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SPECIALISTS (IAVPHS)**

Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM)

Held at the Centre for One Health, GADVASU, Ludhiana on 12.12.2025

The President and Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, GADVASU, Ludhiana, **Dr. J. P. S. Gill**, welcomed the life members of the Association and delivered the opening remarks. The General Secretary, **Dr. R. J. Zende**, Professor and Head, Department of VPH, MVC, explained the purpose of the meeting. The list of members present at the meeting is enclosed as a separate sheet. The following agenda items were discussed during the meeting:

Agenda 1) Offering of Condolences to the Departed Soul

Members offered heartfelt condolences to the departed soul of **Dr. Jagadish Babu**, Professor and Head, Department of VPHE, C.V.Sc., Tirupati. His colleague, **Dr. Tumati Srinivas Rao**, spoke about his professional contributions and services.

Agenda 2) Confirmation of the Proceedings of the Previous AGBM

The key points of the previous AGBM held on **15.11.2024 at KNPVC, Shirwal**, were summarized by **Dr. R. J. Zende**. The proceedings of the previous AGBM were unanimously confirmed by all IAVPHS members.

Agenda 3) Presentation of Financial Report

Dr. Z. B. Dubal, Treasurer, and **Dr. Suman Kumar**, Joint Treasurer, presented the financial report for the financial year **2024–2025**. It was informed to the house that a total amount of **₹22.00 lakhs** was available in the Association's account.

It was discussed and decided to create **four Fixed Deposits (FDs) of ₹5.00 lakhs each**, totalling **₹20.00 lakhs**, and to retain **₹2.00 lakhs** as cash balance.

The audited financial reports from **Shirwal and Barapani** have yet to be received, and **Dr. V. S. Waskar** and **Dr. Sandeep Ghatak** are requested to submit them within one week. The accounts were approved by the members.

(Action: Dr. Z. B. Dubal and Dr. Suman Kumar)

Agenda 4) Life Membership and Fees

The status of life membership (new, renewed, and lapsed) was discussed. Approval of new membership applications received through membership drive strategies was deliberated.

Dr. V. M. Vaidya informed the house that the Association currently has **1,073 life members**. He requested and appealed to the house to increase the number of life members through wider publicity using WhatsApp and emails.

(Action: Dr. Vilas M. Vaidya and Dr. Nagappa Karabasanavar)

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It was unanimously decided to revise the **life membership fee from ₹3,010 to ₹5,010**, effective **1st January 2026**. For students, the life membership fee will remain **₹3,010**; however, after joining as faculty, they will be required to pay the difference between the total of the revised fee of **₹5,010**.

Agenda 5) Election and Announcement of Results

The Returning Officer for the IAVPHS Executive Council Elections (2026–2028), **Dr. Randhir Singh**, Professor, Department of Veterinary Public Health and Epidemiology, Centre for One Health, GADVASU, Ludhiana, Punjab, announced the results of the elections for the term from **January 2026 to December 2028**, as follows:

S. No.	Position	Elected Candidate(s)
1	President	Dr. J. P. S. Gill
2	Vice President	Dr. Harsh Sharma; Dr. J. S. Bedi
3	General Secretary	Dr. R. J. Zende
4	Joint Secretaries	Dr. Nagappa Karabasanavar Dr. Vilas M. Vaidya Dr. Purushottam Kaushik Dr. K. Vrinda Menon
5	Treasurer	Dr. Suman Kumar
6	Editor-in-Chief	Dr. Vikas S. Waskar
	Editor	Dr. Z. B. Dubal
7	Executive Committee Members	Dr. C. Latha Dr. Sandeep Chaudhary Dr. Samir Das Dr. Udit Jain Dr. Simranpreet Kaur Dr. Chandrakant Bhong Dr. Jeetendra Kumar Chaudhary Dr. Ripan Biswas Dr. Deepali Kalambhe Dr. Jayprakash Yadav Dr. Santosh Walse Dr. Siddeshwar Rindhe

Agenda 6) Action Plan for Strengthening IAVPHS

Discussions were held on policies, programs, and future plans.

(Action: Dr. J. P. S. Gill and Dr. R. J. Zende)

Activities such as conferences, seminars, workshops, and publications for the coming year were discussed. Five major action areas were identified:

1. **Capacity Building and Training in VPH:** All Heads of Departments and faculty members were encouraged to integrate IAVPHS activities into their institutional programs. Each college should undertake at least two IAVPHS activities annually.
2. **Research and Knowledge Dissemination:** Members were encouraged to share research outputs, contribute to policy documents, and collaborate academically.
3. **Community Outreach Programs:** Members were encouraged to conduct VPHE awareness programs for farmers, school children, and other stakeholders.
4. **Policy Engagement and Digital Presence:**
 - Signing of MoUs with organizations
 - Encouraging young professionals
 - Preparation of short videos
 - Regular updates on the IAVPHS website
 - Uploading thesis titles to the IAVPHS website
(Action: Dr. Vijay Jadhav)
 - Publishing the IAVPHS Newsletter online three times a year

Responsibilities assigned:

- Thesis uploads: **Dr. Abhisek Gaurav**
 - Newsletter: **Dr. Nagappa Karabasanavar**
 - Awareness and capacity-building programs: **Dr. Harsh Sharma and Dr. Mudasir Ali Rather**
 - Social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.): **Dr. Sandeep Chaudhary and Dr. Jitendra Chaudhary**
5. **Collaborations:** Members were unanimously encouraged to actively participate in collaborations with government, academic, and international organizations.

Agenda 7) Amendments to Rules and Regulations

Dr. R. S. Aulakh proposed, and Dr. Hassan seconded, an amendment to the Rules and Regulations. After a detailed discussion, the AGBM approved the following amendments:

Amendment No 1 : Increase in the number of Joint Secretaries from one to **four**.

Amendment No 2 : Increase in the number of Executive Committee Members from 10 to 12, with two positions reserved for industry representatives.

Agenda 8) Awards, Recognitions, and Felicitations

The presentation of annual awards was discussed and approved for 2025 Awards.

(Proposed by: Dr. J. S. Bedi; Seconded by: Dr. Vikas S. Waskar)

The following awards were deliberated:

- **Lifetime Achievement Award** - Dr. J.P.S. Gill, Vice Chancellor, Centre for One Health Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana, India
- **Dr. A. T. Sherikar Outstanding Public Health Veterinarian Award** - Dr. Jasbir Singh Bedi, Director and Professor, Centre for One Health Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University Ludhiana, India
- **Dr. R. K. Agarwal Food Safety Award** - Dr. Simranpreet Kaur, Professor, Centre for One Health Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University Ludhiana, India
- **Dr. S. P. Singh Best Research Article Award (JVPH)** – No awards for this year
- **Dr. P. D. Deshpande Best Epidemiology Research Paper Award (JVPH)** - No awards for this year
- **Best Ph.D. Thesis Award** - Dr. Iqra Arif, Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University Ludhiana, India and Dr. Shubham Saini, PhD ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar
- **Best M.V.Sc. Thesis Award** - Dr. Gayatri Abhijit Takekar, Dept. of VPH, Mumbai Veterinary College, Parel, Mumbai 400 012
- **Dr. Ashok Kumar Excellence in One Health award 2025** - Dr. Ravindra J. Zende, Professor & Head, VPH, Mumbai Veterinary College, Mumbai
- **Dr. Mahendra Pal Zoonoses Award** - Dr. Sundarachelvan Subramanian, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education and Research, Puducherry
- **Dr. V.N. Bachhil Young Scientist Award** - Dr. Maliha Gulzar, PhD, JRF, Jammu & Kashmir

Fellow Awardees of 2025 :-

- i) Dr. Zunjar Baburao Dubal
- ii) Dr. Rahul Prakash Kolhe

- iii) Dr. Menon Vrinda K
- iv) Dr. Purushottam Kaushik
- v) Dr. Vaidya Vilas Mahadeo

Further, two following new awards were approved (*Proposed by: Dr. Tumati Srinivas Rao; Seconded by: Dr. Aulakh*):

1. **Dr. A. M. Paturkar Leadership in Animal Origin Food Production Award** – The award is proposed by the students of Dr A. M Paturkar (Dr. V. M. Vaidya, Dr Siddheshwar Rindhe, Dr Rupesh Waghamare, Dr Santosh Walse, Santosh Sajjan and Dr. Nitin Wagh)
2. **Dr. Mohammed Nadeem Fairoze Award for Lab-to-Land Translation.** – This award is proposed by Dr. Mohammed Nadeem Fairoze, Ex Dean and Director of Instruction, KVAFSU, Bidar.

(Action: Dr. R. J. Zende)

All members unanimously nominated **Dr. M. N. Bhramabhat**, Dean, College of Fishery Science University, Kamdhenu University, Ahmedabad, Gujrat for the **Life Time Achievement Award 2026**

Agenda 9) Nomination of Fellows of IAVPHS – 2026

The General Secretary informed the house that **seven applications had been** received. Based on evaluation by the committee, **Four Fellows** were selected unanimously:

1. Dr. Waqar Khan
2. Dr. Harsh Kumar Sharma
3. Dr. Vijay J. Jadhav
4. Dr. Anjay

The nominations of **Dr. Porteen K., Dr. Shilphashree Shinde, and Dr. Rupesh Waghamare** were not approved for this year.

Agenda 10) Publication of the IAVPHS Journal

Members appreciated the efforts of **Dr. V. S. Waskar** and his team in successfully publishing the Journal and congratulated them. Dr. Dubal and Dr. Rahul Kolhe also suggested to appoint the commercial publisher for rapid publication of research articles. The President advised Dr. Waskar, Editor in Chief to identify and invite the quotations from the desired good service provider publisher, and after discussion in the Executive committee meeting, the final decision will be taken regarding publisher.

(Action: Dr. V.S. Waskar & Dr. Rahul Kolhe)

Agenda 11) Selection of Venue for the 22nd IAVPHS Annual Conference – 2026

The proposal to organize the conference at **Veterinary College, Patna, Bihar**, presented by **Dr. Purushottam Kaushik**, was unanimously approved.

(Action: Dr. R.J. Zende)

Agenda 12) Any Other Agenda with the Permission of the Chair

None.

The meeting concluded with **closing remarks by the President**, followed by a **vote of thanks by the General Secretary**



Dr. JPS Gill
President, IAVPHS



Dr. R.J. Zende
General Secretary, IAVPHS