



Indian Society for Medical Statistics

Draft Minutes of the General Body Meeting - 2025

The General Body Meeting was convened at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Mangalagiri, on November 20, 2025, at 6:00 PM, with the following agenda items.

1. Welcome by President-ISMS
2. Approval of minutes of the GC & GB meetings- 2024
3. Report of General Secretary
4. Report of Treasurer
5. Report of Bulletin Editor
6. Report of Web coordinator
7. Award Committee report
8. Nomination committee report -Election updates
9. Search committee report
10. FSMS committee report
11. Venue for the ISMSSCON-2026
12. Updates about the Registration of the society
13. Any other point with the permission of the chair

14. Thanking the retiring GC members

15. Vote of thanks by General Secretary



1. Welcome by President

President-ISMS, Prof. N. Sreekumaran Nair, welcomed all members, including the newly elected office bearers. Then, the President requested the General Secretary to take up and discuss the agenda items one by one.

2. Approval of minutes of the GC & GB meetings- 2024

The general secretary informed GB about the correction in the draft minutes of 2024 suggested by Prof BL Verma regarding the tenure of Web coordinator. GB unanimously approved the 2024 -Governing Council and General Body meeting minutes.

3. Report of General Secretary

The General Secretary presented the report of the activities held during 2025, summarised below.

The ISMS Secretariat has regularly communicated various announcements and notifications of the Society, including minutes of meetings, ISMS bulletins, details of conferences, workshops, vacancies, and other relevant news items for the members.

The Secretariat, in collaboration with Web Coordinator Dr. Prasanna Samuel, has updated several sections of the ISMS website, including draft GC and GB minutes, audit reports, recent Bulletins, member communications, the membership directory, and other relevant materials.

The Secretariat has initiated the development of a comprehensive database for the various prestigious awards instituted by the Society, which is in progress and will be updated at the earliest.

General Secretary briefed about the status of the society's registration. The ISMS Secretariat, in coordination with Dr. C. B. Tripathi (IHBAS, New Delhi), has been actively working to update the society's registration records. With the assistance of Advocate Indrajeet Singh, we could identify that the documents fall under the jurisdiction of the Registrar of Firms and Societies, District South, Saket, New Delhi. However, post-registration compliance requirements were not fulfilled thereafter. The Secretariat has now obtained certified copies of the documents originally filed in 1993.

Minimum eligibility criteria (TEQ in Medical Institutions Regulations-2024) - reg. : As members are aware, the draft Teachers' Eligibility Qualifications in Medical Institutions Regulations, 2024 (TEQ-2024), (published on 17 January 2025) raised serious concern by excluding *Biostatistics* from eligibility criteria



for faculty posts. The Secretariat urged members—especially those in medical institutions—to submit individual representations, and ISMS also sent an official representation to the NMC.

Following the guidance of senior ISMS members, a meeting was arranged with the then NMC Chairman, Prof. B. N. Gangadhar, during which Prof. P. Venkatesan, Prof. K. Thennarasu, and I represented the Society and presented our concerns. Subsequently, a detailed follow-up representation was submitted to the National medical Commission. Later, the NMC revised the regulations and included the appointment of Assistant Professors of Statistics as a separate category (Item No. 15) in the Gazette Notification, *Teachers' Eligibility Qualifications in Medical Institutions Regulations, 2025*, published on 30th June 2025.

The GC acknowledged and appreciated the efforts and initiatives taken by the members and thanked all for their support in safeguarding our discipline.

Membership campaign: The ISMS Secretariat initiated a membership drive by requesting senior members across institutions to share membership information with students and faculty. However, the response was limited, and only 34 new life members joined this year. The Treasurer, Dr. Ponnuraja, has issued membership certificates after verifying applications and payments, and the updated membership directory has been uploaded to the website. All new members have been added to the ISMS Google Group, which now includes 892 email IDs out of approximately 1,174 life members. The Secretariat has also updated member contact details based on individual requests.

Invitations to all awardees to receive it during ISMSCON-2025: With regard to the other ISMS awards, invitations were sent to all recipients to receive their awards during the inaugural session of ISMSCON-2025. All awardees graciously accepted the invitation and are present today, except one who could not attend due to unavoidable circumstances.

Election 2025: Following the GC and GB recommendations of 2024, the Nomination Committee began the election process in February 2025. The Secretariat circulated the list of eligible members, incorporated requested updates, and shared the revised list with the candidates—three for President-Elect and four for the GC member positions. MetaEx Technology, Bengaluru, facilitated the smooth conduct of the e-election. E-ballots were sent on 24 February 2025, and voting concluded on 1 March 2025. The Election Committee Chair later announced the results:

President (Elect) : Prof. K Thennarasu, NIMHANS, Bengaluru.



Governing Council members: 1. Dr. K. T Harichandrakumar, JIPMER, Puducherry
2. Dr. Prabhaker Mishra, SGPGIMS, Lucknow.
3. Dr. S. V Kakade, KIMS, Karad.

Annual conference 2025 arrangements: The ISMS Secretariat worked closely with the Conference Secretariat in organizing the 2025 Annual Conference, supporting the finalization of the scientific program, inaugural function, and Society-related meetings. The conference began with two pre-conference workshops: “Demarcate: Non-inferiority, Superiority and Equivalence Trials” and “Time-to-event Data: A Hands-on Workshop on Survival Analysis.”

All ISMS awards will be presented during the inaugural ceremony, except the Prof. S. K. Bhattacharya Oration and Prof. P. P. Talwar Lecture. The Bhattacharya Oration by Prof. B. Antonisamy will follow the inauguration, and the ISMS General Body Meeting on Day 1. On Day 2, the Prof. R. N. Srivastava Award Competition will be held in the forenoon, followed by the Prof. P. P. Talwar Lecture Award (2025) presentation by Prof. Amarjeet Singh.

The detailed scientific program and updates were circulated to all registered members.

The General Secretary’s report concluded with an expression of gratitude to all members, including the various ISMS committees and their Chairs and members, for their continued cooperation and support in ISMS activities.

Several Governing Council members, including Prof. B. L. Verma, Prof. V. Srinivas, and Dr. K.T Harichandrakumar, expressed serious concern regarding the low level of participation by ISMS members in the annual conference. They emphasized the need to enhance participation through appropriate and effective interventions.

GB approved the General Secretary’s report.

4. Report of Treasurer

Following the general secretary's report, Dr C. Ponnuraja presented the Treasurer’s report. He briefed the members about the current financial status of the society and circulated the audited statements for FY 2024-'25. GB debated various aspects of audited statement approved the treasurer’s report.



5. Report of Bulletin Editor

The Bulletin Editor, Dr. Binu V. S., presented his report and briefed on the activities undertaken during 2025. He reported that two issues of the Bulletin were prepared and circulated to the members prior to the conference. Dr. Binu also informed the members about the reconstitution of the Bulletin Committee and indicated that the next issue is expected to be released by February 2026.

The General Body approved the Bulletin Editor's report.

6. Report of Web coordinator

Dr. Prasanna Samuel presented the Web Coordinator's report, highlighting activities undertaken in coordination with the secretariat, which was subsequently approved by the General Body.

7. Award Committee report

Although Prof. R. M. Pandey, Chair of the Awards Committee, could not attend the meeting, he conveyed the committee's recommendations to the secretariat. The General Secretary subsequently presented these recommendations to the General Body.

Award Name	Recommended
Prof. P V Sukhatme Award (2025)	Dr Sachit Ganapathy, Pfizer Healthcare Pvt Ltd., Chennai
Prof. K R Sundaran Young Research Scholar Award (2025)	Mr.Pravin S, NIMHANS, Bengaluru
Prof. C.M Pandey Award (2025)	Dr Subhah Kumar Yadav, Babasaheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Lucknow
Smt Suraj Kali Jain Award (2025)	Mr Shaik Fayaz Ahamed ICMR-NIT, Chennai

Recommendations of the award committee were approved by the GB.

In addition, the Jury of the **Prof. R.N Srivastatva Award** competition recommended Mr Kuldeep Kumar Sharma, NIMHANS, Bengaluru for the Prof.R.N Srivastatva Award-2025.



8. Nomination Committee report:

The Chair of the Nomination Committee, Prof. P. Venkatesan, presented the committee's report on the vacant positions of the Governing Council (GC). Single nominations were received for the posts of General Secretary (Dr. M. Rajeswari, LM No. 201926, AIIMS-Mangalagiri) and Treasurer (Dr. Akash Mishra, LM No. 201922, BHU-Varanasi).

Accordingly, **Dr. M. Rajeswari** and **Dr. Akash Mishra** were elected unanimously to the respective positions.

Prof. Venkatesan also mentioned that three nominations were received for the single vacant position of Governing Council Member, from Dr. Ashish Kumar Yadav (LM No. 201214, BHU-Varanasi), Dr. Melissa G. Lewis (LM No. 201509, ICMR-NICED, Kolkata), and Dr. G. K. Vishwakarma (LM No. 202006, IIT-Dhanbad). As all three nominees were relatively new members, the Nomination Committee, in order to avoid an election, recommended Dr. Ashish Kumar Yadav based on seniority of ISMS membership.

The General Body deliberated on this recommendation and decided that an election should be conducted for the single post of GC Member. All other recommendations of the Nomination Committee were ratified.

9. Search committee report:

Prof. B.L Verma, chair of the ISMS Search Committee reported the recommendation of the Search Committee for 2025 and the details are given below.

Award Name	Recommended Name
Lifetime Achievement Award	Dr. D K Subbkrishna, Ph D Former Professor & Head, Dept. of Biostatistics, NIMHANS, Bengaluru and Past President – ISMS, E-mail drsubbkrishna50@yahoo.com
Professor S K Bhattacharya Oration Award	Dr. S N Dwivedi Ph D Former Professor, Dept. of Biostatistics, AIIMS New Delhi, and Former President–ISMS E-mail dwivedi7@gmail.com
Professor P P Talwar Lecture Award	Dr. Amarjeet Singh MD Former Professor & Head, Dept. of Community Medicine and School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh E-mail dramarjeet56@gmail.com



Smt. Ramrati Lalima Sahai Award	Dr. R K Soni, MD Former Professor of Biostatistics Dayanand Medical College & Hospital Ludhiana E-mail rksonidmc@yahoo.com
Professor A Indrayan Travel Grant	Dr. V S Yadav, Ph D Former Treasurer – ISMS, NJILOMD, Agra E-mail yadav.jalma@gmail.com

The General Secretary raised concerns regarding the recommendation of the Search Committee for the Professor P. P. Talwar Lecture Award, noting that the nominated individual has not been a regular participant in ISMS conferences and questioning the extent of the nominee's contribution to the discipline of Biostatistics. The General body deliberated on the matter and requested the Search Committee to give due consideration to such aspects in future recommendations.

10. FSMS Committee report

ISMS President has reported the recommendation of the Fellowship committee for the year 2025. Two names, Dr. B. Binukumar of NIMHANS, Bengaluru and Dr. Dinesh Kumar, GMCH, Chandigarh are recommended for FSMS.

GB approved the recommendation of FSMS committee.

11. Venue for the ISMSCON-2026

General Secretary reported that the Secretariat did not receive any proposals to host the 2026 Annual Conference. Accordingly, secretariat contacted several institutions, including MAHE, Manipal, and SGPGIMS, Lucknow. Following this, Dr. Prabhaker Mishra from SGPGIMS, Lucknow, has kindly expressed willingness to host **ISMSCON-2026** at SGPGIMS. GB debated this and approved this proposal.

12. Updates about the Registration of the society

The General Secretary updated the recent developments in coordination with Dr CB Tripathi. He has appealed to all former ISMS committee members and senior members of the Society to extend their



support in completing the long-pending post-registration compliance tasks (dating back to 1994) to ensure the Society's smooth and lawful functioning.

GB debated this issue and Prof. B L Verma and Prof Ajit Sahai extended their support in getting the earlier minutes from various sources. Many members opined to resolve this issue with topmost priority. Prof. Nair requested the current office bearers also to support the new secretariat to complete this long-pending tasks. Requested Dr.Binukumar to follow it up as a special officer to coordinate with Dr.Tripathi to complete the registration process. GB sincerely appreciated the dedicated efforts of Dr. Tripathi and Advocate Indrajeet Singh in locating the correct office and tracing the Society's records, which had been shifted across multiple jurisdictions.

13. Any other point with the permission of the chair:

The following items were ratified in the General Body Meeting.

A) President of ISMS has reconstituted of the ISMS committees for the period 2026-2028.

i) FSMS Committee:

- 1. President, Chair**
2. Prof. P. Venkatesan (ICMR (retired), Chennai), Member
3. Prof. L. Jeyaseelan (CMC (Retired), Vellore), Member
4. Prof. Ajit Sahai (JIPMER (Retired), Puducherry), Member
5. Prof. VG Kaliaperumal (NIMHANS (Retired), Bangalore), Member
6. Prof. BL Verma (MLM Medical college (Retired), Jhansi), Member
7. Prof. RM Pandey (AIIMS (Retired), New Delhi), Member
8. Prof. Anil C Mathew (PSGIMR, Coimbatore), Member
9. Prof. RK Soni (Ludhiana), Member
10. Prof. SS Ganguly (AFMC (Retired), Pune), Member

ii) Nominating Committee:

- 1. Prof. Kaliaperumal (NIMHANS, Retired), Chair**
2. Prof. P.Venkatesan (ICMR, Chennai, Retired), Member
3. Prof. Ajit Sahai (JIPMER, Retired), Member



iii) Award Committee:

1. **Prof. V. Srinivas, AIIMS, Delhi (Retired), Chair**
2. Dr. Harichandrakumar KT (JIPMER, Puducherry), Member
3. Prof. C.B Tripathi (IHBAS, Delhi), Member
4. Dr. Anupkumar (SGPGI, Lucknow), Member
5. Prof. Tinku Thomas (St. Johns, Bangalore), Member

iv) Search Committee:

1. **Prof. L.Jeyaseelan (CMC, Vellore, Retired), Chair**
2. Prof. Aleyamma Mathew (RCC, Thiruvananthapuram), Member
3. Prof. Vishnu Vardhana Rao (ICMR, New Delhi, Retired), Member
4. Prof. Mariamma Philip, (NIMHANS, Bangalore), Member
5. Prof. SV Kakade, (Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Karad, Maharashtra), Member

v) Constitution Amendment Committee:

1. **Prof. BL Verma, Jhansi, Chair**
 2. Prof. P.Venkatesan, Chennai, Member
 3. Prof. SN Dwivedi, Ujjain, Member
 4. Dr. Prasanna Samuel, Vellore, Member
 5. Dr. Binukumar B, Bangalore, Member
- (General Secretary and President will be part of this committee)

vi) Continuing Statistical Education Committee:

1. **Dr.N.Sreekumaran Nair, Chair, JIPMER, Chair**
2. Dr.Preethi Sara George, RCC, Thiruvananthapuram, Member
3. Dr.Kakade, Krishna Institute, Karad, Member
4. Dr.Binukumar B, NIMHANS, Bangalore, Member
5. Dr.Ashish Kumar Yadav, BHU, Varanasi, member
6. Dr.Melissa G Lewis, ICMR, kolkotta, Member
7. Dr.Prabhakar Mishra, SGPGI, Lucknow, Member
8. Dr.Prasanna Samuel, CMC, Vellore, Member



9. Dr.Ravishankar, Patel Chest Institute, Delhi, Member
10. Dr.M.Rajeswari, AIIMS, Mangalagiri, Member Secretary

vii) Young Statisticians Development Committee (Including mentoring and developing opportunities for Masters and PhD students)

1. **Dr.Sachit Ganapathy,(Pfizer, Chennai), Chair**
2. Dr.Amritha Jose, ICMR, Mumbai, Member
3. Dr.AK Mathai, MakroCare, Hyderabad, member
4. Dr.Amitha Puranik, University of Leicester, UK, Member
5. Ms.Neha Pakhle, Bristol Myers Squibb

B). Allegation related to presentation for the Prof. R. N. Srivastava Award competition-2024:

The General Secretary reported the allegation raised by a member regarding the Prof. R. N. Srivastava Award (2024) and its development. and the investigation conducted. The recommendations of the Enquiry Committee and the Jury Chairman approved by the Governing Council to withdraw the Prof. R. N. Srivastava Award and the Prof. K. R. Sundaram Young Research Scholar Award for 2024 is were ratified in the GB.

C) Re-nomination of Web Coordinator:

Re-nomination of Dr. Prasanna Samuel as the Web Coordinator has been ratified in the GB.

D) Revision of Prof. Indrayan Travel grant ceiling amount:

The General Secretary reported the receipt of an additional contribution of ₹2,00,000/- from Prof. Abhaya Indrayan towards the Prof. Indrayan Travel Grant Award.Further, the Governing Council's recommendation to enhance the travel grant fund related to this Award in accordance with the Society's norms, and extend support to eligible members has been ratified.

E) Emphasize the eligibility of new members for ISMS awards:

The General Secretary reported that several individuals had applied for various ISMS awards immediately after obtaining membership following the ISMS circular notification, even though their membership



confirmation was subject to ratification by the Governing Council and the General Body. The General Body deliberated on this matter and directed the Secretariat to strictly adhere to the ISMS rules and regulations while processing such award applications and ratified.

F) Organizing workshop/ training programme under the banner of ISMS

President briefed about starting some good quality academic activities of ISMS in collaboration with some other institutions. This can be extended to any region within the country. He also emphasized that such programmes are essential for the visibility of ISMS and should be the society's mandate. GB debated this suggestion and requested the general secretary to explore and identify some institutions that could initiate such a programme.

14. Thanking the retiring GC members

Prof. Nair appreciated and thanked all retiring members including, General Secretary Dr. B Binukumar, Treasurer Dr . C Ponnuraja and GC member Prof. P Marimuthu for their services rendered to the ISMS.

The General Body meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks by General Secretary.

Dr. N. Sreekumaran Nair
President

Dr. B. Binukumar
General Secretary