

Proceedings of the ISST-EC meeting

Dt: 31-03-2026

The Indian Society of Seed Technology (ISST) Executive Council meeting was held at the ISST New Delhi office at NAS Complex on 31-03-2026 at 4 PM, under the chairmanship of Dr H S Gupta, the outgoing President of ISST. The meeting took place in both physical and online modes so that all EC members (existing and elected) could participate in the charge handover ceremony.

The outgoing President, Dr H S Gupta, cordially welcomed the President-elect, Dr D K Yadava, and other EC members elected. Dr H S Gupta symbolically handed over the files and Fixed Deposit forms to the new President. Later, the financial files were handed over by Dr Sudipta Basu, the outgoing treasurer, to the new Treasurer, Dr Satish Kumar Yadav. Afterwards, the Returning Officer, Dr Sandeep Kumar Lal, briefed the Executive Council members about the successfully completed election process.

Dr H S Gupta, in his remarks, briefed on the major achievements of the Executive Council over the last three years. Some of the important achievements mentioned are,

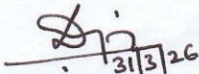
- Regularising the Seed Research Journal of the Society with the critical involvement of Chief Editor(s) Dr Malavika Dadlani initially and later by Dr Sherry Rachel Jacob
- Submitting critical suggestions for the Seed Bill to the Government of India individually and combinedly with TAAS, NAAS, ISGPB and ISPGR
- Conducting the National Conference in collaboration with Parbani University
- Addition of 60 life members to the Society
- Addition of 4 corporate members to the Society
- Development of Audio-Visual infrastructure for the online meetings of the Society

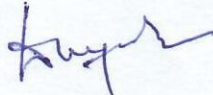
Later, the President-elect, Dr D. K. Yadava, profusely thanked the outgoing EC members of ISST for their commitment and good work. He promised that the new EC will work on the following aspects in continuation of the groundwork laid by previous ECs and assured that it will take up the following issues with sincerity and full commitment.

- Improvement of the rating of the Seed Research publication
- Organisation of the International Conference
- Inclusion of more life and corporate members in the Society
- Facilitating brainstorming sessions and academic dialogues concerning multiple facets of seeds, including seed systems and seed-borne diseases
- Regular meetings with various stakeholders, including the public and private sectors
- Improving the visibility of the Society through online lecture series, cultivating awareness among farming communities, fostering engagement with school students, and inclusive interaction with private sector

Finally, the vote of thanks was proposed by the outgoing Joint Secretary and Vice President-elect, Dr P K Singh.

The outgoing Secretary, Dr Shiv Kumar Yadav, played a key role in facilitating the entire meeting and acted as the moderator of this successful charge-handover ceremony.


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Secretary, ISST


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President, ISST