



# INDIAN BOTANICAL SOCIETY



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## **Minutes of the meeting of the General Body of the XLVII All India Botanical Conference of the Indian Botanical Society held at CCS University, Meerut on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 3.30 pm.**

Meeting of the GB of the Society was held at CCS University, Meerut, on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 3:30 PM under the Presidentship of Prof. U.C. Lavania

At the outset the President welcomed the members and asked the Secretary to take up the agenda.

The following items on the agenda were taken:

### **1. To condole the death of members of society:**

Fortunately, no information of anyone leaving us during this year was reported.

### **2. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held at SGB Amravati University, Amravati.**

(posted to the members on email on **Dec. 05, 2023**)

### **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 to October 2024 are 157, carried forward from 2023 are 61, thus totaling 218 ; out of which 42 are published, 06 rejected. For 07 there was no response, and 163 are in process. The total income is Rs. 1,44,083/- ; expenditure incurred was Rs 93000/- ; and the balance in hand is Rs. 51,083-08/-; and bills pending are of Rs.65,225/-
- (ii) The suggestion that the medal awardees should submit their lecture article in JIBS was reiterated.
- (iii) The journal has been indexed in Web of Science. Prof. Trivedi asked about the status of online Newsletter. Responding, Prof. G.S. Shekhawat informed that the preparations are being done.

- (iv) 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 journal is now Indexed in UGC-CARE, and listed in Web of Science.
  - (v) The hard copies of all the issues are made available to the Library of CSIR-NBRI, Lucknow. To continue this arrangement the Society has entered into an MoU with the CSIR-NBRI Lucknow, to make them available any missing or future issues. As such the CSIR-NBRI, Lucknow shall be the Nodal Library for the JIBS.
4. The Secretary requested the Treasurer of the Society Prof. Alok Kumar Srivastava to present the report for the financial year 2023-24.
- (i) The treasurer informed that as per the account audited by Hashit V Agarwal & Co. Chartered Accountants:
  - (ii) The total receipts are Rs. 6,56,434.00 /- ; expenditure Rs. 7, 39,055.97 and the balance in hand is Rs. 4, 19,606.32. (as on 31.03.2024). The balance sheet and other documents have already been circulated by the Treasurer during the meeting to all the members.
5. Prof. Seshu Lavania, Secretary presented the annual report for the year 2022-23. She informed that since the last meeting following activities have been undertaken:
- Prof. Seshu Lavania, Secretary presented the annual report for the year 2023-24. 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 by the different Universities. IBS Foundation Day lecture was organized by CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru and was delivered by Prof. Manoj Dhar. Prof. A.R. Mehta Memorial Lecture was organized at M.S. University of Baroda by Prof. V.M. Raole; Prof. C.M. Govil Memorial Lecture was organized by Prof. G.S. Shekhawat at JN Vyas University, Jodhpur. Prof. Raole and Prof. Shekhawat have submitted their report. Prof. Y.S. Murty Memorial Lecture is to be organized at Kakatiya University by Dr. Lakshmana Reddy.
  - ii. **Presentation of Prof SN Chaturvedi Commemoration Lecture for the year 2023:**

Prof. Arun K Pandey has delivered this memorial Lecture at the Department of Botany, Allahabad University, Prayagraj.

iii. The directory of life members, Annual members and State-wise list of life members has been updated up to on **13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2024** and 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.

iv. Society related activities; upkeep of records and reports is totally paperless.

**6A.** Life and Annual Members enrolled in 2024: **LM** (122 ) ; **AM** (171 )

**6B. Medal Awards for 2024 and Election of the President of the Society for 2025:**

Following members have been elected unanimously by the EC for the award of various medals of the society for the year 2023, and President for 2024.

Life Time Achievement Award	:	Prof.P.K.Gupta, Meerut
Prof. Birbal Sahni Medal	:	Prof. D.K.Upreti, Lucknow
Prof. P. Maheshwari Medal	:	Prof. S.R.Reddy, Warangal
Prof. V. Puri Medal	:	Dr.K. S. Rajput, Vadodara
Prof. Y.S. Murty Medal	:	Dr.Abhishek K Dwivedy, Varanasi
<b>President 2025</b>	:	Prof. S.K.Barik, Shillong

Prof. Birbal Sahni, Prof. P.Maheshwari, Prof. V.Puri and Prof. Y.S.Murty Medal award lectures have been delivered on the first day of the conference i.e Oct.16,2024

A three-member committee constituted by the President unanimously approved following life members for the Medals who have been decorated with the award during the inaugural function

**H.Y. Mohan Ram Memorial Award** : Prof. Naresh Chandra, Jaipur

**Prof. P.C.Trivedi Medal** for Editorial Excellence : Prof. D.K.Maheshwari, Haridwar

**IBS-AIBC Champion Award** : Prof. A.K.Pandey, Bhopal

Besides these, the President constituted a three member committees to evaluate the applications submitted for the award of Woman Scientist and Prof. Y.S.Murty Memorial Gold Medal .

The following have been presented with the medal in the inaugural function.

**Woman Scientist Medal :** Dr. Supriya Tiwari, BHU, Varanasi

**Prof. Y.S. Murty Memorial Gold Medal :** Dr. V.S. Hareesh, Kozhikode

The President also constituted committees to screen the applications for woman Botanist and Young Botanist.

**Dr. Shweta Jha** (Jodhpur) and **Dr. Sushma Mishra** (Lucknow) have presented their work for the Woman Botanist contest. And **Dr. Ajay Kumar**, Kasargod; **Dr. K.M. Manjula**, Kozhikode; **Dr. Satish Chandra**, Dehradun have presented their work for the Young Botanist contest.

**6C. Senior Members felicitated:** on attaining 60(32), 70(45), 75(), 80(20), 85(), 90(03), 95() and 100(01) yrs. They were all invited for the felicitation and those who could attend the conference were felicitated during the inaugural session.

## **7. Induction of Fellows (FBS)**

**25 applications** were received from life members for the award of fellowship of the society. A three-member committee constituted by the President and the Chief Editor scrutinized these applications. Eighteen applications fulfilled all the required parameters. Council has approved the following for the award of fellowship (**FBS**):

**Dr. Abhishek Kumar Dwivedy** (Varanasi); **Prof. Amita Pal** (Kolkata), **Dr. Anil Kumar Thakur**, Kangra, **Dr. Bhanu Parakash**, Varanasi, **Dr. Allam Vijay Bhaskar Reddy**, Hyderabad, **Dr. Gunagambhire M Vidyasagar**, Kalburagi, **Dr. Madhavi Singh**, Lucknow, **Dr. Manju Nair**, Calicut, **Dr. Namita Gupta**, Lucknow, **Dr. Nisha Tak**, Jodhpur, **Dr. Neelkamal Rathore**, Kota, **Dr. Rajesh Bajpai**, Shillong, **Dr. Rashmi Dubey**, Pune, **Dr. Satya Narain**, Prayagraj, **Dr. Shruti Kasana**, Delhi, **Dr. Supriya Tiwari**, Varanasi, **Dr. Vartika Gupta**, Jaipur, **Dr. Vishnu Mohan**, Palakkad

**Prof. J.J. Shah** (Vallabh Vidyanagar), and **Prof. Hanno Schaefer** (Munich, Germany) were conferred with Honorary fellowship.

## **8. Venue for holding the next XLVIII (2025) Annual Conference and meeting of IBS.**

Two proposals were received. These were from (i) Department of Botany, NEHU, Shillong, (ii) Department of Botany, Shivaji University, Kolhapur. After deliberations the proposal from department of Botany, NEHU, Shillong was unanimously accepted by the EC members.

Therefore, the Department of Botany, NEHU, Shillong shall organize the 48<sup>th</sup> All India Botanical Conference. The modalities to organize the conference shall be worked out by the Secretary with the help of President who brought the proposal.

**9. To consider the name of an eminent botanist to be invited for next year to deliver:**

**A. Prof. A.K. Sharma Memorial Lecture (2025):** The name of **Prof. Swapan Datta** Kolkata was proposed and accepted. He will deliver this award lecture during the 48<sup>th</sup> All India Botanical Conference at NEHU, Shillong.

**B. Prof.L.B. Kajale Memorial Lecture (2025):** The name of **Prof. Sanjeeva Nayaka**, CSIR-NBRI was proposed and accepted. He will deliver this award lecture during the 48<sup>th</sup> All India Botanical Conference at NEHU, Shillong.

**C. Prof. S.N. Chaturvedi Commemoration Lecture (2024):** The name of **Prof. V.P. Singh**, Bareilly was proposed and accepted. As per the provisions, this Award Lecture is to be delivered at a place of choice decided by the Awardee.

**D. IBS Foundation Lecture 2024:**

It was proposed that the CSIR- NBRI may hold the IBS Foundation Lecture (2024) to be delivered by an eminent botanist. The name **Prof. Akhilesh K Tyagi**, University of Delhi (South Campus) was proposed and the same was accepted.

**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 (2025):** Shivaji University, Kolhapur  
(Nodal person: Dr. Manoj M Lekhak)

**B. Prof. Atul R. Mehta Memorial Lecture (2025):** J.N.vyas University, Jodhpur  
(Nodal person: Prof. G.S.Shekhawat)

**C. Prof. C.M. Govil Memorial Lecture (2025):** Osmania University, Hyderabad  
(Nodal person: Prof. Manoharachari will soon inform).

**Suggested Proposals approved by EC:**

- The medal awardees may be requested to publish their work in the journal of the Indian Botanical Society.
- It is suggested that the membership should be promoted.
- Dr. Mao, Director, BSI has been requested to ask his staff to enroll as the Life membership of the society. Dr. Mao agreed to the suggestion and shall help expedite.
- The journal is now completely online, from submission to publication including online assignment of the reviewers, their comments and tracking online status, Online First publication on the website to final allotment of Volume, issue, page number.
- The issue of Indexing of the journal was raised by Prof P.C Trivedi. Prof Y Vimala informed that the journal is now listed in **Web of Science**, as well.
- Prof. Manoharachary suggested that the inactive and non responsive Editorial Board members should be removed from the list. The Chief Editor was requested to rationalize the Editorial Board for enhanced efficiency.
- It was suggested by Prof P.C. Trivedi that an online Newsletter covering latest news of IBS and its chapters, should be published. The work is assigned to Prof. G.S. Shekhawat of J.N. Vyas University, Jodhpur for assisting the Chief Editor in bringing out the Newsletter of the society activity and updates. Prof. Shekhawat informed that the work is in progress.
- A letter to be issued by the Secretary to the local chapters. In absence of any response, the non-responding chapter may stand closed.

#### 11. Medals Awarded during the conference (Contests & Sections):

Merit Certificates/ Medals awarded in Oral / Poster Presentation in eight different sections:

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| A. Woman Botanist Award:                                 | <b>Dr Sushma Mishra</b> LU       |
| B. Young Botanist Award:.                                | <b>Dr Manjula K.M.</b> Khojicode |
| C. Prof. S.C. Dixit Cash Prize                           | <b>No Applicant</b>              |
| D. Prof. K.S. Bilgrami Gold Medal (Poster Presentation): | <b>Ms. Arti Yadav</b> , Varanasi |

E. Prof. S.N. Dixit Gold Medal (Poster Presentation): **Dr. V.S. Vishnu, Kannur**

F. Prof. S.V.S. Chauhan Gold Medal: **Ms. Meha Mepani, Mumbai**

G. Merit Certificates/ Medals awarded in Oral / Poster Presentation in eight different sections:

Section	Oral Presentation		Poster Section (Merit Certificate)
	Medal Name	Merit Certificate	
I	<i>Prof. O.P. Mall</i>	None	<b>Avanish Prajapati, Varanasi</b>
II	<i>Prof. Zafar Nizam</i>		<b>Sapna Jain Ajmer</b>
III	<i>Prof. Y.S. Murty</i> <b>Ms. Meera Rami</b>		<b>Veena Hazale Manjunath Poland</b>
IV	<i>Prof. Y.D. Tyagi</i>		<b>Ms Anishya, New Delhi</b>
V	<i>Prof. S.N. Chaturvedi</i> <b>Ms. Neeta Kushwaha, Prayagraj</b>		<b>Ms Akansha S Jeswani, Kohlapur</b>
VI	<i>Prof. L.P. Mall</i>	<b>Akansha Garg, Bareilly</b>	None
VII	<i>Prof. C.P. Malik</i>	<b>Sanjay Saini,</b>	<b>Sarika Sharma, Varanasi</b>
VIII	<i>Prof. H.C. Arya</i>	<b>Monisha Soni, Varanasi</b>	<b>Mohan Kapse, Wardha</b>

13. Any other Matter with the permission of the chair:

14. Presidential remarks & Vote of thanks.

The President Prof. Lavania extended his heartfelt gratitude to all the EC members, EB members as well as all active members / members of the expert committees for their unconditional support all through the year with regard to the service of the society. The President and Secretary heartily thanked and acknowledged the contribution and efforts of the local organizing Secretary Prof. Jitender Singh and his team for making the XLVII All Indian Botanical Conference a great success, and the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of host University Prof. Sangeeta Shukla for the much-needed logistic support, as also in taking personal interest in organizing the conference in a befitting manner.



December 31, 2024

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