



Prof. M. K. Rout Birth Centenary Celebration

FIRST MEETING PROCEEDINGS

The first meeting of Prof. M. K. Rout Birth Centenary Celebration Committee was virtually held on 8th November 2020 at 11 AM. The following members of the Committee attended the meeting:

- Prof. P. K. Mishra – CHAIRMAN
- Prof. P. B. Tripathy
- Prof. G. B. Behera
- Prof. A. C. Dash
- Prof. (Mrs.) Subasini Lenka
- Prof. R. K. Satapathy
- Dr. C. R. Mishra
- Prof. S. P. Rout
- Dr. Deva Narayan Pattanayak
- Prof. S. Jena

Prof. Balaram Sahoo (Special Invitee), Dr. S. Samal (OCS President), and Dr. Priyaranjan Mohapatra (OCS Secretary-cum-Treasurer) also attended the meeting. Prof. P. K. Mishra, Chairman of the Committee, presided over the meeting.

It is proposed that the OCS President and OCS Secretary-cum-Treasurer will remain as *ex-officio* members of the Committee.

It is proposed that Dr. Shashadhar Samal will function as the Secretary of the MKR Centenary Celebration Committee.

It is proposed that Dr. Pramod Kumar Prusty, Chief Scientist in the Odisha State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar, may be taken as a Member of the MKR Centenary Celebration Committee.

A working committee with the members may be constituted, who will empowered to take all decisions like opening of separate account, printing works, invites, etc. The committee shall keep the OCS informed of the progress.

1. Prof. P. K. Mishra
2. Prof. G. B. Behera
3. Prof. S. P. Rout
4. Dr. P. K. Prusty
5. Dr. S. Samal
6. Dr. Priyaranjan Mohapatra
7. Dr. Debasis Mohanty

Proceedings of the Meeting and Summary of Discussions

1. At the outset, President OCS welcomed all the members and requested Prof. P. K. Mishra to preside over the meeting.
2. The meeting started with observing a minute of silence in memory of Prof.(Dr.) Dhaneswar Rout, Prof.(Dr.) D. V. Raman Rao, and others, who have passed away recently.
3. Prof. M. K. Rout Birth Centenary Celebration (MKRCC) will be observed in January 2023, with a series of meetings spread over the year. The first Centenary Celebration meeting will be held in Ravenshaw University, followed by sessions in Khallikote University, Gangadhar Meher University, and Bhadrak Autonomous College. Attempts may be made to organize three international conferences in these institutions. These, however, will depend on the financial position after the inaugural meeting at Ravenshaw University.
4. A celebrated scientist of international fame will be invited to inaugurate the first meeting.
5. Patna University may be informed of the Prof. M. K. Rout Birth Centenary Celebration with a request to record the event by adopting a resolution in the Syndicate. Further, the Vice-Chancellor of the University may be requested to grace the inaugural meeting as the Guest of Honour.
6. Indian Chemical Society may be requested to bring out Prof. M. K. Rout Birth Centenary Year Special Issue of the *Journal of Indian Chemical Society*. There may be a financial aspect to publish the Special Issue, which may be ascertained first.
7. A list of publications of Prof. Rout with abstracts of the papers and the summary of Ph.D. theses of all his scholars (with photograph and brief biography) may be compiled and included in the Souvenir.
8. A collected volume of Prof. M. K. Rout Memorial lectures delivered in the OCS Annual Meetings may be brought out.

9. A professional company may make a documentary of 15-30 minutes duration portraying the life and academic/administrative activities of Prof. Rout for presentation in the inaugural meeting.
10. The State Pollution Control Board may be contacted to host/support a special conference as a part of MKRCC in the area of Environmental Science (Pollution, Effect on Biodiversity, Pollution Mitigation, etc.). It was suggested to write to the Govt. with arguments to name the Pollution Control Board in the name of Prof. M. K. Rout. If necessary, the Committee may approach the honourable Chief Minister.
11. The Government of Odisha, the State and Central Government funding agencies be contacted to extend support to the centenary celebration.
12. A list of students of Prof. Rout in Odisha and outside the state and country, specifically those residing in the USA, be prepared. Dr. Deva Narayan Pattanayak is given the responsibility of preparing a list of the students (not only the Ph.D. scholars) of Prof. Rout. They will be requested to contribute to the success of the Birth Centenary Celebration generously. A minimum requirement of about 20 lakh rupees is projected for the same.
13. The OCS executive can pass a resolution that (a) the MKRCC shall be organized by the MKRCC committee (MKRCCC), (b) this Committee shall have a special account named as 'MKRCC FUND', (c) this fund shall not come under the purview of OCS, but at the end of the celebration, an audit has to be made which shall be presented to OCS after due approval of MKRCCC. The OCS shall decide upon the surplus amount but shall have no responsibility of deficit if any, (d) The President of OCS will preside over the meetings.
14. The MKRCCC can form an Organising Committee, which can sit and chalk out a road map.
15. The meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the members by the Secretary of OCS.

Submitted for APPROVAL by MKRCCC



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