

**MINUTES, MEETING OF GOACS (GROUP OF ADVISORY COUNCILS) HELD ON 15 FEB 2022**

1. Meeting of the Advisory Councils of ISC was held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at Plot No. 1, Madhya Marg, Sector 28, Chandigarh in the Office of ISC. The following members, some in person and others through Zoom participated in the meeting:-

<b>SN</b>	<b>Name (Attended on Zoom)</b>	<b>SN</b>	<b>Name (Attended in Person)</b>
1	S. Amanjeet Singh (Dubai)	11	Col Jagtar Singh Multani
2	Dr. Punpreet Singh (Delhi)	12	Col AS Kandhari
3	Dr. Jaspal Kaur Kang	13	Dr Birendra Kaur
4	Mrs. Sartaj Kaur Lamba	14	S. Bhavkaran Singh
5	S. Mangat Rahi	15	S. Gurbir Singh
6	S. Jaswant Singh	16	Dr. B.S Makkar
7	Mrs Kiranpreet Kaur Dhani	17	Bibi Harjeet Kaur
8	S. Navkaran Singh Sadhora	18	S. Sarwan Singh
9	Brig GJ Singh, VSM		
10	S. Brijinder Singh Randhawa		

2. The meeting commenced with the recitation of 'Mool Mantra' followed by confirmation of the minutes of previous Group of Advisory Councils (GoACs) meeting held on 15th January 2022.

3. The members discussed the underlying Causes of why "Deras" have sprung up in Punjab and surrounding states. Many members gave valuable suggestions in this regard. S. Gurbir Singh and S. Bhavkaran Singh gave good insight on the principles of Sikhi and the origin of dera-waad and its historical significance and political influence in the present day. Other members like Brig GJ Singh VSM. , Dr Birendra Kaur, Dr Jaspal Kaur Kaang who gave their views were primarily of the opinion that the rise of Deras is because unapproachable and indifferent attitude of Sikh clergy and SGPC towards the spiritual and social need of the Sikh masses.

4. Discussion was also held on the upcoming Punjab elections and it was jointly agreed by all members that an appropriate slogan / whatsapp message should be coined to advise the voters to exercise their franchise intelligently and elect the person most suitable for the development of the state.

5. Col JS Multani, Secy Gen thereafter gave all members a brief of the activities carried out by ISC during the month and ended the meeting with a vote of thanks.

6. Recording of the complete meeting is available at the link [https://youtu.be/itkPx3lq\\_XI](https://youtu.be/itkPx3lq_XI) for information of all members.