

Minutes of the
Third Meeting of Executive Council (2019-21) of Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi

Date : Octo. 15, 2019 **Time :** 11.30 a.m. onwards **Agenda :** Annexure 1

Venue: Dr H.B. Singh Committee Room of the ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), New Delhi

Chair	Dr R.S. Paroda	President, ISPGR
Members	Dr Kuldeep Singh	Vice President (VP), ISPGR
	Dr R.C. Agrawal	Vice President (VP), ISPGR
	Dr Rakesh Singh	Joint Secretary (JS), ISPGR
	Dr Amit Kumar Singh	Councillor (NZ)
Member Secretary	Dr Anuradha Agrawal	General Secretary (GS), ISPGR

Agenda 1 & 2: Welcome and Introductory Remarks

- The General Secretary (GS), Dr Anuradha Agrawal, welcomed all the members of the EC and expressed her gratitude for their presence in the meeting. She informed that Dr Dinesh Kumar, Treasurer, and Dr P.W. Ramteke, Councillor (CZ) who had confirmed their participation in the EC meeting, were held up at the last moment and could not attend the meeting.
- Dr R.S. Paroda, President, also welcomed all the members and thanked them for their presence. He observed that the EC was meeting after a gap of more than six months, and efforts be made to hold the meeting once in 3-4 months to keep the momentum of work. He informed that during his recent visit to USA, he met Dr Kamal Bawa, a distinguished Professor of Biology at Department of Biology, University of Massachusetts, Boston, USA. Dr Bawa has consented to give the 2nd Dr D.S. Athwal Memorial Lecture during his visit to India in Jan 2020. Necessary follow-up action to be taken by Dr Kuldeep Singh, Director, NBPGR.

(Action : Dr Kuldeep Singh)

Agenda 3: Confirmation of the Minutes of last EC Meeting and Action Taken Report

- The minutes of the EC Meeting held on March 26, 2019 were unanimously confirmed.
- The GS presented the ATR report (*Annexure 2*).

Agenda 4: General Secretary's Report

- Dr Anuradha Agrawal presented the GS report (*Annexure 3*).
- The revised amount for the ISPGR awards (Dr H.B. Singh Award from Rs 1 to 1.5 lakhs and Dr R.S. Paroda Young Scientist Award from Rs 20,000 to 50,000) was ratified by the EC. Call for application of awards may be announced after approval of minutes.

(Action : General Secretary)

Agenda 5: Editor-in-Chief's Report

- Dr Sunil Archak presented the EIC's report (*Annexure 4*). He apprised the status of manuscripts and journal printing.
- The EC recommended a separate meeting be held to change some of the Editors. Further, action be initiated to increase the journal rating/impact by making it open – access or approaching a reputed Publishing House.

(Action : Editor-in-Chief)

Agenda 6: Treasurer's Report

- As Dr Dinesh Kumar could not attend the meeting, the Treasurer's Report was presented by the General Secretary, including the audited report for FY 2018-19. (*Annexure 5*).
- The EC expressed concern over increased expenditure versus incomes. Efforts be made to increase the membership (institutional and individual).
- The EC agreed that the matter of opening another bank account can be postponed.

(Action : Treasurer)

Agenda 7: Discussion concerning organization of National Symposium/Workshop in 2020

- It was decided that a core committee be formed for organizing the National Symposium and first circular be issued by Nov 15, 2019.

(Action : General Secretary and Editor-in-Chief)

- The President informed that Dr J.C. Rana, Nodal Officer, GEF Project, c/o Bioversity International, has expressed desire to conduct an event on ABS in Hyderabad in early 2020. Suitable action to be taken for its organization.

(Action President, General Secretary, Dr J.C. Rana and Dr Sarath Babu)

- A workshop on 'Conservation of PGR in the NER' to be planned during a suitable time in 2020 in Nagaland.

(Action : Dr Kuldeep Singh and Dr S.P. Ahlawat)

Agenda 8: Any other Item

- The General Secretary proposed that salary of the ISPGR staff (one full time and one part time Assistants) be increased w.e.f. October 2019. The increments given in the past are as follows:

Month	Year	Full time Assistant	Part-time Assistant
October	2014	7,500	2,500
October	2015	12,000	4,000
December	2017	16,000	5,000
October	2019	18,000	6,000

The EC agreed to the proposal. It was also suggested that in future yearly increment be given w.e.f. the first month of each FY.

(Action : General Secretary & Treasurer)

- Dr S.K. Singh, Councilor (NZ) suggested that a detailed score card be developed for assessment of ISPGR awards. The matter was discussed and it was concluded that the existing system and its scoring by expert committee be continued, and new score card at this stage is not required.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Chair and all EC members by Dr Rakesh Singh, JS.



Anuradha Agrawal
(General Secretary)



R.S. Paroda
(President)

Third Meeting of the ISPGR Executive Council (EC) (2019-2021)**Oct. 15, 2019 (11.30 a.m.)**

Dr H.B. Singh Committee Room, ICAR-NBPGR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi - 110 012

AGENDA

11.30 – 11.35 a.m.	Welcome Remarks	Anuradha Agrawal General Secretary, ISPGR
11.35 – 11.45 a.m.	Introductory Remarks by Chairman	R.S. Paroda President, ISPGR
11.45 – 11.50 a.m.	Confirmation of the Minutes of last EC Meeting held on March 26, 2019 and Action Taken Report	Anuradha Agrawal General Secretary, ISPGR
11.50 - 12.00 noon	Report of General Secretary	
12.00 - 12.10 p.m.	Report of Editor-in-Chief regarding progress of the journal	Sunil Archak Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR
12.10- 12.20 p.m.	Treasurer's report	Dinesh Kumar Treasurer, ISPGR
12.20 - 12.40 p.m.	Discussion concerning organization of National Symposium/Workshop in 2020	Kuldeep Singh Vice President, ISPGR
12.40-12.45 p.m.	Any other item, with the permission of Chair	
12.45 – 12.55 noon	Concluding remarks by Chair	R.S. Paroda President, ISPGR
12.55 – 1.00 p.m..	Vote of Thanks	Rakesh Singh Joint Secretary, ISPGR
1.00-2.00 p.m.	Lunch	

Action Taken Report of the Second EC (2019-12) Meeting Held on March 26, 2019

	Agenda	ATR
1.	Organization of ISPGR Awards Function (2018)	The ISPGR award function was organized on May 10, 2019;
2.	Review of budget to explore the possibility of increasing the award money of Dr H B Singh life time achievement award' and Dr R S Paroda Young Scientist award.	The current FD balance is ~Rs 54 lakhs, giving an average interest of Rs 3.5 lakhs per year. MAHYCO has donated Rs 1.00 lakh towards Dr BR Barwale Award for the ward given in 2019. If HB Singh Award is increased to Rs 1.50 lakhs, and Dr R.S. Paroda Award to Rs 50,000, total liability of awards per year on ISPGR would be Rs 2.4 lakh per annum. This can be met, provided FDs are not broken. Please see Table below.
3.	Measures to raise the impact and visibility of IJPGR	Format of journal revised. Talks on with Springer and Indian journal.com
4.	ISPGR should open another account in a private bank (e.g. HDFC) to avail better banking services	Taking into consideration recent bank mergers, no action had been initiated.
5.	Organization of a National Symposium (early 2020)	A meeting of Drs Kuldeep Singh, R.C. Agrawal and Anuradha Agrawal was held on July 20, 2019. Details to be presented under agenda item.
6.	Possibilities may also be explored to conduct a satellite symposium in NEH, in collaboration with institutes located in the region.	A workshop on 'Conservation of PGR in the NER' is proposed in Nagaland during Jan. 2020, under NEH subplan of NBPGR.
7.	Concept note on useful shrubs of Himalayas be attempted under the leadership Dr Kuldeep Singh and shared with Prof. P.K. Khosla, Vice-Chancellor, Shoolini University, who has offered to host a regional conference on his campus.	Concept note being prepared by Dr K.C. Bhatt, Principal Scientist, NBPGR, New Delhi and Dr Mohar Singh, OIC, NBPGR, RS, Shimla.

ISPGR Awards

<i>Name of Award</i>	<i>Source of Funding</i>	<i>Original amount (Rs)</i>	<i>Revised Amount (Rs) in 2017</i>	<i>Revised amount proposed in 2019</i>
Dr H.B. Singh Memorial Award	Mayhco (initial money Rs 50,000)	25,000	1,00,000	1,50,000
Dr B.R. Barwale Award	Originally ISPGR. In 2019, Mayhco has given Rs 1 lakh	50,000	1,00,000	1,00,000
Dr R.S. Paroda Young Scientist Award	Dr R.S. Paroda donated Rs 2 lakhs	10,000	20,000	50,000
Dr R.K. Arora Best Paper Award (in IJPGR)	Dr R.K. Arora donated Rs 25,000 (his award money for Dr H.B. Singh Award)	5,000	20,000	20,000
Dr K.L. Mehra Best Student Award	Mrs K.L. Mehra donated Rs 2 lakhs	10,000	20,000	20,000
TOTAL		1,00,000	2,60,000	3,40,000

Report of the General Secretary

ISPGR Award Function

- On May 10, 2019, the **ISPGR Award Function & 3rd Dr A.B. Joshi Memorial Lecture** was held at the Dr B.P.Pal Auditorium, ICAR-NBPGR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi.
- Dr T. Mohapatra**, Secretary DARE and DG, ICAR was the Chief Guest. The lecture was given by Prof. B.S. Dhillon, Vice Chancellor, PAU, Ludhiana and & Former President ISPG. Dr Dhillon was felicitated for receiving the Padma Shri (2019).
- The minute-to-minute program was as below.

2.00 – 2.05 p.m.	Welcome Remarks	Dr Kuldeep Singh Director, NBPGR & Vice President, ISPGR
2.05 – 2.15 p.m.	About ISPGR	Dr Anuradha Agrawal General Secretary, ISPGR
2.15 – 2.25 p.m.	Presidential Remarks and Introduction of Speaker	Dr R.S. Paroda President, ISPGR
2.25- 3.15 p.m.	3 rd Dr A.B. Joshi Memorial Lecture	Dr B.S. Dhillon VC, PAU, Ludhiana
3.15-3.45 p.m.	Felicitations of Dr B.S. Dhillon and Conferment of Awards i.) Dr H.B. Singh Memorial Award (2017-18) ii.) Dr B.R. Barwale Award for Excellence/Application in PGR (2018) iii.) Dr R.S. Paroda Young Scientist Award (2018) iv.) Dr R.K. Arora Best Paper Award (2018) v.) Dr K.L. Mehra Memorial Award for Best PGR Student (2019) vi.) Fellowship (2018)	
3.45 - 4.05 p.m.	Address by Chief Guest	Dr T. Mohapatra
4.05 - 4.15 p.m.	Vote of Thanks	Dr R.C. Agrawal Vice President, ISPGR
4.15 p.m.	Tea	

- Dr Dhillon delivered the 3rd Dr A.B. Joshi Memorial Lecture 2019, on “**Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Nutritional Security**”. The lecture and speakers profile were printed as a leaflet.
- During the Award function, five awards given and three Fellows were selected, as detailed here:.

	Name of the Award	Awardee(s)	Contribution
1.	Dr H.B. Singh Memorial	Dr Rishi Kumar Tyagi Coordinator (APCoAB)	For life time significant contributions (>35 years) in

	Award (2017-18)	Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI) 2 nd & 4 th Floor FAO Annex Building 202/1 Larn Luang Road, Promprab Sattrupai, Khlong Mahanak Bangkok 10100, Thailand	the area plant genetic resources (PGR) management
2.	Dr B.R. Barwale Award for Application/ Excellence in PGR (2018)	Dr Elangovan Maruthamuthu Principal Scientist ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-500 030, Telangana	For significant contribution in PGR application/excellence (up to 55 years)
3.	Dr R.S. Paroda Young Scientist Award (2018)	Dr Amit Kumar Singh Senior Scientist ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110 012	Young scientist (below 40 yrs)
4.	Dr R.K. Arora Best Paper Award (2018)	Drs Sukhjeet Kaur, S.S. Kang, Abhishek Sharma Salesh Kumar Jindal and M.S. Dhaliwal Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab	Best paper in Indian Journal of Plant Genetic Resources 2018, published by ISPGR
5.	Dr K.L. Mehra Memorial Award (2019)	Mr Laxmisha K.M. M.Sc. (PGR) Student ICAR-NBPGR, IARI PG School, New Delhi	Best MSc (PGR) student
6.	Fellows (2018)	Dr T.V.R.S Sharma Retired Principal Scientist H.No 1732, Road No 19/C, W-24, Lotus Colony Behind Mahendra Show Room Port Blair-744105, Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Dedicated work in PGR and ISPGR
7.		Dr B.C. Patra Principal Scientist ICAR-National Rice Research Institute Cuttack-753 006, Odisha	Dedicated work in PGR and ISPGR
8.		Dr Anil Kumar Singh Principal Scientist ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region Patana-800 014, Bihar	Dedicated work in PGR and ISPGR

- The video of the function is available on Youtube at <https://youtu.be/FcPKz1lfMtg> (ISPGR Award 2018)

ISPGR Accounts

- The accounts of the Society were audited by July 19, 2019 by the CA (M/S Daddo and Dadu) and returns filed August 5, 2019.

Symposium

- The proceedings and recommendations of the 'Satellite Symposium on Dryland Agrobiodiversity for Adaptation to Climate Change', organized by the ISPGR on Feb., 13, 2019, Jodhpur were submitted to Press in first week of Oct 2019. The final print is expected by first week of Nov., 2019.
- A meeting of Drs Kuldeep Singh, R.C. Agrawal and Anuradha Agrawal was held on July 20, 2019 for planning of a national symposium to be held in 2020, as summarized hereunder:

Title : National Symposium on 'Strategy for Plant Genetic Resources Management and Use in under Era of Climate Change'

Organizers (proposed) : ISPGR, ICAR, NBPGR

Co-Organizers (proposed) : NBA, PPVFRA, TAAS

Partners (proposed) : State Biodiversity Boards, ICFRE

Duration : May 14-16, 2020

Venue: NASC, New Delhi

Sessions (poster and Oral):

1. Climate change scenarios and impact on Indian agriculture
2. Revisiting the approaches for survey, collecting and conservation and biosecurity of PGR for climate change preparedness
3. New strategies for germplasm characterization, evaluation and utilization – Planning for the future
4. *In Situ* Management of PGR
5. Role of Farmers and Communities in on-Farm Conservation of PGR
6. PGR Science – Contributions by Students and Youth
7. Policies to facilitate access and exchange of PGR in view of shifts in climate zones globally

Report of the Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR



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Sunil Archak
Editor-in-Chief

15-10-2019

3rd EC Meeting of ISPGR: Report of the Editor-in-Chief

1. Manuscript current status (as on date)

i. Total no. of manuscripts being handled	94
ii. MS under review	36
iii. MS under editorial process	15
iv. MS sent back to authors for revision	15
v. MS Accepted	28
For Vol. 32(3) 2019 sent to press	15
For Vol. 33(1) 2020 accepted articles	13

2. Manuscripts handled by Editors (1-1-2019 to 10-10-2019)

	Editor	No. of MS
1.	Dr. Sunil Archak	22
2.	Dr. Anjula Pandey	00
3.	Dr. Celia Chalam	05
4.	Dr. K. Pradheep	04
5.	Dr. Kavita Gupta	03
6.	Dr. Lalit Arya	04
7.	Dr. Manjusha Verma	03
8.	Dr. Mukesh Rana	00
9.	Dr. N. Sivaraj	04
10.	Dr. Rakesh Singh	02
11.	Dr. Ruchira Pandey	03
12.	Dr. Sherry Jacob	07
13.	Dr. Vandana Tyagi	05
14.	Dr. Kamala Venkateswaran	00
15.	Dr. MC Yadav	01
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Advice sought from the EC:

New Editors (outside NBPGR within NARES; CG system; others)

3. Submission of the credentials and documents for NAAS scoring

Submitted on 9 Aug 2019; acknowledgment received on 7-10-2019


 (Sunil Archak)

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Report of the Treasurer

The status of ISPGR accounts (as on 15.10.2019) is as follows:

Category		As on March 31, 2019 (Rs)	As on Oct 15, 2019 (Rs)*
Cash and Bank Balance			
	Fixed Deposit	56,84,819.80	54,85,562.58
	Cash-in Hand	2,983.00	17,000.00
	Cash in Bank (saving account)	6,40,437.77	1,09,368.91
Incomes (membership, donation etc.)	FY 2018-19	16,51,322.65	3,09,362.64
Expenditure (journal, award function, secretarial expenses)	FY 2018-19	11,85,275.94	10,21,880.00

Expenditure Details (Rs)

ISPGR Office			2,06,719
	Office expenses (stationery etc.)	8941	
	Salary & honorarium	1,52,000	
	Postage	16,090	
	Refreshments for meetings	1,867	
	Travel (local)	1,271	
	CA services	26,550	
IJPGR			1,92,601
	Vol 32(1), 2019	91,854	
	Vol 32(2), 2019	99,747	
ISPGR awards			4,20,311
	ISPGR awardees prize money	2,50,000	
	Mementoes	13,283	
	Printing of circular etc.	21,404	
	Decorations, tent, bouquet and banners, photography, shawl	55,975	
	High tea and dinner	79,650	
BISA due amount return			2,02,249
Total			10,21,880

Income (Rs)

Donation + Bank interest + IJPGR colour printing	1,14,362
Membership (Institutional)	60,000
Membership (Life)	1,30,000
Membership (Annual)	5,000
TOTAL	3,09,362

Committed Expenditure (up to March 31, 2020)

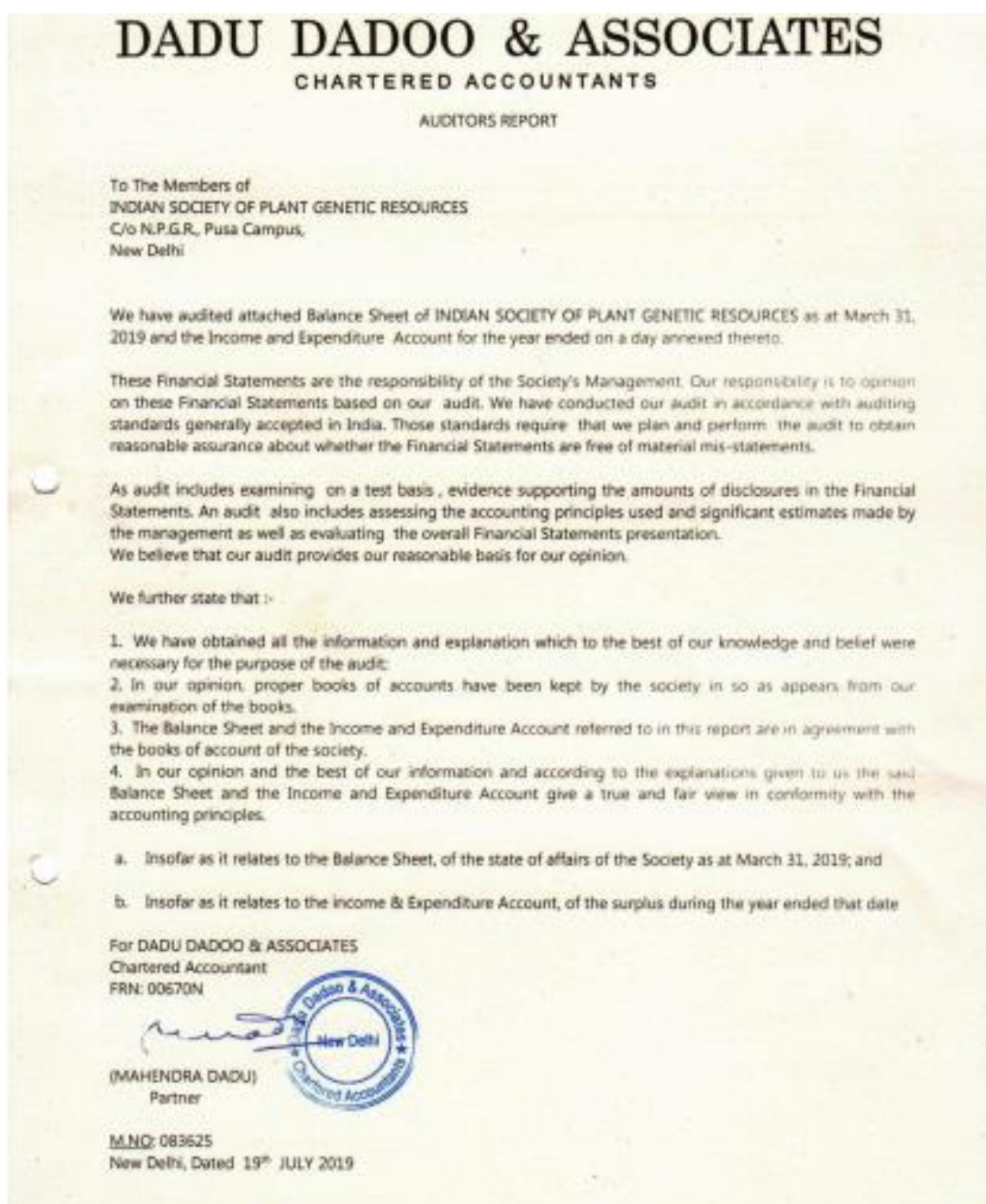
1. **Rs 85,000 printing of Jodhpur Proceedings**
2. **Rs 2.00 lakh** for journal publication [IJPGR, Vol. 32(3) and 33(1)]

Expected Income (up to March 31, 2020)

1. **~Rs 2.0 lakhs** from ICAR for IJPGR
2. **~ Rs 2.0 lakhs** from Library subscription of IJPGR

**Figures to be checked and finalized by CA at end of financial year*

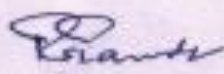
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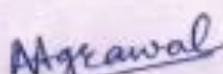


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C/O N.B.P.G.R., PUSA CAMPUS
NEW DELHI - 110012

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2019

	PARTICULAR	AMOUNTS
LIABILITIES		
A	GENERAL RESERVE	
	Balance brought forward	6,260,324.44
	Add: Surplus during the year	466,046.71
		6,726,371.15
B	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
	Auditor's Remuneration payable	26,550.00
		6,752,921.15
ASSETS		
A	FIXED ASSETS	
	Computer & Allied Accessories	1,163.40
	Less: Depreciation	465.36
		698.04
	HP Printer	35,400.00
	Less: Depreciation	5,175.00
		30,225.00
	Office Equipment	5,057.50
	Less: Depreciation	758.64
		4,298.86
	Office Furniture	330,946.75
	Less: Depreciation	33,094.26
		297,852.49
	Microwave & Freeze	20,600.00
	Less: Depreciation	3,090.00
		17,510.00
	Investment	
	Fixed Deposit	5,360,108.35
	Interest	324,711.45
		5,684,819.80
B	CURRENT ASSETS	
	TDS on FD (A.Y. 18-19)	38,016.95
	TDS on FD (A.Y. 19-20)	36,079.23
		74,096.18
C	CASH & BANK BALANCES	
	Cash in Hand	2,983.00
	Cash at Bank	640,437.77
		643,420.77
		6,752,921.14


(President)


(Secretary)


(Treasurer)

AUDITOR'S REPORT

"As per our separate report of even date attached"
for Dadu Dadoo & Associates
FRN: 006760N


(Mahendra Dadu)
Partner
M.No. 083625




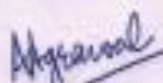
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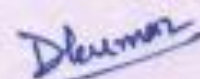
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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2019

	PARTICULAR	AMOUNTS
A	<u>INCOMES</u>	
	Donation	150,000.00
	Institutional Membership fees	290,000.00
	Life Membership Fees	124,000.00
	Annual Membership Fees	21,300.00
	Balance grant from ICAR /BISA towards IAC	373,187.21
	Interest(bank & FD)	379,941.44
	Sale of periodicals and books	312,894.00
	TOTAL	1,651,322.65
B	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
	Journal and Other Publication Expenses	334,340.27
	Award and Mementos	212,800.00
	Office Expenses	84,594.00
	Printing & Stationery	10,530.00
	Secretarial Expenses/ Honorarium	237,660.00
	Auditor Fees	26,550.00
	Professional Charges	180,000.00
	Postage and Stamps	56,218.00
	Depreciation	42,583.67
	TOTAL	1,185,275.94
C	SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) During the year	466,046.71


(President)

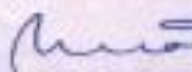

(Secretary)


(Treasurer)

AUDITOR'S REPORT

"As per our separate report of even date attached"
for Dadu Dadoo & Associates

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(Mahendra Dadu)

Partner

M.No. 083625



Date: 19th July 2019
Place: New Delhi