

Meeting

A meeting of General Body of the Indian Political Science Association (IPSA) was held at 10:00 AM in the K N Udappa Auditorium of Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi on 27th October 2015. Professor G Gopal Reddy presided the proceedings.

The President, IPSA welcomed the members. The General Secretary and Treasurer proposed the approval of the proceedings of the General Body Meeting of 29th December 2013 held at Hyderabad. The members unanimously approved.

The members were invited to make comments, suggestions, complaints and observations.

Prof. Rohitashwa Dubey (Muzaffarpur) expressed his appreciation for the office bearers of IPSA for holding the Conference regularly. Dr. Anant Shukla (Ara) also added his voice with Prof. Dubey. Prof. Lazarus Samraj (Pondicherry) raised the issue of introducing the discipline of Political Science in all the universities of the country. He urged the office bearers of IPSA to make efforts in this direction. He also stressed the need of greater participation of the IPSA members in UGC and ICSSR initiatives. Dr. Kavita Sonakamble (Nanded) pleaded for holding the next IPSA conference in Nanded. Dr. Sunil K Jha (Ranchi) appreciated the efforts of General Secretary and Treasurer in conducting the affairs of IPSA. He expressed thankfulness to the Editor for bringing out special volume of the IJPS and the abstracts in book form having ISBN number which would benefit the members immensely. Dr. Alauddin Ansari (Sasaram) also appreciated the publication of special conference volume of the IJPS and Hindi journals. Dr. Ranjan Kumar (Kanpur) urged for increasing the time of technical sessions in the conference. He also proposed of uniform syllabus of Political Science throughout the country.

Dr. Ehtasham Khan (Gaya) proposed the next conference to be held at Gaya. Dr. Madhusudan Mishra (Raibareilly) expressed concern over a gap 76 years in holding the conference at Varanasi. Prof. Brahmananda Sathpathy (Bhubneshwar) urged for qualitative improvement in technical sessions and expressed concern about the attendance in these sessions. He also proposed the next conference to be held at Utkal University. Prof. Khalid (Chandigarh) urged to document the academic proposals of the conference and the need to publish the papers presented on the website of IPSA. He also expressed concern over the quality of the papers being presented in the conference and the attendance in the academic sessions. Prof. Shantishree Pandit (Pune) stressed the need to strengthen the presence of IPSA on social networking sites. She also discussed the possibility of increase in the number of plenary sessions. Dr. Vinay Kumar (Samastipur) spoke on the inclusion of moral politics in the discussions. Dr. Rajendra Bharti (Jamshedpur) pleaded for inclusion of left out papers in the next issues of the journals. Dr. Jyotiraj Pathak (Kokrajhar) urged for regular updates on the IPSA website. Dr. Rajbir Singh Dalal (Sirsa) also pleaded for publication of left out papers in the next issue of journals of IPSA. Dr. Rashmimala Sahu (Ranchi) also raised, the issue of improvement in

the quality of academic sessions in the conference. Dr. Bhawana Sharma (Jhunjhunu) talked of self discipline amongst the delegates. She also talked about including moral politics in the sub-themes of the next IPSA conference. Dr. Aniruddha Saha (Kolkata) raised his concern over regulation in the technical sessions and increase in the representation of students and research scholars in the conference. Dr. Madhvi Shukla (Mughalsarai) talked about the profile of the members to be updated on the website. Dr. B B Sharma (Jalandhar) proposed establishment of research centres of IPSA at different places. Dr. R Radhakrishnan (Hyderabad) also stressed the need of more visible presence of IPSA on social networking platforms and the profile of members to be prepared. Dr. Natarajan (Annamalai) proposed the idea of giving more opportunities to young scholars. Dr. Shyam Mohan Agrawal (Jaipur) raised the issue of decrease in the number of recruitment in the teaching departments in the universities and colleges in Political Science. Dr. Babita Jain (Bikaner) spoke of self regulation by all of us as citizens. Prof. Raj Kumar Kothari (Midnapore) pleaded for greater participation of the members of IPSA in the conference and the systematic profiling of them on the website. Prof. Madhurendra Kumar (Nainital) pleaded for permanent office of IPSA. Prof. G Gopal Reddy stressed the need of organizing the conference at regular intervals.

Professor Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, General Secretary and Treasurer, IPSA expressed thankfulness to all the members giving suggestions and making observations and replied to most of the queries. Prof. Sharma, then, presented the following proposals and information before the General Body:-

- (i) That the complete online version of the Indian Journal of Political Science beginning from September 1939 to September 2013 have been published online in collaboration of JSTOR. The members appreciated the move with applause.
- (ii) That an amount of Rs. 193500/- as the IPSA portion of the revenues earned by JSTOR out of Sale of online IJPS has been received by the office of the General Secretary and Treasurer. The members appreciated the efforts of the General Secretary and Treasurer for this.
- (iii) That the publication of the IJPS and the Hindi Journal of IPSA have been brought to time schedule. The members appreciated the efforts of the Editor.
- (iv) That the IPSA contribution to the International Political Science Association is pending. The members approved that the payment be made.
- (v) That the jury appointed by the President to decide upon the IPSA National Awards for 2014 and 2015 has submitted its decision and the names shall be announced in the Inaugural Function of the 56th Conference. The members approved.
- (vi) That the Prof. C P Barthwal Best Research Paper Award shall be decided by the jury separately nominated by the President after the presentations made by the delegates on the 2nd day of the conference. It was also approved by the members.

- (vii) That the financial position of IPSA has improved considerably during last two years. The house applauded the efforts of the General Secretary and Treasurer in this direction. The income and expenditure details presented by the GSIPSA were approved (copy enclosed).
- (viii) That the Study Abroad Programme (SAP) of Gujarat University has donated an amount of Rs. 600000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Only) to the IPSA for instituting two awards for Diaspora Studies and India Studies in this names of former Prime Minister Sri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and former foreign service bureaucrat Sri J C Sharma. This amount could be used as an endowment. The nomenclature of the awards may be decided by the IPSA office bearers. The members appreciated the efforts of the General Secretary and Treasurer in raising funds for these awards. The members also proposed a Vote of thanks to the Coordinator of the Study Abroad Programme, Gujarat University for the help rendered to the IPSA.
- (ix) That Professor G Gopal Reddy has donated an amount of Rs. 50000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) as an endowment of establishing a national award in the memory of former IPSA President and former UGC Chairman Professor G Rama Reddy. The award may be given to special academic contribution in the field of the study of democratic decentralization and Panchayati Raj studies. The members proposed a vote of thanks to Prof. G Gopal Reddy for his support.
- (x) That the General Secretary and Treasurer proposes to initiate a small research study documenting the history of the Indian Political Science Association and the Indian Journal of Political Science. The members approved the project and sanctioned an amount of Rs. 50000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) to Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma for this study project.
- (xi) That the proposal of having four positions of Joint Secretary in the IPSA, Executive Committee which was passed by the General Body in its meeting in the Lucknow Conference on 30th December 2011 may be modified to the extent that these four Joint Secretaries be nominated by the President in consultation with the General Secretary and Treasurer keeping in view the lack of representation or possibilities of increase of participation in different regions of the country. The house approved the proposal.
- (xii) That the new website of IPSA is advancing in the direction of providing all required information to the members on the site itself. The members appreciated the efforts of the General Secretary and Treasurer in this field.

The Returning Officer for the elections to the IPSA office bearers for 2016 Professor Madhurendra Kumar, Kumaun University, Nainital announced the results Returning Officer for 2016 IPSA elections. Following were declared elected for the positions mentioned below for the year 2016.

Position	Name
President	1. Prof. Sushma Yadav (New Delhi)
Vice President	1. Prof. Shantishree Dhulipudi Pandit (Maharashtra) 2. Prof. P Madurai Veeran (Tamilnadu)
General Secretary and Treasurer	1. Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma (Uttar Pradesh)
Editor	1. Prof. K.K Mishra (Uttar Pradesh)
Member Executive Committee	1. Prof. C.P. Sharma (Jharkhand)

2. Dr. Chittaranjan Senapati (Uttar Pradesh)
 3. Prof. Baldev Agja (Gujarat)
 4. Dr. Mohan S. Kashikar (Maharashtra)
 5. Dr. Yogendra Kumar Dixit (Jammu & Kashmir)
 6. Dr. Ghanshayam Roy (Bihar)
 7. Dr. Murari Lal Dayma (Rajasthan)
 8. Dr. Anil Kumar Singh (Bihar)
 9. Dr. Umakanta Dash (Odisha)
 10. Dr. Mohd. Khalid (Chandigarh)
 11. Dr. Sangita Dubey (Uttarakhand)
 12. Prof. R. S Yadav (Haryana)
 13. Prof. G Ram Reddy (Telangana)
 14. Prof. C.M. Yatnoor (Karnataka)
 15. Prof. Rajkumar Kothari (West Bengal)
1. Dr. Amiya Kumar Paricha (Odisha)
 2. Dr. Madhu Mukul Chaturvedi (Rajasthan)
 3. Prof. M. M Semwal (Uttarakhand)
 4. Dr. Anupam Sharma (Madhya Pradesh)
 5. Dr. Awadesh Kumar Singh (Bihar)

Member Editorial Board

All the newly elected office bearers of IPSA for the year 2016 were greeted by the members.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

(Sanjeev Kumar Sharma)
General Secretary and Treasurer
Indian Political Science Association