

# INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING

University of Mysore, Mysuru, Karnataka

FEBRUARY 04, 2023

Dr. Robin Gogoi, Secretary heartily welcomed Dr. Rakesh Pandey, President of the Society, and requested to chair the meeting. He also expressed the proud privilege to welcome all the members of the Society for showing their keen interest in the affairs of the Society by coming over to Mysuru and attending the Annual General Body Meeting of the Society. With the approval of the President, Dr. Robin Gogoi proceeded with the agenda items as follows.

The Secretary briefed the house about the various activities of the Society undertaken during the year. The following decisions were taken by the GB.

### Proposal of the institution of new awards

- **IPS Eminent Scientist Biennial Award in Phytoplasma Research:** The proposal has been endorsed and suggested to communicate Dr. G.P. Rao for his consent with regards to modification in the title of the award as **IPS Eminent Researcher Award in Phytoplasma and fastidious prokaryotes**.
- **Award in the memory of Late Joymallya Maji:** The proposal of Dr. Manas Dev Maji has not been considered due irrelevant subject areas of the award.
- **Prof. G. Rangaswami and Prof. A. Mahadevan Award: proposed by Dr. R. Sridhar:** The proposal has not been considered as the endowment amount proposed by the donor amounting Rs. One Lakh only is not sufficient as per guideline of the Society to institute any award. Communication in this regard was made to the proposer and proposer declined.
- **Prof. A.K. Roy Award proposed by Dr. A.N. Singh:** Till date, no response received from the proposer of this award. Hence, the proposal has been declined.
- **Awards:** In case, the applicant(s) is unable to meet required score for consideration, then EC is empowered to nominate/recommend eminent plant pathologists of the country for the awards to avoid laps of the award in the year. Minimum 3 nominations are required for evaluation of the applications received for any award.

For each award lecture, it is mandatory to submit a review article for publication in the journal *Indian Phytopathology* before delivering and receiving the award lecture. If the awardees failed to do so, his/her conferred award will be cancelled.

- **Proposal for publication of new journal by the Society:** The proposal was declined. The present journal *Indian Phytopathology* will be continued and also suggested to explore the

possibility of incorporating the various areas related to crop protection. The proposal to increase the number of issues was discussed with the present publisher. However, the publisher has not agreed with the proposal till the journal gets its international impact factor. Thus, there the volume numbers per year will not be increased.

- **IPS Books:** The proposal for the following edited books were approved.
  - i. **Genomics of Plant Pathogens** : yet to be decided
  - ii. **Current Protocols in Plant Pathology:** Editors- Drs. Bikash Mandal, Kalyan K. Mondal, M.S. Saharan and Vishal Somvanshi

The publication of the book from the Society should be viewed by the Editorial Board. The Editorial board will find out eminent person related to the area of the book from India/abroad, while inviting the interest through IPS website. The Plagiarism has to be checked at time of submission of the book chapters.

- **Disease compendia:**  
The pricing of the compendia was discussed. It was suggested to send letter to all SAUs and ICAR institutions to subscribe/purchase the books/compendia published by the Society. It was also suggested to calculate cost involved and resources generated from the Society from the last five years through various publications.
- **Members' Directory :** The directory has to be prepared alphabetically and at the end, year wise list of office bearers for different categories should be indexed.
- **Revision of constitution and Byelaws of the Society:** On the basis of comments received, the Constitution and Byelaws will be revised and published. If any major changes suggested, approval from the byelaws revision committee will be taken online. The members suggested that it should be presented in the next GB.
- The re-orientation of the zonal chapters was discussed. No major changes required. However, it has been suggested that state wise/zone wise list of members will be prepared and appropriate committee will look the matter.
- **Court case between Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh and Dr. Dinesh Singh & others**

GB approved the continual of Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh in the Society.

In response to the earlier EC decision dated 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022, all the concerned persons were requested to resolve the court cases amicably through legal mediation as early as possible. In response to that request, Dr. Dinesh Singh through his mail dated December 23, 2022 refused to accept the proposal for settlement saying that the case is not pertaining to Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh and former EC members. He stated that it is the case between Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh and IPS. Dr. M.P. Thakur has also endorsed Dr. Dinesh Singh view through mail dated December 23, 2022. The mail of Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh dated January 4, 2023, also declined to settle the court cases. The members were not agreed with their opinions/responses. General Body agreed with EC decided to not entertain any further discussion pertaining to this matter in the Society. GB also took the decision that the Society will not provide any financial support now onward.

## II. PUBLICATIONS

### JOURNAL: INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGY

All the four issues (March, June, September and December 2023) were published and made available online.

### Renewal of agreement for publication of journal "Indian Phytopathology" with Springer (2023-27)

Agreement for publication of journal "Indian Phytopathology" with Springer has been renewed for 2023-27.

### IPS Newsletter - Indian Phytopath News

Two issues of Newsletter published timely and available online on IPS website in pdf form. The combined issue (3<sup>rd</sup>&4<sup>th</sup>) is at final stage of publication.

### Compendia of diseases of various crops

The following compendia published and released in the inaugural session of the conference in this conference

1. Compendium of Maize Diseases, edited by Dr. Robin Gogoi *et. al.*
2. Compendium of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Diseases, edited by Dr. Rakesh Pandey *et. al.*
3. Diseases of Oilseed Crops in India: Diagnosis and management, edited by Dr. Pankaj Sharma *et. al.*
4. Spices Disease Compendium edited by Dr. C. N. Biju *et.al.*
5. Sugarcane Disease Compendium authored by Dr. R. Viswanathan *et.al.*
6. Rice Diseases Compendium edited by Dr. Kalyan K. Mondal *et. al.*
7. Hindi Book: "Sabjiyon Mein Samanvit Padap Rog Niyantaran" authored by Dr. Pramod K. Gupta *et al.*

Three compendia on pulses, fruits and fiber crops are pending. It was suggested that the respective editors will be contacted for early publication and if required, editors may be re-constituted.

### iii. Seminar/symposium organized

All the eight zones have successfully organized zonal chapter national symposium in their respective zone. GB appreciated the efforts made by the Zonal chapters for successful conduct of the symposia. GB agreed with EC viewed the lapses of zonal presidential address and decided that each Zonal President must deliver his/her Presidential lecture and also submit his/her presentation as review article for publication in *Indian Phytopathology*.

Zone	Date	Topic	Venue	Zonal President/Councilor
Northern Zone	October 28-29, 2022	Impact of Climate Change on Emerging Plant Diseases	SKUAST-K, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir	Dr. Mehraj Ul Din Shah Mob.: 7006560262 Email: mehraj547@rediffmail.com  Dr. Sajad Un Nabi

				Mob.: 7006487704 Email: sajad_patho@rediffmail.com
Central Zone	October 31- November, 2022	Phytopathology for Sustainable disease management and Food Security	RARS, Tirupati, ANGRAU, Andhra Pradesh	<b>Dr. Sessa Kiran Kollipara</b> Mob.: 9717580195 Email: seshakiran.kollipara@gmail.com  <b>Dr. Jyothsna M.K.</b> Mob.: 9704203409 Email: jyothsnamk78@gmail.com
Western Zone	November 16-17, 2022	Current trends in plant disease detection, diagnosis and management	NAU, Navsari, Gujarat	<b>Dr. K.B. Rakholiya</b> Mob.: 9426213756 Email: kbrakholia@gmail.com  <b>Dr. Priya John</b> Mob.: 9726214050 Email: priyajohn75@gmail.com
North- Eastern Zone	November 24-25, 2022	Reframing futuristic plant health safeguards	AAU, Jorhat, Assam	<b>Dr. Palash Deb Nath</b> Mob.: 9435738822 Email: pnath1@rediffmail.com  <b>Dr. Popy Bora</b> Mob.: 8638493087 Email: popy_aau@yahoo.com
Mid- Eastern Zone	December 27-28, 2022	Plant Health for Sustainable Agriculture	SVBPUAT, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh	<b>Dr. Kamal Khilari</b> Mob.: 9412117677 Email: khilari_2008@rediffmail.com  <b>Dr. Jitender Singh</b> Mob.: 7409040075 Email: jeets80@gmail.com
Eastern Zone	January 23- 24, 2023	Climate Change and Plant Diseases	RPCAU, Pusa, Samastipur, Bihar	<b>Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh</b> Mob.: 9431883416 Email: sksraupusa@gmail.com  <b>Dr. Dinesh Rai</b> Mob.: 9955979741 Email: drai1975@gmail.com
Delhi Zone (Virtual)	January 13, 2023	Pathogen Profile and Pathogenesis in Relation to Crop Disease Management	Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi	<b>Dr. Bikash Mandal</b> Mob.: 9868616510 Email: leafcurl@rediffmail.com  <b>Dr. Anirban Roy</b> Mob.: 9560083999 Email: anirbanroy75@yahoo.com
Southern Zone	February 01, 2023	Plant health protection: Advancement and applications	Vijnana Bhavan, University of Mysore, Mysuru,	<b>Dr. S. Chandra Nayaka</b> Mob.: 9886640778 Email: moonnayak@gmail.com  <b>Dr. S. Niranjan Raj</b>

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## 2. Treasurer's Report (2022-23)

The financial report of the Society was read by Treasurer, Dr. Malkhan Singh Gurjar.

For routine expenditure, excluding salary of the staff, if exceeding Rs. 25,000.00 (Rs. Twenty five thousand only), consent from the President has to be taken. At every three months a tentative receipt and payment statement must be prepared and counter signed / consented by the President, IPS.

## 3. Chief Editor's Report: (2022-23)

Prof. B.N. Chakraborty, Chief Editor, *Indian Phytopathology* presented the report of the Society. The efforts made by Editorial Board for timely and quality publication was highly appreciated.

## 4. Election Result: Composition of Executive Council 2023

This year nomination for the position of President Elect (2023), Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer (2023-25) and eight Zonal President & Councillors was sought through online portal. The Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, Zonal Presidents and Councillors for the five zones were elected unanimously, however, election for the President and Zonal Presidents & Councillors of Central and Eastern zones was held online.

The results of the election as given bellow have been approved by GB.

Post	Candidate Name & Address	
President Elect 2023	<b>Dr. Dilip Ghosh</b> Director, ICAR-Central Citrus Research Institute Amravati Road 440033 Nagpur Maharashtra	Elected
Secretary (2023-25)	<b>Dr. K.K. Biswas</b> <i>Principal Scientist</i> <i>Division of Plant Pathology</i> <i>ICAR-IARI, New Delhi</i>	Unanimously Elected
Joint Secretary (2023-25)	<b>Dr. Kalyan K. Mondal</b> <i>Principal Scientist</i> <i>Division of Plant Pathology</i> <i>ICAR-IARI, New Delhi</i>	Unanimously Elected
Treasurer (2023-25)	<b>Dr. Malkhan Singh Gurjar</b> <i>Senior Scientist</i> <i>Division of Plant Pathology</i> <i>ICAR-IARI, New Delhi</i>	Unanimously Elected
<b>Delhi Zone</b>		
Zonal President	<b>Dr. Jameel Akhtar</b> <i>Principal Scientist</i> <i>ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi</i>	Unopposed elected
Zonal Councillor	<b>Dr. Pardeep Kumar</b> <i>Scientist</i> <i>ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi</i>	Unopposed elected

<b>Mid-Eastern Zone</b>		
Zonal President	<b>Dr. Dinesh Singh</b> <i>Principal Scientist (Plant Pathology)</i> <i>ICAR-IISR, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh</i>	Unopposed elected
Zonal Councillor	<b>Dr. Sanjay Kumar Goswami</b> <i>Scientist (Plant Pathology)</i> <i>ICAR-IISR, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh</i>	Unopposed elected
<b>Northern Zone</b>		
Zonal President	<b>Dr. Sachin Gupta</b> <i>Professor/Chief Scientist</i> <i>SKUAST, Jammu and Kashmir</i>	Unopposed elected
Zonal Councillor	<b>Dr. Deepak Kumar</b> <i>Professor/Chief Scientist</i> <i>SKUAST, Jammu and Kashmir</i>	Unopposed elected
<b>Southern Zone</b>		
Zonal President	<b>Dr. T. Makesh Kumar</b> <i>Principal Scientist (Plant Pathology)</i> <i>ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala</i>	Unopposed elected
Zonal Councillor	<b>Dr. S.S. Veena</b> <i>Principal Scientist (Plant Pathology)</i> <i>ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala</i>	Unopposed elected
<b>Western Zone</b>		
Zonal President	<b>Dr. S.V. Kolase</b> <i>Associate Professor</i> <i>MPKV, Rahuri, Maharashtra</i>	Unopposed elected
Zonal Councillor	<b>Dr. Sudarshan Bhausahab Latake</b> <i>Assistant Professor (Plant Pathology)</i> <i>MPKV, Rahuri, Maharashtra</i>	Unopposed elected
<b>Central Zone</b>		
Zonal President	<b>Dr. Pramod Kumar Gupta</b> JNKVV, Jabalpur, MP	Elected
Zonal Councillor	<b>Dr. Vijay Kumar Yadav</b> JNKVV, Jabalpur, MP	Elected
<b>Eastern Zone</b>		
Zonal President	<b>Dr. P. Srinivas</b> Central Horticultural Experiment Station (CHES) (Regional Research Station of ICAR-IIHR, Bangalore) Aiginia, Aiginia 751019 Bhubaneswar Odisha	Elected
Zonal Councillor	<b>Dr. Sandeep Kumar</b> Department of Plant Pathology College of Agriculture Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology 751003 Bhubaneswar Odisha	Elected
<b>North-Eastern Zone</b>		
Zonal President	<b>Prof. L N K Singh</b> Department of Plant Pathology, CoA, CAU, Iroisemba, Imphal Manipur	Nominated by GB
Zonal Councillor	<b>Dr. Bireswar Sinha</b> Department of Plant Pathology, CoA, CAU, Iroisemba, Imphal Manipur	Nominated by GB

### 5. Declaration of Results of the Awards (2023)

The following names has been recommended and approved for various awards of the Society in the GB.

1. A.P. Misra Lifetime Achievement Award: Dr. R.K. Jain, *Dean (Retd.) & Head (Plant Pathology), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi*
2. S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Lecture: Dr. T.R. Sharma, *DDG (CS), ICAR, New Delhi*
3. IPS Recognition Award:
  - i. Dr. Mustaq Ahmad, *former VC, SKUAST-K, Srinagar, J&K*
  - ii. Dr. A.K. Misra, *Ex. Project Coordinator & President, IPS, CISH, Lucknow*
  - iii. Dr. S.R. Niranjana, *University of Mysore, Mysuru*
  - iv. Dr. K.C. Puzari, *Professor & Head, AAU, Jorhat, Assam*
4. Mundkur Memorial Award: Dr. S.C. Dubey, *ADG (PP&B), ICAR, New Delhi*

S.No.	Award name	Applicant Name	Remarks
1.	B.N. Chakraborty & Usha Chakraborty IPS Best Teacher Award	Dr. Palash Deb Nath	Recommended
2.	D.P. Misra & R.N. Pandey IPS Best Women Scientist Award	Dr. V. Celia Chalam	Recommended
3.	J.F. Dastur Memorial Award	Dr. L.M. Suresh	Recommended
4.	K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Award	Dr. Jameel Akhtar	Recommended
5.	M.K. Patel Memorial Young Scientist Award	Dr. Udai Bhan Singh	Recommended
6.	M.S. Pavgi Award	Dr. Dinesh Singh	Recommended
7.	Sharda Lele Memorial Award	Dr. Pranab Dutta	Recommended
9.	Fellow of Indian Phytopathological Society (FPSI)	Dr. Chandra Bhanu	Recommended
		Dr. Someshwar Bhagat	Recommended
		Dr. Rajesh Kumar Pandey	Recommended
		Dr. Sanjeev Sharma	Recommended
		Dr. Amaresh Y.S.	Recommended
		Dr. Baswaraj Raigond	Recommended
		Dr. C.N. Biju	Recommended

M.J. Narasimhan Medal for Best Research Paper Award (2019 to 2021) On the basis of marks obtained and award committee's recommendation, the following research papers have been finalized by the Executive Council for M.J. Narasimhan Medal Best Research Paper Award year-wise.

2019	Detection of resistance to demethylation inhibitor fungicides in <i>Erysiphe necator</i> from tropical India by biological and molecular assays - <i>Shashikant B. Ghule et al. 72(1): 53-61 (2019)</i>
2020	Leaf stripping: an alternative strategy to manage banded leaf and sheath blight of maize - <i>Harleen Kaur et al. Vol. 73(2): 203-211 (2020)</i>
2021	Molecular characterization and development of sequence characterized amplified region (SCAR) marker for detection of <i>Ascochyta rabiei</i> (Pass.) Labr., infecting chickpea - <i>L. Manjunatha Vol. 74(3): 605-613 (2021)</i>

### Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award 2022-23

This year total 16 candidates from 8 zones participated and presented in the Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award contest 2022-23.

Out of which the name of **Ms. Anwasha Sharma**, *School of Crop Protection, College of Post Graduate Studies in Agricultural Sciences, Central Agricultural University (Imphal), Umiam, Meghalaya, India* has been awarded for Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award contest 2022 for presentation of her paper "Leaf assisted biosynthesis of silver-silica nanocomposite for management of sheath blight disease of rice".

The following candidates were recommended for commendation award:

1.	<b>Ms. Sehla Khursheed</b> <i>Division of Plant Pathology, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir, Shalimar, Srinagar -, Jammu and Kashmir, India</i>	Elucidating genetic variability and detection of shot hole disease infecting different stone fruits using SSR markers
2.	<b>Dr. Deepak Reddy Beerelli</b> <i>Teaching Assistant, College of Agriculture, Wyra, PJTSAU</i>	Variability and management of pigeon wilt ( <i>Fusarium udum</i> Butler)
3.	<b>C.H. Sai Bhavana</b> <i>Department of Plant Pathology, CoA, UAS, GKVK, Bangalore, Karnataka, India</i>	Identification of host differentials and pathotyping of <i>Pyricularia setariae</i> (Nishikado) causing leaf blast on foxtail millet ( <i>Setaria italica</i> (L.) Beauv).

### APS-IPS TRAVEL SPONSORSHIP AWARD

Total 6 candidates participated and contested for APS-IPS Travel Sponsorship from 4 zones of the Society. All the participants have been recommended for final selection by American Phytopathological Society.

1.	NZ	<b>Dr. Shugufta Parveen</b> <i>ICAR-Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture, Srinagar, Jammu &amp; Kashmir, India</i>	Exploring the endophytic microbiota as potential bioagents for management major fungal diseases of rice ( <i>Oryza sativa</i> L.)
2.	NEZ	<b>Ms. Dibya Sree Dutta</b> <i>Department of Plant Pathology, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam, India</i>	Distribution, molecular diagnostics and host diversity of phytoplasma associated with brinjal little leaf disease in Assam
3.	NEZ	<b>Ms. Shenaz Sultana Ahmed</b> <i>Department of Plant Pathology, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam, India</i>	Encapsulation of microbial bioagents for development of bioinoculant kit for sustainable disease management
4.	DZ	<b>Ms. Sanghmitra Aditya</b> <i>Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India</i>	Genomics led population diversity studies of leaf blight complex pathogens of wheat



5.	DZ	<b>Mr. Venu Emmadi</b> <i>Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India</i>	Prediction of leaf curl disease risk in chili for management decision
6.	SZ	<b>Namburi Karunakar Reddy</b> <i>Department of Plant Pathology, College of Agriculture, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India</i>	Characterization of <i>Xanthomonas oryzae</i> pv. <i>oryzae</i> strains in Karnataka and improving Xoo resistance in rice through SWEET gene editing

#### 6. Honorary Fellow of IPS:

The name of Dr. D.V. Singh, former Head, Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi and Former President of the Society has been recommended and approved for Honorary Fellow of the Society.

#### 7. The other agenda with permission of the chair

- The organizer may invite former Presidents of the Society, willing to attend the annual meeting, with a travel support of max. 50 % along with free local hospitality as per availability of the funds after discussion with the President and Secretary.
- The MJN Academic Award and APS travel Sponsorship Award candidates will be offered maximum up to 50% relaxation in registration fee. A committee will be constituted for the revision of the guidelines of the MJN Award.
- Constitution of the committees for any purpose including award and election must be in consultation with the President, IPS.
- A committee has to be constituted to revisit the guidelines of the awards.

 (Robin Gogoi)  
Secretary

Indian Phytopathological Society

#### Approved by the President



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