

**INDIAN NATIONAL SCIENCE ACADEMY
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG, NEW DELHI - 110002**

Minutes of the Virtual General Body Meeting of the Indian National Science Academy held on 7 August, 2020.

The following Fellows were attended the meeting:

Professor Chandrima Shaha, President
Professor Gaiti Hasan, Vice-President (Fellowship Affairs)
Professor V Chandrasekhar, Vice-President (Science Promotion)
Professor Jitendra Khurana, Vice-President (International Affairs)
Professor AK Singhvi, Vice-President (Science & Society)
Professor Subrata Sinha, Vice-President (Resource Management)
Professor Tapan K Adhya
Professor Madhoolika Agrawal
Professor S Ananthakrishnan
Professor RNK Bamezai
Professor Manju Bansal
Dr Anirban Basu
Professor Narendra Bhandari
Professor Rajendra Bhatia
Professor SV Bhat
Professor BV Rajarama Bhat
Professor Renee M Borges
Professor Arup Bose
Professor Bimla Buti
Professor Supriya Chakraborty
Professor S Chandrasekaran
Professor S Chandrasekhar
Dr SL Chaplot
Professor PK Chattaraj
Professor Mitali Chatterjee
Professor Amitabha Chattopadhyay
Professor RP Chhabra
Professor Arnab Rai Choudhuri
Professor Debashish Chowdhury
Professor Somnath Dasgupta
Professor D Dash
Professor Uday B Desai
Professor Suman Kumar Dhar
Professor VP Dimri
Dr Anuradha Dube
Dr Lalit Chander Garg
Professor Aswini Ghosh
Professor Kunal Ghosh
Professor Balasubramanian Gopal
Professor Pushpendra K Gupta
Professor H Ila
Professor NR Jagannathan
Professor ED Jemmis
Professor Chanda J Jog
Professor Amitabh Joshi

Dr VP Kamboj
Dr D Kanjilal
Professor Tarun Kant
Dr.S.S.Kapoor
Professor Santosh Kapuria
Dr Sanjeev Khosla
Professor M Krishnamurthy
Professor Anil Kumar
Professor Krishan Lal
Dr Sushil Kumar
Professor Rentala Madhubala
Dr HK Majumder
Professor Mahitosh Mandal
Professor G Marimuthu
Professor NK Mehra
Professor NB Mehta
Dr V Mohan
Professor K Muralidhar
Professor Ashwini Nangia
Professor R Narasimhan
Professor Sourav Pal
Professor Kapil Paranjape
Professor Inder Bir Passi
Professor N Periasamy
Professor GVR Prasad
Professor Phoolan Prasad
Dr Gangan Prathap
Dr T Ramamurthy
Professor DN Rao
Professor KJ Rao
Professor NV.Chalapathi Rao
Professor Amitava Raychaudhuri
Dr Poonam Salotra
Professor S Sampath
Professor Parameswaran Sankaran
Professor Abhijit Sen
Professor B Senthilkumaran
Professor Maithili Sharan
Dr Eklabya Sharma
Professor Shobhana Sharma
Dr Kulinder Pal Singh
Professor Mewa Singh
Professor Vinod K Singh
Professor RV Sonti
Professor S Subramanian
Professor K Subramanian
Professor Qudsia Tahseen
Professor PN Takkar
Professor BK Thelma
Professor Prabodh Kumar Trivedi
Professor Jaya S Tyagi

President, INSA welcomed all the Fellows. Thereafter, the regular agenda items were taken up.

1. Condolence at the passing away of the following distinguished INSA Fellows and Foreign Fellows:

The sad demise of Professors Yash Pal Abrol, Maharaj Kishan Bhan, Virendra Lal Chopra, Alope Dey, Aparna Dutta Gupta, Dwijesh Kumar Dutta Majumder, Mahinder Kumar Jain, Shri Krishna Joshi, Tangirala Ramasarma, Conjeevaram Srirangachari Seshadri, Sambasiva Swaminathan, Jai Narain Singh Yadav (Fellows) and Philip Warren Anderson, Sir Alan Rushton Battersby, Jacques Emile Blamont and Dusan Hadzi (Foreign Fellows) of the Academy were reported. The obituary notes were read by the President, INSA and all those who were attending the meeting stood in silence for a minute as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

2. Confirmation of minutes of Anniversary General Meeting held on 18 December, 2019.

Professor Gaiti Hasan, Vice-President (Fellowship Affairs) gave a brief overview of the issues discussed in the Anniversary General Meeting of the Academy held on 18 December, 2019 at CSIR-NIO, Goa. The minutes were, thereafter, confirmed by the members of the general body.

3. To announce the voting results of modification in Rule 25 (vi).

Professor Gaiti Hasan, Vice-President informed to Fellowship that Academy had circulated an electronic ballot paper for voting to modify Rule 25 (vi). 99.2% of Fellows voted in favour of the Rule 25 (vi). The Rule, thus, stands amended.

4. To announce the INSA Awards for 2020.

Professor Gaiti Hasan, Vice-President announced the names of the awardees. (list enclosed at ***Annexure-I***).

5. To inform about the closure of CCSTDS and subsequent developments.

President, INSA informed and briefed the Fellows about the closure of CCSTDS.

CCSTDS has been operating from the building located in the premises of CSIR-CLRI at Chennai. The financial support for day-to-day functioning of CCSTDS was released by DST to INSA, as part of its core grant sanctioned annually, and in turn the funds were being disbursed to CCSTDS by INSA.

The Council deliberated in detail on the matters related to closure of CCSTDS. Members were of the opinion that legal opinion be sought in matters related to both terms of closure and engaging/redeploying employees at INSA, particularly those who will be in service as on 31 August 2020. The Council agreed that the Travel Fellowship/Fellowship schemes that were operative at CCSTDS could be operated by INSA particularly when the government agencies sponsoring them have given their consent. Moreover, the staff that will eventually move from CCSTDS to INSA is already trained and will facilitate the implementation of these schemes. There was in general agreement on transfer of assets and land to CLRI since land was on lease from CSIR and the building was made from funds released by DST.

6. To announce providing one time seed money to Young Scientist Awardees.

Professor Gaiti Hasan, Vice-President informed the Fellows that Council has decided, the honorarium for INSA Young scientist Medal Award should be raised from present Rs.50,000/- to Rs.1,00,000/-. The revised honorarium will be applicable to 2020 awardees also.

7. To inform activities taken up to mark the Golden Jubilee Year of DST.

Professor Gaiti Hasan informed the Fellows about activities taken up to mark the Golden Jubilee Year of DST. DST has planned to make documentary films on its autonomous institutions. In addition, coffee table books carrying chapters on autonomous institutions of DST will also be published. The conceptual note for documentary film has already been prepared.

The film is being made by Vigyan Prasar for DST. The Academy is providing the intellectual/ factual and documentary inputs. Shooting for the documentary is being completed and several recordings have been made.

INSA has already displayed DST Golden Jubilee Year 2020-21 logo on its website at right top which has link to a congratulatory message to DST.

Professor V Chandrasekhar mentioned about the progress of the Coffee table book preparations. Several meetings have already been organized. The Archives have been searched for photographing and material is getting ready for posting to Vigyan Prasar.

8. To inform the Fellows about five recent initiatives taken up by the Academy.

President, INSA gave a detailed account of all the five initiatives taken up by the INSA since the last Council meeting. The work has already started under some programmes. In other programmes, steps are being taken to initiate the process.

9. To read as required under Rule 40(c) the name of nominees for election as INSA Fellow and Foreign Fellow received from 26 November, 2019 to 25 June, 2020.

Professor Gaiti Hasan, Vice-President, INSA read the names of those whose nominations were received for election as INSA Fellow and Foreign Fellow.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

INTERNATIONAL / SUBJECTWISE MEDALS / LECTURES / AWARDS (2020)

<i>Name of Award</i>	<i>Name of Awardee(s)</i>
INTERNATIONAL AWARDS	
1. INSA-Vainu Bappu Memorial Award (2019)	Professor PS Joshi, FNA
SUBJECTWISE MEDALS / LECTURES / AWARDS	
(A) MEDALS INSTITUTED BY THE ACADEMY	
2. Homi Jehangir Bhabha Medal (2020)	No Award
3. Sunder Lal Hora Medal (2020)	No Award
4. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Medal (2020)	No Award
5. Syed Husain Zaheer Medal (2020)	Dr AK Bhowmick, FNA
6. Silver Jubilee Commemoration Medal (2019)	No Award
7. Golden Jubilee Commemoration Medal (Chemical Sciences) (2019)	Dr Srivari Chandrasekhar, FNA and Professor ED Jemmis, FNA
8. Kalpathi Ramakrishna Ramanathan Medal (2020)	Professor Shyam Lal, FNA
(B) ENDOWED MEDALS	
9. Professor KP Bhargava Memorial Medal (2020)	Dr Viswanathan Mohan, FNA
10. Chandrakala Hora Memorial Medal (2019)	Dr Vidita Ashok Vaidya, FNA
11. Professor Bhim Shanker Trivedi Memorial Medal (2020)	Dr PK Chakraborti, FNA and Dr Anuradha Dube, FNA
12. Professor Mihir Chowdhury Memorial Medal (2019)	Professor V Chandrasekhar, FNA and Professor BM Deb, FNA
13. Professor TV Desikachary Memorial Medal (2020)	Dr Sushil Kumar, FNA
(C) ENDOWMENT LECTURES	
14. Professor Bal Dattatraya Tilak Lecture (2020)	No Award
15. Professor S Swaminathan 60 th Birthday Commemoration Lecture (2019)	Professor Srinivasan Natarajan, FNA
16. Bires Chandra Guha Memorial Lecture (2020)	Professor Anand Kumar Bachhawat, FNA
17. Dr Biren Roy Memorial Lecture (2019)	No Award
18. Professor Sadhan Basu Memorial Lecture (2020)	Professor PK Chattaraj, FNA
19. Dr Yellapragada SubbaRow Memorial Lecture (2020)	Professor Debabrata Dash, FNA
20. Professor Har Swarup Memorial Lecture (2020)	Dr Rakesh Kumar Mishra, FNA
21. Dr MR Das Memorial Lecture (2020)	Dr Sandhya S Visweswariah, FNA