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Introduction



National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), (formerly known as the "Antarctic Study Centre" and "National Centre for Antarctic & Ocean Research) an autonomous R&D organization of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India, is involved in conducting and facilitating a variety of scientific research activities ranging from co-ordinating and implementing the National Polar Programme, to scientific research in the Southern Ocean realm. Spread across 1,47,660 sq. mtr. of area on the Sada Headland, overlooking the Arabian

Sea, this Centre, since its inception has been playing a key role in:

- the overall planning, co-ordination and implementation of the scientific programmes mounted in Antarctica
- Establishing and maintaining National Research bases in Arctic and Antarctica and for providing the operational and logistic support for the Annual Indian Scientific Expeditions to both Arctic and Antarctica as well as to Southern Ocean.



- Implementation of the Indian Continental Shelf Programme on behalf of the Ministry.
- Technical management of the country's flagship ORV Sagar Kanya and other vessels chartered by the Ministry
- Surveys in Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of India, an undertaking marine geological study.

In addition to the above, the Centre has a well-focused scientific mandate of initiating and supporting basic and applied research in a variety of scientific disciplines and themes that are otherwise not being pursued by any institution or laboratory in the country. This scientific mandate recognizes, as its backdrop, the need to understand the relationships of the polar, atmospheric, and Southern Ocean realms vis-à-vis global processes, the importance of the Antarctic and Southern Ocean regions for our understanding of the global environment, the need

to understand these regions as unique entities, and the opportunities presented by these realms as research platforms.







At NCPOR, the scientific endeavors are multidisciplinary in scope and content. The institute boasts of the country's only ice-core archival, processing and analytical facilities comprising an ultracold room at a temperature of -20° C and a class 100 clean room.

The analytical instrumentation for the ice samples consists of such state-of-the-art tools as Inductively Coupled Plasma, Mass Spectrometer for high sensitivity ultra-trace elemental studies,

reagent-free Ion Chromatograph, Stable Isotope Mass Spectrometer, etc. Complementing the chemical studies of the ice samples brought from Antarctica are the research activities of the Southern Ocean group with its expertise in physical, chemical, biological and geological oceanographic studies. Environmental and ecological studies pertaining to the pristine continent of Antarctica are two of the other emerging thrust areas of research at NCPOR

MISSION MANDATE

To plan, promote, co-ordinate and execute the entire gamut of polar science and logistic activities of the country in order to ensure a perceptible and influential presence of India in Antarctica and to uphold our strategic interests in the global framework of nations in the southern continent and the surrounding oceans.

Institutional Framework

NCPOR is led by a Governing Council comprising of 12 members representing a cross section of the country's leadership in Polar and Ocean Sciences, research education and administration. The Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, who is also the ex-officio, Chairman, of the Governing Council, appoints the Committee. A Research Advisory Committee headed by Dr. Shailesh Nayak, Distinguished Scientist and Former Secretary, MoES advises the Centre on the formulation of the R&D programmes keeping in view the national priorities, the international developments in Polar Sciences and the opportunity areas. The overall responsibility for the planning, administration and functioning of the Centre as well as for the execution of the in-house R&D activities is vested with the Director, who is also the Member-Secretary of the Governing Council as well as that of Research Advisory Committee.

To cater to its mission mandate as well as to ensure the smooth and efficient functioning of the Centre, the institutional framework of NCPOR has been organized into different scientific, technical and management divisions/services, as follows:

- **Programme Planning and Evaluation**
- National Antarctic Programme (NAP)
- National Arctic Program
- Oceanographic Surveys and Services Group (OSSG)
- Southern Ocean Group
- In- House Research and Development Group •
- Legal Continental Shelf Project
- Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Surveys
- Management Services (Administration, Finance, Procurement & Stores)

The detailed information on Divisions as detailed below is given as links in NCPOR website www@ncpor.res.in

- (i) Powers and Duties of its Officers and Employees
- The procedure followed in its decision-making process, including channels of (ii)
- (iii)
- supervision and accountability
 The norms set by it for the discharge of its functions
 The rules, regulations, instructions, manuals and records used by its employees for discharging its functions (iv)

The Governing Council is the decision taking authority on all NCPOR matters; however, GC has vested the Administrative and Financial powers to Director, NCPOR. While performing the duties assigned to the different officers/staff, they exercise the powers as prescribed in the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Earth Sciences/Government of India from time to time, as well as those prescribed under different Manuals such as the General Financial Rules, the Manual of Office Procedures, the NCAOR Manual on Personnel & Administration Rules and Regulations 2003, etc.

- v. Statement of the categories of the documents held by it or under its control
- The particulars of any arrangement that exists for consultation with, or vi. representation by the members of the public, in relation to the formulation of policy or implementation thereof.

There is no provision to seek direct consultation/participation of public or its representatives for formulation of policies of NCPOR or for its implementation. The policies are framed after due deliberations in the Research Advisory Council, Finance Committee and with the approval of the Governing Council of NCPOR / the Government of India.

vii. A statement of the boards, councils, committees and other bodies consisting of two or more persons constituted by it. Additionally, information as to whether the meetings of these are open to the public or the minutes of such meetings are accessible to the public

The affairs of NCPOR are mainly monitored /controlled/ administered by three major committees i.e. (i) Governing Council (GC), (ii) Research Advisory Committee (RAC), & (III) Finance Committee (FC). The composition of the three Committees are as detailed below. The Minutes of the GC, RAC & FC meetings are not accessible to the public.

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7	Sh. V. Sakthivel Samy	Scientist F	13A	156600
8	Dr. Sarat Chandra Tripathy	Scientist F	13A	152000
9	Dr. Rajani Kanta Mishra	Scientist F	13A	152000
10	Dr. Manish Tiwari	Scientist F	13A	147600
11	Dr. Parmanand Sharma	Scientist F	13A	147600
12	Dr. Alvarinho Luis	Scientist E	13	147000
13	Dr. K. P. Krishnan	Scientist E	13	142700
14	Dr. Anoop Kumar Tiwari	Scientist E	13	142700
15	Dr. Laluraj C.M.	Scientist E	13	138500
16	Sh. Lalit Kumar Ahirwar	Scientist E	13	138500
17	Dr. Prince Prakash	Scientist E	13	134500
18	Dr. Shailendra Saini	Scientist E	13	134500
19	Dr. Waliur Rahaman	Scientist E	13	130600
20	Dr. Babula Jena	Scientist E	13	130600
21	Dr. Parijat Roy	Scientist E	13	126800
22	Dr. Yogesh Ray	Scientist E	13	126800
23	Dr. Parli Vekateswaran Bhaskar	Scientist E	13	126800
24	Dr. Sabu P.	Scientist E	13	126800
25	Dr. Avinash Kumar	Scientist E	13	126800
26	Dr. Ravi Mishra	Scientist E	13	126800
27	Dr. Shailesh Pednekar	Scientist E	13	123100
28	Dr. Nuncio Murukesh	Scientist D	12	86100
29	Sh. Abhishek Tyagi	Scientist D	12	86100
30	Shri. M.M. Subramaniam	Scientist D	12	86100
31	Dr. Rohit Srivastava	Scientist D	12	86100
32	Sh. Ajeet Kumar	Scientist D	12	86100
33	Ms. Divya David T.	Scientist D	12	86100
34	Dr. Runa Antony	Scientist D	12	83600

35	Sh. Ravikant Sharma	Scientist D	12	83600
36	Dr. Anand Kumar Singh	Scientist D	12	83600
37	Dr. Sunil V	Scientist D	12	78800
38	Sh. Sourav Chatterjee	Scientist D	12	78800
39	Sh. Vikash Kumar	Scientist C	11	74000
40	Sh. N. Lachit Singh	Scientist C	11	74000
41	Ms. Archana Singh	Scientist C	11	74000
42	Dr. Nisha Nair	Scientist C	11	71800
43	Dr. Bhanu Pratap	Scientist C	11	69700
44	Sh. S. Anoop	Administrative Officer	10	65000
45	Shri Venkateswarlu Kota	Joint Manager (P&S)	9	90300
46	Shri Manoj Jayant Oturkar	Dy. Manager	8	74300
47	Shri. Ganesh Chandvale	Scientific Assistant Grade B	7	76500
48	Ms. Kaushambi Prashad	Asst. Manager (F&A)	7	72100
49	Sh. Bhikaji Laxman Redkar	Scientific Assistant Grade	7	
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50	Shri Anemi Lakshmana Rao	Asst. Manager (F&A)	7	53600
51	Ms. Sarita Honavarkar	Asst. Manager (Admn)	7	53600
52	Sh. Rahul P Ghule	Asst. Manager (F&A)	7	46200
53	Ms. Pratibha DS. Pandey	Senior Executive (F&A)	6	47600
54	Sh. Saroj Kumar Pattanayak	Coordinator Grade-III	6	46200
55	Ms. Sahina Gazi	Scientific Assistant Grade 'A'	6	46200
56	Sh. Ashish Paigunikar	Scientific Assistant Grade 'A'	6	46200
57	Ms. Nazira Begum	Scientific Assistant Grade A	6	44900
58	Sh. Pradeep Kumar Singh	Senior Executive (P&S)	6	47600
59	Sh. Bala Laxman Mhadgut	Scientific Assistant Grade A	6	41100
60	Ms. Viola Rodrigues	Scientific Assistant Grade A	6	41100
61	Sh. Ravinder Singh	Sr. Executive (Admin)	6	39900
62	Sh. Saurabh Bhatt	Junior Translation Officer	6	38700
63	Ms. Reena S. Naik	Coordinator Grade -II	5	48200
64	Ms. Kaveri Kumbar	Executive (Lib)	5	40400
65	Sh. Aman Kumar Sharma	Executive (PR)	5	39200
66	Ms. Pallavi R. Naik	Executive (Admin)	5	39200
67	Shri.Kennedy C. Sequeira	Jr.Exe. (Admin)	4	38600
68	Ms. Tejaswani Pakhidde	Coordinator Grade -I	4	35300
69	Shri. Nexsan Barreto	Technician Grade 'B'	4	33300
70	Ms. Axada G. Satardekar	Jr. Ex. (Stores)	4	32300
71	Shri. Santosh Naik	Jr. Asst. (Driver cum Helper)	3	37200
72	Ms. Rupali A. Rane	Jr. Asst. (Admin)	2	28400
73	Ms. Sushama H. Chodankar	Jr. Asst. (Admin)	2	28400
74	Sh. Mohd Sayed			27600
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76	Smt. Radhika Sawant	Multi Tasking Staff 2 3400		34000
77	Shri. Vir Uttam Navso	avso Multi Tasking Staff 2 34000		34000
78	Smt. Sita R. Bandekar	Multi Tasking Staff	2	34000
79	Shri. Jadhav Kishore Kalgo	Multi Tasking Staff	2	34000
80	Shri. Tolu D. Velip	Multi Tasking Staff	2	34000
81	Shri Umesh Halarnkar	Multi Tasking Staff	2	34000
82	Ms. Khushi P Tari	Multi Tasking Staff	1	18500

x. The budget allocated to each of its agency, indicating the particulars of all plans, proposed expenditures and reports on disbursements made

(Annual report for F.Y. 2020-21 available on website www.ncpor.res.in) **Income F.Y. 2020-21**

Amount in Rs.(₹)

Income	31-03-2021	31-03-2020
Grants	1,63,43,92,155	3,07,20,91,176
Income from Services	4,68,500	320,153
Interest Earned	46,14,857	4,288,056
Other Income	73,55,194	21,586,349

xi. The manner of execution of subsidy programmes, including the amounts allocated and the details and beneficiaries of such programmes

Since the Centre is fully functioning under the Grant-in-aids of Govt. of India, no subsidy is given to any person/organization.

xii. particulars of recipients of concessions, permits or authorizations granted by it

The activities of the National Centre for Polar & Ocean Research do not involve sanction for the grant of Concession/Permits/Authorization of any kind.

xiii. details of the information available to, or held by it, reduced in an electronic form

NCPOR has its own website www.ncpor.res.in wherein information in detail is available about the NCPOR and its various activities

xiv. the particulars of facilities available to citizens for obtaining information, including the working hours of a library or reading room, if maintained for public use.

NCPOR library is maintained for the use of NCPOR scientists and employees. The students from Colleges, Universities and /or Academic Institutions can consult library after taking due approval. The desired information can be obtained from the Information Officers of NCPOR under the Right to Information Act-2005 from 0900 hrs to 1730 hrs on all working days. However the information is also available on:—

- (1) NCPOR web site (2) Through Newspapers as & when published
- (3) Notice Board (4) Printed Report (Annual Report)
- (5) NCPOR Facebook & Twitter account

xv. the names, designations and other particulars of the Public information Officer
Director, NCPOR has been designated as First Appellate Authority and Administrative
Officer has been designated as Central Public Information Officer.

GENERAL INFORMATION

<u>OFFICIALS</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	TEL. NO.
Sh. Mirza javed Beg	First Appellate Authority	0832-2525521,
Shri. S. Anoop	Central Public Information Officer	0832-2525555
Working Hours	rs 09:00 a.m. to 05:30 p.m. each working day	

Under Clauses (b) & (C) of sub-section (2) of section 27 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 the fee structure are as under which are payable at Vasco-da-Gama, drawn in favour of NCPOR by way of **Bank Demand Draft** only.

a) a request for obtaining information under sub-section (1) of section 6 the Application fee will be

Rs. 10/-

b) for providing the information under sub-Section (1)

of section 7 the fee shall be charged:

Rs. 2/- per page

1 – for each page (in A-4 or A-3 size paper)

2 – actual charge or cost price of a copy in large size paper

3 – Inspection of record

No fee for one hour. Thereafter Rs. 5/- for each 15 minutes

a) for providing the information under subsection (5) of section 7 the Fee shall be charged :

1 – Diskette or Floppy Rs. 50/-

2 – For information in printed form Rs. 2/- per page

Note: No fee shall be charged under RTI Act from persons who live below the poverty line.

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No: HRA-13016/112021-ADMIN-NCPOR Date: 25.10.2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub:- Nomination of First Appellate Authority & Central Public Information Officer under Right to Information Act, 2005 – Reg.

In terms of Section 5 and Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and in supersession of earlier orders issued on the subject, the following officers are hereby designated as Central Public Information Officer (CPIO) and First Appellate Authority (FAA) for providing information/ considering appeal in respect of applications preferred by person seeking information/ appeals under RTI Act, 2005 in respect of NCPOR.

First Appellate Authority:

Mr. Mirza Javed Beg

Director (Additional Charge) Tel: 0832-2525 521

National Centre for Antarctic & Ocean Research Email: mjbeg@ncpor.res.in

Headland Sada, Vasco-da-Gama

Goa - 403804.

Central Public Information Officer:

Shri S. Anoop

Administrative Officer Tel: 0832-252555

National Centre for Antarctic & Ocean Research Email: sanoop@ncpor.res.in

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Goa - 403804.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Sd/-

(एस. अनूप/ S. Anoop)

प्रशासनिक अधिकारी/ Administrative Officer

To,

All concerned

Copy for information to:

Dr. Bhavya Khanna, Scientist D, CPIO, MoES, New Delhi

Sd/-

(एस. अनूप/ S. Anoop)

प्रशासनिक अधिकारी/ Administrative Officer

<u>Sub: Declaration of PIOs/Appellate Authorities for MoES and its Attached</u> <u>Office/ Autonomous Body</u>

The following officials has been declared as the CPIOs (Central Public Information Officer) and Appellate Authorities for MoES and its Attached Offices/ Autonomous Bodies.

Sr. No	Name of the Department	CPIO (Central Public Information Officer)	First Appellate Authority
1	MoES (Hqr)	Dr. Bhavya Khanna, Scientist 'D'	DS/Director, MoES, New Delhi
2	NCPOR, Goa	Shri. S. Anoop, Administrative Officer	Sh. Mirza Javed Beg, Director (Addl. Charge)