

**Proceedings of the General Body meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 during the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications at the S.V. Agricultural College, ANGRAU, Tirupati (A.P.) during 29-31 January 2019**

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The twenty first General Body meeting of the Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications (SSCA) was held at the S.V. Agricultural College, ANGRAU, Tirupati (A.P.) under the chairmanship of Dr. V.K. Gupta. The following members attended the meeting:

1. V.K. Gupta- In Chair
2. R.B. Barman
3. Bikas K. Sinha
4. Ram Karan Singh
5. G. Nageswara Rao
6. A. Dhandapani
7. P. Venkatesan
8. P. Tirupathi Rao
9. V. Srinivasa Rao
10. Raosaheb Vikram Latpate
11. Alka Arora
12. Shashi Dahiya
13. Hukum Chandra
14. Mukesh Kumar
15. Anu Sharma
16. Dwijesh Chandra Mishra
17. Ashish Das
18. R. Vishnu Vardhan
19. D. Roy Choudhury
20. Alope Lahiri
21. Shibani Roy Choudhury

The following delegates also attended the GB meeting, without any voting rights, because they are not the members of the SSCA.

1. G. Mohan Naidu
2. Venkata Putcha

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members present in the meeting. He also appreciated the spirits of the delegates, who have been attending the sessions of the conference since mornings till evenings. It speaks volumes of the academic standards of the conference and the interest of the delegates. Following issues were discussed and appropriate decisions taken as follows:

**1. Tribute to Prof. S. Biswas, Life Member of the Society**

Tributes were paid to Prof. S. Biswas, Life Member of the Society, who left for heavenly abode on January 17, 2019 at Delhi. It was informed that on behalf of the Society, a condolence message was sent to his family at his home address. One minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

**2. Confirmation of the proceedings of the GB meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018, during the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of SSCA at the Pondicherry University, Puducherry**

The proceedings of the General Body (GB) meeting held at the Pondicherry University, Puducherry on January 30, 2018 were circulated on March 08, 2018 to the members of the Society. The proceedings are also available online at the website of the society. Even during the present General Body Meeting the members were asked to give their comments, if any. Since no comments were received on the proceedings, these were confirmed.

**3. Action taken report on the last GB meeting at Pondicherry University in 2018.**

The suggestion of Dr. R.B. Barman in the last EC meeting regarding formation of an ‘Apex Society’, which might organize seminars, workshops etc. focusing on real issues on the pattern of Royal Statistical Society, was discussed at length by the EC and it was decided that since the matter needs a well planned road map and constructive interaction with renowned professional organizations, it would take some time to initiate any action on that.

However, some active members have already come forward to work on this idea. The President of the SSCA floated an idea of initiating an “Indian Statistics Congress” or “Indian Statistical Association” under the umbrella of which many Indian Societies of statistical sciences could be brought together and a congress could be organised every five years.

Dr. Arun K. Nigam suggested in the last EC meeting that the society might provide statistical consultancy to Research Scholars / Institutions seeking such services. In this connection, Dr. D.C. Nath was requested at this year’s EC meeting to give some projects to the Society. The society may also engage in organisation of training programmes for other Institutions.

Dr Rajpal Singh, Patron of the Society, proposed last year that to encourage the young scientists, two separate awards, namely, Talented Scientist Award and Inspired Scientist Award might be conferred every year. President informed that other than the winner of Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Young Scientist Award, the two other contestants invited for the presentation of the research papers, are given the appreciation/merit certificates every year. It has been decided in the EC meeting that since Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Young Scientist Award is already being conferred to a young scientist every year since last five years, there was no need to bifurcate this award further into two. This was agreed to by the EC members.

The GB agreed to the above mentioned decisions of the EC. This item may be dropped now.

**4. Presentation of the report and the activities of the Society**

The report of the activities and accounts of the Society were presented by the Secretary, Dr. D. Roy Choudhury and Treasurer, Dr. Ashish Das, respectively. The reports were accepted by the GB. It was felt that the financial health of the society needs to be improved and the members were appealed to help the society in generating funds.

**5. Suggestions by Members and others present**

(a) Regarding the accounts of the Society, one of the members suggested that the final audited accounts statement of the Society of the preceding year should be attached along with the notice of convening the GB meeting of the current year. The suggestion has been noted by the GB and would be implemented subsequently.

(b) The President invited suggestions from the members for improving the financial health of the Society. It was suggested that rigorous efforts should be made for obtaining donations from Indian members and Indians settled abroad for generating financial resources for the society so that newer initiatives can be introduced. It was also suggested that the students of Late Prof M.N. Das may especially be requested to generate some endowment awards / fellowships / travel grants. A fixed endowment amount may be deposited in the account of the society and from the interest accrued on the endowment sum, these activities can be initiated. Some other measures were also suggested. One member suggested that the targets may be set and concerted efforts may be made to meet the targets. For the financial year 2019-2020, the GB set a target of generating Rs. 5.0 lakh (Rupees Five Lakhs only) or more for the society.

Regarding starting of statistical consultancy services by the Society, as suggested in the EC meeting, one of the members opted to be associated with it, if started. President informed that the thought process in this regard was already in progress. Dr. D.C. Nath, VC, Assam University, Silchar has been requested to give some projects. Another non-member from the audience suggested initiating short term courses by the Society, which could fetch good amount of money. Some members further suggested that in future conferences of the Society, one or two technical sessions should be such that the corporate houses are involved in the sessions. The corporate houses may participate by giving donations / sponsoring sessions, etc. The President declared that during the 22nd Annual Conference to be held at SP Pune University during January 2020, a session on statistical education may be organised in which the participants would be students / research scholars of statistics and the panel would comprise of corporate houses so that a synergy could be obtained about need, requirements and demands of the curricula especially in the emerging global scenario.

It was further informed upon that the effort of opening a new saving bank account in SBI, Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi has been explored and if agreed upon, necessary formalities of the SBI would be completed by the authorised signatories of the SSCA before submitting the same to the SBI. It was suggested by some members that other nationalised bank, like Canara Bank, may also be considered and decision about the choice of bank made after making comparisons of the facilities being provided. .

#### **6. Appointment of the auditor of the Society for 2019-20.**

The General Body ratified the decision of the EC that the present auditor of the Society, namely, M/S Panjraht Kapoor and Company, Chartered Accountants, may be requested to continue for the next financial year 2019-20 as well. They may also be requested to prepare the income tax returns for the financial year 2018-19 (Assessment year 2019-20).

#### **7. Printing of the journal of the Society**

During the last GB meeting, it was agreed upon to print a maximum of 100 copies of the journal, special or otherwise, on a continuous basis. The number might be revised, if necessary. This would facilitate its distribution to some of the renowned research institutes and libraries resulting in spread of the popularity of the journal. The matter was discussed in this year's EC meeting. In this connection, Dr. Bikas K. Sinha offered to take it up with some well known publishers for publication of the journal of the Society. It was also informed that Dr. K. Srinivasa Rao was also willing to help in the publication of the journal though some reputed publisher. It was decided that the society and the editors would make all put effort in getting the journal published through some reputed publisher.

## **8. Election of the Executive Council members and office bearers for the year 2019 - 2020**

For increasing the visibility of the Society, deliberations were made to nominate some eminent persons in statistics to senior positions in the Society. EC proposed that Dr. K.J.S. Satyasai, General Manager, Department of Economic Analysis and Research, NABARD, Mumbai may be nominated as a Patron of the Society. In addition, one of the Vice Presidents of the Society, Dr. D.K. Ghosh may be nominated as a Patron of the Society. Dr P. Venkatesan, an eminent Bio-statistician, may be nominated as the Vice President of the Society. There are 15 EC members of SSCA. As per the norms, every year, first five members, who have completed 3 years of term as EC members, may be re-nominated/replaced by the new members suggested by the EC. This year, such five outgoing members are (i) Anshu Bhardwaj, (ii) Amarendra K. Jha, (iii) Shibani Roy Choudhury, (iv) Rahul Gupta and (v) Alka Arora. It was proposed by the EC that one of the organizers of the conference might be nominated as an EC member out of the five positions. It was also proposed that during the year 2019-2020, out of the above mentioned first five members during the current year, the members at serial numbers (i), (iii) and (v) might be retained as women representatives and rest of the two members might be replaced by (i) Dr. V. Srinivasa Rao, Convener of the XXI Annual Conference of SSCA and Dr Sanjeev Panwar, Scientist at ICAR. The proposal was approved by the General Body. The Executive Council for 2019-20 is given in the Annexure.

The Society gratefully acknowledges the services rendered by the outgoing Executive Council Members Dr. Amarendra K. Jha and Dr. Rahul Gupta, for their effective role in managing the day to day work of the Society.

## **9. Announcement of Dr M N Das Memorial Young Scientist Award 2019**

The President informed the members that a total of eleven research scholars had applied for the consideration of the award this year, which were sent to seven reviewers from India and Abroad. A separate bench of five judges evaluated the presentations. Based on the scores of the reviewers and judges, the result was finalised. The President announced the result. Shri Shyamsundar Parui, an Indian Statistical Service (ISS) Probationer, was declared as the winner of the Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Young Scientist Award -2019. The winner was presented with a cheque of ₹ 20,000.00 and a certificate. Shri Mukund Rajiv Ramtirthkar, Ph.D. research student and Teaching Associate, S.P. Pune University, Maharashtra and Dr. Santosh Shashikant Sutar, Asstt. Director/Asstt. Professor, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra, were each presented with a memento and a Young Scientist Merit Certificate. One of the Merit certificate holders suggested to mention the name of the Dr. M.N. Das Young Scientist Award winner of the previous year in the Secretary's Report for the GB meeting of the current year.

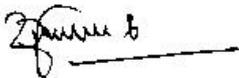
## **10. A vote of thanks to the organisers of the conference**

The President thanked the organisers of the present 21<sup>st</sup> conference for their all-round performance in conducting a smooth and fruitful conference. The arrangements made by a very dedicated team of Prof. V. Srinivasa Rao, Dr. G. Mohan Naidu, Dr. B. Ravindra Reddy and Dr. P. Lavanya Kumari. He thanked the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of ANGRAU, Prof. V. Damodara Reddy for his support and guidance in hosting this major event. The conference has been academically very enriching with a record number of delegates participating as Invited Speakers from all across the country. It was a challenge for the organisers to accommodate all the speakers in the limited time available by running concurrent sessions

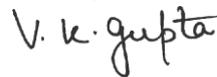
with perfection and utmost diligence. One of the significant and bold steps taken by the organisers was using digital environment for the conference in terms of mobile app. The hospitality extended by the organisers and boarding and lodging arrangements at different guest houses/hotels/Reddy Bhawan were carefully planned and were flawless. The President expressed his pleasure over the students, who helped the delegates with all logistics with high enthusiasm and sense of responsibility. A resolution, duly approved by the GB, would be presented in the valedictory function tomorrow.

**11. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair**

- (a) The President informed that the next XXII Annual Conference of SSCA would be held at the Sabitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, Maharashtra possibly during the first week of January 2020. Approval in this regard has been received from the Hon'ble VC of the University. One of the organisers of the said conference, Dr. Raosaheb Vikram Latpate was also present at the conference and the GB meeting as a life member of SSCA.
- (b) Last year, during the EC meeting, a proposal was placed before the EC to bring internationally renowned statisticians as honorary members of the Society which might help in accelerating the growth of the Society. Names of two such statisticians were approved as honorary members by the EC and ratified by the GB. They are Profs. J.N.K. Rao and Rahul Mukerjee. This year, President proposed the name of renowned Statistician, Prof. P.K. Sen as the honorary member of the Society to the EC. The proposal was agreed upon unanimously by the EC. General Body ratified the decision of the EC unanimously.
- (c) Smt. Shibani Roy Choudhury was of the view that although the Society has been growing technically in terms of academic standards of the conferences, quality of papers published in the journal, increase in membership over the years, it is pertinent to look into the administrative aspects also like separate telephone/mobile connection and e-mail address in the name of the Society, sending of required documents to the Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS) every year as per RCS rules and filing of ITR etc. She further suggested that the Society should gear up for its Silver Jubilee celebrations from now onwards and prepare a plan for the celebrations. The members appreciated her suggestions. The President asked the Secretary, Joint Secretaries and the Treasurer to act fast in this regard without any further delay.



(D. Roy Choudhury)  
Secretary  
Society of Statistics,  
Computer and Applications



(V.K. Gupta)  
President  
Society of Statistics,  
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February 12, 2019

## APPENDIX

### LIST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2019-20

#### Founder President

Late Prof. M.N. Das

#### President

V K Gupta

#### Executive President

Rajender Parsad

#### Patrons

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|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. R. B. Barman | 5. A C Kulshreshtha | 9. D.K Ghosh        |
| 2. Rajpal Singh | 6. Pankaj Mittal    | 10. K.J.S. Satyasai |
| 3. Alope Dey    | 7. A K Nigam        |                     |
| 4. R.C. Agrawal | 8. Prithvi Yadav    |                     |

#### Vice-Presidents

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. S.D. Sharma    | 4. A. Dhandapani |
| 2. V.K. Bhatia    | 5. P. Venkatesan |
| 3. Bikas K. Sinha |                  |

#### Secretary

D. Roy Choudhury

#### Foreign Secretary

Sudhir Gupta

#### Treasurer

Ashish Das

#### Joint Secretaries

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| 1. Alope Lahiri | 2. L.M. Bhar | 3. Hukum Chandra |
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#### Members

Sl. No.	Name	Sl. No.	Name
1.	K.V. Palanichamy	9.	Ranjit Kumar Paul
2.	Manisha Pal	10.	R. Vishnu Vardhan
3.	Praggya Das	11.	Alka Arora
4.	Piyush Kant Rai	12.	Shibani Roy Choudhury
5.	Manish Kumar Sharma	13.	Anshu Bhardwaj
6.	P. Rath	14.	Sanjeev Panwar
7.	S.A. Mir	15.	V. Srinivasa Rao
8.	Manish Trivedi		

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