

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

Minutes of the General Body Meeting of the Indian National Science Academy held on 10 April, 2019 at Academy premises.

The following Fellows were present:

Professor Ajay K Sood, President, INSA
Professor V Chandrasekhar, Vice-President
Professor NR Jagannathan, Vice-President
Professor JP Khurana, Vice-President
Professor Gadadhar Misra, Vice-President
Professor Anurag Sharma, Vice-President
Professor AK Singhvi, Vice-President
Professor Faizan Ahmad
Professor Manju Bansal
Professor Rajendra Bhatia
Professor Aparna Dutta Gupta
Dr Madhu Dikshit
Dr Amit Ghosh
Professor KC Gupta
Professor Dinakar Kanjilal
Professor Sushil Kumar
Professor Ranjan K Mallik
Professor Rentala Madhubala
Dr HK Majumder
Professor GC Mishra
Professor Sourav Pal
Dr GP Pandey
Professor Maithli Sharan
Professor Shobhona Sharma
Professor Yashwant Singh
Professor Rakesh Tuli
Professor GD Yadav

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

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

Professors Indu Bhusan Chatterjee, Jaswant Singh Kanwar, Bhaskar Dattatraya Kulkarni, Suresh Vencatesh Lawande, Periakaruppan Thangiah Manoharan, Satyesh Chandra Pakrashi, Radhey Shyam Tripathi (Fellows) and Sir Michael Francis Atiyah (Foreign Fellow) of the Academy were reported. The obituary notes were read by the President, INSA and all those present 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 28 December, 2018.

Professor Anurag Sharma, Vice-President (Fellowship Affairs) gave a brief overview of the issues discussed in the Anniversary General Meeting of the Academy held on 28 December, 2018 at PRL Ahmedabad. The minutes were, thereafter, confirmed by the members of the general body.

3. Announcement of the INSA Awards for 2019.

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

4. To read as required under Rule 40(c) the name of nominees for election as INSA Fellow and Foreign Fellow received from 11 December, 2018 to 31 March, 2019.

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

5. Any other item.

After taking the regular agenda items, President, INSA discussed some of the issues which were considered by the Council during 9-10 April. He apprised the members that from now onwards, Academy will accept self nomination by the fellows for all INSA awards. However, the nomination can be made only after completion of five years from the date of commencement of the fellowship. In addition, if in a year, a particular award is not offered to anybody, the same will again be announced in the ensuing year. However, in order to maintain the three year periodicity, the next award will be announced after a gap of two years.

The Council also decided to institute an award in memory of Late Professor TV Desikachary. This award will be in the field of biological sciences. It will carry an honorarium of Rs. 25,000/, a bronze medal and a citation. The first award will be given in the year 2020. The first award lecture will be delivered at the University of Madras, Chennai in 2020.

President also informed the members that this year onwards no ballot papers will be sent for election process for the next council, Indian and foreign fellows. Professor Gadadhar Misra is working on a e-voting portal which will be finalized soon. INSA has also agreed earlier that the foreign and pravasi fellows will have same rights and privileges as available to Indian fellows. This will mean that they can now nominate, scientists for INSA fellowship and awards. They will also be entitled to vote on all issues. In addition, INSA is also developing a new website which will be launched shortly.

He apprised the general body that from now onwards the Allahabad Chapter will be merged with Varanasi Chapter. Only two fellows are now present in Allahabad and

as per INSA regulation, a chapter can function only if there are five or more than five fellows in a region.

President informed the members that this year Anniversary General meeting will be held during 16-18 December, 2019 in NIO, Goa. Professor AK Singhvi is working on the detailed programme.

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

**INTERNATIONAL / SUBJECTWISE MEDALS / LECTURES / AWARDS
FOR 2019**

<i>Name of Award</i>	<i>Name of Awardee</i>
INTERNATIONAL AWARDS	
1. INSA-Vainu Bappu Memorial Award	No Award
2. PMS Blakett Memorial Lecture	Sir Tom L Blundell, Foreign Fellow
SUBJECTWISE MEDALS / LECTURES / AWARDS	
(A) MEDALS INSTITUTED BY THE ACADEMY	
3. Srinivasa Ramanujan Medal	Professor KB Sinha, FNA
4. Jagadis Chandra Bose Medal	Professor K Muniyappa, FNA
5. Silver Jubilee Commemoration Medal	No Award
6. Golden Jubilee Commemoration Medal (Chemical Sciences)	No Award
(B) ENDOWED MEDALS	
7. Professor Brahm Prakash Memorial Medal	Professor Tarun Kant, FNA
8. Professor K Naha Memorial Medal	Professor SS Rai, FNA
9. Chandrakala Hora Memorial Medal	No Award
10. Professor Mihir Chowdhury Memorial Medal	No Award
(C) ENDOWMENT LECTURES	
11. Professor S Swaminathan 60 th Birthday Commemoration Lecture	No Award
12. Professor Darshan Ranganathan Memorial Lecture	Professor Gaiti Hasan, FNA
13. Dr Biren Roy Memorial Lecture	No Award