, Organisations and Companies who then sponsor our events. He stated that the Corporate Sector was very sensitive to publicity and if their image is enhanced during the course of the conduct of a CENERS-K event, they will definitely partner us and sponsor events. He recounted his own efforts as President of IPPAI, while taking forward their interests.

39. **Mr Asok Dasgupta** offered to undertake this move forward on his own, with a team of two members. He was asked to enlist the assistance of **Mr Styaki Sen**.

40. **Mr Nirmallya Bhattacharya**, said CENERS-K should reconsider the aspect of FCRA grants and not reject it outright. **NSM** mentioned that we can put it up for a conscious decision in the next GC meeting, as we have now completed our entire compliance issues. We could put in process and submit application for accepting foreign funding and sponsorship. Our Chartered Accountant, **Mr S L Dugar**

may be requested to carry out a thorough study of all orders and instructions on the issue, and let us know the pros and cons to assist us in coming to take a final call. **AR** stated that we have two accounts with SBI, one of which could be converted to an FCRA account, should the GC give a decision to undertake such a step.

41. **Ms Atreyee Mitra** an Academic and a Research Scholar was invited to join the Meeting as an observer. After she was asked to introduce herself, she stated that " if possible, develop and engage university students in research activity through conferences, workshops, virtual debates, or through webinars. Promoting collaborations between CENERS-K and Universities and dissemination of research results, not only in indexed journals but also through social media. Webinars and OTT talks can be held, which are held free of charge and offer a short introduction to key issues by recognised experts. They are scheduled both as live or recorded events. Afterwards the webinars can be made fully available on YouTube channel. This collaboration between CENERS-K and Universities can lead to stronger outputs and enhanced credibility. The point was well taken. NSM may please request her to undertake one such effort under the aegis of CENERS-K. Whatever assistance is required may be given by **Mr Harsh Poddar**.

42. **NSM** raised the pending issue of **JRM**, of providing the **honorific of "fellow"** in various grades, as requested by a few former panellists on our forum. **AR** stated that, to give these honorifics CENERS-K needed to go through various processes, with few Universities and other institutions, besides getting some articles from such persons vetted by qualified academics. **SNM**, gave a detailed readout of the process. **ARH** finally stated that the issue be dropped. It was decided that the **honorific of a 'honorary member'** could be conferred on a person who has **contributed intellectually and / or fiscally** towards the maturing of CENERS-K, after vetting by the GC.

43. **ARH** requested names of volunteers for various posts of office bearers, in order that these understudies could work themselves into the responsibilities in a seamless manner. There were no volunteers. On receiving no response, **ARH** suggested the name of **Mr Aniruddha Lahiri** as the next President, which was seconded by **NSM**. **JRM** stated that having a non uniformed President would lead to difficulty in obtaining assistance from the Military authorities in Kolkata, NER and elsewhere. There was no response / consent from **Mr Aniruddha Lahiri**.

44. **AR** suggested that in keeping with compliance of the State Government rules, the appointment of **Executive Director** can be done away with. As for the appointment of **Treasurer**, he proposed the name of **Mr Ajit Nandkeyolar**, who had provided proxy powers to him, and subsequently consented to become the Treasurer. **AR** added that some one should take over as **Vice President**. Being a high pressure appointment it may not be proper to put too much pressure, for extended periods. on a single person.

45. **ARH** said that these matters be included with other undecided issues during the GC meeting in end of May 2022.

46. There being no other point (s), **NSM** sought permission from **ARH** to close the AGM. Permission having been granted the AGM was declared closed.

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