



INDIAN BOTANICAL SOCIETY



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Minutes of the meeting of the General Body of the Indian Botanical Society held during XLIV Annual conference on 20th October, 2021 at J.N.Vyas University, Jodhpur- (Rajasthan)

Meeting of the General Body of the Society was held at J.N.Vyas University, Jodhpur on 20th October, 2021 at 11:30 AM under the Presidentship of Prof. D.K.Maheshwari.

At the outset the President welcomed the members.

The following items on the agenda were taken:

1. Members condoled the sad demise of the Botanists who were long associated with the society and left us during the last one year. The botanists who were long associated with the society, and left this material world during the last one year. They are Dr. S.K.Jain, Lucknow; Prof. G.K.Srivastava, Allahabad, Prof. C.P.Malik, NOIDA, Prof. Devendra Pratap Singh, Lucknow; Dr. Anurag Titov Singh, Ujjain; Dr. Sushil Kumar, New Delhi, Dr. Ravi Sharma, Mathura; Prof.G.L.Tiwari, Allahabad;; Prof. Pushpa Khanna, New Delhi; Dr. Y.P.S.Pundir, Dehradun.
2. Prof. Seshu Lavania, Secretary of the society informed that minutes of the Executive council (held on March 19, 2021) and General Body (held on March 21,2021) have already been communicated through email on March 28,2021. Minutes of the General Body were posted on the website on the same day i.e. March 28,2021.
3. The Secretary requested the Chief Editor of JIBS Prof. Y. Vimala to highlight the significant achievements and bottlenecks. Prof. Vimala Chief Editor, JIBS presented the Editor's report and stated that:

- (i) Number of the articles received up till October 2021 are 1141 out of which 711 are published, 189 rejected, for 204 there was no response, and 37 are in process. The total income is Rs. 3,73,930.08/- expenditure incurred was Rs 3,47,806/- and the balance in hand is Rs. 26,124/-
 - (ii) The suggestion that the medal awardees should submit their lecture article in JIBS was reiterated.
 - (iii) The journal has been listed in UGC-CARE
4. Due to some emergent recall by Vice Chancellor of MJP University, the treasurer of the society Dr. Alok Srivastava had to leave for Bareilly. He requested Chief Editor to present the report on his behalf for the financial year 2020-21.
 5. Prof. N.K. Dubey the Hon. Librarian from B.H.U informed that the library has been shifted to new building and he requires some money for the purchase of book shelves. The committee resolved that the department of Botany BHU is CAS so can be managed by the university .
 6. Prof. Seshu Lavania, Secretary presented the annual report for the year 2020-21. She informed that since the last meeting following activities have been undertaken:
 - i. Three memorial lectures under the auspices of the IBS were planned to be organized in 2020-21 by the different Universities. Accordingly, Prof. Y.S. Murty Memorial Lecture was organized by Gurukula Kangri University, Haridwar, with the support of Prof D.K.Maheshwari, President , IBS. This lecture was delivered by Dr.Rajendra Dobhal, Director General, UCOST, Dehradun. Owing to pandemic, this lecture was arranged in hybrid mode. Prof. A. R. Mehta Memorial Lecture was to be organized by Mithibai College Mumbai with the support of Dr. Meenakshi Vaidya and she has scheduled the lecture for Oct.29,2021 Prof. C.M. Govil Memorial Lecture by Mansarovar Global University, Bhopal by Prof. A.K.Pandey, Vice Chancellor MG University. Prof. Pandey informed that he plans to organize after Diwali.
 - ii. **Presentation of Prof SN Chaturvedi Memorial Lecture for the year 2020.**

This lecture has organized on hybrid mode by department of Botany University of Jammu, Jammu on Aug.12, 2021 and delivered by Prof. C.Manoharachary. He was presented with the medal and the felicitation certificate during the inaugural session.

- iii. All volumes of the Journal of the Indian Botanical Society are now available in digital form as scanned version, and have been uploaded on the Society's website. The Chief Editor has already given a detailed report on this account and UGC –CARE status.
- iv. The updated directory of life members of the society as on **15th October, 2021** has been uploaded on the website. Concerted efforts are made to update the contact address and E-mail ID of the Members to the extent possible and available. Members are requested to help update the contact address of the remaining members.

6. A. One hundred fifty (150) Life Members and two hundred (200) annual members got enrolled as the members of the Society during the year

6. B. Nomination for Medal Awards for 2020 and Election of the President of the Society for 2021-22.

Following have been elected unanimously by the EC for the award of various medals of the society for the year 2021.

Life Time Achievement Award	: Prof. K.R.Shivanna, Bengaluru
Prof. Birbal Sahni Medal	: Prof. Manoj Prasad, New Delhi
Prof. P. Maheshwari Medal	: Prof. Y. Vimala, Meerut
Prof. V. Puri Medal	: Dr. P.Giridhar, Mysuru
Prof. Y.S. Murty Medal	: Dr. Rahul Kumar, Hyderabad
President 2022-23	: Prof. S.R.Yadav, Kolhapur

A three member committee was constituted by the President to finalize the two awards. Accordingly, the following were approved:

Prof. H.Y. Mohan Ram Memorial Award	: Prof. B.D.Sharma, Jodhpur
Prof. P.C.Trivedi Medal	: Prof. S.M.Reddy, Warangal

The Medal lectures are delivered and the awardees felicitated during the conference.

- 6.C.** During the year (2021), 28, 46, 18 and 06 life members attained the age of 60, 70, 80, and 90 years respectively. All these members were invited for felicitation. None could attend the conference.

7. Election of the Fellowship of the Society (FBS):

09 applications were received from life members for the award of fellowship of the society. These were scrutinized and were found eligible as per rules. Council has approved the following for the award of fellowship (FBS):

Prof. Vinay Sharma, Jaipur; Dr. Shilpi Rijhwani, Jaipur; Dr. Shashi Kant Shukla, Prayagraj; Dr. Rashmi Komal, Patna; Dr. Devangi Parag Chachad, Mumbai; Dr. Dara Singh Gupta, Chaibasa; Dr. Kalpana Agarwal, Jaipur; Dr. Ameeta Sharma, Jaipur; Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Vidyarthi, Samastipur

8. Venue for hosting the next XLV (2022) All India Botanical Conference.

Three proposals were received. These were from (i) University of Lucknow, Lucknow, (ii) Sikkim University, Gangtok, and (iii) Punjab University, Chandigarh. The proposal of University of Lucknow was complete and was accepted by the EC members.

Therefore, the Department of Botany, University of Lucknow, Lucknow shall organize the 45th All India Botanical Conference. The modalities to organize the conference shall be worked out by the nodal person Prof. Nalini Pandey in consultation with the Secretary and the President.

9. Memorial Lecture Awards: The council approved the following eminent Botanists for delivering the Memorial Lecture Awards:

A. Prof Uma Kant Sinha Memorial Lecture (2022): Prof. Satyawada Ramarao, NEHU, Shillong

B. Prof. G. Panigrahi Memorial Lecture (2022): Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, BBAU, Lucknow.

These award lectures shall be delivered during the 45th All India Botanical Conference.

- C. **Prof. S.N. Chaturvedi Memorial Lecture** (2020): Prof. S.P.Singh F. N. A., INSA Senior Scientist, Chair of Excellence in Ecology and Biodiversity, FRI, Dehradun. As per the provisions this Award Lecture is to be delivered at a place of choice decided by the Awardee.
10. **Venue for Rolling Memorial Lectures** to be organized at different departments / institutes across India. Following venues are recommended and approved for the three memorial lectures:
- A. **Prof. Y.S. Murty Memorial Lecture** (2022): MDS University, Ajmer University, (Nodal person - Prof. Arvind Pareek)
- B. **Prof. Atul R. Mehta Memorial Lecture** (2022): Shivaji University, Kolhapur (Nodal person : Dr. Manoj M Lekhak)
- C. **Prof. C.M. Govil Memorial Lecture** (2022): MJP Rohilkhand University, Bareilly (Nodal person : Dr. Alok Srivastava).
11. **New Proposals accepted by EC**
- i. **Discussion on JIBS Library:** Following a discussion that NBRI has most of the past volumes of JIBS since 1919 till 2010, it was suggested that NBRI Director may be requested to keep one set of journals in the library in the fitness with the existing repository of the JIBS with quality maintenance. The proposal was unanimously supported by all the EC/EB members. It was further suggested that if the Director NBRI accepts the request then office of Chief Editor and Hon. Librarian should provide the missing numbers to NBRI.
- ii. Prof A.K. Pandey suggested that regarding the missing volumes till 2010, Life members be asked to submit the volumes, if they have.
- iii. Prof. P.C.Trivedi pointed out errors in the addresses of some of the members of the Editorial Board. The Chief Editor assured the corrections.

- iv. Dr. U.C.Lavania suggested that in this hundred one year a foundation day lecture be started on 6th December 2021. This was unanimously approved that the first lecture will be organized by CCS University, Meerut and delivered by Dr. U.C.Lavania
- v. Prof. P.C.Trivedi suggested to activate local Chapters of IBS, and advised Secretary to write all existing local chapters to inform about the activities undertaken , those non responsive be closed.
- vi. Prof. Arvind Pareek suggested that the Journal should approach CABI and Web of Science for indexing.
- vii. Honorary Fellowship of the Society: Dr. U.C.Lavania suggested the name of Prof. D.P.Singh, Chairman UGC, and as already suggested and approved by EC during last meeting Prof. Govindjee, University of Illinois, USA
- viii. Prof. Trivedi suggested that the archives of IBS website be updated.
- ix. Prof. Manoharachary suggested that the inactive and non responsive Editorial Board members should be removed from the list.
- x. The members congratulated the Secretary for making online system for Membership.

12. Medals Awarded during the conference :

- A. Woman Scientist Medal Award **Prof. Shilpi Sharma, IIT, Delhi.**
- B. Woman Botanist Award **Dr. Nisha Tak , JNvyas University, Jodhpur**
- C. Young Botanist Award **Dr. Ridhhi Datta, Kolkata**
- D. Prof. S.C.Dixit Cash Prize **NA**
- E. Prof. K.S.Bilgrami Gold Medal (Poster Presentation).....**NA**.....
- F. Prof. S.N.Dixit Gold Medal (Poster Presentation)**NA**
- G. Prof. Y.S.Murty Gold Medal **Dr.K.A.Sujana, BSI, Coimbatore**
- H. Prof. S.V.S.Chauhan Gold Medal..... **NA**

I. Merit Certificates/ Medals awarded in Oral Presentation in eight different sections and Poster Presentation

Section	Oral Presentation		Poster Section(Merit Certificate)
	Medal	Merit Certificate	
I	Prof. O.P.Mall Medal -----	-----	-----
II	Prof. Zafar Nizam Medal -----	-----	-----
III	Prof.Y.S.Murty Medal -----	-----	-----
IV	Prof. Y.D.Tyagi Medal -----	Ms. Harishma, K.H.	Mr. Vishnu Mohan, Calicut
V	Prof. S.N.Chaturvedi Medal Mr. Kaushal Tripathi, Allahabad	-----	Ms. Satya Pandey, Allahabad
VI	Prof. L.P. Mall Medal -----	-----	Ms. Arati Yadav, Varanasi
VII	Prof. C.P.Malik Medal Ms. Khushboo Khator, Jodhpur	-----	Ms. Monisha Soni, Varanasi
VIII	Prof. H.C.Arya Medal Ms. Neha Bulchandani, Jodhpur	-----	Ms. Dhanashree S. Patil, Kolhapur

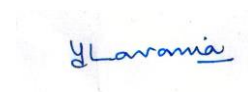
13. Any other Matter with the permission of the chair

14. Presidential remarks & Vote of thanks

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Prof. P.C.Trivedi, Vice Chancellor, J.N.Vyas University, Jodhpur for his proactive support and taking personal interest in hosting the conference, and the organizing Secretary of the 44th All India Botanical Conference Prof.

G.S.Shekhawat and his team for excellent arrangements and comforting the delegates. The President thanked all the members of Executive Council and Editorial board for extending their cooperation and valuable guidance. Prof. Shekhawat, Organizing Secretary, thanked the EC and EB members for their cooperation and the society for giving an opportunity to host the conference. The members thanked the President, Secretary, Editors and Treasurer of the Society for smooth functioning and upkeep of healthy traditions, and the hosts for successful organization of the Conference.

Jodhpur
October 18, 2021



(Seshu Lavania)
Secretary