

**Proceedings of the meeting of Executive Council and members of the Chapters of ISA held on 22 July 2024 at 4:00 PM through hybrid mode.**

A meeting of Executive Council and members of the Chapters of ISA in different states was held on 22 July, 2024 at 4:00 PM in a hybrid mode through google meet: [meet.google.com/jey-chsx-fwk](https://meet.google.com/jey-chsx-fwk)

**The following EC members and Concerned persons of ISA Chapters attended the meeting:**

1. Dr Shanti Kumar Sharma, President, ISA and ADG (HRM), ICAR-KAB II, Pusa, New Delhi
2. Dr Sunil Kumar, Vice-President (Central), ISA and Director, ICAR-IIFSR, Modipuram, Meerut, U.P.
3. Dr P.S. Brahmanand, Co-Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Project Director, Water Technology Centre, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
4. Dr Sanjay Singh Rathore, Secretary, ISA and Head, Division of Agronomy, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
5. Dr Shankar Lal Jat, Joint Secretary, ISA and Senior Scientist, ICAR-IIMR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi
6. Dr Subhash Babu, Treasurer, ISA and Senior Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
7. Dr M.R. Umesh, Councillor-Karnataka, ISA and Assistant Professor, University of Agricultural Sciences Raichur, Karnataka
8. Dr M. Malla Reddy, Councillor-Telangana, ISA and Associate Director of Research Regional Agricultural Research Station, Palem PJTSAU, Nagarkurnool, Telangana State
9. Dr Rajiv, Councillor-Uttar Pradesh, ISA and Asstt. Professor, Department of Vegetable Science, CSAUA&T, Kanpur, U.P.
10. Dr Anand Kumar Vishwakarma, Councillor-Madhya Pradesh, ISA and Project Coordinator (Sesame & Niger), ICAR-Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Jabalpur, M.P.
11. Dr D.K. Singh, Professor, Councillor-Uttarakhand, ISA and Professor, Ex-Chief GM, Directorate of University Farm G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar, Distt. U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand
12. Dr Ram Dhan Jat, Councillor-Haryana, ISA and Assistant Scientist, Department of Agronomy, College of Agriculture, Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, Haryana
13. Dr Narkhede Wasudeo Nivrutti, Councillor-Maharashtra, ISA and Head, Department of Agronomy, VNMKV, Parbhani, M.S.
14. Dr Sandeep Manuja, Councillor-Himachal Pradesh, ISA and Principal Scientist, Deptt. of Agronomy, COA-CSKHPKV, Palampur, H.P.
15. Dr B. Sahadeva Reddy, Councillor-Andhra Pradesh, ISA and Principal Scientist (Agronomy) Agril. Research Station, DCMS Building Kamalanagar, Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh
16. Dr K. Sankaranarayanan, Councillor-Tamil Nadu, ISA and Principal Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Research Station, Coimbatore, T.N.
17. Dr Swapan Kumar Maity, Councillor-West Bengal, ISA and Associate Professor, Department of Agronomy, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan, Birbhum, West Bengal
18. Dr Amit Kumar, Scientist, Councillor-NEH States, ISA and ICAR, Research Complex for NEH Region, Sikkim Centre, Tadong, Gangtok, Sikkim

19. Dr Kalyan Pathak, Councillor-Assam, ISA and Principal Scientist, AICRP on Irrigation Water Management, Directorate of Research (Agri), Assam Agriculture University, Jorhat, Assam
20. Dr S.L. Meena, Councillor-Delhi, ISA and Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
21. Dr Meenakshi Mohanty, Councillor-Odisha, ISA and Nodal Officer, ICAR Nodal Cell, Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
22. Dr C.S. Singh, Councillor-Jharkhand, ISA and Department of Agronomy, Birsa Agricultural University Ranchi, Jharkhand
23. Dr Neetu Sharma, Councillor-Jammu & Kashmir, ISA and Associate Professor, Division of Agronomy, FoA Main Campus SKUAST-Jammu, J&K
24. Dr Satish Kumar, Associate Dean and Hisar Chapter, ISA, PGS, Department of Agronomy, CCS HAU, Hisar, Haryana
25. Dr Sanjay Kumar Yadav, Scientist (Agronomy) and Lucknow Chapter, ISA, ICAR-IISR, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
26. Dr Manoj Kumar Singh, Professor and Banaras Chapter, ISA, Department of Agronomy, IAS, BHU, Varnasi, U.P.
27. Dr T.P. Saikia, Chief Scientist and Jorhat Chapter, ISA,
28. Dr Anil Kumar Singh, and Sabour Chapter, ISA BAU, Sabour, Bhagalpur, Bihar
29. Dr Kapila Shekhawat, Principal Scientist, Division of Agronomy, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi

Dr S.S. Rathore, Secretary, ISA welcomed the President, ISA and eminent ISA members of different Local Chapters to the meeting. The secretary, ISA briefed about the purpose of the meeting and informed that very few activities are being taken up by most of the chapters, however some Local Chapters viz. Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, Parbhani, J&K are active in conducting several activities. The President, ISA supplemented that the Local Chapter should be made active to enhance the visibility of the Society. The President, ISA briefed that the issues like revenue, membership expansion etc. regarding the Local Chapters of ISA should be taken up immediately. Out of the 32 existing Local Chapters, only few chapters are active, thus the action plan and the strategy for reviving these Local Chapters is highly desirable. The President, ISA suggested that the guidelines of providing financial support to the Local Chapters must be circulated amongst all ISA members which would help for revival of the Local Chapters. He also reminded all that a minimum of 20 life/annual members of The Indian Society of Agronomy is desirable to constitute a Local Chapter, any number less than in the existing Chapter will seize the Local Chapter. Dr P.S. Brahamanand, Project Director, WTC and Co-Editor-in-Chief of IJA called upon members to make ISA more vibrant and globally recognised. He expressed full faith and confidence in all ISA members that they will try to comply the expectation of making ISA more active and functional by strengthen the Society. He suggested that activating the local chapter will be an important initiative in this endeavour. The composition of the local chapters includes Chairman, who is usually the Head/Vice chancellor/Director of the SAU or the ICAR

institute. Further, one post each for Convener, Joint Secretary and Treasurer is also included in the Local Chapter. The elections may also be conducted for these posts.

The Secretary, ISA invited the members of all Local Chapters one-by-one as discussed, the plan and progress made by:

1. **Karnal Chapter of ISA:** Secretary, ISA informed that earlier Dr R.K. Yadav, Director, CSSRI, Karnal was the Chairman of the Karnal Chapter. Since he could not join the meeting. Dr R.D. Jat, Councillor, ISA was requested to contact Dr Gajendra Yadav, Principal Scientist, CSSRI, Karnal to update about the activities of the Karnal Chapter.
2. **Hisar Chapter of ISA:** Dr Satish Khokhar was the chairman of Hisar chapter of ISA, but since he has been transferred at the outstation, a new chairman from CCS HAU, Hisar may be elected/nominated at the earliest. Dr R.D. Jat, Councillor, ISA was again requested to follow up the matter.
3. **West Bengal Chapter of ISA:** Presently W.B. has three local chapters, viz. at UBKB, Cooch Behar, BCKVV, Kalyani and Pali Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Sriniketan, Birbhum. Dr Kajal Sen Gupta and Dr S.K. Maity, Councillor of West Bengal were requested to update the activities going on these local chapters. Dr S.K. Maity proposed that these 3 Local Chapters may be merged for better functioning. The President, ISA appraised the same is possible with consensus of all. The proceedings of the meeting may be sent to the Secretariat Office.
4. **Pantnagar Chapter of ISA:** Dr M.S. Pal, Head, GBPUAT, Pantnagar is the present Chairman of the Pantnagar Chapter. He could not attend the meeting, however Dr Dhananjay Singh, Councillor, Uttarakhand assured that the Local Chapter will be revived, certain activities will be planned and conducted. He also assured that these activities will be updated within a weeks time. He requested the President, ISA about the funds to be allocated for the chapters.
5. **Annamalainagar, Chapter of ISA:** Dr K. Sankaranarayanan, Concillor, Coimbatore, T.N. assured that he will speak to the Head and update shortly.
6. **Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana Chapter of ISA:** The Secretariat office will contact Dr Hari Ram and Dr Simerjeet Kaur to know the update about the Local Chapters activity.
7. **Bhubaneswar Chapter of ISA:** Dr Meenakshi Mohanty, Councillor ISA attended the meeting and she was requested to communicate the Head and other associates of the Local Chapter and will update for further action in this regard.


8. **Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri Chapter of ISA:** Dr W.N. Narkhede, Councillor, ISA attended the meeting and informed the house that various activities are going on and the details will be shared to the ISA office shortly.
9. **Raichur Chapter of ISA:** Dr M.R. Umesh, Councillor, ISA attended the meeting and informed that an amount of approximately Rs.10000/- is there in the saving account of the local chapter of Raichur and the activities of the chapter will be updated soon.
10. **Ranchi, Chapter of ISA:** Dr C.S. Singh, Councillor, ISA and Dr S. Karmakar joined the meeting and informed that they will update the chapter's activities very soon.
11. **Palampur Chapter of ISA:** Dr Sandeep Manuja, Councillor, ISA attended the meeting and informed the house that there is no record or any information about the chapter's activities. He informed that Dr Naveen Kumar is the present Head and the chapter will be revived after election and constitution of new committee.
12. **Sabour Chapter of ISA:** Dr Mukesh Kumar from BAU, Sabour joined the meeting and updated the house that the activities of the chapter will be revived after consultation from Dr A.K. Singh, Director Research and Dr Rajendra Prasad Sharma, Head, Department of Agronomy, BAU, Sabour.
13. **Indore Chapter of ISA:** Earlier, Dr H.S. Thakur was the President of the local chapter. Dr A.K. Vishwakarma from Jabalpur informed the house that he will update the activities after consultation with Dr P.K. Mishra, Head (Agronomy), CAU, Indore.
14. **Varanasi Chapter of ISA:** Dr M.K. Singh attended the meeting and informed the house that Local Chapter account exists since 2019 but the reconstitution is required for which he requested one week's time. He further requested that the calendar of the whole year should be released from the Society office involving students' activities to increase their participation. He also informed that the Department of Agronomy is conducting the biennial meeting of the Society of Weed Science during 28-30 November, 2024.
15. **Jorhat, Assam:** Dr Biswajit Guha from Assam Agricultural University attended the meeting and informed that the committee will be reconstituted shortly.
16. **Rajasthan Chapter of ISA:** There are three local chapters, one each from Udaipur, Jobner and Kota. The activities of the chapters will be updated shortly.
17. **Navsari Chapter of ISA:** Dr P.D. Vekariya, Councillor, ISA will be approached for providing the activities and update about the local chapter.
18. **Hyderabad Chapter of ISA:** Dr M. Malla Reddy, Councillor attended the meeting and informed the house that account of the Local Chapter already exists with SBI Bank. He

informed that there is 100% life membership of all agronomists from PJTSAU, Hyderabad.

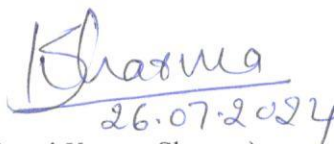
19. **Jammu Chapter of ISA:** Dr Neetu Sharma, Councillor, ISA attended the meeting and informed the house that she will contact Dr A.P. Singh, Head and Dr B.C. Sharma for finalizing the activities of the local chapter.
20. **Lucknow Chapter of ISA:** Dr Sanjay Kumar attended the meeting and requested the Secretariat office to share the details for opening the Local Chapter account.
21. **Raipur Chapter of ISA:** Dr G.K. Shrivastava, Councillor, ISA attended the meeting and informed the house that he will update the activities of the Local Chapter soon.
22. **Akola Chapter of ISA:** Dr W.N. Narkhede, Councillor ISA will speak to Dr A.N. Paslawar and Dr S.S. Wanjari regarding the activities of the Chapter.

The President, ISA requested all councillors that a Brain-storming meeting with all members of the Local Chapter should be conducted to sensitise them about the possible activities that can be taken up. The Local Chapter can also generate funds through sponsorship, training etc. All Local Chapters must keep their account audited, they should make the calendar of annual meeting and the schedule may be prepared after consultation with the respective Vice-President of their zone.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair

  
(Sanjay Singh Rathore)  
Secretary, ISA

Submitted for approval of President, ISA please

  
26.07.2024  
(Shanti Kumar Sharma)  
President, ISA

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