

**THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
FOR 1980, PRESENTED AT THE 33RD GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD
AT UDAIPUR ON FEBRUARY 5, 1981**

Mr. President, Fellow Members of the Society, Ladies and Gentlemen :

I have great pleasure in welcoming you all to the 33rd Annual General Body Meeting of our Society and presenting to you the Annual Report for 1980. I appreciate your gracious presence here and thank you for sparing your most valuable time for this meeting.

I am grieved to inform that three of our renowned Mycologists and Plant Pathologists, Drs. Madhav Narain Kamat, Raghubir Sahai Mathur and Prof. R. Kalyansundaram left for their heavenly abode. We express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and may God rest their souls in peace. On behalf of our society I request you all to kindly stand for two minutes in silence to pay our homage to the departed souls.

You will be happy to note that the numerical strength of our society has increased by two hundred eleven members. Thus a total number of members as on 31.12.80 stands 1170 excluding subscribers 412. During the year 109 have not paid their dues so far and I earnestly request them to please clear the dues as soon as possible.

It is indeed heartening to note that the financial position of our society continues to be sound. The society maintains saving accounts with three banks, Grindlays Bank Ltd., Syndicate Bank and Bank of India and the credit in saving accounts with these Banks and cash in hand is Rs. 1,22,789.24 paise. In addition, a sum of Rs. 10,000/- has been invested in 12 years National Defence Saving Certificate due in 1981. A sum of Rs. 60,000/- is in fixed deposit with Messers Grindlays Bank Ltd. for five years, due in 1982. A sum of Rs. 11,000/- received for M. J. Narasimhan Academic Award Contest has been put in fixed deposit in Syndicate Bank for 63 months, due in 1984. Thus the total assets amount to Rs. 2,03,789.24 paise. Some of the cheques are still in the process of collection. During the year, the receipts amount to Rs. 1,57,059.76 paise and expenditure amount to Rs. 1,34,041.83 paise. Thus leaving a balance of Rs. 23,041.93 paise. We have paid the cost of printing of our journal, The Indian Phytopathology, Vol. 32 (Nos. 2-4) of 1979 and Vol. 33 (No. 1) of 1980. We are grateful to Indian Council of Agricultural Research for their financial assistance of Rs. 10,000/- which they have given us for printing the journal. The printing of the journal is in the hands of Messers Kapoor Art Press, New Delhi. We have contributed Rs. 200/- toward Dr. M. S. Swaminathan felicitation Committee of various Indian Scientific Societies as per Executive decision.

I am glad to inform that the following 23 members viz., Mrs. Janki Kandhari, Drs. N. D. Sharma, A. N. Mukhopadhyaya, P. N. Patel, O. P. Kanan, S. R. Kotasthane, P. S. Rao, K. L. Jain, D. D. Wani, Y. R. Sharma, D. J. Bhagyaraj, V. Veeraj, S. N. Das, J. K. Sharma, M. L. Verma, M. C. Sharma, V. V. Datar, R. V. Hiremath, P. S. Bisen, R. S. Mehrotra, A. Bohra, Mr. V. C. Lele and Mrs. O. M. Gupta have been admitted as fellow of the society.

Lecturers and other Activities :

The Society organized a number of lecturers by eminent Scientists both at the Head quarters and in different zones :

Dr. J. Kranz, Director, Tropen Institute, Justus, Liebig, Universitat, Giessen, West Germany on 22nd October, 1980 on "Concepts, scope and methods of epidemiology". Dr. T. R. Nagraj, Mycologist, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada on 14th October, 1980 on "Coelomycetes and conidium appendages". Dr. Syed Anwar H. Rizvi, Virologist, International Potato Centre, Lima—Peru on "Breeding for resistance for potato viruses" on 8th August, 1980 and Dr. Karl Maramorosch, Prof. of Microbiology, Rutgers University, delivered a lecture at Bangalore, University of Agricultural Sciences on 1st November, 1980.

You will be happy to learn that some National and international Awards have been conferred on our members and their team.

1. Dr. B. Chowdhury, Division of Vegetable Crops, IARI, has been awarded the Borlaug Award of 1978.
2. Dr. L. M. Joshi, Sh. K. D. Srivastava, Dr. S. Nagarajan and Dr. D. V. Singh were awarded the Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Memorial Prize for the biennium 1978-79.
3. Dr. J. L. Kaul, Fruit Pathologist, HPKVV, Solan has been awarded Jawahar Lal Nehru Award of 1980 (Post Graduate Research).
4. Dr. B. B. Nagaich, Sh. L. C. Sikha, Sh. A. K. Singh and Sh. K. P. Sharma received the Guinness Award (1980) of England.

We all join together and convey our heartiest congratulations to all of them for their achievement and hope that in future also the work of many other Plant Pathologists will be recognized in a similar manner.

Mundkur Memorial Lecture :

We are extremely grateful to Prof. Abrar M. Khan, Dept. of Botany, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, for accepting our invitation to deliver the 18th Mundkur Memorial Lecture on "Certain biotic factors in relation to pathogenicity in nematodes".

M. J. Narasimhan Award Contest :

This contest carries an award of Rs. 1000/- and a citation, has been held since 1972 to encourage younger scientists. This year we have received fifteen papers for the competition.

General Paper Reading Session :

It is indeed encouraging that sessions for the presentation of research findings is becoming more and more popular. This year we have received 170 papers for presentation. The abstracts of the papers presented shall be printed in the journal.

Plant Disease Problem :

A few more copies worth Rs. 561/- were sold. This brings the total amount collected by way of the sale proceeds of the volume to Rs. 21,164.80 paise out of Rs. 25,000/- invested by the society.

Council Meeting :

During the year under report, one meeting of the Council was held. However, in important matters, the views of the members of the Council were obtained through correspondence.

As you are aware for the last three years, we have been organizing panel discussion on diseases of National importance. The proceeding of the panel discussion organized at Hyderabad has already been published in journal. For the panel discussion which is going to be held tomorrow a topic of National importance viz., "Systemic Fungicides in Plant Disease Management", has been selected and we have received seventeen papers for presentation.

As per the decision taken in 1978 the work on the organization of 3rd International Symposium in Plant Pathology to be held from December 14, to 18th this year, is in progress. You must have received by now the first circular of the same. I hope you will take an active part in making this symposium a great success and for your information the response is quite encouraging. The Government of India has agreed for the Symposium and ICAR has very kindly sanctioned a financial assistance of Rs. 50,000/-. We are extremely grateful to the ICAR authorities. I also take this opportunity to inform that the following core committees have been formed :

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| 1. Finance | Dr. K. D. Paharia (Chairman)
Sh. Ram Nath (Member Secretary) |
| 2. Publications | Dr. H. K. Saksena (Chairman)
Dr. J. P. Verma (Member Secretary) |
| 3. Programme | Dr. L. M. Joshi (Chairman)
Dr. V. V. Chenulu
Dr. M. S. Chatrath (Member Secretary) |

Jeersannidhi Lecture Award :

As you are aware, the society received an offer from Dr. M. J. Thirumalachar for the institution of Science Lecture Award to be given by one of the distinguished member of the society, the honorarium for this award is Rs. 1000/-. This year, on the basis of nominations received Dr. S. N. Dasgupta an Hon. Fellow of the Society. We shall request to deliver the lecture during the next meeting.

Annual Meeting :

It was decided to hold the 33rd Annual meeting of the Society at Udaipur. We are thankful to Dr. R. N. Singh, Vice Chancellor, Univ. of Udaipur, Dr. R. M. Singh, Director of Research, Dr. R. S. Rawat, Dean, Rajasthan College of Agriculture, Dr. B. P. Chakravarti, and Dr. K. L. Kothari and his colleagues who have taken up this stupendous task for organizing the meeting.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Dr. R. S. Singh, our President for his guidance and advice in day to day functioning and critical matters of the society. It is my prime duty to thank all the members of the Executive Council for their cooperation, active support and suggestions in various matters. I am grateful to Drs. M. R. Siddiqui, D. K. Agarwal, R. P. Singh for accepting our request to act Internal auditor and they have done the job. I extend my special thanks to the secretarial staff at Headquarters without whose active cooperation, it would not be possible to run the vast affairs of the society in an efficient manner.

Finally my sincere thanks to all of you and fellow members of the society who have continued to repose their trust in us.

A. K. SARBHOY
Secretary