



# INDIAN BOTANICAL SOCIETY



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## **Minutes of the meeting of the General Body of the Indian Botanical Society held during XLIII Annual conference on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 at the CSIR-NBRI, Lucknow ( U.P)**

Meeting of the General Body of the Society was held at CSIR-NBRI on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 at 2:00 PM under the Presidentship of Prof. M. Anis.

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. They are Prof. R.S. Dwivedi, Varanasi, Prof. G.S. Paliwal, Delhi, Prof. M.K. Seth, Shimla; Prof. Brij Gopal, Delhi; Prof. Chitralkha Chatterji, Lucknow; Prof. Alka Srivastava, Lucknow; Prof. Dinesh Kumar, Lucknow; Prof. C.L. Verma, Lucknow; Prof. O.P.Saxena, Ahmadabad; Prof. Sumitra Sen, Kolkata; Prof. Y.P. Abrol, New Delhi; Dr Meenakshi Kumari Bhuj, Junagarh and Dr. L.K.Pareek, Jaipur.
2. Prof. Seshu Lavania, Secretary of the society informed that minutes of the Executive council (held on Nov.6, 2019) and General Body (held on Nov.8,2019) have already been communicated through email on Nov.25, 2019. Minutes of the General Body were posted on the website.
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 March 2021 are 1090 out of which 681 were accepted for publication, 178 rejected, for 197 there was no response, and 34 are in process. The total expenditure incurred was Rs 4,07,587/- and the balance in hand is Rs. 1,07,726/-
  - (ii) The suggestion that the medal awardees should submit their lecture article in JIBS was reiterated.

4. Due to some emergent situation at Bareilly, the Treasurer of the Society Dr. Alok Kumar Srivastava had to leave for Bareilly. He requested the Chief Editor to present the report on his behalf for the financial year 2019-2020
5. Prof. N.K. Dubey, the Hon. Librarian from B.H.U could not attend the meeting. However, a student gave the envelope in the evening of 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021 containing the report whereby he mentioned that the journals have been shifted to their new library and as per the decision of EC 2019 4/5 copies are to be kept in the library for which they need Almirahs to keep said journals safely.
6. Prof. Seshu Lavania, Secretary presented the annual report for the year 2019- 20. She informed that:
  - i. The Election of the Executive Council for 2020-2023 has been held within March 2020.
  - ii. Ballot papers were sent by post /(locally by hand), to the members. All the ballots received were counted by a committee constituted by the President, IBS, which included immediate past and the president elect and other local members. Results were declared and posted on the website
  - iii. Three memorial lectures under the auspices of the IBS were planned to be organized in 2019-20 by the different Universities. Accordingly, Prof. Y.S. Murty Memorial Lecture was organized by Sikkim University, Gangtok, with the support of Prof Shanti S Sharma. This lecture was delivered by Prof Govindji, Owing to pandemic, this lecture was arranged in hybrid mode. Prof. A. R. Mehta Memorial Lecture was to be organized by Mumbai Chapter of IBS and Prof. C.M. Govil Memorial Lecture by M.L.Sukhadia University, Udaipur. However, we did not receive any report about these latter two lectures; may be on account of pandemic associated disturbances there could be some problem. EC recommended that we can ask them to hold these lectures in 2021, and the same was approved by the GB.
  - iv. **Presentation of Prof SN Chaturvedi Memorial Lecture for the year 2019.**

This lecture was planned to be delivered in March 2020 at Indore, but could not happen due to pandemic. This lecture is delivered during this conference by Prof. S.V.S.Chauhan.
  - v. 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. Also, a special issue named 'Archival issue' containing 119 select articles has been carved out from the articles published over the past 100 years, with an Editorial note. Further, to commemorate 100 years of the Society, a Centenary issue of the journal containing 23 invited articles, including an Editorial and curtain raiser has also been published. The Chief Editor has already given a detailed report on this account. It was suggested by the Chief Editor that the price of Rs 1500/- should be kept as sale price for the centenary issue. Old volumes of the JIBS be sold at 900/-; 600/- and 300/- based on constituent number of issues and copies available. The suggestion was approved by the EC.

- vi. The updated directory of life members of the society as on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 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. Thirty (30) Life Members and one hundred fifty (150) 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. S.V.S Chauhan, Agra
Prof. Birbal Sahni Medal	: Prof. V.P. Singh, Bareilly
Prof. P. Maheshwari Medal	: Prof. Shanti S Sharma, Gangtok
Prof. V. Puri Medal	: Prof. Rajesh Tandon, Delhi
Prof. Y.S. Murty Medal	: Dr. Shweta Subramaniam, Bilaspur
President 2021-22	: Prof. D.K. Maheshwari, Haridwar

**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. D.Banerji
Prof. P.C.Trivedi Award for Editorial Excellence:	Prof. T. Pullaiah
The Medal lectures were delivered and the awardees felicitated.	

- 6.C. During the year (2020), 15, 18, 13 and 08 life members attained the age of 60, 70, 80, and 90 years respectively. All these members were invited for felicitation. Seven life members attended the conference and were felicitated during the Inaugural session.

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

14 applications from the life members for the award of fellowship of the society were received. These were scrutinized and found eligible as per the rules; and the names were approved by council members. The members conferred fellowship of the society (FBS) during the inaugural function are:

Dr. Tulika Mishra, Gorakhpur; Dr. Rajesh Arora,, Delhi; Dr. S.N. Pandey, Lucknow; Dr. Sadhna Pandey, Gwalior; Prof. Bandana Bose, Varanasi; Dr. Shiv Mahendra Pratap Singh, Balrampur; Dr. Tapan Kumar Mondal, New Delhi; Dr. Seema Bhadauria, Jaipur; Dr. Neetu Jain, Jaipur; Dr. Sanjeeva Nayaka, Lucknow ; Dr. Abhay Kumar Pandey, Jalpaiguri; Dr. P.K. Upadhyay, Agra, Dr. Manju Srivastava, Allahabad, Dr. Sanjay

Singh, Allahabad

**8. Venue for hosting the next - XLIV All India Botanical Conference.**

Three proposals were received. These were from (i) JN Vyas University, Jodhpur, (ii) Sikkim University, Gantok, and (iii) MDS University, Ajmer. The proposal of J.N.Vyas University was accepted by the EC members.

Therefore, the Department of Botany, J.N.Vyas University shall organize the 44<sup>th</sup> All India Botanical Conference. The modalities to organize the conference shall be worked out by the nodal person in consultation with the Secretary and the President. Prof. P.C.Trivedi, the Vice Chancellor of the University has nominated Dr. G.S. Shekhawat as the nodal person for the Conference.

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

- A. Prof A.K. Prof Sharma Memorial Lecture (2021):** Prof. Manoj Dhar, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu
- B. Prof. L.B. Kajale Memorial Lecture (2021):** Dr. T.S. Rana, CSIR-NBRI. These award lectures shall be delivered during the 44<sup>th</sup> All India Botanical Conference.
- C. Prof. S.N. Chaturvedi Memorial Lecture (2020):** Prof. C. Manoharachary, NASI Platinum Jubilee Scientist, Hyderabad. As per the provisions this Award Lecture is to be delivered at a place of choice decided by the Awardee.

**10. Venue for holding 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 (2021):** Gurukul Kangri University, Haridwar (Nodal person - Prof. D.K. Maheshwari),
- B. Prof. Atul R. Mehta Memorial Lecture (2021):** Mithi Bai College, Mumbai (Nodal person : Dr. Meenakshi Vaidya)
- C. Prof. C.M. Govil Memorial Lecture (2021):** Mansarovar Global University, Bhopal (Prof. Arun Pandey).

**11. New Proposals approved by the EC**

**i. Discussion on JIBS Library;**

Following a discussion that the NBRI has most of the past volumes of JIBS since 1919 till 2010, it was suggested that NBRI Director may be requested to hold the office of the Honorary Librarian of Society keeping in 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 IBS Library may be shifted from BHU 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. Prof T Pullaiah agreed to provide the missing volumes to the IBS library.
- iii. Enhancement of honorarium for IBS support staff: The Treasurer proposed to enhance the honorarium of the support staff associated with the Chief Editor, Secretary and Treasurer. After a discussion it was suggested to enhance the honorarium @Rs. 1500/- per month to each of them which was unanimously approved, commencing next financial year 2021-22.
- iv. The members congratulated the Secretary for making online system for Membership.
- v. The members also congratulated the efforts of the Chief Editor to publish the ‘Centenary issue’ of the Journal in coherence with the centenary year celebrations, as well as carving out an ‘Archival Issue’ that portrays standard and diversity of publications over the past 100 years.
- vi. **About election to the Fellowship of the Society:** Prof U.C. Lavania suggested that in addition to the existing 5 years residency and life membership for according the Fellowship of the Society there is a need to frame necessary guidelines / ceiling to raise the standard of the fellowship to attract active members. Prof. VP Singh mentioned that Dr. Lavania has facilitated development of standard proforma and formulation of rules and procedure for the different awards / medals of the society that are now available at the website. Therefore, the task to prepare the Guidelines for election to the fellowship of the Society and other necessary modalities be assigned to a three member committee chaired by him. Prof. A.K. Pandey supported the thought and on the suggestion of Prof V,P Singh a three member committee was constituted for the purpose:  
  
**Chairman :** Dr. U.C. Lavania; **Members :** Prof A. K.Pandey, Prof. Rajesh Tandon, Member.
- vii. Honorary Fellowship of the Society : Prof. Arun K Pandey suggested the name of Prof. Tod F. Stuessy, and Prof Shanti S Sharma suggested the name of Prof. Govindjee. The proposal was accepted, in that order.

## 12. Medals Awarded during the conference :

- A. Woman Scientist Award .....NFS.....
- B. Woman Botanist Award ...**Dr. Somanjana Khatua, Nadia, West Bengal**
- C. Young Botanist Award ..... **No Applicant selected for presentation** .....
- D. Prof. S.C.Dixit Cash Prize ..... **No Applicant** .....
- E. Prof. K.S.Bilgrami Gold Medal (Poster Presentation):**Ms. Juhi Dhillon, CCS University, Meerut**
- F. Prof. S.N.Dixit Gold Medal (Poster Presentation) ..... **No Applicant** .....
- G. Prof. Y.S. Murty Gold Medal ...**Dr.K.M.Prabhukumar, CSIR-NBRI, Lucknow**
- H. Prof. S.V.S.Chauhan Gold Medal : **Mr. Abhishek Gupta, CSIR-NBRI, Lucknow**

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

Section	Oral Presentation		Poster Section (Merit Certificate)
	Medal	Merit Certificate	
I	NFS	NFS	Mr. Prashant K Behera, CSIR-NBRI, Lucknow
II	NFS	NFS	Mr. Niranjan Mishra, CSIR-NBRI, Lucknow
III	NFS	NFS	Ms. Pratibha Magotra, Jammu
IV	NA	Mr. Vishnu Mohan Calicut Univ. Calicut	Ms. Shruti Kasana, Univ. of Delhi, Delhi
V	Prof. S.N.Chaturvedi Medal  Ms. Bhavna Sharma, Jammu	NA	NFS
VI	NA	Mr. Opendar Surmal, IIIM, Jammu	NFS
VII	NA	NA	Mr. Ashish Kumar CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow
VIII	NA	NA	NA

13. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Prof. Saroj K Barik, Director, NBRI, for his proactive support and taking personal interest in hosting the conference, and the organizing Secretary of the 43<sup>rd</sup> All India Botanical Conference Dr.T.S. Rana 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. Dr. Rana, 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.

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Secretary