



**Proceedings of the General Body (GB) of the Indian Society of Agricultural Information Technology (INSAIT), held on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 at 13.00 hrs in the Conference hall, University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Dharwad.**

The General Body meeting of INSAIT was held in hybrid mode on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 at UAS, Dharwad to discuss the following agenda items.

1. Progress report on INSAIT activities by the Secretary
2. Audit report of INSAIT by Treasurer
3. Approval of various Awards proposals
4. Organization of INSAIT National Conference in the year 2024
5. Election of New Executive Body of INSAIT
6. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

Out the outset, Dr. G.P. Obi Reddy, Secretary, INSAIT welcomes Prof. J. Adinarayana, the President and Prof. Loknath H. Malligawad, Treasurer of the INSAIT on the dais to conduct the proceedings of the General Body (GB) meeting of INSAIT. The president Prof. J. Adinarayana chaired the GB meeting and while appraising the developments of INSAIT during the last five years (2018-24), the President welcomed the members and requested the Secretary and Treasurer to inform the progress report and audit report of INSAIT. The list of Life Members of INSAIT have participated in the GB meeting is enclosed in **Annexure-I**. Later the GB took agenda-wise items for the discussion.

**1. Progress report on INSAIT activities by the Secretary**

- The Secretary of INSAIT presented the detailed progress report of INSAIT since Oct, 2018. He informed the house that from Oct 2018 to June 2024, eight Executive Council meetings were conducted to discuss various regular and annual agenda items of INSAIT with regard to the functioning of INSAIT and organization of various events.
- The Secretary informed that INSAIT celebrated World Population Day on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 and organised two invited lectures on ‘Role of Geo-ICT’s in Agriculture and Global Food Security’.
- He also informed the house that INSAIT organized DSANRM-2020 Workshop as a part of 8th International BDA Conference in collaboration with Ahmedabad University on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020.
- He also informed that a book on “Data Science in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management” was published by Springer as a proceedings of the DSANRM-2020 workshop.
- INSAIT was associated with The Economics Times in organization of the virtual 2nd Edition of ‘FPO Summit & Awards 2021’ held on 29th April 2021 and the 2nd Edition of Samunnati and ‘Farmer Producer Organization Awards 2021’ held on 28 July 2021.
- INSAIT celebrated ‘World Food Day on 16<sup>th</sup> October, and 2021 organised a Webinar on “Adoption of Technology in Agriculture: An Agricultural Extension Success Story.
- INSAIT develop a user-friendly website to disseminate INSAIT information to its members in particular and scientific professionals and the public in general.

- INSAIT developed and launched an online Membership Enrollment System on 1st July, 2020. The total Life members of INSAIT increased from 203 to 306 with 103 life members were joined additionally during the period from 2018 to 2024 (As on 09-07-2024).

## 2. Audit report of INSAIT by Treasurer

- Dr. Lokanath H. Malligawad, Treasurer, INSAIT presented a brief report on the financial status of the INSAIT during the period from 2018 to 2024. As per the Proceedings of the Executive Committee Meeting (Virtual Mode) of the INSAIT held on 01-September-2021, it was decided to close all the Bank Accounts of INSAIT except Account No.: 10025447468, State Bank of India (003151), UAS Campus, Dharwad for convenient in financial transaction related to INSAIT.
- Accordingly, Savings Bank Account and all the Fixed Deposit Accounts available with Canara Bank, Market Main (0509) PB Road, Dharwad were closed and a total sum of amount of Rs. 29,97,393-00 was transferred to SB/Ac No. 10025447468 (CIF No: 80020685336) of the State Bank of India, University of Agricultural Sciences Campus, Dharwad on 13-October-2021 through RTGS (UTR No. CNRBR52021101370034821 Dated: 13-10-2021).
- Savings Bank Account and all the Fixed Deposit Accounts available with Union Bank of India, Vijaya Complex, Vijaya Road, Dharwad were closed and a total sum of the amount of Rs. 16,06,405-00 was transferred to SB/Ac No. 10025447468 (CIF No: 80020685336) of the State Bank of India, University of Agricultural Sciences Campus, Dharwad on 08-October-2021 through RTGS (UTR No. UBINR22021100801989971/ UBINH21281989970 Dated: 08-10-2021).
- Cash on Hand for Rs. 12,705-00 as per the Audit Report 2020-21 along with suspense amount of Rs. 1,793-00 (i.e., Rs. 13, 868-00) was kept with SB/Ac 3092597462, State Bank of India, University of Agricultural Sciences Campus, Lingsugur Road, RAICHUR and was closed and a total sum of amount of Rs. 13,868-00 was transferred to SB/Ac No. 10025447468 (CIF No: 80020685336) of the State Bank of India UAS Campus, Dharwad on 15-September-2021. After closing of above said banks accounts and retaining the account in State Bank of India (SB/Ac No. 10025447468 with CIF No: 80020685336), UAS Campus, Dharwad, a total sum amount of Rs. 47,42,534-94 was available as on 04-12-2021.
- A sum of amount of Rs. 45,00,000-00 (Rs. Forty Five Lakhs Only) was invested in Term (Fixed) Deposit at State Bank of India University of Agricultural Sciences Campus, Dharwad on 18-October-2021. The remaining was made available with a Savings Bank Account in the same bank.
- Total payments/expenditure towards CDM and MCC charges of the State Bank of India (03151), INSAIT Audit Report Fees (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23), Office stationery, pre-ink and polymer stamps and India-Post charges, Developing, deploying, domain transfer, web management services, cloud billing and advance for conducting Brainstorming Session on *How Smart Agriculture is with AI* and INSAIT General Body Meeting held on 06-July-2024 was Rs. 2,12,549-26.
- As per the State Bank of India University of Agricultural Sciences Campus, Dharwad statement summary as on 06-July-2024 indicates INSAIT has Term (Fixed) Deposit of Rs. 45,00,000-00 (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Only) and Rs. 6,52,968-68 (Rupees Six Lakh, Fifty Two Thousand, Nine Hundred, Sixty Eight and Paise Sixty Eight Only) available with its Savings Bank account. INSAIT accounts were duly audited by Vijay Panchappa and Company, Chartered Accountants, Dharwad during the period from 2018-19 to 2023-24 (FY: 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24).

### **3. Approval of various Awards proposals**

- The Secretary placed the proposal to induct various Awards like INSAIT Best Thesis Award, INSAIT Young Scientist AWARD, INSAIT Fellows and INSAIT Honorary Fellows. The GB discussed the format and guidelines developed for the same.
- The GB agreed in principle to introduce these awards, however, asked the EC to keep these guidelines on the INSAIT website for comments by the members within a specific period for incorporate the suggestions if any and implementation.

### **4. Organization of INSAIT National Conference in the year 2024**

- The Secretary informed the house that a 'National Conference on GeneRative AI for Nurturing Sustainable Agriculture (GRAINS)' is planned to organize during 25-26, October, 2024 by INSAIT In collaboration with Ahmedabad University, Ahmedabad.
- The GB agreed to organize the National Seminar and approved Rs. 1,50,000/- as seed money to organize the event.

### **5. Election of New Executive Body of INSAIT**

- As the tenure of the present Executive Council was over, the office bearers proposed to elect the new Executive body with the approval of GB.
- The President Prof. J. Adinarayana stepped down and the name of Prof. P.L. Patil was proposed by the outgoing president for the post of President and seconded by many in the meeting (or if name is necessary, mention Dr Alagawadi or any other name. The GB unanimously approved his name and Prof. P.L. Patil has kindly consented to serve as the President of INSAIT.
- Prof. J. Adinarayana proposed the name of Dr. G.P. Obi Reddy for the post of Vice-President and was seconded by Prof. P.L. Patil. GB unanimously approved his name and Dr. G.P. Obi Reddy has kindly consented to serve as the Vice-President of the INSAIT.
- The Secretary, Dr. G.P. Obi Reddy stepped down and the name of Dr. C.P. Chandrasekhar was proposed by the outgoing Secretary for the post of Secretary and seconded by Prof. Adinarayana. The GB unanimously approved his name and Dr. C.P. Chandrasekhar has kindly consented to serve as the President of the INSAIT.
- The Treasurer Dr. Lokanath H. Malligawad stepped down and the name of Dr. Basavaraj S Yenigi was proposed by Dr. P. L. Patil for the post of Treasurer and seconded by Dr. C.P. Chandrashekhar. The GB unanimously approved his name and Dr. Basavaraj S Yenigi has kindly consented to serve as the President of the INSAIT.
- The GB proposed the names of Prof. Sanjay Chaudhary, Prof. P. Krishna Reddy, Dr. K.C. Shashidar, Dr. Rajni Jain and Dr. Shashidar C. Jayanna as members of the Executive Council.

### **6. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.**

- The GB asked Dr. P.L. Patil, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad to provide office room and minimum facilities to INSAIT in UAS, Dharwad campus and he kindly agreed to provide one room and necessary facilities to carry out INSAIT activities for the benefit of the scientific community.

The GB meeting ended with an expression of gratitude to the past president, office bearers and members of the present EC for their excellent service rendered and contributions made for strengthening the INSAIT.

**The Present Executive Committee**

President	Prof. J. Adinarayana
Vice-President	Dr. Sanjay Chaudhary
Secretary	Dr. G. P. Obi Reddy
Treasurer	Dr. Lokanath H. Malligawad
Members	Dr. P. L. Patil Dr. Manjit Singh Dr. C. Jeganathan Dr. P Krishna Reddy Dr. Rajni Jain Dr. D. K. Prabhuraj Dr. U. K. Shanwad Dr. C. P. Chandashekhar Dr. Suresh K. Ukarande

Members (Past Presidents: Ex-Officio)

Prof. V. C. Patil

**Newly Elected Executive Committee**

President	Dr. P. L. Patil
Vice-President	Dr. G. P. Obi Reddy
Secretary	Dr. C. P. Chandashekhar
Treasurer	Dr. B.S. Yenigi
Members	Dr. Sanjay Chaudhary Dr. P Krishna Reddy Dr. K.C. Shashidar Dr. Rajni Jain Dr. Shashidar C. Jayanna

Prof. V. C. Patil

Prof. J. Adinarayana

Date:18.07.2024

  
Secretary  
(G.P. Obi Reddy) 18/7/24

**Annexure-I**

The following Life Members of INSAIT participated in the General Body Meeting

S.No	Name of Life Member
1.	Prof. J. Adinarayana
2.	Prof. P.L. Patil
3.	Dr. G.P. Obi Reddy
4.	Dr. Lokanth H. Malligwad
5.	Dr. C.P. Chandrasekhara
6.	Dr. Ajjanna Alagwadi
7.	Dr. Amritha P. Barigal
8.	Dr. Anand B. Masthiholi
9.	Dr. B.R. Jagadesh
10.	Dr. Basavaraj M. Khadi

11. Dr. Basavaraj Yenagi
12. Dr. Chandrakant Kotabagi
13. Dr. G.O. Manjunath
14. Dr. Gopalakrishna Naidu
15. Dr. Gurudutt Hegde
16. Dr. Jayateertha R. Diwan
17. Dr. Ravikumar
18. Dr. Ravindra H. Patil
19. Dr. Shashidar K.C.
20. Dr. Shashidara C. Jayanna
21. Dr. U.K. Shanwad

The following members joined online (Virtual mode)

22. Prof. V.C. Patil
23. Dr. S.H. Biradar
24. Dr. Shanib Kar
25. Dr. P. Krishan Reddy
26. Dr. P. Ashoka
27. Dr. Babu Motagi
28. Dr. Ukril Singh
29. Dr. G.S. Dasog
30. Dr. Rajni Jain
31. Dr. R.M. Hosamani
32. Dr. Surav Samanta
33. Dr. B.S. Biaradar
34. Dr. Arun Kumar