

INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, NEW DELHI

Proceedings of the Annual General Body Meeting held at ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh on February 2, 2024

Dr. Kajal Kumar Biswas, Secretary heartily welcomed Dr. S.C. Dubey, President of the Society, and requested to chair the Annual General Body 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 to come at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh for attending the IPS National Conference and Annual General Body meeting. With the approval of the President, Dr. Kajal Kumar Biswas preceded with the agenda items as follows.

The Secretary briefed the house about the various activities of the Society undertaken during the year.

1. Secretary Report 2023-24

Secretary informed that so far, total 6 meetings held on different issues of the Society and the proceedings of the meetings were communicated to the EC members for their information.

Based on the decisions taken in previous Executive Council meetings held during 2023-24, the action taken report is as follows:

- i. National Symposium: Theme, venue and date*
As decided, the IPS 76th Annual Meeting and National Symposium on “Plant Health for Food Security: Threats and Promises”, organized at ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research (IISR), Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh during February 1-3, 2024.
- ii. International Conference: SAARC country*
The proposed conference could not organize due to some technical and other issues with the BPS, Dhaka, Bangladesh. It may be organized in the coming year.
- iii. Women Scientist Conference:* A special women National Conference on “Women Scientists in Plant Health Management for Sustainable Development Goals”, (A conference of the Women, by the Women, for the Women Scientists) was successfully organized from December 22nd-23rd, 2023, at AAU, Jorhat, Assam. Approx. 250 women scientists have participated.
- iv. Brain storming sessions*
The proposed brain storming sessions could not organize due to some issues with the organizers.
- v. Brain storming sessions exclusively for students at different SAUs*
This brain storming session could not organized as no proposal was received from anybody.
- vi. Participation/attendance of awardees and portfolios of IPS in national and zonal symposia*
The Secretary informed by the Secretary that participation/attendance of awardees and former portfolios of IPS in National and Zonal symposia are very less. It was requested by the

EC to all the Zonal Presidents and Councillors to ensure the participation of former EC members and continuous contributions. This message has been conveyed by the Secretary to all the concerned members.

vii. Editorial Board Nomination for the journal Indian Phytopathology & proposal for frequency of the journal bi-monthly

- Based on the nomination received from the EC members, the name of Dr R. Viswanathan, Director, ICAR - Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow, U.P. was unanimously selected as Chief Editor of the journal Indian Phytopathology for the period from 2023 to 2025. The Senior Editors and Editors was also finalized in consultation with Chief Editor, President and Secretary, and editorial board was approved by the EC.

The frequency of the journal to bi-monthly from quarterly was approved by the EC, however, GB did not agree on the proposal and emphasized to improve the quality and impact factor of the journal.

viii. Edited Books

The proposal to publish two edited reference books (Text book type) under the banner of the IPS on (i) Basics of Plant Pathology (Vol. I) and Diseases of Crops (Vol. II) based on syllabi for teaching of B.Sc. (Ag.) in SAUs was agreed by the EC.

The Book entitled “Concepts of Plant Pathology and Disease Management” (Volume-I), (ISBN 978-93-94678-98-9) Editor’s: Kajal Kumar Biswas, Parimal Sinha, Pranab Dutta, Prashant P. Jambhulkar, Bishnu Maya Bashyal, Srujani Behera, Manjunath Hubballi and R. Viswanathan has been printed. The book chapters for Volume II on “Diseases of Field and Horticultural Crops and their management” have also been received. It will be published soon.

ix. Committee to follow up with Springer for Impact Factor of the journal Indian Phytopathology

After pursuing with Dr. Mamta Kapila, Sr. Editor, Springer India Ltd., she informed that -the application has been returned by our Abstracting & Indexing team informing that the journal is still not ready for application. Clarivate keeps changing its policies time to time and they have brought in a new change wherein each original or review articles published in the journal must declare conflict of interest statement, ethical approvals, funding, etc. details in it. And, even if there is no conflict of interest, even then the authors should include this statement that ‘There is no Conflict of Interest’. Now Springer is including the missing components in each published article and it will be re-applied this year.

x. Composition of Editorial Board for the IPS News Letter

The Editorial Board for the IPS News Letter was constituted.

Chief Editor: Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty (2023-25)

Sr. Editor: In place of Dr. Kalyan K. Mondal, new joint Secretary will take over as Sr. Editor

Managing Editor: Dr. Malkhan Singh Gurjar (2023-25)

EX-officio: Dr. Kajal Kumar Biswas

Editors: Zonal President and Councillors of the respective years

xi. Committee for revamping the award application/guidelines

A committee of the following members was constituted to for revamping the award application/guidelines.

Chairman: Dr. Rakesh Pandey

Member Secretary: Dr. Kajal Kumar Biswas

Members: Dr. T. Makesh Kumar, Dr. A.I Bhat, Dr. K.P. Singh, Dr. Apurba Kumar Chowdhury, Dr. M.S Yadav

A meeting of the committee members for revamping the IPS award guidelines was held virtually on October 7, 2023 and placed the suggestions made by the award committee to EC. The EC did not recommend any changes in the award guidelines of the Society.

The EC also drafted the guidelines for the following new proposed awards and GB approved the same.

<p>IPS Best Reviewer Award 5 numbers (Maximum) Nominated by Editorial Board</p>	<p>Reviewed minimum 10 papers in previous three years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate and memento
<p>IPS Best Corporate Award Nominated by the EC only</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum master degree. • An active senior member of the corporate sector of good standing who is above 50 years of age or having at least 20 years services with outstanding contributions in the field of Plant Health Management that supports economy of the farmers in the country. • He/she must have displayed exemplary performance and achieved excellence despite challenges (worked in tribal/remote/challenging areas). • Vision and support for Innovation and new Ideas leading to turn around of the organization. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitation with memento, citation, and shawl. • The award does not carry any cash prize.

xii. Office space for the Society at NASC Complex

The Secretary informed that so far, the Society has received many reminders for vacating the IPS office from Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, Campus to outside IARI campus. A thorough discussion was held on this issue and it was decided in the EC and GB meeting that office will be operated from rented space, that will be taken at reasonable rent, until allocation of space at NASC complex. The GB requested President, IPS to intensify the efforts which has already been initiated in the interest of Society for allotment of space at NASC Complex, New Delhi.

xiii. Membership drive by the Zonal Presidents/Councillors and membership fee for inter disciplinary member:

A special discount of 30% for the student group life membership (group of minimum 10 students) and 20% for the life membership of scientists/faculties (as a group of minimum 10

members) was offered with approval of the EC, which helped and motivated the students and faculties to become the members of the Society. So far, 135 new Life Members have joined the Society.

xiv. Court case related matter on the Indian Phytopathological Society (IPS)

After thorough discussion and deliberation, the E.C. unanimously agreed to engage an Advocate to contest legal issues to safeguard the interest of the Society. The E.C. members also authorized the Secretary for taking necessary steps to file reply, counter-claim etc. and undertake other formalities by way of signing *Vakalatnama* and pleadings etc. This decision was also approved by the GB.

- The GB suggested to take an attempt again to settle the case amicably and for this purpose, the GB has approved the High-level committee constituted to settle the legal issues. The GB also suggested for a meeting of committee members along with Plaintiff and Defendants for amicably settlement.

High Level Review Committee:

Dr. S.S. Chahal, former President, IPS	:	Chairman
Dr. U.S. Singh, former President, IPS	:	Member
Dr. P. Chowdappa, former President, IPS	:	Member
Dr. Rakesh Pandey, former President, IPS	:	Member
Dr. G.P. Rao, Sr. Member, IPS	:	Member

- Serious efforts in this regard should be made by all involved in court cases. If case is not settled within reasonable time, EC will review again the situation prior providing the permission of the Society to bear the legal cost of IPS and defendants; and individual will bear their TA/DA cost for attending the court or any other meetings.

xv. IPS Election 2024

The preliminary election (nomination) for the position of President Elect, Joint Secretary and Zonal Presidents and Councillors for 2024 was held online. However, the Society (IPS) office, and its functioning from IARI, New Delhi premises was closed, the EC during its meeting on Jan. 3, 2024, decided to postpone the ongoing election process which will be completed by March 31, 2024 after discussion in the Annual General Body Meeting to be held on February 2, 2024 at ICAR-IISR, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. Further, EC decided that the candidate who is involved in any kind of legal cases and until the dispute is over, he/she will not be able to contest for any official position/portfolio of the Society. Therefore, EC recommended that the entire process of election is cancelled and fresh election process will be initiated.

GB decided to take legal advice from the advocate about the conduct of the election and candidature of the candidates before conducting the election process.

2. JOURNAL: INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGY

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

IPS Newsletter - Indian Phytopath News

Two issues of Newsletter published timely and available online on IPS website. The 3rd and 4th issues are at final stage of publication.

3. Zonal symposia 2023-24

This year eight Zones have organized zonal Chapter/National symposium in their respective Zones. All the Zonal Presidents are I requested to brief about the symposia organized by them.

Date	Zone	Topic	Venue	Zonal President/ Councilor
11-12 September 2023	South Zone	Plant Health Management: Current Trends and Novel Mitigation Strategies,	ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Thiruvananthapuram Kerala	Dr. T. Makeshkumar Dr. S.S Veena
12-14 December, 2023	Eastern	Novel Strategies and Advances in Crop Health Management: Towards Technology-driven Eco-friendly Solutions	Bhubaneswar, Odisha	Dr. Petikam Srinivas Dr. Sandeep Kumar
January 9-10, 2024	Northern	Plant Pathology in Human Welfare	SKUAST-Jammu, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir UT	Dr. Sachin Gupta Dr. Deepak Kumar
December 8-9, 2023	North- Eastern	Plant Disease Management for Sustainable Crop Production	Department of Plant Pathology, College of Agriculture, Central Agricultural University, Imphal	Dr. L.N. Khomba Singh Dr. Bireswar Sinha
Jan. 12, 2024	Western Zone	Half-day lecture seminar	MPKV, Rahuri, MS	Dr. S.V. Kolase Dr. S.B. Latake
January 17, 2024	Delhi Zone	Seed Health and Disease Management for Agricultural Biosecurity	Division of Plant Quarantine, ICAR- NBPGR, New Delhi	Dr. Jameel Akhtar Dr. Pardeep Kumar
January 31, 2024	Mid- Eastern Zone	-	ICAR-IISR, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Dr. Dinesh Singh Dr. S.K. Goswami
February 2, 2024	Central Zone	Natural farming a way forward to challenges, issues and opportunities	Krishi Vigyan Kendra, ICAR-IISR, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Dr. P.K. Gupta Dr. Vijay Kr. Yadav

4. Treasurer's Report (2023-24)

Dr. Malkhan Singh Gurjar, Treasurer, IPS presented the report and informed the house about the details of receipt and payment made during 2023-24 and the financial position of the society is good.

5. Chief Editor's Report: (2023-24)

Dr. R. Viswanathan, Chief Editor, *Indian Phytopathology* will present the Editorial report. The efforts made by Editorial Board for timely and quality publication was highly appreciated. Dr. R. Thangavelu, NRC Banana, Trichi, TN was recommended as Sr. Editor (Fungal Pathology).

6. Declaration of Results of the Awards (2024)

The following names have been recommended by the EC and approved by the GB for various awards of the Society:

Award name	Name & address of the awardees
1. A. P. Misra Lifetime Achievement Award	Dr. R.D. Rawal, Principal Scientist & Ex-Head (Retd.), Bengaluru, Karnataka
2. S. P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Lecture	Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi
3. IPS Recognition Award	(i) Dr. V.B. Nargund, ICAR-Emeritus Professor (Plant Pathology), #69, Ishavasyam, Adhyapak Nagar, Navanagar, Hubli, Karnataka (ii) Dr. D.P. Singh, Former Principal Scientist (ICAR-IIWBR, Karnal), C13, Gamma 1, Greater Noida, Gautam Budha Nagar, UP (iii) Prof. Partha Sarathi Nath, Former Head and Professor, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswa Vidyalaya, Mohanpur, West Bengal (iv) Dr. K.D. Thakur, Former Head, College of Agriculture, Nagpur, MS
4. Mundkur Memorial Award	Dr. R. Viswanathan, Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
5. Pravasi Fellow	(i) Dr. Jayaraj Jayaraman, Professor of Biotechnology and Plant Microbiology, Dept. of Life Sciences, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. (ii) Dr. N.V.P.R. Ganga Rao, Senior Scientist – Breeding, Eastern & Southern Africa Program CIMMYT-Nairobi
6. B.N. Chakraborty & Usha Chakraborty IPS Best Teacher Award	Dr. C. Jeyalakshmi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru College of Agriculture, Karaikal, Puducherry
7. Prof. A.N. Mukhopadhyay Oration Award	As no application received for this award, GB has approved that EC will nominate and finalize the name of the awardees based on the research contribution and declare for the award 2023

8. S. Sinha Memorial Award	Dr. Bishnu Maya Bashyal, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
9. ShardaLele Memorial Award	Dr. Raj Kumar Mishra, IIPR, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
10. A.K. Sarbhoy Memorial Award	Dr. Manas Kumar Bag, NRRI, Cuttack, Odisha
11. M.K. Patel Memorial Young Scientist Award	Dr. D. Pramesh, UAS, Raichur, Karnataka
12. J.F. Dastur Memorial Award	Dr. Nareshkumar Manilal Gohel, AAU, Anand, Gujarat
13. K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Award	Dr. S.C. Bhardwaj, IIWBR-RS, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
14. Jeersannidhi Award	Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, ARI, Pune, Maharashtra
15. Fellow of Indian Phytopathological Society (FPSI)	(i) Dr. L.M Suresh, Maize Pathology Lead - Sub Saharan Africa, CIMMYT, ICRAF, Nairobi, Kenya
	(ii) Dr. Sanjay Kumar Goswami, Senior Scientist (Plant Pathology), Crop Protection Division, ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
	(iii) Dr. Bireswar Sinha, Professor, Department of Plant Pathology, School of Agricultural Sciences, Nagaland University, Medziphema, Central Agricultural University, Kohima, Nagaland
	(iv) Dr. Efath Shahnaz, Associate Professor (Plant Pathology), Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Kashmir, Shalimar, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir
	(v) Dr. A. Jeevalatha, Senior Scientist (Plant Pathology), Division of Plant Protection, ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode (Calicut), Kerala
	(vi) Dr. Ram Niwas Sharma, Assistant Professor (Plant Pathology), College of Agriculture (SKNAU, Jobner), Kumher, Rajasthan
	(vii) Dr. R.S. Jayalakshmidivi, Vice Chancellor, Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Guntur (Dist), Lam , Andhra Pradesh
	(viii) Dr. Kamal Dev Sharma, Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Biotechnology, CSK Himachal Pradesh Agricultural University, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh
	(ix) Dr. Mamta Sharma, Theme Leader and Principal Scientist, Integrated Crop Management, Research Program-Asia, ICRISAT, Patancheru, Hyderabad, Telangana
	(x) Dr. Popy Bora, Senior Scientist (Plant Pathology), AAU-Assam Rice Research Institute (AAU-ARRI), Assam Agricultural University, Titabor, Jorhat, Assam
16. IPS Best Corporate Award	Dr. R.G. Aggarwal, Chairman, Dhanuka Agritech. Ltd.

17. IPS Best Reviewer Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mr. Girma Ababa, Researcher, Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research, Holetta, Ethiopia (ii) Dr. R. Gopi, Senior Scientist (Plant Pathology), ICAR-SBI Research Centre, Kannur, Kerala (iii) Dr. Arjunan Jeevalatha, Senior Scientist (Plant Pathology), Division of Plant Protection, ICAR-IISR, (Calicut), Kerala (iv) Dr. Nithya Kadirvel, Scientist, Division of Crop Protection, ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu (v) Dr. Yamini Agrawal, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, Shaheed Rajguru College of Applied Sciences for Women, Delhi
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Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award 2023-24

Total 13 candidates from 6 zones are participating in the Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award 2023-24.

Out of which the name of **Mr. Lham Dorjee**, *Divisions of Plant Pathology, CAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India* (Presentation title: Novel essential-oil grafted copper nanoparticles for sustainable disease management) and **Dr. Amrita Dasgupta**, *Department of Plant Pathology, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Siksha O Anusandhan University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha* (Presentation title: Dynamics of plant diseases in rice based cropping system under various levels of nutrition and different regimes of conservation agricultural practices) awarded for Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award contest 2023-24.

The following other candidates were recommended for commendation award:

S.No.	Zone	Name	Title
1.	Southern	Dr. M.V. Ruppavalli <i>Department of plant Pathology, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu</i>	Unravelling the antagonistic potential of <i>Coniothyrium minitans</i> – a mycoparasite on <i>Sclerotinia sclerotiorum</i> of cabbage
2.	Southern	Mrs. P.R. Amrutha ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Sreekariyam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	Management of greater yam (<i>Dioscorea alata</i> L.) anthracnose caused by <i>Colletotrichum gloeosporioides</i> (Penz.) Penz. & Sacc. employing endophytes from medicinal plants
3.	North-Eastern	Ms. Mehjebin Rahaman <i>Department Plant Pathology, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam</i>	The study of two efficient rhizospheric microflora <i>Trichoderma harzianum</i> MC2 and <i>Trichoderma harzianum</i> NBG as biocontrol agent against diseases in solanaceous crop
4.	North-Eastern	Ms. Sushanti Thokchom	Mitigating chilli fruit rot disease through harnessing underexplored

		<i>College of Post Graduate Studies in Agricultural Sciences, Umiam, Shillong, Meghalaya</i>	epiphytic Yeasts as biocontrol agents
5.	Eastern	Dr. Bulbul Boblina <i>Department of Plant Pathology, College of Agriculture, Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar, Odisha</i>	Studies on prevalence, pathogenic variability, epidemiology and management of Areolate mildew in Cotton
6.	Eastern	Dr. Sushree Suparna Mahapatra <i>Department of Plant Pathology, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, SOADU, Bhubaneswar, Odisha</i>	Identification of resistance sources against Cercospora leaf spot in mung bean
7.	Northern	Ms. Kavita Kushwaha <i>Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh</i>	Unveiling the biocontrol and plant growth potential of endophytic fungi against pea root rot complex in Himachal Pradesh, India
8.	Northern	Ms. Pavleen Kour <i>Division of Biochemistry, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture Science and Technology of Jammu, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir</i>	Exploring biochemical disparities: mycelium vs. fruit body in Cordyceps militaris – a comparative analysis
9.	Delhi	Mr. Dharmappa Chavan <i>Advanced Centre for Plant Virology, Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi</i>	Understanding the biochemical and molecular basis of resistant in soybean against MYMIV
10.	Mid-Eastern	Ms. Ajita Singh <i>Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture and Technology, Modipuram Meerut, Uttar Pradesh</i>	Management of chickpea wilt for achieving SDG-2: zero hunger for food security
11.	Mid-Eastern	Mr. Veeresh D.A. <i>Department of Mycology & Plant Pathology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh</i>	A detailed study on leaf spot causing pathogen <i>Curvularia tuberculata</i> on Capsicum (<i>Capsicum annum</i> var. <i>grossum</i> (L.) Sendt.)

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.

S.No.	Zone	Name	Title
1.	North-Eastern	Ms. Shenaz Sultana Ahmed <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

2.	North-Eastern	Ms. Baby Wangkhem <i>Department of Plant Pathology, College of Agriculture, Central Agriculture University-Imphal, Iroisemba, Manipur</i>	One tube detection method of Citrus Huanglongbing and Citrus tristeza virus based on RPA/ RT-RPA and CRISPR-Cas12a
3.	Northern	Ms. Irtifa Lateef <i>Division of Plant Pathology, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir, Shalimar, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir</i>	Anthraco nose resistance gene mapping on Pv10 in common bean cv. KRC-5
4.	Northern	Ms. Sehla Khursheed <i>Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir, Shalimar, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir</i>	Spatiotemporal population dynamics of <i>Wilsonomyces carpophilus</i> (Lev.) causing shot hole of stone fruits using SSR markers
5.	Eastern	Mr. Bidwan Ranjan Sahoo <i>Department of Plant Pathology, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Siksha 'O' Anusandhan, Bhubaneswar, Odisha</i>	Revolutionizing tomato crop security: A breakthrough in automated disease identification using machine learning and DCNN
6.	Mid-Eastern	Ms. Mansi Mishra <i>ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh</i>	Host pathogen interaction studies of <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> Kuhn. causing sheath blight in rice

7. Revision in IPS Staff salary

The EC and GB agreed on the proposal of annual revision @10% on the IPS staff salary, w.e.f. February 2024.

Sr. No	Names	Position	Existing Salary	Revised salary @10%
1.	Mr. Raj Kumar	Business Manager	Rs. 68,970.00	Rs. 75,867.00
2.	Mr. Devender	Editorial Assistant	Rs. 27,830.00	Rs. 30,613.00
3.	Mr. Vishal Kumar	Office Assistant	Rs. 21,780.00	Rs. 23,958.00

8. Revision of Byelaws of the Society: Suggestions received from members

Secretary informed the house that a High-Level Committee was constituted during the Annual General Body Meeting of the Society held on January 19, 2020, to review and revise the Byelaws of the Society which were earlier revised in February 1996.

Till date, a series of meetings was organized online as well as offline to discuss the composition of the draft for the revision of the Constitution and Byelaws of the Society. The final draft of the Constitution and Byelaws of the Society was sent to all the members through email dated 24th and 25th, June 2022 for your information & suggestions and it was also uploaded at the IPS website on 24th June 2022.

Based on the suggestions/comments received from the members of the Society, the Secretary placed the suggestions before EC and GB for revision in the Constitution and Byelaws.

The EC and GB agreed on the following points for revision in the constitution and byelaws of the Society.

<p>Article 2</p>	<p>Aims and Objects The aims and objects of the Society shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To advance the cause of Mycology, Plant Pathology in India. (ii) To encourage and promote Mycology, Plant Pathological study and research in the country. (iii) To disseminate the knowledge of Mycology, Plant Pathology. (iv) To facilitate closer association among members and other scientific workers in India and abroad. 	<p>Aims The advance the cause of Plant Pathology Research, Education and Extension in India</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To promote research and development in Plant Pathology 2. To disseminate knowledge among stakeholders for sustained (sustainable) profitability 3. To foster formal functional linkages among Plant Pathology Societies and in turn societies related to agriculture 4. To provide expertise to develop enabling policy framework for plant protection and global security
<p>Article 3</p>	<p>Members and Privileges of Members Any person interested in the science of Mycology, Plant Pathology shall be eligible for membership. The Society shall have regular members, student members, life-members, patrons, fellows and honorary fellows. Regular, student and life members and Patrons shall be admitted to the Society after being proposed and nominated by two members and approved by the Executive Council.</p>	<p>Member's Privileges: No changes</p> <p>Withdrawal, removal or cessation of membership The Governing Body shall have the power to cease primary membership of any member from the society on the following terms & conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. On his/her death or insanity and Non-payment of subscription continuously for more than three months or maximum a year (as the case may be from due date); ii. On his/her written resignation; iii. Any member/Official indulge in any anti-Society activities, financial irregularities or any act which entail lowering down the image of the Society shall be ceased from the post he/she occupied, and also from the membership of the Society by two third majority of the present EC

		members and subsequent approval from General Body.
Article 3	Fellow of IPS (FPSI): Members of the Society continuously for a period of 5 years or more and published at least 5 research papers in recognised journals and pay a sum of Rs. 300.00 at the time of application for fellowship would be eligible for consideration as a Fellow of the Society.	Fellow of IPS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fellow of IPS shall be acronym as FIPS instead of FPSI. Maximum number of Fellowships to be conferred in a year is to be restricted to 10 numbers. 2. The fees of fellowship application will be Rs. 5,000.00 3. 10 years of continues membership of the IPS is required to be an applicant of fellow 4. At least 2 papers in <i>Indian Phytopathology</i> and 5 publications in other journals having NAAS rating equivalent to <i>Indian Phytopathology</i> or above. 5. Selection of Fellows will be based on merit
	Pravasi Fellow : New Addition	Pravasi Fellow <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acronym: FIPS 2. Any Indian scientist working abroad for the cause of plant pathology can apply for FIPS 3. Maximum number of <i>Parvasi</i> Fellowships to be conferred in a year is to be restricted to two. 4. The fees of fellowship application will be US\$ 100.00 5. 5 years of membership of IPS is required to be an applicant of fellow 6. At least 2 papers published in <i>Indian Phytopathology</i>
	Advisory Board: New Addition	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All the Honorary Fellows will be Advisory Board Members. 2. The Board will be chaired by senior most honorary fellow, by age. 3. The Board will give advisement, suggestions and guidance to Executive Council
Article 6	Offices and their Functions	
	President (i) He/She shall be the constitutional head of the Society.	President: No change from (i) to (viii) (ix) The President on recommendation

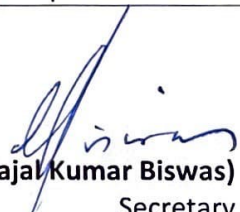
	<p>(ii) He/She shall preside over Executive Committee and General Body Meetings.</p> <p>(iii) He/She shall represent the Society on all ceremonial occasions.</p> <p>(iv) He/She shall have the privilege of exercising the casting vote in case of equal division at Executive Council and General Body meetings.</p> <p>(v) He/She shall have the privilege of representing the Society at the International Phytopathological Congress or meetings of the agencies sponsoring such gatherings. But in case of specialised symposia the representative will be decided by the Executive Council.</p> <p>(vi) He/She can summon meetings of the Executive Council at any time.</p> <p>(vii) He/She may delegate his/her powers to the President-Elect for a limited period.</p> <p>(viii) The President with the approval of the Executive Council may appoint any number of temporary committees to make recommendations on specific activities to promote Plant Pathology.</p>	<p>of the Executive Council, by at least two-third majority, can withdraw primary membership of a person or withdraw work from an office bearer for specific period following due procedure by way of calling an explanation or issuing show cause notice etc. as per the rules of Society Registration Act, 1860.</p> <p>(x) The withdrawal of primary membership of a person or withdrawal of work from an office bearer (as provided under the above sub-clause ix), can be restored, with or without charging fresh membership fee, by a decision of the Executive Council by at least two-third majority, after satisfactorily assuring that such person/ office bearer shall work for the betterment and development of the Society and also by considering that such action of the EC will be in the interest of Society.</p>
<p>Article 8</p>	<p>Election of Officers</p> <p>The Secretary shall send to each member of the Society on October 1, a ballot for the nomination of the officers. If any nomination is lacking, the Council shall have the power to nominate. Three candidates for each office receiving the highest number of nominating votes shall be placed upon a final ballot to be sent to each member by December 1.</p> <p>Should the nominating votes received by a candidate place him among the highest there for more than one office,</p>	<p>Election of Officers: No changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per the general body decision (2017), the offline election system has been replaced with web-based online election 2020 onwards. • Eligibility for the election of the office bearers of the Society like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>President:</i> A senior member of high academic repute.10 years of regular membership should also be binding for President ❖ <i>Secretary, Joint Secretary,</i>

	<p>his name shall appear on the final ballot paper after obtaining his/her consent for the office he/she wants to contest: Votes shall be mailed to the Secretary with outer cover sealed. Unsealed covers will invalidate the vote.</p> <p>The President is authorised to have the final ballot papers opened and counted, before the Annual Meeting, by two persons nominated by him, so that the results can be announced at the General Body Meeting without delay.</p>	<p><i>Treasurer: 10 years membership</i> ❖ <i>Zonal President & Councillor: 5 years of membership</i></p>
<p>Article 9</p>	<p>General Body Meeting The general body meetings shall be held at least once a year, preferably along with the annual meeting. One-month prior notice for holding the General Body meeting shall be given to the members by the Secretary. At the Annual General Body meeting the Secretary and Chief Editor shall present their reports. The Treasurer will present a statement of the financial position of the Society and also duly audited accounts for the previous year and budget for the following year. All the meetings of the Society shall be presided over by the President or in his absence by the President Elect. In the absence of either, a member elected by the General Body shall preside. Fifty members attending shall form the Quorum for the Annual General Body meeting.</p>	<p>General Body Meeting: No Changes</p> <p>The General Body General Body consists of Annual Members, Life Members, Student members, and patrons</p>
<p>Article 11</p>	<p>Journal The Society shall establish a Journal which shall serve as its official organ primarily for the publication of mycological and plant pathological papers by its members (or communicated by members) review of books and literature and for the publication of the report of the auditing Committee or of other reports, announcements and business of the Society.</p>	<p>Article 11 renumbered as 11A : No change</p> <p>Article 11B: Newsletter The Society publishes quarterly online newsletter “Indian Phytopath News” from 2018.</p> <p>Article 11C: Other publications The Society will publish Book, Booklets, Bulletins, Compendium (both in print and electronic forms), App etc. either</p>

		<p>singly or in collaboration with a professional publishers. EC will empower a separate peer reviewing committee to review and finalize the contents of the proposed publications. Any member of the society are entitled to submit the draft proposal for such type of publications for further consideration by EC to this effect.</p>
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<p>I. All the members of the Executive Council of the Society be paid Second class railway fare both ways as well as DA and incidental expenses of Rs. 100/- for attending the Annual General meetings. TA and DA will be paid only in case they do not get it from any other source.</p>	<p>The travel expenses shall be restricted to the II AC train fare or cheapest air fare only. DA and incidental expenses of Rs. 1000/- per day for EC Members for attending the Annual General meetings. Accommodation will be managed by the Society.</p>
<p>II. Budget and Expenditure</p>	
<p>A. The Secretary will be empowered to spend an amount of Rs. 1000/- (Rs. One thousand) for contingent expenses at a time.</p>	<p>The Secretary shall have power to sanction an amount for expenditure up to Rs. 25,000.00 (Rupees Twenty-five thousand only) and beyond twenty five thousand, the approval of President shall be mandatory for an amount up to Rs.1.00 Lakh. Beyond this amount, approval of EC is necessary up to Rs.10.00 Lakh. For expenditure beyond Rs.10.00 Lakh, approval/ratification of General Body shall be mandatory for contingent expenses at a time.</p>


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