



# INDIAN BOTANICAL SOCIETY



**Seshu Lavania**, M.Phil., Ph.D., FBS, FLS (London), MNASc  
Retd. Professor & Ex. Head  
CSIR- Emeritus Scientist  
Department of Botany, University of Lucknow,  
Lucknow- 226 007 (U.P.) India.

**Secretary**  
Indian Botanical Society  
Sectional President, Indian Science Congress Association (2018-19)  
Sectional Recorder, Indian Science Congress Association (2014-16)  
Email: [secretaryibs2017@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryibs2017@gmail.com); Ph: +919415545489 ; +917007815329

**Minutes of the meeting of the General Body of the Indian Botanical Society held during XLV Annual conference on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 at University of Lucknow, Lucknow**

Meeting of the General Body of the Society was held at the University of Lucknow, Lucknow on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 at 12:30 PM under the Presidentship of Prof. S.R. Yadav.

1. Members condoled the sad demise of the Botanists who were long associated with the society and left us during the last one year. They are Prof. J.P. Khurana, New Delhi; Dr. K.S. Saraswat, Lucknow, Prof. K.V.B.R. Tilak, Hyderabad, Prof. S.V.S. Chauhan, Agra; Prof. B.D. Sharma, Jodhpur; Prof. P.D. Sharma, Jaipur, Prof. H. Maheshwari Devi, Visakhapatnam; Prof. S.K. Roy, Varanasi.
2. Prof. Seshu Lavania, Secretary of the society informed that minutes of the Executive council of the last meeting held on Oct.18, 2021, and of the General Body held on Oct.20, 2021, at the J.N. Vyas University, Jodhpur have already been communicated through email on Nov.10, 2021. Minutes of the General Body were posted on the IBS website on the same day i.e. Nov.10, 2021.
3. The Secretary requested the Chief Editor of JIBS Prof. Y. Vimala to present the journal activities, achievements and difficulties faced. While presenting the Editor's report Prof. Y. Vimala, reported the following:
  - (i) Number of the articles received up till October 2022 are 1276 out of which 761 are published, 215 rejected; for 217 there was no response, and 83 are in editorial processing. The total income is Rs.2,77,703.08/- expenditure incurred was Rs 1,87,606.00/- and the balance in hand is Rs. 90,097.08 /-, and bills pending are for Rs.37,500/-

- (ii) The journal has been listed in UGC-CARE
  - (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.
4. Due to some emergent call by Vice Chancellor of MJP University, the treasurer of the society Dr. Alok Srivastava had to be with him at Vice Chancellor's meeting at University of Lucknow. He requested Chief Editor to present the report on his behalf for the financial year 2021-22 (i.e. year ending at March 31, 2022) and stated that:
- (i) Opening Balance in UBI, membership fee and interest received is Rs.916615.49.
  - (ii) Closing Balance in UBI is Rs.183,224.99/-
5. Prof. N.K. Dubey delivered the letter of Hon. Librarian from B.H.U and informed that the library has been shifted to new building and raised the issue of writing off the old and worn-out journals of JIBS present at BHU library. It was resolved by the EC that the special volumes of JIBS that may be available in BHU library may be selected out for digitization, and the remaining ones could be written off / given away to anyone interested free of cost.
6. Prof. Seshu Lavania, Secretary presented the annual report for the year 2021-22. 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 2021-22 by the different Universities. Accordingly, Prof. YS Murty Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. Rakesh Pandey, CSIR-Emeritus Scientist, Lucknow in the department of Botany at MDS University, Ajmer; Prof. AR Mehta Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. Niranjana Murthy Hosakatte, PG Department of Studies in Botany, Karnatak University, Dharwad in the department of Botany at Shivaji University, Kolhapur; and Prof. CM Govil Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. Alka Chaturvedi, Former Professor & Head, Department of Botany, RTM Nagpur University, Nagpur and organized by the Mansarovar Global University, Bhopal.

- (ii) Initiated on the completion of the Centenary Year of The Indian Botanical Society, the 1<sup>st</sup> IBS Foundation Day Lecture (2021) was delivered by Dr. UC Lavania, FNA at the CCS University, Meerut
- (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 inclusion of JIBS in UGC –CARE.
- (iv) As a follow-up of the recommendation made by the EC in its meeting held at Jodhpur conference, The Director, CSIR-NBRI was requested to provide a dedicated shelf for JIBS in their Library. Accepting our request, the CSIR-NBRI has made a provision for dedicated shelf for JIBS in its Library.
- (v) Presentation of Prof SN Chaturvedi Memorial Lecture for the year 2021. This lecture will be organized on hybrid mode by CSIR-NBRI, Lucknow on Oct.17, 2022; and shall be delivered by Prof. S.P. Singh, FNA.
- (vi) The directory of life members has been uploaded on the society's website, with updated list as on **1<sup>st</sup> Oct. 2022**. 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.

**6A** **Life and Annual Members enrolled in 2022 - 170 (AM), 92 (LM)**, got enrolled this year up to Oct 1, 2022

**6B Medal Awards for 2022 and Election of the President of the Society for 2023:**

Following members have been elected unanimously by the EC for the award of various medals of the society for the year 2022, and President for 2023.

Life Time Achievement Award	:	Dr. R.R. Rao, Bengaluru
Prof. Birbal Sahni Medal	:	Prof. R.K. Kohli, Mohali
Prof. P. Maheshwari Medal	:	Prof. Santhosh Nampy, Calicut
Prof. V. Puri Medal	:	Prof. R.L.S. Sikarwar, Satna
Prof. Y.S. Murty Medal	:	Dr. Manoj M Lekhak, Kolhapur
President 2023	:	Prof. N. K. Dubey, Varanasi

The awardees were felicitated during the Conference and delivered respective award lectures.

Also a three-member committee constituted by the President unanimously approved the selection of the following life members for the awards / Medals mentioned here:

Prof. H.Y. Mohan Ram Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching and Advancement of Plant Sciences : Prof. H.K. Goswami, Bhopal

Prof. P.C. Trivedi Medal for Editorial Excellence : Prof. Praveen Gehlot, Jodhpur

Woman Scientist Medal : Prof. Shashi Pandey-Rai, Varanasi

Prof. Y.S. Murty Memorial Gold Medal (for Taxonomy) : Dr. Sudhakar Reddy Chintala, Hyderabad

The selected awardees were felicitated and given away the respective Medals and Citations.

Further, the President constituted a three-member committee to screen the applications for Woman Botanist Medal to present their work for this competitive award. The short-listed applicants: Dr. Manju C Nair (Calicut) and Dr Jyoti Mathur (Banasthali) presented their work during the conference for the contest. Dr. Anand K Chaudhri and Dr Ashish Prasad presented their work for the Young Botanist contest.

**6.C Members felicitated:** on attaining the age of 60 (**38**); 70(**33**); 80(**27**) and 90(**13**) yrs. They were all invited for felicitation, and those present, were felicitated in the inaugural function.

#### **7. Election of F.B.S.**

Thirteen applications were received from the 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 and 11 were found eligible as per the rules. Council has approved the following for the award of fellowship (FBS):

Prof. Shashi Pandey-Rai, Varanasi; Dr. Yogesh Joshi, Jaipur; Prof. Rajesh Tewari, Lucknow; Prof. M.I. Ansari, Lucknow; Dr. Shiv Datt Tiwari, Haldwani; Dr. Mona

Kejriwal, Mumbai; Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Kangra; Dr. Abhishek Chris, Mumbai; Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Haridwar, Prof. Birendra Prasad, Patna; Prof. M.M.V.Baig, Nanded.

The Fellowship Certificates were given away in the inaugural function.

**8. Venue for holding next (2023) annual meeting and conference of the IBS.**

Two proposals were received. These were from (i) University of Jammu, Jammu, and (ii) Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati. Following a due deliberation and discussion, the proposal of the Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati was accepted by the EC.

Therefore, the Department of Botany, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati, Maharashtra, shall organize the 46<sup>th</sup> All India Botanical Conference in 2023. The modalities to organize the conference shall be worked out by the nodal person Prof. Varsha N Nathar in consultation with the Secretary and the President.

**9. Memorial Lecture Awards (2023):** The council approved the following eminent Botanists for delivering the Memorial Lecture Awards:

- A. Prof. A.K. Sharma Memorial Lecture (2023) : Prof. Anita Mukherjee, Kolkata
- B. Prof. L.B. Kajale Memorial Lecture (2023) : Prof. P.C. Trivedi, Jaipur
- C. Prof. S.N. Chaturvedi Memorial Lecture (2022): Prof. D.K. Maheshwari, Haridwar
- D. IBS Foundation Day Lecture (2022): Dr. D.K. Upreti, FNA at Calicut Univ.

**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): DDU University, Gorakhpur, (Nodal person - Prof. V.N. Pandey)
- B. Prof. Atul R. Mehta Memorial Lecture (2022): Mumbai (Nodal person : Dr. Meenakshi Vaidya)
- C. Prof. C.M. Govil Memorial Lecture (2022): Ewing Christian College, Prayagraj (Nodal person: Dr. Shonali Chaturvedi).

**11. New Proposals accepted by EC:**

- (a) **Journal improvement plan:** In an effort to raise the level of Journal, it was suggested to make a beginning to adopt online submission and publication system on standard pattern to enhance journal visibility and ease of doing. Dr. U.C. Lavania, based on his experience of working with an international publisher as an Editor-in-Chief of another journal, and interactive discussion with a Lucknow based prospective publisher, and sharing the information with other senior members of the IBS, including the incumbent Chief Editor of JIBS – Prof. Y. Vimala, Prof. S. Nampy, Chief Editor, Rheedea, Prof. AK Pandey, Prof. PC Trivedi, Prof. SR Yadav, Prof. NK Dubey, Prof. DK Maheshwari and Prof. Ashwani Kumar, Prof. SS Sharma – all having experience in such matters, suggested adopting the Journal of the Indian Botanical Society to purely online mode of publication and subscription. This suggestion was seconded by Prof A.K Pandey, Dr. Manoj Prasad, and Prof. Y. Vimala, and further supported by all others. A proposal submitted by MRI Publishers was taken into consideration and it was put before the EC/EB members for further discussion. Mr. Ashwani Shukla was special invitee in the EC/EB meeting and was asked to demonstrate the proposal and process of online mode for JIBS. Due to some technical errors the presentation was postponed till next day. Mr Shukla gave a presentation before the EC/EB members on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022, and after a discussion his proposal was unanimously approved by all the members of EC/EB. However, to arrive at to develop final contract, further budgetary negotiations and workflow will be carried out though a committee constituted by the President.
- (b) **Strict screening of the manuscripts:** Prof Manoharachary and Dr. Manoj Prasad suggested strict screening of submitted manuscripts as in rated journals for raising the standard. However, President of IBS, Prof S.R Yadav, suggested that the journal should promote publications from botanists coming from rural areas and colleges.
- (c) **Report of AIBC meeting:** Prof A.K. Pandey suggested to prepare a Meeting Report of the deliberations made during AIBC every year. This report may be prepared preferably by the respective Organizing Secretary, for publication in the JIBS and also on the website. Prof A.K. Pandey volunteered to prepare the first Report of AIBC this year.

- (d) **News and Views section:** Prof. P.C Trivedi suggested that there should be a News and Views section on the website for the latest update of photographs and news about IBS meeting, and special achievement by the IBS members.
- (e) **Upgradation of the list of life members:** Prof. Arun Kumar Pandey and Prof P.C. Trivedi suggested the upgradation of the list of life members from the previous years' printed year books.
- (f) **Life members not in records of IBS** The issue was raised by the Treasurer Dr. Alok Srivastava that there are some life members who claim to be life members although couldn't furnish the receipt and also the names are not there in the records of the society. It was resolved by the EC members that in such cases in absence of any solid proof regarding the membership the member should be asked to take fresh life membership.

In this respect, Prof. Arun Kumar Pandey and Prof P.C. Trivedi suggested that while updating the list of life members, efforts should be made to search for the missing names, if any, from the previous years' printed year books

- (g) **Local Chapters: There are 19 Old chapters. Lately, 2 new chapters have been added one each at Udaipur & Kota:**

The issue of local chapters was raised in the EC. It was discussed that most of the old local chapters have now become defunct, or some of the local chapters were acting independently in their own right – which is not permissible. This posed a serious concern of ambiguity of IBS identification on global Web. It was resolved by the EC members that all the local chapters should be notified to elect afresh the President and Secretary to become functional. In case of non-response from the local chapters the chapter would be considered as defunct / and deemed closed. It was also categorically pointed out that the Local chapters should use the name: '**Local chapter**' of IBS only; they cannot have any other title.

Whereas, Patna, Jammu, Meerut, Gurukul Kangri Haridwar; Kakatiya, Warangal; have informed about their activities, **but the Chapters from** BHU, Bhavnagar University, Bhagalpur University, Gujrat University, Nagarjuna University, Osmania University, Panjab University, Panjabi University, Patiala; R.D. University, Jabalpur,

Utkal University Bhubneswar; Rajasthan University, Jaipur; Allahabad University, Mumbai University and Kerala University, Thiruvananthapuram did not respond.

**12. Election of the new Executive council of the IBS for the term 2023-2026:**

Keeping in view the All-India representation; active participation of younger members / and at least one participation by the senior members in the last three years, and meeting all other eligibility criteria, The EC nominated the following for the new executive council (2023-2026)-

Executive Councillor

1. Prof. Manoj Dhar – Jammu
  2. Prof R.K. Kohli – Mohali
  3. Dr. Sandeep Kumar – Haridwar
  4. Prof Manoj Prasad – New Delhi
  5. Dr. Yogesh Joshi –Jaipur
  6. Prof. S.K. Garg – Bareilly
  7. Dr. Sarita Srivastava – Prayagraj
  8. Prof Prasenjit Mukherjee – Ranchi
  9. Prof H.K. Goswami – Bhopal
  10. Prof. Varsha N Nathar – Amaravati
  11. Dr. Manoj M Lekhak – Kolhapur
  12. Prof P. Giridhar – Mysore
  13. Prof. Santhosh Nampy – Calicut
  14. Dr. A. A. Mao – Kolkata
  15. Prof. Shanti S Sharma – Gangtok / Sikkim
  16. Prof. S.K. Barik – Shillong
- A. Secretary: Prof. (Mrs.) Seshu Lavania, Lucknow  
B. Treasurer: Dr. Alok Srivastava, Bareilly  
C. Chief Editor: Prof Y. Vimala – Meerut

**13. Declaration of Results and the Medals Awarded during the Conference:**

- |                                |                                     |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>A. Woman Botanist Award</b> | <b>Dr. Manju C Nair, Calicut</b>    |
| <b>B. Young Botanist Award</b> | <b>Dr. Ashish Prasad, New Delhi</b> |



C. Prof. S.C. Dixit Cash Prize ..... NA .....

D. Prof. K.S.Bilgrami Gold Medal (Poster Presentation): **Dr. Vishnu Mohan, Calicut**

E. Prof. S.N. Dixit Gold Medal (Poster Presentation): Dr. Sachin M Patil, Kolhapur

F. Prof. S.V.S.Chauhan Gold Medal..... NA .....

**G. 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	<b>Prof. O.P. Mall Medal</b> -----	NFS	Ms. Arti Yadav, BHU
II	<b>Prof. Zafar Nizam Medal</b> -----	NFS	NFS
III	<b>Prof. Y.S. Murty Medal</b> -----	NFS	-----
IV	<b>Prof. Y.D.Tyagi Medal</b> Sreekutty, T.K., Calicut	-----	Ms. Dani Francis, Calicut
V	<b>Prof. S.N.Chaturvedi Medal</b> Mr. Anirudha S Deshpande, Amravati	-----	Ms. Utkarsha Gupta, Prayagraj
VI	<b>Prof. L.P. Mall Medal</b> -----	Ms. Pragya Dadhichi, Kota	Ms. Ansuman Sahoo, BHU
VII	<b>Prof. C.P.Malik Medal</b> .....	Ms. Anjali Tiwari, Prayagraj	Mr.D.B.Banerjee, Kolkata
VIII	<b>Prof. H.C.Arya Medal</b>	Ms.Kanchana Vaishnavi, Lucknow	Mr. Shubhankar Biswas, BHU

**14. Presidential remarks & Vote of thanks.**

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Prof. Alok K Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Lucknow, Lucknow for his proactive support and taking personal interest in hosting the conference, and the organizing Secretary of the 45<sup>th</sup> All India Botanical Conference Prof. Nalini Pandey and her 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. Pandey, 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.

The Society would like to put on record the special support received from the office of the Director, CSIR-NBRI, and also Prof. SK Barik for his generous help with logistics, as also to the Director, CSIR-CIMAP and Prof. Prabodh Trivedi for general support. Delegates were delighted to see the display of plant based technologies and products by the NBRI and CIMAP, that became point of attraction in the Conference – a first of its kind.



Date: October 16, 2022

Seshu Lavania  
Secretary

13. Presidential remarks & Vote of thanks.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Prof. Alok K Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Lucknow, Lucknow for his proactive support and taking personal interest in hosting the conference, and the organizing Secretary of the 45<sup>th</sup> All India Botanical Conference Prof. Nalini Pandey and her 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. Pandey, 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.



Date: October 15, 2022

Seshu Lavania  
Secretary

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 **Prof. J.P.Khurana**, New Delhi; **Dr. K.S. Saraswat**, Lucknow, **Prof. K.V.B.R.Tilak**, Hyderabad, **Prof. S.V.S. Chauhan**, Agra; **Prof.B.D.Sharma**, Jodhpur ; **Prof. P.D.Sharma**, Jaipur, **Prof. H.Maheshwari Devi**, Visakhapatnam; **Prof. S.K.Roy**, Varanasi.
2. Prof. Seshu Lavania, Secretary of the society informed that minutes of the Executive council that the last meeting held at J.N.Vyas University, Jodhpur on Oct.18, 2021 and the General body meeting held on Oct.20,2021 have already been

communicated through email on Nov.10, 2021. Minutes of the General Body were posted on the website on the same day i.e. Nov.10, 2021.

3. The Secretary requested the Chief Editor of JIBS Prof. Y. Vimala to highlight the significant achievements and bottlenecks. Prof. Y. Vimala Chief Editor, JIBS presented the Editor's report and stated that:

(i) Number of the articles received up till October 2022 are 1276 out of which 761 are published, 215 rejected, for 217 there was no response, and 83 are in process. The total income is Rs.2,77,703.08/- expenditure incurred was Rs 1,87,606.00/- and the balance in hand is Rs. 90,097.08 /-, and bill pending are for Rs.37,500/-

(ii) The journal has been listed in UGC-CARE

4. The Secretary requested the Treasurer of the Society Dr. Alok Kumar Srivastava to present the report for the financial year 2021-22( year ending at March 31, 2022) and stated that:

(i) Opening Balance in UBI, membership fee and interest received is Rs.916615.49.

(ii) Closing Balance in UBI is Rs.183,224.99/-

5. Prof. N.K. Dubey delivered the letter of Hon. Librarian from B.H.U and informed that the library has been shifted to new building and raised the issue of writing off the old and worn out journals of JIBS present at BHU library. It was resolved by the EC members that the special volumes of JIBS should be digitalized and then those issues could be further written off.

6. Prof. Seshu Lavania, Secretary presented the annual report for the year 2021-22. 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 2021-22 by the different Universities. Accordingly, Prof. Y.S. Murty Memorial Lecture was organized by MDS University, Ajmer , Prof. A. R. Mehta Memorial Lecture was organized by Shivaji University, Kolhapur.

ii. **Presentation of Prof SN Chaturvedi Memorial Lecture for the year 2021.**

This lecture will be organized on hybrid mode by CSIR-NBRI, Lucknow on **Oct.17, 2022** and will be delivered by Prof. S.P.Singh, FNA.

- 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.

**Also, the Director CSIR-NBRI** has given shelf for keeping all issues.

- iv.** The directory of life members has been uploaded on the website , with updated list on **10<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2022**. 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.

**6A** Life and Annual Members enrolled in 2022- 170(AM), **92(LM)** updated on Oct 1, 2022

**6B Medal Awards for 2022 and Election of the President of the Society for 2023:**

Following members have been elected unanimously by the EC for the award of various medals of the society for the year 2022, and President for 2023.

Life Time Achievement Award	:	Dr.R.R.Rao, Bengaluru
Prof. Birbal Sahni Medal	:	Prof. R.K.Kohli, Mohali
Prof. P. Maheshwari Medal	:	Prof. Santhosh Nampy, Calicut
Prof. V. Puri Medal	:	Prof. R.L.S.Sikarwar, Satna
Prof. Y.S. Murty Medal	:	Dr.Manoj M Lekhak, Kolhapur
President 2022	:	Prof. N. K.Dubey, Varanasi

**A three member committee constituted by the President unanimously approved**

following life members for the Medals:

<b>H.Y. Mohan Ram Memorial Award</b>	:	Prof. H.K.Goswami, Bhopal
<b>Prof. P.C.Trivedi Medal</b>	:	Prof. Praveen Gehlot, Jodhpur

Besides these the President constituted a three member committee 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 during inauguration.

**Woman Scientist Medal** : Prof. Shashi Pandey-Rai, Varanasi

**Prof. Y.S.Murty Memorial Gold Medal** : Dr. Sudhakar Reddy Chintala, Hyderabad

Also, the President constituted a three member committee to screen the applications for woman Botanist.

Dr. Manju C Nair ( Calicut) and Dr Jyoti Mathur ( Banasthali) will be presenting their work tomorrow for the contest.

**6.C During the year 2022** : 38, 33, 27 and 13 yrs. members attained the age of 60, 70, 80, and 90 years respectively They are all invited for felicitation and those could attend the conference were felicitated in the inaugural session.

#### **7. Election of the Fellowship of the Society( F.B.S. )**

13 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 and 11 were found eligible as per the rules. Council has approved the following for the award of fellowship (FBS) :

Prof. Shashi Pandey-Rai, Varanasi; Dr. Yogesh Joshi, Jaipur; Prof. Rajesh Tewari, Lucknow; Prof. M.I. Ansari, Lucknow; Dr. Shiv Datt Tiwari, Haldwani; Dr. Mona Kejriwal, Mumbai; Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Kangra; Dr. Abhishek Chris, Mumbai; Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Haridwar, Prof. Birendra Prasad, Patna; Prof. M.M.V.Baig, Nanded.

#### **8. Venue for holding next XLVI (2023) : ALL India Botanical Conference:**

Two proposals were received. These were from (i) University of Jammu, Jammu (ii) Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University , Amravati, The proposal of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University , Amravati was complete and was accepted by the EC members.

Therefore, the Department of Botany, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University , Amravati shall organize the 46<sup>th</sup> All India Botanical Conference. The modalities to organize the conference shall be worked out by the nodal person Prof. Varsha N Nathar in consultation with the Secretary and the President.

**9. Memorial Lecture Awards(2023):** The council approved the following eminent Botanists for delivering the Memorial Lecture Awards:

C. Prof. A.K.Sharma Memorial Lecture (2023) : Prof. Anita Mukherjee, Kolkata

D. Prof. L.B.Kajale Memorial Lecture (2023) : Prof. P.C.Trivedi, Jaipur

C. Prof. S.N. Chaturvedi Memorial Lecture (2022): Prof. D.KI.Maheshwari,  
Haridwar

D. IBS Foundation Day Lecture (2022) : Dr. D.K.Upreti, FNA at Calicut

**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): DDU University,  
GorakhpurUniversity, (Nodal person - Prof. V.N.Pandey)

B. Prof. Atul R. Mehta Memorial Lecture (2022): Mumbair (Nodal person  
: Dr. Meenakshi Vaidya)

C. Prof. C.M. Govil Memorial Lecture (2022): Ewing Christian  
College, Prayagraj ( Nodal person : Dr. Shonali Chaturvedi).

### **11. New Proposals accepted by EC:**

(h) **Indexing of JIBS into PUB MED/Scopus:** In an effort to raise the level of Journal, Prof. U.C Lavania and Prof Y. Vimala made a recommendation regarding the shifting of Journal of Indian Botanical Society to purely online mode of publication and subscription. This suggestion was supported by Prof A.K Pandey and Dr. Manoj Prasad. A proposal submitted by MRI Publishers was taken into consideration and it was put before the EC/EB members for further discussion. Mr. Ashwani Shukla was special invitee in the EC/EB meeting and was asked to demonstrate the proposal and process of online mode for JIBS. Due to some technical errors the presentation was postponed till next day. Mr Shukla gave a presentation before the EC/EB members on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and after a discussion his proposal was unanimously approved by all the members of EC/EB and for final contract, further budgetary negotiations will be carried out.

(i) **Strict screening of the manuscripts:** Prof Manoharachary and Dr. Manoj Prasad suggested strict screening of submitted manuscripts as in rated journals for raising the standard. However, President of IBS, Prof S.R Yadav, suggested that the journal should promote publications from botanists coming from rural areas and colleges.

- (j) **Report of AIBC meeting:** Prof A.K. Pandey suggested that a report of AIBC meeting every year, prepared by respective Organizing Secretary, should be published in the current issue of JIBS and also on the website. Prof A.K. Pandey volunteered the preparation of first Report of AIBC this year.
- (k) **Prof N.K. Dubey:** Raised the issue of writing off the old and worn out journals of JIBS present at BHU library. It was resolved by the EC members that the special volumes of JIBS should be digitalized and then those issues could be further written off
- (l) **News and Views section** Prof. P.C Trivedi suggested that there should be a News and Views section on the website for the latest update of photographs and news of IBS meeting.
- (m) **Upgradation of the list of life members:** Prof. Arun Kumar Pandey and Prof P.C. Trivedi suggested the upgradation of the list of life members from the previous years' printed year books.
- (n) **Life members not in records of IBS** The issue was raised by the Treasurer Dr. Alok Srivastava that there are some life members who claim to be life members although couldn't furnish the receipt and also the names are not there in the records of the society. It was resolved by the EC members that in such cases in absence of any solid proof regarding the membership the member should be asked to take fresh life membership.
- (o) **Local Chapter:**  
**Old 19 Chapters 2 new added-Udaipur & Kota:** The issue of local chapters was raised in the EC and it was discussed that the local chapters are mostly defunct or some of the local chapters were acting independently. This posed a serious concern of ambiguity of IBS identification on global Web. It was resolved by the EC members that all the local chapters should be notified for re election of president and secretary to become functional. In case of non response from the local chapters the chapter would be considered as defunct. It was also pointed in particular the Local chapters will put the name of Local chapter of IBS only they cannot have any other title. **(Patna, Jammu, Meerut, Gurukul Kangri Haridwar; Kakatiya, Warangal; have informed about the activities.** BHU, Bhavnagar, Bhagalpur,Gujrat, Nagarjuna, Osmania, Panjab, Panjabi,Patiala; R.D. Univ, Jabalpur, Utkal, Bhubneswar; Rajasthan Univ, Jaipur; Allahabad, Mumbai and Kerala Univ. Thiruvananthapur did not respond.)

## **12. Election of the new Executive council of the IBS for the term 2023-2026:**



Keeping in view All India representation; active participation of younger members / and at least one participation by the senior members, and meeting eligibility criteria, The EC nominated the following :-

Executive Councillor

1. Prof. Manoj Dhar – Jammu
2. Prof R.K. Kohli – Mohali
3. Dr. Sandeep Kumar – Haridwar
4. Prof Manoj Prasad – New Delhi
5. Dr. Yogesh Joshi –Jaipur
6. Prof. S.K. Garg – Bareilly
7. Dr. Sarita Srivastava – Prayagraj
8. Prof Prasenjit Mukherjee – Ranchi
9. Prof H.K. Goswami – Bhopal
10. Prof. Varsha Nathar – Amaravati
11. Dr. Manoj Lekhak – Kolhapur
12. Prof P. Giridhar – Mysore
13. Prof. Santhosh Nampy – Calicut
14. Dr. A. A. Mao – Kolkata
15. Prof. Shanti S Sharma – Gangtok / Sikkim
16. Prof .S.K. Barik – Shillong

D. Secretary : Prof. (Mrs.) Seshu Lavania, Lucknow

E. Treasurer : Dr. Alok Srivastava, Bareilly

F. Chief Editor : Prof Y. Vimala - Meerut

**13. Medals Awarded during the Conference:**

**A. Woman Botanist Award**

**Dr. Manju C Nair, Calicut**

- B. Young Botanist Award**                      **Dr. Ashish Prasad, New Delhi**
- C. Prof. S.C.Dixit Cash Prize** ..... **NA** .....
- D. Prof. K.S.Bilgrami Gold Medal (Poster Presentation):** **Dr. Vishnu Mohan, Calicut**
- E. Prof. S.N.Dixit Gold Medal (Poster Presentation):** **Dr. Sachin M Patil, Kolhapur**
- F. Prof. S.V.S.Chauhan Gold Medal**..... **NA** .....

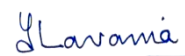
**G. Merit Certificates/ Medals awarded in Oral Presentation in eight different sections and Poster Presentation**

Section	Oral Presentation		Poster Section(Merit Certificate)
	Medal	Merit Certificate	
<b>I</b>	<b>Prof. O.P.Mall Medal</b> -----	NFS	Ms.Arti Yadav , BHU
<b>II</b>	<b>Prof. Zafar Nizam Medal</b> -----	NFS	NFS
<b>III</b>	<b>Prof.Y.S.Murty Medal</b> -----	NFS	-----
<b>IV</b>	<b>Prof. Y.D.Tyagi Medal</b> Sreekutty, T.K., Calicut	-----	Ms.Dani Francis, Calicut
<b>V</b>	<b>Prof. S.N.Chaturvedi Medal</b> Mr. Anirudha S Deshpande, Amravati	-----	Ms. Utkarsha Gupta ,Prayagraj
<b>VI</b>	<b>Prof. L.P. Mall Medal</b> -----	Ms.Pragya Dadhichi, Kota	Ms. Ansuman Sahoo, BHU
<b>VII</b>	<b>Prof. C.P.Malik Medal</b> .....	Ms.Anjali Tiwari, Prayagraj	Mr.D.B.Banerjee, Kolkata

VIII	Prof. H.C.Arya Medal	Ms.Kanchana Vaishnavi, Lucknow	Mr. Shubhankar Biswas, BHU
------	----------------------	-----------------------------------	----------------------------

14. Any other Matter with the permission of the chair:
15. Presidential remarks & Vote of thanks.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Prof. Alok K Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Lucknow, Lucknow for his proactive support and taking personal interest in hosting the conference, and the organizing Secretary of the 45<sup>th</sup> All India Botanical Conference Prof. Nalini Pandey and her 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. Pandey, 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



Date: October 16, 2022

Seshu Lavania  
Secretary

