

*Minutes of the*

**Second Meeting of Executive Council (2025-27) of Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources,  
New Delhi**

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**Date:** July 18, 2025

**Time:** 04.00 PM onwards

**Agenda:** *Annexure*

**Venue:** Online (via Zoom)

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<b>Chairman</b>	Dr R.S. Paroda	President
<b>EC Members</b>	Dr R.K. Tyagi	Vice President
	Dr R.C. Agrawal	Vice President
	Dr Anuradha Agrawal	General Secretary
	Dr Sherry Rachel Jacob	Joint Secretary
	Dr Kuldeep Tripathi	Treasurer
	Dr Pavan Kumar Malav*	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Sandeep Kumar*	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Vaidurya Pratap Sahi*	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr N. Sivaraj*	Councillor (SZ)
	Dr Rohini M.*	Councillor (SZ)
	Dr Amit Kumar*	Councillor (EZ)

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*\*Attended online*

**Agenda 1: Welcome Remarks**

- Dr Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary (GS), welcomed the Chairman, EC members, to the second meeting of the Executive Council (2025-27) and informed about the reasons for inability of absentee EC members. The agenda for the meeting was then introduced (*Annexure I*).

**Agenda 2: Introductory Remarks by Chairman**

- Dr R.S. Paroda, President, appreciated the continued commitment of the EC members and emphasized the importance of timely follow-up actions. He highlighted the upcoming scientific events of the Society and stressed that preparations must be expedited for effective visibility of ISPGR. Dr Paroda also mentioned the active participation of ISPGR in the 3rd International Agrobiodiversity Congress (IAC), Yunnan, China (May 20–22, 2025), where ISPGR successfully organized a side event on ‘*Sustainability Challenges and Options for Farmer-led Initiatives on Community Genebanks*’. He emphasized that the first IAC, initiated by ISPGR in 2016 at New Delhi, has created a global momentum, and the continued conduct of IAC by different partners reflects the long-lasting impact of ISPGR’s pioneering efforts in this area. He appreciated the role played by the entire Indian contingent during the event.

**Agenda 3: Confirmation of the Minutes of First EC (2025–27) Meeting and Action Taken Report**

- The Minutes of the First EC Meeting held on March 28, 2025, were placed before the EC by the GS. The Committee unanimously confirmed the Minutes.

- The Action Taken Report (ATR) on decisions of the first meeting was presented by the GS and duly approved (*Annexure II*).
- The General Secretary also presented her Report (*Annexure III*), outlining the 3<sup>rd</sup> IAC participation, publishing of proceedings of UMIAM and Kunming, and the shifting of the ISPGR office. The report was approved by the EC.

#### **Agenda 4: Editor-in-Chief's Report**

- Dr R.K. Tyagi, Editor-in-Chief, presented updates on manuscript submissions, review status, and publishing timelines of IJPGR issues scheduled for 2025 (*Annexure IV*).
- The EC appreciated the efforts and approved the report.
- Dr Tyagi informed that Ms Deepshikha Dixit has joined as a part-time Editorial Assistant, in place of Mr Arup Das.
- It was decided that follow-up with the publisher (MRI) may be expedited to strengthen the online submission and publication system.

*(Action: Editor-in-Chief and GS).*

#### **Agenda 5: Treasurer's Report**

- Dr Kuldeep Tripathi, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report, detailing the income, expenditure, and current financial position of the Society (*Annexure V*). The EC expressed satisfaction with the financial management and approved the report.
- The draft Audit Report of ISPGR and NCMAN was presented to the EC (*Annexure VIa,b*). President, ISPGR, suggested that final signed report be placed in the next EC meeting.

*(Action: Treasurer)*

- Also suitable action be taken for filing of Income Tax returns. Possibility be explored for taking CSR funds in ISPGR by consulting with Chartered Accountant.

*(Action: Treasurer and GS)*

- The President advised timely action for obtaining ICAR grants for IJPGR (2025–26) as well as the forthcoming symposium.

*(Action: Treasurer and GS)*

#### **Agenda 6 (a): Nomination of vacant position of Councillor (West Zone)**

- Though Dr Vinay Bhardwaj, Director, ICAR- National Research Centre on Seed Spices, Ajmer was proposed to be Councillor (WZ) in the earlier meeting, it could not be approved since he was not a member of the society during the required cut-off date.

- It was suggested to explore any other suitable senior member from the WZ for the position and place the proposal in the next EC meeting.

*(Action: GS and Vice President)*

#### **Agenda 6 (b): National Symposium on PGR of Western Ghats**

- The EC reviewed progress on preparations for the proposed ‘National Symposium on Harnessing PGR of the Western Ghats: From Biodiversity Hotspot to Sustainable Bioresource Hub (NSWG)’ to be held in December 2025. The concept note was presented to the EC (*Annexure VII*). The EC finalized Dec. 12-13, 2025, as the dates for the proposed National Symposium and reviewed the ongoing preparations.
- Dr Rohini M., Councillor (SZ), informed about initial discussions with ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru, for hosting the event, and assured to provide a detailed status note shortly.
- Dr Sherry Rachel Jacob, Joint Secretary, will be contact point for the Society, and will coordinate and finalize theme areas, in consultation with President, Vice Presidents and GS. Dr Sherry Rachel Jacob and Dr Rohini M.R. identified as Organizing and Co-organizing Secretaries from ISPGR for the symposium.
- The EC finalized the membership of the Core Organizing Committee and the Technical Program Committee.
- President suggested that suitable and quick action be taken for finalizing the concept note, first circular and draft programme. Letters to patrons, advisory members etc. be sent timely.

*(Action: Dr Rohini M. & Dr Sherry R. Jacob)*

#### **Agenda 6 (c): National seminar on ‘Germplasm Conservation, Management and its Utilization in Vindhyas’**

- Dr. Vaidurya Pratap Sahi, EC (CZ), in a letter addressed to President, ISPGR proposed for organizing one-day brainstorming workshop on “Germplasm Conservation, Management and its Utilization in Vindhyas”, aimed at raising awareness for our ongoing initiatives in this critical area (*Annexure VIIa*). Vindhya region which includes southern districts of eastern Uttar Pradesh like Prayagraj, Mirzapur, Sonbhadra etc is rich in agricultural biodiversity, A tentative program was also presented (*Annexure VIIb*).
- After detailed deliberations, President suggested while the proposal was interesting, the focus of the meeting may be reviewed again, especially in terms of in situ conservation of quite rich rice diversity in the region. He suggested that a fresh proposal be made as further discussed.

*(Action: Vaidurya Pratap Sahi, Councillor, CZ)*

#### **Agenda 7: Remarks by Vice Presidents**

- Dr R.C. Agrawal appreciated the initiatives of the ISPGR and offered full support in the organization of the forthcoming symposium at Bengaluru.

- Dr R.K. Tyagi suggested that there was need to expedite the preparations for the symposium and agreed to draw the first draft for technical program. He also appreciated the role played by ISPGR in the 3<sup>rd</sup> IAC held in Kunming, China.

#### **Agenda 8: Remarks by President**

- Dr R.S. Paroda urged all members to maintain momentum on society activities, including the preparedness for Western Ghats symposium. He appreciated the efforts made in bringing out all the publications, especially the proceedings and recommendations of Umiam conference and Side event at IAC.

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 : August 26, 2025  
New Delhi

**2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ISPGR Executive Council (2025-2027)**  
**July 18, 2025 (4.00 p.m. onwards)**

(Online meeting)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 345 286 1561

Passcode: 005926

## AGENDA

04.00 – 04.05 a.m.	Welcome	<b>Anuradha Agrawal</b> General Secretary, ISPGR
04.05 – 04.10 a.m.	Introductory Remarks by Chairman	<b>R.S. Paroda</b> President, ISPGR
04.10 – 04.25 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmation of the Minutes of Ist EC (2025-27) meeting held on March 28, 2025</li> <li>Action Taken Report</li> <li>General Secretary's Report</li> </ul>	<b>Anuradha Agrawal</b> General Secretary, ISPGR
04.25 - 04.35 a.m.	Editor-in-Chief's Report	<b>R.K. Tyagi</b> Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR
04.35 - 04.45 a.m.	Treasurer's report	<b>Kuldeep Tripathi</b> Treasurer, ISPGR
04.45 – 04.55 p.m.	Discussion on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nomination of vacant positions of Councillor (West Zone)</li> <li>National Symposium on PGR of Western Ghats</li> </ul>	
04.55 - 05.00 p.m.	Remarks by Director, ICAR-NBPGR	<b>G.P. Singh</b> <i>Ex Officio</i> Member, ISPGR
05.00- 05.10 p.m.	Remarks by Vice Presidents	<b>R.C. Agrawal</b> Vice-President, ISPGR <b>R.K. Tyagi</b> Vice-President, ISPGR
05.10 – 05.15 p.m.	Remarks by President	<b>R.S. Paroda</b> President, ISPGR
05.15– 5.20 p.m.	Vote of Thanks	<b>Sherry Rachel Jacob</b> Joint Secretary, ISPGR

### Action Taken Report of the 1<sup>st</sup> EC Meeting held on March 28, 2025

	Recommendation	Action Taken
1.	<p>Dr Tyagi informed that he had identified a candidate (Ms Deepshikha Dixit) for hiring as a part-time dedicated Editorial Assistant, in place of Mr Arup Das who may be relieved from his duties in ISPGR, after giving a one-month notice. The EC approved the proposal.</p> <p><i>(Action : General Secretary)</i></p>	Ms Dixit joined for editorial assistance and Mr Arup Das relieved from duty.
2.	<p>President suggested that suitable and timely action be taken for getting ICAR grant for IJPGR for the year 2025-26.</p> <p><i>(Action : General Secretary and Treasurer)</i></p>	The proforma has been filled. After finalization of Audit report it shall be submitted to ICAR
3.	<p>Based on a request received through email, it was decided that Dr Sandeep Kumar, Principal Scientist, Division of Germplasm Evaluation, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi may be nominated as Councilor (North Zone). Dr Vinay Bhardwaj, Director, ICAR-National Research Centre on Seed Spices, Ajmer was proposed by Dr Anuradha Agrawal for the post of Councilor (West Zone). Both the nominations were unanimously approved by the EC members present. Formal letter may be sent to the nominees and both Dr Sandeep Kumar and Dr Vinay Bhardwaj be informed accordingly.</p> <p><i>(Action : General Secretary)</i></p>	<p>Dr Sandeep Kumar has joined as Councillor (NZ).</p> <p>Since Dr Vinay Bhardwaj was not member of ISPGR on the required date, he was not given the offer. Alternate name to be approved in the 2<sup>nd</sup> EC.</p>
4.	<p>It was decided that the ISPGR Award announcement for 2025 be done immediately. The recommendation by the Award Committee of previous year, to limit the application document to a maximum of 20 printed pages, was duly considered and formally approved by the EC.</p> <p><i>(Action : General Secretary)</i></p>	Awards were announced and closing date was June 30, 2025.



# Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources

## Meeting of the Executive Council (2025-2027)

EC Meeting # 2

Date: July 18, 2025

### Report of General Secretary, ISPGR

- Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> EC meeting were circulated on April 10, 2025. No comments were received and minutes placed in 2<sup>nd</sup> EC for approval.
- A large contingent (13) from India participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Agrobiodiversity Congress held in Kunming, China during May 20-22, 2025. These comprised ISPGR EC Members (Drs R. S. Paroda, R.K. Tyagi, Anuradha Agrawal and Kuldeep Tripathi) and Members (Drs Kuldeep Singh, J.C. Rana, Sanjeev Singh, Mahesh Rao, Vetriventhan Mani, Padma Gore). The congress comprised 6 technical sessions, with 10 keynote lectures, 31 oral presentations, 6 panel discussions. A poster session of 200 posters was also held, besides 17 side events and an exhibition with 16 stalls. In all 1000 participants from 58 countries participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> IAC. Dr R.S. Paroda, President, spoke during the inaugural session of the Congress on the 'Road from Delhi-Rome-Kunming'. Dr Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary, participated in the thematic session on 'Agrobiodiversity for Healthy Diets from Global Perspectives' as a Panel Discussant. DR Kuldeep Tripathi, Treasurer, made a presentation on 'The Stress Tolerant Orphan Legumes (STOL) Consortium: Efforts towards mainstreaming orphan legumes in India and Africa'.
- A Side Event (S14, T6) titled "Sustainability Challenges and Solutions for Farmer-led Initiatives on Community Genebanks" was organized during the 3<sup>rd</sup> IAC on 21 May 2025 in Kunming, Yunnan, China. The session was co-hosted by the ISPGR, New Delhi; Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, India Office, New Delhi; M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Chennai, and Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), New Delhi. Deliberations were held on the growing sustainability challenges faced by community genebanks and explored innovative, farmer-centric solutions that support their long-term sustainability. The session brought together about 40 policymakers, scientists, practitioners, students and farmer representatives for knowledge exchange and collaboration. The proceedings and recommendations have been published and soft copy is placed on the ISPGR website.

- The 'Umiam Declaration on Managing Agrobiodiversity in North-Eastern India' adopted in the 'National Conference on Managing Agrobiodiversity in North-Eastern India (NCMAN)- From Biodiversity to Bio-wealth', held during Oct. 23-25, 2024, have been published and also placed in the ISPGR website.
- The last date of receiving applications of ISPGR awards was extended up to June 30, 2025. A total of 49 applications were received for the five ISPGR award categories. These are being processed for screening by the selection committee.
- Since Jan 2024, action was initiated to request ICAR space for ISPGR office in NASC Office Block A (earlier occupied by PPVFRA). After concerted efforts, two rooms (26 and 18) have been allotted (*Annexures III a and b*).
- After repair and renovation of the rooms, ISPGR offices have shifted to the new premise in August 2025. The new address of the ISPGR is as follows:

Office Block A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, National Agricultural Science Centre (NASC) Complex, Pusa Campus, Dev Prakash Shastri Marg, New Delhi-110012.



(Anuradha Agrawal)  
General Secretary





**Indian Council of Agricultural Research**

**Estate & Maintenance Section**

**NASC Complex, D.P. Shastri Marg, Pusa, New Delhi-110 012**

F.No.GAC-5-13/2024-E&M/E-324005

Dated the 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2024

**To**

Dr. Anuradha Agrawal,  
General Secretary,  
Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources,  
C/o ICAR-NBPGR, Pusa Campus,  
New Delhi-110012.

**Subject: Allotment of Space to ISPGR in NASC Complex - reg.**

**Madam/Sir,**

With reference to the above, the Competent Authority of the Council is pleased to provisionally allot Room No. 26 to the Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR) on 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Block-A (Above E&M Office), NASC Complex, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR) shall enter into a detailed Lease Deed Agreement with ICAR for above arrangement on a Non-Judicial Stamp of Rs.100/-.
2. Common Service Charge, One time construction cost, Lease rent, License Fee, Electricity bill, etc. shall be fully borne by the Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR) for the total space being allotted to the Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources, with no exemption/exception.
3. The space shall not be used for any other purpose other than the purpose for which request have been submitted.
4. ICAR reserves the right to withdraw the allotment/permission at any point of time, without assigning any reason thereof.
5. The Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR) shall keep indemnified ICAR against any misuse of the allotted space/violation of any statutory/Legal provisions for which the Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources shall be solely responsible.

The Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR) should submit its acceptance report within 7 days of the issue of this allotment letter, for further necessary action at this end.

Yours faithfully,

(Ashit Kumar)

**Section Officer (E&M)**

**Copy to:**

1. PPS to Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for kind information
2. PPS to Secretary, ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for kind information
3. OIC (Works), ICAR, KAB-I, Pusa, New Delhi
4. Caretaker, NASC Complex for further n/a please.
5. Office Copy/Guard File



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Indian Council of Agricultural Research

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NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi-110012

F.No.GAC-5-13/2024-E&M  
(Computer No: 324005)

Dated the 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2025

To,

Dr. Anuradha Agrawal,  
General Secretary,  
Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR)  
C/o ICAR-NBPCR Pusa Campus,  
New Delhi-110012

**Subject: Allotment of additional Office Space at A-Block, NASC Complex-regarding.**

Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Council's letter of even number dated 09.08.2024 (copy enclosed), vide which Room No. 26 at A-Block, NASC Complex was allotted to the Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources. In continuation of the above, **the Competent Authority has now approved the additional allotment of Room No. 18 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Block-A** which was earlier allotted to IRRI, subject to the following terms and condition:

- The ISPGR shall enter into a Rent/Lease Deed Agreement with ICAR for above arrangement on a Non-Judicial Stamp of Rs.100/-.
- Common Service Charge, Lease rent, License Fee, Electricity bill, etc. shall be fully borne by the ISPGR for the total space being allotted to the Society.
- The space shall not be used for any other purpose other than the case for which request have been submitted. The premises shall not be sublet, shared, or transferred to any third party without prior approval of the Competent Authority
- ICAR reserves the right to withdraw the allotment/permission at any point of time, without assigning any reason thereof.
- The Society shall keep indemnified ICAR against any misuse of the allotted space/violation of any statutory/Legal provisions for which the ISPGR shall be solely responsible.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Bhupendra Kumar Arya)  
Section Officer (E&M)

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3. Director (GAC)/US(E&M), NASC Complex, New Delhi
4. Director (Works), ICAR, KAB-I, Pusa, New Delhi
5. Caretaker, NASC Complex
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# Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources

## Meeting of the Executive Council (2025-2027)

EC Meeting # 2

Date: July 18, 2025

### Editor-in-Chief's Report, IJGR

#### Manuscript Current Status (Online Processing)

- Total Manuscripts = 56
- No. of MS Under Submission = 19
- No. of MS Under Review/Revision = 32
- No. of MS under editorial process = 4
- Online First= 2
- Decline rate = 50% (15 out of 30)
- Days to first Editorial Decision =59

Category	Number
All Users	556
Section Editors	30
Authors	237
Reviewers	496
Readers	100
Journal Manager	04
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,423</b>

#### Users of IJGR Online Platform

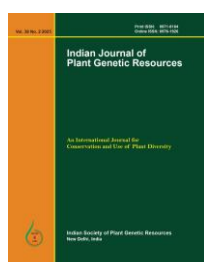
#### Review Articles

- 03 foreign authors/experts contacted for Review Articles on PGR; Australia, Malaysia, Bolivia accepted request
- Published: 01 from Colombia (IJGR 38(2) 2025)
- Under Copyediting: 02 from Australia and Bolivia
- Special Issue on Hybrid Technology (NSHT): 35 Authors requested for articles; Only 4 Review Articles received so far which are under review
- Special Issue on North-East Genetic Resources: 14 Authors requested for articles; Only 02 articles received

Category	Number
Submission	30
Accepted	13
Declined	15
Published in Journal	18
Published Online	02

#### Platform status from March 18 - July 17, 2025

#### Journal publication status



- Second issue of IJGR Vol 38 (2) 2025 published in first week of July 2025 (was due in last week of August 2025).
- Second issue of IJGR Vol 38 (3) 2025 is due by December 2025.
- Six articles (2 Review + 4 Research) accepted for IJGR Vol 38 (3) 2025; targeted to be published by end of October 2025 (due in August 2025)

## Changes in Editorial Board

New Editors w.e.f. April 2025	Editors up to April 2025
Foreign Editor <b>Shivali SHARMA</b> Senior Expert Specialist- Plant Genetic Resources & Pre-breeding (Consultant) GCDT & Adjunct Asso. Prof. Murdoch University, Australia	Foreign Editor <b>Adriana ALERCIA</b> Germplasm Documentation Specialist ITPGRFA, FAO Rome, Italy
Indian Editor <b>Mohan LAL</b> Principal Scientist (Plant Breeding & Genetics), CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat, Assam	Indian Editor <b>CS MOHANTY</b> Principal Scientist, CSRI-NBRI, Lucknow  <b>Lalit ARYA</b> Principal Scientist, Division of Genomic Resources, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi

We thank all the editors and reviewers for their support and input.



**(R.K. Tyagi)**

Editor-in-Chief



# Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources

## Meeting of the Executive Council (2025-2027)

EC Meeting # 2

Date: July 18, 2025

### Report of Treasurer, ISPGR

The summary of income and expenditure of ISPGR for the period April 1, 2024 to July 17, 2025, are as follows:

#### Bank Balance and Cash in Hand (Till July 1, 2025)

Source	Amount (Rs)
Fixed Deposit	1,14,52,553.76
Amount in Bank (saving account)	1,37,508.99
Cash in Hand	4,323.00
<b>Total (Rs one crore, fifteen lakhs, ninety four thousand, three hundred eighty four, seventy five paise only)</b>	<b>1,15,94,384.75</b>

#### Income (From April 1, 2024 to July 17, 2025)

Income Source	Amount (Rs)
Life Membership Fees	48,000.00
Annual Membership Fees	6,000.00
IJPGR Subscription for Vol 37 (1-3), 2024, Diva Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.	97,062.00
Bank Interest (From saving account)	1.759.00
<b>TOTAL (Rs one lakh, fifty two thousand, eight hundred and twenty one only)</b>	<b>1.52,821.00</b>

#### Expenditure (From April 1, 2024 to July 17, 2025)

Expenditure Head and Details	Amount (Rs)
Secretarial Fee, Honorarium, ISPGR Awards Function etc.	1,25,408.00
Printing & Publishing (Umiam Declaration), NCMAN, Umiam	70,800.00
Office Expense (Stationery, Cartridge, Paper etc.)	7,067.00
ISPGR EC & Other Meetings (Refreshment etc.)	720.00

Postage & Courier	386.00
Transport Charges for ISPGR Shifting	29,500.00
New Air-conditioner for New ISPGR Office	39,500.00
Chair repairing for ISPGR New Office	9,150.00
IAC, China (Registration Kit, Printing, Travel, Accommodation, Logistics etc.)	1,41,058.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b> (Rs Four lakhs, twenty three thousand, five hundred and eighty nine only)	<b>4,23,589.00</b>

- The ISPGR membership details are as follows:

Total ISPGR life members	990
Life membership (April 1 2024 to July 17, 2025)	8
Annual membership (April 1 2024 to July 17, 2025)	4

- The draft Audit report was presented to the EC (*Annexure VI*). President, ISPGR, suggested that final signed report be placed in the next EC meeting.
- Also suitable action be taken for filing of Income Tax returns. Possibility be explored for taking CSR funds in ISPGR by consulting with Chartered Accountant.

*Kuldeep Tripathi*

**(Kuldeep Tripathi)**

Treasurer, ISPGR

**AUDIT REPORT OF ISPGR (2024-25) – BALANCE SHEET**

**INDIAN SOCIETY OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES  
C/O N.B.P.G.R, PUSA CAMPUS  
NEW DELHI - 110012**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2025**

	PARTICULAR	AMOUNTS
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
A	<b>GENERAL RESERVE</b>	
	Balance brought forward	1,22,91,395.73
	less: Deficit during the year	2,64,111.45
		1,20,27,284.28
B	<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
	Dadu Dadoo & Associates	26,500.00
	Expenses Payable	54,100.00
		1,21,07,884.28
<b>ASSETS</b>		
A	<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	
	Computer & Allied Accessories	71,673.73
	Less: Depreciation	14,334.75
		57,338.98
	HP Printer	15,342.13
	Less: Depreciation	2,301.32
		13,040.81
	Office Equipment	1,907.43
	Less: Depreciation	286.11
		1,621.32
	Office Furniture	1,75,878.92
	Less: Depreciation	17,587.89
		1,58,291.03
	Microwave & Freeze	7,769.28
	Less: Depreciation	1,165.39
		6,603.89
	Hitachi AC	8,453.25
	Less: Dep	1,267.99
		7,185.26
	Investment	
	Fixed Deposit	1,14,14,675.45
B	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
	TDS on FD (A.Y. 19-20)	36,079.23
	TDS on FD (A.Y. 20-21)	37,072.00
	TDS on Donation (A.Y 21-22)	1,500.00
	TDS (A.Y. 23-24)	66,213.00
	TDS (A.Y. 24-25)Sponsorship PBFSNWH	10,000.00
	TDS on FD (A.Y. 24-25)	9,510.00
	Accured Interest	1,00,978.00
		2,61,352.23
C	<b>CASH &amp; BANK BALANCES</b>	
	Cash in Hand	9,736.00
	Cash at Bank	1,78,039.31
		1,87,775.31
		1,21,07,884.28

(President)

(Secretary)

(Treasurer)

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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

(Mahendra Dadu)  
Partner  
M.No. 083625

Date:  
Place: New Delhi  
UDIN:- 24083625BKHAFG6677



## AUDIT REPORT OF ISPGR (2024-25) –INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

### INDIAN SOCIETY OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES C/O N.B.P.G.R, PUSA CAMPUS NEW DELHI - 110012

#### INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025

PARTICULAR	AMOUNTS
<b>A INCOMES</b>	
Institutional Membership Fees	1,10,000.00
Life Membership Fees	1,90,000.00
Annual Membership Fees	38,000.00
UPGR Subscription (Diva Enterprises)	35,313.00
Donation (Awards)	2,00,000.00
Interest (Saving Bank Account)	25,739.00
Interest on FD	3,72,998.00
ICAR Grant for NCMAN	5,00,000.00
Miscellaneous Income (Income Tax Return)	47,251.00
Registration Fees (NCMAN)	6,98,000.00
Sponsorship (NCMAN)	13,79,155.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35,96,456.00</b>
<b>B EXPENDITURES</b>	
Secretarial Fee, Honorarium etc.	4,71,020.00
ISPGR Room Rent	19,950.00
Printing & Publishing (IJPGR & Others)	5,14,031.00
Office Expense (Stationary, Catridge, Paper etc.)	7,350.00
ISPGR EC & Other Meetings (Refreshment etc.)	21,543.00
Auditor's Fee	26,550.00
Professional Charges	29,500.00
Bank Charges	1,687.00
Depreciation	36,943.45
ISPGR Website Maintenance	10,000.00
Postage & Courier	4,920.00
ISPGR Award Function	4,09,295.00
Donation for NSHT	3,00,000.00
NCMAN Expense (Registration kit, Printing, Travel, Accomodation, Logistics etc.)	20,07,828.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38,60,617.45</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) During the year</b>	<b>(2,64,161.45)</b>

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## AUDIT REPORT OF NCMAN (2024-25) –INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INDIAN SOCIETY OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES  
C/O N.B.P.G.R, PUSA CAMPUS  
NEW DELHI - 110012

National Conference on Managing Agro Biodiversity in  
Northeastern India (NCMAN)

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-25

	PARTICULAR	AMOUNTS
A	<b>INCOMES</b>	
	Registration Fees	6,98,000.00
	ICAR Grant for NCMAN	5,00,000.00
	Sponsorship (including TDS)	<u>13,79,155.00</u>
		25,77,155.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,77,155.00</b>
B	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
	Registration kit	2,43,965.00
	Travel and Accomodation	2,00,318.00
	Catering and Refreshments	10,93,675.00
	Gifting Expenses	87,235.00
	Room Rent	40,400.00
	Printing and Posting	2,19,200.00
	Other Expenses (Videography,Cash expenses & others)	1,23,035.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,07,828.00</b>
C	<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) During the year</b>	<b><u>5,69,327.00</u></b>

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## Concept Note

### National Symposium on Harnessing PGR of the Western Ghats : From Biodiversity Hotspot to Sustainable Bioresource Hub (NSWG)

#### Objectives

- To document and assess the plant genetic resource (PGR) diversity of the Western Ghats, with particular emphasis on endemic, rare, and threatened species.
- To promote integrated conservation strategies that combine in situ, ex situ, and community-based approaches, while drawing on both traditional knowledge systems and modern scientific advancements.
- To explore and apply emerging tools, technologies, and methodologies for the effective characterization, evaluation, and sustainable utilization of PGRs aimed at enhancing crop improvement, climate resilience, value addition, and livelihood opportunities.
- To enhance the policy understanding, capacity building, and stakeholder engagement to ensure fair access, benefit-sharing, and promote innovative entrepreneurship in the conservation and sustainable use of PGR.

#### Organizers

- Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR), New Delhi
- Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi
- ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (ICAR-IIHR), Bengaluru
- Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), New Delhi

**Date:** 12-13 December 2025

**Venue:** ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR), Hessaraghatta Lake Post, Bengaluru

#### Thematic Areas

##### 1. Exploration and Conservation of Plant Genetic Resources of Western Ghats

This theme focuses on systematic exploration, documentation, and conservation of the Western Ghats' PGR, integrating traditional knowledge with modern science to ensure resilience against climate change and habitat loss.

##### 2. Characterization, Evaluation, and Utilization of PGR for Sustainable Development

This theme emphasizes the scientific characterization and sustainable use of PGR for crop improvement, climate resilience, and value-added products, leveraging cutting-edge technologies and traditional resources, digital and AI Tools.

##### 3. Policy, Biosecurity, IPRs and Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS)

This theme addresses national and international policy frameworks, biosecurity measures, and equitable bioprospecting mechanisms to support PGR conservation and utilization while protecting community and farmers' rights.

##### 4. Capacity Building and Public Awareness for PGR Conservation and Use

This theme focuses on enhancing skills, knowledge, education and awareness (by academic institutions, NGOs, and community groups) among stakeholders to promote sustainable PGR management and conservation.

##### 5. Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Livelihood Opportunities

This theme promotes innovative technological interventions (e.g., processing, product development) and entrepreneurial approaches like community-, women-, and youth-led enterprises and start-ups focused on value-added PGR products (e.g., medicinal plants, nutraceuticals) to PGR utilization, success stories and community-led models to enhance livelihoods and economic sustainability.

To,  
**The President,**  
**Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources,**  
**New Delhi,**

**Subject:** National seminar on “Germplasm Conservation, Management and its Utilization in Vindhya”.

Dear Sir,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to request your approval for **organizing a seminar on “Germplasm Conservation, Management and its Utilization in Vindhya”**, aimed at raising awareness for our ongoing initiatives in this critical area. Vindhya region which includes southern districts of eastern Uttar Pradesh like Prayagraj, Mirzapur, Sonbhadra etc. is rich in agricultural biodiversity. As you are well aware, germplasm conservation plays a pivotal role in ensuring food security, biodiversity preservation, and sustainable agriculture. However, the challenges facing germplasm conservation efforts are multifaceted, ranging from climate change impacts to loss of traditional farming practices. To address these challenges and garner support for our conservation efforts, we propose **hosting a one-day seminar** which will bring together experts, stakeholders, policymakers, and the public to discuss the importance of agricultural biodiversity conservation and explore innovative strategies to overcome current obstacles.

We believe that this seminar will not only contribute in advancing knowledge and understanding in the field of germplasm conservation but also provide a platform for networking and partnership building. In light of the importance of this initiative, we kindly request your endorsement and support for the seminar. Your backing will greatly enhance the success and impact of the event. We are confident that with your guidance and support, we can make this seminar a resounding success and take significant strides towards securing the future of our agricultural heritage.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to your favourable response and the opportunity to work together towards our shared goal of promoting biodiversity conservation for a sustainable future.

Warm regards,

**[Dr. Vaidurya Pratap Sahi]**  
**Head, Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding**

## Tentative Program

09:00 am – 10:15 am	Inaugural Session including speech of chief guest (Dr R S Paroda) and other respected members	
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Tea Break	
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Key Note Address	Director ICAR-NBPGR
11:00 am - 12:00 noon	Session 1 Theme : Importance of Germplasm	
11:00 am – 11:20 am	Plenary:	Dr Nagendra Kumar Singh, ICAR-NIPB
11:20 am – 11:40 am	Lecture 1: The Hindustan Centre: a plethora of Germplasm	Dr V P Sahi SHUATS, Prayagraj
11:40 am – 12:00 Noon	Lecture 2: Germplasm cataloguing, Data storage and Retrieval	Dr M Vetriventhan ICRISAT
12:00 noon – 1:00pm	Lunch	
01:00 pm – 02:00 pm	Session 2 Theme : Conservation and its utilization	
1:00 pm – 1:20 pm	Plenary:	Dr Tara Satyavathi ICAR-IIMR
01:20 pm – 01:40 pm	Lecture 1: Germplasm Evaluation, Characterization and Maintenance: Legumes	Dr Kuldeep Tripathi ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
01:40 pm – 02:00 pm	Lecture 2: Identification, Characterization and Utilization of Germplasm of Horticultural crops	Dr. Manish Srivastava Dean, Rani Laxmibai Central University, Jhansi
02:00 pm – 2:20 pm	Tea Break	
02:20 pm – 03:20 pm	Session Theme 3: Breeding Strategies	
02:20 pm – 02:40pm	Plenary:	Dr Dr Shiv Kumar Agarwal ICARDA- India
02:40 pm – 03:00 pm	Lecture 1: Breeding of traditional germplasm and wild relatives:Rice	Dr C N Neerja ICAR-IIRR
03:00pm – 3:20 pm	Lecture 2: Pre-breeding approaches for development of Genetic stocks and its characterization: Wheat	Dr B S Tyagi ICAR-IIWBR
3:20 pm – 3:40PM	Experience shared by FPOs and Progressive farmers	
3:40 pm – 04:30 pm	Visit to Notified State Seed Testing Laboratory, Centre of Excellence (Food and Nutrition) and Seed Processing Unit of SHUATS	
04:30 pm onwards	Closing Ceremony and Certificate Distribution	