

*Minutes of the*

**Twelfth Meeting of Executive Council (2022-24) of Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi**

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**Date:** Jan 6, 2025

**Time:** 12.00 noon onwards

**Agenda:** Annexure 1

**Venue:** Hybrid mode- Committee Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan-2, Pusa Campus and Online (via Zoom)

<b>Chairman</b>	Dr R.S. Paroda	President
<b>EC Members (2022-24)</b>	Dr R.K. Tyagi	Vice President & Editor-In-Chief
	DR R.C. Agrawal	Vice President
	Dr Anuradha Agrawal	General Secretary
	Dr Monika Singh*	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Surendra Barpete*	Councillor (CZ)
	Dr N. Sivaraj*	Councillor (SZ)
	Dr Anil Patidar*	Councillor (WZ)
<b>EC Members (2025-27)</b>	Dr R.S. Paroda	President
	Dr R.K. Tyagi	Vice President
	Dr R.C. Agrawal	Vice President
	Dr Anuradha Agrawal	General Secretary
	Dr Sherry Rachel Jacob*	Joint Secretary
	Dr N. Sivaraj*	Councillor (SZ)
	Dr Rohini M.*	Councillor (SZ)
	Dr Vaidurya Pratap Sahi	Councillor (CZ)
	Dr Vidya Sagar*	Councillor (CZ)
	Dr Amit Kumar*	Councillor (EZ)
	Dr Somnath Roy*	Councillor (EZ)
<b>Special Invitees</b>	Dr Dinesh Kumar	Chairperson, Election Committee
	Dr Pratibha Brahmi	Member, Election Committee
	Dr S. Gopal Krishnan	Member, Election Committee

\*attended online

**Agenda 1: Welcome remarks**

- Dr Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary (GS), extended formal welcome everyone to the meeting to the new and outgoing members of the Executive Council (EC), as well as The Chairman and Members of the Election Committee. She informed that Director, NBPGR, Drs J.C. Rana, Kuldeep Tripathi, Rose Mary Francies, V.K. Verma, Mohan Lal, S. Tewari, S.K. Bera, Kartar Singh, Pawan Kumar Malav had expressed their inability

to attend the meeting due to prior commitments. She informed that the meeting's agenda included the taking over of charge from the outgoing to the new EC and the discussion of planned events for the year 2025 (*Annexure 1*).

## **Agenda 2: Chairmans' Remarks**

- Dr R.S. Paroda, President, ISPGR extended a warm welcome to all the new EC members, including Dr R.C. Agrawal, DDG (Agriculture Education), ICAR, as the new Vice President. He also thanked the outgoing EC members for their valuable contributions. Dr Anuradha Agrawal, was also thanked for her dedicated service as General Secretary. He also thanked Dr R.K. Tyagi for his contributions as Vice-President as well as Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR.
- Further, Dr Paroda thanked Dr Dinesh Kumar and the election committee members Dr Pratibha Brahma and Dr S. Gopala Krishnan, for conducting the elections in a transparent manner.
- Dr Paroda expressed his personal satisfaction on the progress made by ISPGR in the past three years, particularly in promoting agro-biodiversity and genetic resources management. He highlighted the success of the International Congress on Agrobiodiversity, which has now become a rolling event
- Dr Paroda also highlighted the need for continuous updating of the Societies online database of members and the potential for increased visibility and impact through important events and international collaboration. He encouraged the new EC members to build on the successes of the past and to think creatively about how to make a difference.
- He also mentioned about the upcoming 3rd International Congress on Agrobiodiversity in China (April 22-25, 2025) and desired to widely circulate relevant information to the members. He also suggested that we may consider supporting some senior scientists to participate in the event if their papers are accepted for oral presentation.
- President ISPGR informed that Dr R.K. Tyagi will continue as the Editor-in-Chief of the society's journal, with Dr. Sherry Rachel Jacob possibly assisting him as an associate editor. Action for hiring of an editorial assistant may also be initiated. Improving the journal's impact factor and fostering collaborations with other societies will be desirable.
- Thereafter, all the newly elected EC zonal members (Drs Sahi, Amit Kumar, Somnath Roy, and Rohini) introduced themselves and expressed their willingness to serve the society. The outgoing members (Drs Anil Patidar, Monica Singh, and Surendra Barpete) shared their experiences and expressed willingness to effectively contribute to the society's programs in the future.

## **Agenda 3: Update on ISPGR Election Result and handing over of documents related to elections**

- Dr Dinesh Kumar, Election Officer, presented a brief overview of the election process and handed over the results of the ISPGR elections to Dr R.S. Paroda, President, ISPGR for record purpose (*Annexure 4*).
- All the EC members placed on record their appreciation for the efforts of election committee (Dr Dinesh Kumar, Election Officer; Dr Pratibha Brahmi and Dr S. Gopala Krishnan, Members) in smooth conduct of elections 2024. After this, the election committee members were presented with a memento and certificate of appreciation by the President.

#### **Agenda 4: Ratification of ISPGR Election Results by EC**

- The EC unanimously ratified the election results.

#### **Agenda 5: Handing over of charge by outgoing to new EC members**

- Charge was handed over by outgoing to new EC members. All outgoing EC members expressed their satisfaction on the functioning of the Society under the leadership of Dr R.S. Paroda. New incumbents of EC assured their full support for the activities of society.

#### **Agenda 6: Report by GS on planned events for 2025**

- Dr Anuradha Agrawal informed that ISPGR would be co-organizing the 'National Symposium on Hybrid Technology for Enhancing Crop Productivity', scheduled for January 8-10 in New Delhi at NASC, New Delhi. An amount of Rs 3.00 lakhs would be provided to the organizers (TAAS, New Delhi), as already approved earlier by the EC. She encouraged participation, especially for the inaugural session and special evening lectures.

*(Action: General Secretary and Treasurer)*

- The 3rd International Agro Biodiversity Congress, set for April 22-25 in Kunming, China, was discussed and the possibility of participation by some senior EC/ISPGR staff was considered. If agreed by organizers, ISPGR may hold a side event, in possible collaboration with the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPVFRA), Govt of India, on 'Role of farmer conservers and gene savors for sustainable conservation and use of agrobiodiversity'. The event would be in a form of a panel discussion with representatives from farming community, genebank representatives, industry and policy makers. As an outcome, it is expected that a roadmap be developed to recognize, support, and integrate the efforts of grassroot farmers into national and global conservation frameworks.

*(Action: President and General Secretary)*

- Further, it was proposed that a National Symposium be organized in Southern India either in November of this year or February of next year, in consultation with Institute Directors in Hyderabad and Bangalore.

*(Action: General Secretary, Councillors South Zone)*

- Dr Somnath Roy suggested that a meeting may be held in Hazaribagh in October or November. Dr Sahi also proposed a workshop or meeting in Prayagraj. President asked them to submit concept notes at the earliest.

*(Dr Somnath Roy and Dr V.P. Sahi)*

- It was decided that the ISPGR awards for 2024 may be announced after incorporating minor changes suggested in the guidelines by the previous the last award committee.

*(Action: General Secretary)*

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all EC members by the Dr Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary.



**Anuradha Agrawal**  
(General Secretary)



**R.S. Paroda**  
(President)

Date : Feb. 4, 2025  
New Delhi

## 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ISPGR Executive Council (EC) (2022-2024)

January 6, 2025 (12.00 noon onwards)

(Hybrid meeting)

### AGENDA

12.00 – 12.05 p.m.	Welcome remarks	<b>Anuradha Agrawal</b> General Secretary, ISPGR
12.05- 12.15 p.m.	Chairman's Remarks	<b>R.S. Paroda</b> President, ISPGR
12.15- 12.18 p.m.	Update on ISPGR Election Result and handing over of documents related to elections	<b>Dinesh Kumar</b> Election Officer, ISPGR
	Ratification of ISPGR Election Results by EC	<b>President and EC Members (2022-24) of ISPGR</b>
12.18-12.20 p.m.	Handing over charge by old to new EC members	
12.20-12.25p.m.	Discussion of planned events for 2025	<b>Anuradha Agrawal</b> General Secretary, ISPGR
12.55- 1.00 p.m.	Vote of Thanks	
1.00 p.m.	Lunch	

### Summary Report by Election Committee (2024)

- The Election Committee was nominated by ISPGR EC to conduct the 2024 elections of ISPGR EC (2025-27). The ISPGR elections to be held through e-ballot mode, as approved by the GB of ISPGR.
- Election schedule prepared as per Rules and Guidelines were announced as following:

Notification of Election (by email):	By 04 December 2024, Wednesday
Last date of receiving nomination:	19 December 2024 (5.30 PM) Thursday
Last date of withdrawal of nomination:	31 December 2024 (5.30 PM) Tuesday
Display of final list of contestants:	02 January 2025 (5.30 PM) Thursday
Dispatch of e-ballot link/ballots:	Latest by 17 January 2025 (5.30 PM) Friday
Last date of receipt of e-ballots/ballots:	10 February 2025 (5.30 PM) Monday
Counting of votes and notification of results:	12 February 2025 Wednesday

- The elections were held for the following 16 posts:

Post	No of Posts (Zones)
President	One
Vice-President	Two
General Secretary	One (from Delhi)
Joint Secretary	One (from Delhi)
Treasurer	One (from Delhi)
Councillor (North Zone)	Two (from Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana, Delhi)
Councillor (East Zone)	Two (from West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, Sikkim Orissa, North Eastern States)
Councillor (West Zone)	Two (from Rajasthan, Gujarat)
Councillor (Central Zone)	Two (from Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Goa)
Councillor (South Zone)	Two (from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Pondicherry, A&N islands, Lakshadweep Islands)

- Total nominations received = 21
- No nomination received for 1 post of Councillor (WZ).
- After last date of withdrawal of nominations, candidates for the posts of President, Vice Presidents, General Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer and Councillors elected unopposed (see Annexure 3).
- Final results of elections are provided in Annexure 4.
- The committee extends thanks to the ISPGR President and EC for reposing faith in them to conduct the ISPGR elections, and the ISPGR Secretariat (especially Mr Sunil Bhardwaj and Mr Arup Das) for their immense support.

**Dr Pratibha Brahmi**  
Member, Election Committee

**Dr S. Gopala Krishnan**  
Member, Election Committee

**Dr Dinesh Kumar**  
Election Officer

Dated: 02/01/2025

**Elections of Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (2025-2027)****Final list of candidates for various positions in Executive Council of ISPGR (2025-2027)****President**

Name of the candidate	Affiliation / address	Email
Dr R.S. Paroda	Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) Avenue II, IARI, Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012	raj.paroda@gmail.com

**Vice-President**

Name of the candidate	Affiliation / address	Email
Dr R.C. Agrawal	Room # 208, Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan-II, Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012	ddgedu@gmail.com
Dr R.K. Tyagi	B-2G, Vijeta Vihar, Sector 13, Rohini, Delhi-110085	rishi.tyagi1959@gmail.com

**General Secretary**

Name of the candidate	Affiliation / address	Email
Dr Anuradha Agrawal	Room No# 510 Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan 1, Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012	anuagrwal1@yahoo.co.in

**Joint Secretary**

Name of the candidate	Affiliation / address	Email
Dr Sherry Rachel Jacob	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi-110012	sherryrachel@yahoo.co.in

**Treasurer**

Name of the candidate	Affiliation / address	Email
Dr Kuldeep Tripathi	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi-110012	Kdtripathi89@gmail.com

**Zonal Councillor (North Zone)**

Name of the candidate	Affiliation / address	Email
Dr Pavan Kumar Malav	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi-110012	Pavan.malav@icar.gov.in pavanmalav1988@gmail.com

**Zonal Councillor (South Zone)**

Name of the candidate	Affiliation / address	Email
Dr Rohini M.R.	ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru	Rohini.R@icar.gov.in rohu20@gmail.com
Dr N. Sivaraj	3A SS Enclave 12-2-790/151 Ayodhya Nagar, Mehdiapatnam, Hyderabad, Telangana	sivarajn@gmail.com

**Zonal Councillor (Central Zone)**

Name of the candidate	Affiliation / address	Email
Dr Vaidurya Pratap Sahi	Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh	vpsahi@shiats.edu.in
Dr Vidya Sagar	ICAR-IIVR, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	vidya.sagarkaushal@gmail.com

**Zonal Councillor (East Zone)**

Name of the candidate	Affiliation / address	Email
Dr Amit Kumar	ICAR-RC for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya	amit4118@gmail.com
Dr Somnath Roy	CRURRS, ICAR-NRRI, Hazaribag, Jharkhand	Somnath.Roy@icar.gov.in sroypr@gmail.com

**Zonal Councillor (West Zone)**

Name of the candidate	Affiliation / address	Email
Dr Kartar Singh	ICAR-NRCSS, Ajmer, Rajasthan	Kartar1532@gmail.com

## Summary Report by Election Committee

**ISPGR Election Result for Executive Council (2025-2027)  
of Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR), New Delhi**

Dated: 03/01/2025

**NOTICE**

On the basis of nominations received for the election of Executive Council (2025-2027) of the Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR), New Delhi and withdrawal by the candidates thereafter, the following nominees are declared elected unopposed for the Executive Council of ISPGR for the period, 2025-2027:

Positions	Nominee(s) elected
President	<b>Dr R.S. Paroda</b> Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) Avenue II, IARI, Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012
Vice-President	<b>1. Dr R.C. Agrawal</b> Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan-II Pusa Campus, New Delh-110012 <b>2. Dr R.K. Tyagi</b> B-2G, Vijeta Vihar, Sector 13 Rohini, Delhi-110085
General Secretary	<b>Dr Anuradha Agrawal</b> Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan-I Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012
Joint Secretary	<b>Dr Sherry Rachel Jacob</b> ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi-110012
Treasurer	<b>Dr Kuldeep Tripathi</b> ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi-110012
Councillors (North Zone)	<b>Dr Pavan Kumar Malav</b> ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi-110012
Councillors (South Zone)	<b>1. Dr Rohini M.R.</b> ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru, Karnataka <b>2. Dr N. Sivaraj</b> 3A SS Enclave 12-2-790/151 Ayodhya Nagar Mehdipatnam, Hyderabad, Telangana
Councillors (Central Zone)	<b>1. Dr Vaidurya Pratap Sahi</b> Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh <b>2. Dr Vidya Sagar</b> ICAR-IIVR, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
Councillors (East Zone)	<b>1. Dr Amit Kumar</b> ICAR-RC for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya <b>2. Dr Somnath Roy</b> CRURRS, ICAR-NRRI, Hazaribag, Jharkhand
Councillors (West Zone)	<b>Dr Kartar Singh</b> ICAR-NRCS, Ajmer, Rajasthan

*Pratibha*  
3/1/25  
(Pratibha Brahmi)  
Member, Election Committee

*S. Gopala Krishnan*  
23/01/25  
(S. Gopala Krishnan)  
Member, Election Committee

*Dinesh*  
03/01/2025  
(Dinesh Kumar)  
Election Officer