



**INDIAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(INSAIT)**

University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, -580 005, Karnataka, India

Proceedings of Virtual Meeting of Executive Committee of INSAIT held on

2nd July 2025

The following members of the Executive Committee of INSAIT were attended the virtual meeting on held **2nd July 2025 at 16.00 hrs.**

1. Dr. P. L. Patil, President
1. Dr. G.P. Obi Reddy, Vice President
2. Prof. J. Adinarayana, Past President and Ex-Officio Member
3. Prof. V.C. Patil, Past President and Ex-Officio Member
4. Prof. P. Krishna Reddy, Member
5. Dr. Rajni Jain, Member
6. Dr. Shashidhara C. J. Member
7. Dr.C. P. Chandrashekara, Secretary
8. Dr. B. S. Yenagi, Treasurer
9. Dr. M. P. Potdar, Invitee

The agenda items of the meeting were as follows

1. Organizing national seminar or workshop and its theme venue and date etc.,
2. Title of the National conference “Applications of AI in Agriculture” its Venue and Probable Date
3. Approval of the guidelines for INSAIT awards (Guidelines circulated by Dr. Obi Reddy)
4. INSAIT Domain renewal fee payment, Invoice for Rs. 96525 (From Nov 2023 to March 2025)
5. Budget estimates and approval for the year 2025-26
6. Settlement of the seed money paid to GRAINS Ahmadabad Rs. 1.50 lakh
7. Organizing training to students and faculty members on “AI in Agriculture “ at UAS DHARWAD in collaboration with Dr S V Patil Foundation
8. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

At the outset, Dr.C. P. Chandrashekara, Secretary, INSAIT welcome Dr. P. L. Patil, President and Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad, and all the esteemed members of the Executive Committee of INSAIT for the virtual meeting and requested the President to chair the meeting. Later, the Secretary took up the circulated agenda items for the discussion in the EC meeting.

Item 1. Organizing national seminar or workshop and its theme venue and date

The EC discussed and decided to organize the INSAIT national conference on 30-31st October 2025 preferably at Delhi in ICAR or IIT campus. EC discussed and decided the title of the National conference as “Applications of AI in Agriculture”. EC asked Dr. Rajni Jain, Member EC and Principal Scientist, ICAR-NAIP, New Delhi to initiate the process to explore

the possibility to organize it at Delhi. Further, requested the president to approach NAAS for getting the accommodation and other facilities. If not possible at Delhi, the EC also discussed to organize it at NBSSLUP, Nagpur and asked Dr. Obi Reddy to explore the possibilities as second option. The next option is at IISC Bangalore or UAS Dharwad in collaboration with Dr. S. V. Patil foundation in view of the Foundation Day celebration. It was also decided to develop the conference brochure at the earliest possible (Within fortnight) and informed Shri Shashidhar C J EC member to prepare Brochure in consultation with Secretary and EC members to invite the speakers for the conference. In view of organizing the national seminar, it was decided to collaborate with Dr. S. V. Patil foundation in view of the Foundation Day celebration to be held during February 2026, if they approach INSAIT.

Item 2: Approval of the guidelines for INSAIT awards

- In view of its 25 years completion, EC discussed in detail and decided to install the Life Time Achievement Awards, INSAIT Fellows and Young Scientist/Faculty award categories. The guidelines proposed and evaluation system discussed in the earlier EC meetings was approved by the President and EC members of the Society. The applications will be invited from the members to launch awards in the ensuing National Conference.

Item 3: INSAIT Domain renewal fee payment from November 2023 to till date, and further monthly fees as against Invoice rose by the Ashish Saxena

The EC discussed the issue and approved to pay the pending INSAIT Domain renewal fee as per the Invoice statement for RS. 96525 (From Nov 2023 to March 2025). EC also informed to pay monthly fees regularly as against Invoice and other mandate payments by taking the approval of the President.

Item 4: Budget estimates for the year 2025-26.

EC suggested estimating the budget required to organize the INSAIT NATIONAL CONFERENCE and also informed the Secretary to formulate and propose the different committees Chairman, Co chairman and members to organize National Seminar at the earliest and get the approval.

Item 5: Settlement of the seed money sponsored to GRAINS Ahmadabad (Rs. 1.50 lakh)

The EC informed to consult Dr. Sanjay Chaudary, past Vice President and Organizing Secretary of GRAINS 2024 to send brief report of the conference and issue the receipt for taking the seed money of Rs. 1.5 lakh from INSAIT to fulfill the accounts and audit procedure.

Item 6: Organizing training to students and faculty members on “AI in Agriculture “at UAS DHARWAD in collaboration with Dr S V Patil Foundation

The modalities to conduct the short course on “**AI in Agriculture**” Skilling for Agricultural Students and teachers/scientists worked out in consultation with Dr. Abhishek, Learning Path of Third Eye organization, USA and the brochure was finalized by the Secretary, Dr. S. V. Patil Foundation, UAS Dharwad. The circular will be issued shortly to initiate the course. The course is for 2-3 months duration with fee of Rs. 6000/ month+ GST. The EC decided to organize the skilling short course/ training on AI in Agriculture in collaboration with Dr S V Patil Foundation. DR. V. C. Patil proposed that, Dr. S V Patil Foundation will sponsor 50 percent of the course fee to the students and INSAIT can contribute 25% of the course fee and remaining 25% fee as to be beard by the participants.

The proposal of Dr. V. C. Patil on financial support from INSAIT has been thoroughly discussed and EC unanimously decided to provide the sponsorship of Rs.100, 000/- (Rupees one lakh only) to organize the short course on “**AI in Agriculture**” Skilling for Agricultural Students with Dr. S. V. Patil Foundation, UAS, Dharwad. The sponsorship covers the 25% of registration fees of students and faculty members. Asked Dr. S. V. Patil Foundation to send a formal request to the President of INSAIT in this regard to deposit the approved amount.

Item 7: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

The Vice President Dr. Obi Reddy briefed about the ‘World Population Day’ on 11th July, 2025 and informed to organize a national Webinar related to “Role of ICTs in Agriculture” by identifying the speakers. EC asked the Secretary to consult speaker and decide the topic.

Dr. Krishna Reddy informed about “**Crop Dharpan APP**” for cotton, chilli and paddy and translation in to local language Kannada for the benefit of farmers of Karnataka. He also suggested that the App is to be tested with SMS in Karnataka for its technical validity on project mode. It requires a Research Associate or SRF to test its validity before translation to Kannada. The President and Hon’ble Vice Chancellor suggested checking with already developed e SAP: A Novel IT application in crop health management by UAS, Raichur and UAS, Dharwad and how it is different from Dharpan app. If it is useful then the task can be taken up and decided to give to experts in Kannada language for its translation and put to use by the farmers.

Dr. V. C. Patil informed to expand the Executive committee by calling Invitees, Co opt members looking into bylaws of nominating EC members and propose to expand the committee. He also discussed how about continuing the past members (Dr. Manjit Singh, Dr. Jagnathan and Dr. Prabhuraj / Director KSRSAC etc.,) whose service is essential to expand the INSAIT activities at different regions and institutes.

The President appealed all the Members of EC to encourage the faculty, scientists and students at their respective organizations/institutions to join as life members of the Society and take active participation in the Society activities. Further, he also appealed all the members of EC for their active support, co-operation and involvement in the activities of the INSAIT to make them success.

He also advised to conduct the EC meeting every month (preferably during first week) by taking convenient date from the EC members

The meeting ended with the formal vote of thanks by the Secretary, INSAIT.

Date: 05.07.2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dr. C P Chandrashekara', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

(Dr. C P Chandrashekara)
Secretary, INSAIT