

## Minutes of the Meeting of EC Members held on 25 & 26 April 2025 at ICAR-DWR, Jabalpur

A meeting of all Executive Council (EC) Members of Indian Society of Weed Science (ISWS) was convened on 25 April 2025 at ICAR-Directorate of Weed Research, Jabalpur for handing over the charge to the newly elected EC. All previous EC members (2023-25; except Dr. Anil Dixit, Vice-President) and new EC members (2025-27) attended as mentioned below:

### Newly elected EC members (2025-26 & 2026-27)

1. Dr. T.K. Das, President
2. Prof. Ummed Singh, Vice-President
3. Dr. P. Murali Arthanari, Vice-President
4. Dr. V.K. Choudhary, Secretary
5. Dr. D. Subramanyam, Joint Secretary
6. Dr. P. Saravanane, Joint Secretary
7. Dr. Yogita Gharde, Treasurer



### Past EC members (2023-24 & 2024-25)

1. Dr. J.S. Mishra, President
2. Dr. Manoj K. Singh, Vice-President
3. Dr. R.P. Dubey, Secretary
4. Dr. D. Subramanyam, Joint Secretary
5. Dr. S.P. Singh, Joint Secretary
6. Dr. P.K. Mukherjee, Treasurer
7. Dr. Sushilkumar, Chief Editor



At the outset, Dr. R.P. Dubey, Secretary, ISWS welcomed all EC members in the meeting and introduced new EC (2025-27) members. Dr. J. S. Mishra, President, ISWS congratulated new EC. He mentioned the satisfaction over the working of the previous EC for the benefit of the society and urged all the members of new EC to take forward the legacy of the society. Dr. M.K. Singh, Vice-President thanked the EC members for support and congratulated new EC. He emphasized on the issues associated with the inclusion of more members in the society and urged the members to take necessary action in this regard.

Dr. R.P. Dubey, Secretary, ISWS briefed about the activities undertaken during the tenure such as renewal of society registration, more international participation in Biennial Conference at Banaras, more number of publications released during the conference, timely publication of journal, initiation of work on online award application, updation of website, new life members, etc. Later Dr. D. Subramanyam, Joint Secretary; Dr. S.P. Singh, Joint Secretary; Dr. P.K. Mukherjee, Treasurer and Dr. Sushilkumar, Chief Editor also briefed about the activities of the EC during the tenure. This was followed by the felicitation programme and handing over the charge to new EC by old EC. Dr. V.K. Choudhary, Secretary, ISWS gave welcome address and a farewell was organized for previous EC members by presenting memento and certificate. Dr. T.K. Das, President addressed the EC members and also shared the ideas/points for the betterment of society and to increase the members of the society.

The meeting was ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. Yogita Gharde, Treasurer, ISWS.

A meeting of Executive Council members of Indian Society of Weed Science (ISWS) was convened on 26 April 2025 at ICAR-Directorate of Weed Research, Jabalpur for discussing different agenda points of the society. All EC members as mentioned below attended the meeting:

1. Dr. T.K. Das, President
2. Prof. Ummed Singh, Vice-President
3. Dr. P. Murali Arthanari, Vice-President
4. Dr. V.K. Choudhary, Secretary
5. Dr. D. Subramanyam, Joint Secretary
6. Dr. P. Saravanane, Joint Secretary
7. Dr. Yogita Gharde, Treasurer
8. Dr. J.S. Mishra, Immediate Past President
9. Dr. R.P. Dubey, Immediate Past Secretary

At the outset, Dr. V.K. Choudhary, Secretary presented welcome address and thereafter, all EC members gave address. EC members also suggested the ways to improve the working of the society and NAAS rating of the journal as well.

Thereafter following agenda points were discussed during the meeting:

1. **Selection of Chief Editor:** All EC members had made consensus in the name of Dr. A.N Rao as Chief Editor of the Journal for the period.
2. **Selection of Councilors:** With the consensus, following members were appointed as Councilors for different states:

<b>Andaman &amp; Nicobar</b>	Dr. Ramakrishna Yeraboina
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	Dr. Patoor Munirathnam
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	Dr. Priyanka Irungbam
<b>Assam</b>	Dr. Anjan KrishnaSarmah
<b>Bihar</b>	Dr. A.P. Singh
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	Dr. Nitish Tiwari
<b>Delhi</b>	Dr. Ramanjit Kaur
<b>Goa</b>	Dr. V. Paramesha
<b>Gujarat</b>	Dr. D.D. Patel
<b>Haryana</b>	Dr. Ankur Chaudhary
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	Dr. M. C. Rana
<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	Dr. B. R. Bazaya
<b>Jharkhand</b>	Dr. Sheela Barla
<b>Karnataka</b>	Dr. K.N. Geetha
<b>Kerala</b>	Dr. V.S. Susha
<b>Ladakh</b>	Dr. Vikas Gupta

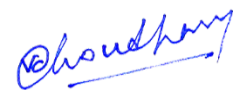
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	Dr. Amit Kumar Jha
<b>Maharashtra</b>	Dr. P.P. Pawar
<b>Manipur</b>	Dr. Punabati Heisnam
<b>Meghalaya</b>	Dr. Amit Shahane
<b>Mizoram</b>	Dr. Rahul Sadukhan
<b>Nagaland</b>	Dr. Debika Nongmaithem
<b>Odisha</b>	Dr. Rabiratna Dash
<b>Pondicherry</b>	Dr. Ravi Sugumaran
<b>Punjab</b>	Dr. Tarundeep Kaur
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Dr. Ram Swaroop Jat
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	Dr. P. Veeramani
<b>Telangana</b>	Dr. B. Padmaja
<b>Tripura</b>	Mrs. Mandira Chakrabarti
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	Dr. Arunima Paliwal
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	Dr. Sudhir Kumar Rajpoot
<b>West Bengal</b>	Dr. Dhiman Mukherjee

3. **Selection of Editor, ISWS Newsletter:** It was decided in the meeting that Dr. C.P. Nath Senior Scientist, IIPR, Kanpur will serve the society as Editor, ISWS Newsletter.

4. **Discussion on the new pattern of the Editorial Board as a Chief Editor (1 No.), Co-Chief Editor (4 No.) and Editor (No. as required) Co-Editor (No. as required):** With the consensus, it was decided to have Chief Editor (1 No.), Associate Chief Editor (4 No.) and Editor (No. as required) in the Editorial Board of the Journal.
5. **Discussion for giving the responsibility of the constitution of an Editorial Board to the newly selected Chief Editor:** It was decided to give full freedom and responsibility to the Chief Editor for constitution of an Editorial Board. However, the Chief Editor may seek opinion from EC members on the name of members of the Editorial Board.
6. **Publication of the IJWS by adopting Scopus rating standards:** It was decided to adopt Scopus rating standards for publication of the IJWS in order to increase the NAAS rating of the journal. In this regard, **Dr. D. Subramanyam and Dr. P. Saravanane** (Joint-Secretaries) were requested and given the responsibility to take necessary and immediate action.
7. **Venue for next 4<sup>th</sup> International Weed Conference 2026:** Four major places that were emerged during the discussion as the venue for next 4<sup>th</sup> International Weed Conference 2026 are New Delhi, Goa, Bengaluru and Jaipur. These will be explored for their facilities such as lodging, boarding etc. of international standards to host the International Weed Conference.
8. **Discussion on creating an online Website for Abstract submission and Registration and mobile app for the next ISWS conference:** It was decided to create separate page for International conference and to create mobile app for abstract submission, registration etc.
9. **Publications to be released during next ISWS Conference:** A thorough discussion was held in this point. It is decided that apart from the publication such as Abstract Compendium, IJWS Issue and Newsletter, efforts will be made to publish special issue on weed for Indian Journal of Agricultural Sciences and special issue of Indian Farming on weed science. It was also decided to bring out the publication on “New Techniques of Integrated Weed Management” of the ISWS in regional languages.
10. **Discussion on creating an online submission and review portal for ISWS Awards:** It was decided to have separate page for the online submission of Application and Review Portal for ISWS Awards. However, work has already been initiated to complete this task before the international conference in 2026.
11. **Discussion on conducting online 15 days training in August-September 2025:** It is decided to conduct a 15-day training programme on weed management during August-September 2025. This training will be conducted in online mode and participants will be strictly monitored for attendance to fulfill the eligibility for awarding a certificate of training. Efforts will be made to include large number of lectures from overseas international speakers working in the field of weed science.
12. The President ISWS, Dr. T.K. Das put forth many action points such as:
  - (i) He advised to prepare a complete **Charter of EC Meeting** with dates including Online extended EC meeting with Councillors, Editors that will be conducted during the period. The proceedings of an EC meeting will be ready and circulated well in advance for necessary actions by the concerned members. This will help EC members to plan their visit in advance as well.
  - (ii) Also, a **Charter of ISWS Events** with dates such as Satellite Students Speakers Webinar, Industry Speakers Webinar etc may be prepared for expanding the horizon of activities of the ISWS.

- (iii) **A Special Campaign** should be initiated to increase the enrollment of members of the society through inclusion/addition of cross-disciplinary/transdisciplinary scientists. Also, efforts should be made to update the **Member List** along with their correspondence address and contact details. **Dr. Ummed Singh** (Vice-President) was requested and given the responsibility to take necessary action in order to increase the membership of the society.
- (iv) The **Councilors** should plan in advance for training and other activities based on the farmer-centric problems in their respective state/region involving stake-holder farmers, post-graduate students and at least 2-3 corporate sectors/ industry persons/experts. **Dr. P. Murali Arthanari**, Vice-President was requested and given this responsibility to take necessary action in this regard.
- (v) One or two **review articles** may be published in each issue of the IJWS and a yearly special issue of IJWS should be brought out to facilitate higher ranking/rating.
- (vi) The Chief Editor & Editorial Board and EC members should make all-out efforts to receive articles, specially review articles on various frontier/burning areas/aspects of weed science from the international/national researchers of repute. The articles may include the following topics:
- Weed genetics & genomics for better control of some problematic weeds
  - AI/ML/drone/robotics for weed management
  - Recent updates of biotechnological approaches for weed management
  - Organic and bio-herbicides for organic weed management
  - Invasive weeds: distribution mapping, area of spread, menace and management
  - Problematic weeds
  - Herbicide and Biodiversity
  - Herbicides and carbon, energy and environment footprints
- (vii) Efforts are required to increase the Industry membership as on date only one Industry is listed in the member list.
- (viii) Office manager requested EC to increase his salary amount (as contribution for NPS and medical allowance). In this regard, EC agreed to revise the salary amount of Office manager with the hike (amount equal to the EPF deduction and medical allowance as in case of contractual staff).

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks presented by Dr. Yogita Gharde, Treasurer, ISWS to all the EC members.



VK Choudhary  
Secretary, ISWS