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OFFICE ORDER

In view of the rising COVID-19 cases in Delhi / NCR, an emergent discussion was held on 29.04.2021 with the Executive Members of ASSSR and the following decisions were taken in view to benefit the Members, Staffs, Students and other Stakeholders:

1. ASSSR Journal:

We are hereby postponing the upcoming issue i.e., **June 2021 Volume No . 03 Issue No. 01**. The issue is expected to the release in the month of **August or September 2021**. The new notification is expected to be released in due course of time. However, this will not affect the **December 2021 Volume No. 03 Issue No. 02**.

2. ASSSR Organization:

- a) Our Executive Members decided that a **Webinar on COVID-19 Crisis Management by Individuals and Community Level** by medical expert is need of the hour and exigency of the current prevailing situation. Therefore, ASSSR will be holding a **COVID – 19 Webinar** in the form of **Q and A Session** with doctors and specialists across the globe. Anyone can participate and ask questions from our health experts. The details of the webinar will be shared in due course of time.
- b) Despite the fact that, ASSSR currently offer **99.9%** of its services/courses online. But Executive Members unanimously decided to **FREEZE** all the programme running under the banner of ASSSR for 15 days w.e.f. from **May 01, 2021**. The situation will be reviewed in 15 days and further decision will be taken accordingly.

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- c) *For those in Delhi:* We all know Delhi is suffering from shortage of oxygen and health care facilities. There are many helpline numbers that never reaches the masses. So, atleast for our members we are planning to dedicate one part of our website with hotline numbers that anyone can use in case of emergency. The website is expected to be the updated within 24 – 48 hours.

3. Centre for History and Archaeology:

a) eCourse:

- i. We believe to serve the research community in our best possible manner. In the light of pandemic our Executive Members have decided to **FREEZE** the **Documentation and Digitization in Archive** course. Our team due to overwhelming demand wanted to extend the application date by **15.05.2021**. However, this involves payment and in this current scenario we believe that money does matter. Therefore, CHA team is already directed to **STOP** the registration till further notice.
- ii. From our previous experiences from Epigraphy Course in Brāhmī, around 4 – 5 students dropped because of covid and other health related issues. We really do not want this to happen with this course. Therefore, the registration and other update for this course will remain inactive till **15.05.2021** till further notice.

- b) **Call for Internship:** As we all know CHA recently announced call for internship 2021 – 22. It has been decided that no further application will be considered and CHA will **STOP** taking more entries. Instead, we advised CHA to finish screening of the candidates and shortlist them at the earliest in order to create an opportunity for the interns to gain **Work Experience** during the curfew/lockdown.

- c) **Calling off proposal for Excavation and Exploration for the year 2021 – 22:** In the light of current situation, we believe that it is not the right time to have Exploration and Excavation. Instead, CHA is advised on creating some virtual libraries or archives that will be considered beneficial for the research community.

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The situation will be reviewed in **15 days** and further decision will be taken accordingly. ASSSR urges all its Branches, Staffs and Members to remain vigilant to handle the present COVID – 19 pandemic situation. All concerned are required to take appropriate steps for the benefit of their students and staffs.

Please observe the guidelines issued by the Central and State Government to prevent the spread of COVID – 19.

Stay Safe – Stay Healthy

Yours Sincerely

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