

ISST Executive Council Election - 2026

As the term of the present Executive Council (EC) of the Indian Society of Seed Technology (ISST) will be ending on **31 March 2026**, the Society is conducting elections to elect the office-bearers of the Executive Council for the term **2026–2029**. The esteemed members of the Society are hereby invited to submit their nominations for various portfolios of the Executive Council. The copy of the nomination, duly filled in the prescribed format (attached), may be submitted to the Returning Officer, preferably through email; returning.officer@isstelections2026.com.

The election shall be conducted exclusively through online voting

The office bearers to be elected are:

1. President
2. Vice - President (Two No.s)
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Councillors (Six No.s): **One each** from Delhi, North, East, and South zone, and **two** from West & Central Zone.

The schedule of the election is given below:

Inviting nominations from members	: 23/01/2026 (Friday) onwards
Last date for receipt of nominations	: 06/02/2026 (Friday)
Scrutiny of nominations and communication to candidates	: 09/02/2026 (Monday)
Last date for withdrawal of nominations	: 12/02/2026 (Thursday)
Election Committee meeting	: 13/02/2026 (Friday)
Final List of contesting candidates	: 16/02/2026 (Monday)
Online voting	: 17/02/2026 (Tuesday)-24/02/2026 (Tuesday)
Counting and declaration of results	: 25/02/2026 (Wednesday)

Eligibility to Cast Vote and Contest Elections:

All Life Members, who have no outstanding membership dues prior to 31.12.2025, shall be eligible to contest for offices of the Executive Council, nominate candidates and cast their votes (list enclosed).

The entire election process shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the Memorandum, Rules and Regulations of the Indian Society of Seed Technology (copy enclosed).

Terms and Conditions of the ISST Election - 2026

The following terms and conditions governing the Election–2026 are framed in accordance with the Memorandum, Rules and Regulations (Clause 9) of the Indian

Society of Seed Technology (ISST), New Delhi, and are summarized below for reference:

1. Only Life Members of the Indian Society of Seed Technology (ISST) are eligible to contest elections or to nominate candidates for any post of the Executive Council (EC).
2. Life Members whose names are on the official rolls of ISST as on **31 December 2025** and who have cleared all outstanding dues to the Society shall be eligible to submit nominations and contest the election.
3. The tenure of the newly elected Executive Council shall be three (03) years with effect from 01.04.2026
4. Any member of the Executive Council who has already completed two consecutive terms shall not be eligible to contest the election again for any post.
5. Each nomination submitted by a Life Member must be seconded by another Life Member of the Society.
6. A Life Member shall not propose or second more than one candidate for the same post.
7. No election shall be conducted for the post of Chief Editor. The elected Executive Council shall nominate a suitable person for this position.
8. Members whose email IDs are not registered or updated with the ISST Secretariat will not receive the online ballot link. Hence, the members are requested to register/ intimate any change in their personal e-mail address to the Society's office(isst1971@gmail.com) to ensure smooth conduct of the election in digital mode.
9. All correspondence related to the ISST Executive Council (EC) Elections for the term 2026–2029 may kindly be addressed **only** to the Returning Officer, as detailed below:

Dr. Sandeep Kumar Lal

Principal Scientist

Division of Seed Science and Technology

ICAR–Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi

Email: returning.officer@isstelections2026.com

We look forward to your active participation in the election process for electing the next Executive Council, ensuring the smooth and effective functioning of our Society.

With profound regards,

ISST Election Committee

1. Dr Sandeep Kumar Lal, Principal Scientist, Seed Science and Technology, ICAR-IARI (Returning Officer)
2. Dr Sushil Pandey, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NBPGR (Member)
3. Dr Manjunath C. T., Scientist, Seed Science and Technology, ICAR-IARI (Member)