



INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE CULTIVATION OF SCIENCE
2A & 2B, RAJA SC MULLICK ROAD, JADAVPUR, KOLKATA 700032.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF I.A.C.S. HELD ON 16th December, 2025 AT 10.00 A.M. VIA GOOGLE-MEET (<https://meet.google.com/axi-fswd-jwy>)

Members Present at 10.00 a.m. on 16th December, 2025

Dr. Renu Swarup, President, in the Chair

1.	Prof. Kalobaran Maiti	2.	Sri Sachin Das
3.	Smt. Sarbani Saha	4.	Prof. Arun K. Nandi
5.	Prof. Subodh Kumar Dey	6.	Shri Arup Kr. Bandyopadhyay
7.	Prof. Aswini Ghosh	8.	Shri Abhijit Basak

Smt. Sarbani Saha, Registrar, opened the meeting welcoming the members attended online. The General Body waited for other members to join online for a few minutes. Since the required quorum was not met, the meeting was adjourned to 11.30 AM on the same date, i.e., on 16th December 2025 as per notified schedule No. 1.11/AGM/RA/2025/012 dated October 28, 2025.

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF I.A.C.S. HELD ON 16th December, 2025 AT 11.30 AM VIA GOOGLE-MEET <https://meet.google.com/rdp-scde-rqs>

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3.	Prof. Amitava Patra	4.	Prof. Prasanta Das
5.	Prof. Aswini Ghosh	6.	Sri Sachin Das
7.	Sri Supriya Chakraborty	8.	Shri Abhijit Basak
9.	Smt. Sarbani Saha	10.	Shri Arup Kumar Bandyopadhyay
11.	Smt. Dipanwita Chakraborty	12.	Prof. Bhupati Chakraborty
13.	Prof. Subodh Kumar Dey	14.	Prof. Pinaki Chaudhuri
15.	Prof. Arindam Banerjee	16.	Prof. Sudip Kumar Chattopadhyay

Welcoming Dr. Renu Swarup, Chairman, IACS Governing Council and President, IACS General Body and Prof. Kalobaran Maiti, Director, IACS and Ex-Officio Vice President, IACS General Body, Smt. Sarbani Saha, Register, invited Dr. Renu Swarup to chair the hybrid mode meeting of the Annual General Body for 2024-'25. Dr. Renu Swarup welcomed all the Members and called the meeting to order. She also requested the Registrar to proceed as per the Agenda Items.

The General Body extended its heartiest welcome to the new President Dr. Renu Swarup, Former Secretary to Government of India, Department of Biotechnology and welcomed her to the Family of IACS General Body. Before starting with the proceedings of the AGM, the General Body paid its respectful homage to the Hon'ble Members who passed away in the last one year by observing one minute silence.

Vide Office Notice No. 1.11/AGM/RA/2025/012 dated October 28, 2025, the Annual General Meeting of IACS was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, the 16th December, 2025 at 10.00 a.m. and adjourned meeting, if required, on 16th December 2025 at 11.30 AM. No notice of motion has been received from any member.

As notified, the Meeting was held at 10.00 AM on 16.12.2025 and was presided over by Dr. Renu Swarup, Hon'ble President of the General Body and Chairman of the Governing Council of IACS. As per the Master List there are 2195 members. Required Figure for Quorum is : 439, i.e. 20% of 2195. In absence of required quorum, the Meeting was Adjourned.

As notified, the Adjourned Annual General Meeting was thereafter held in online mode via Google-Meet.

Members were requested to create and/or inform their gmail addresses by email to the Registrar. Observation/issues, if any, in this regard were requested to be sent by email to registrar@iacs.res.in within a stipulated and notified time. No communications have been received. It was noted that the Governing Council has already advised to make all communications and correspondences via email only. All instructions pertaining to the General Body can be found in the link <http://iacs.res.in/general-body-members.html>.

Item No. 0.1: Introductory Remarks by the President

The President expressed her immense pleasure and honour in joining the Family of IACS, not only as the Chairperson of the Governing Council, but also for Presiding over the prestigious Society that has a very important history, where almost all the legendary stalwarts of Science & Technology of the country were associated in some way. She stated that this is a unique institution that will be celebrating its 150 years in the coming one year. This Institute takes great pride in the fact that the only Legendary Indian Scientist Sir CV Raman received the Nobel Prize in Science for the work done in India in this Institute. After 150 long and glorious years of functioning, she urged upon each one Member of the Society to take it as their responsibility to carry forward the legacy of scientific

excellence inculcating scientific spirit in youth across the country so that the IACS Society gets a pan India presence . She solicited support and participation of all the Members to expand the activities of the Society and make its presence felt nationally and globally. She encouraged the young faculty members and the alumni across the world to join this Society and make this Society more academically and intellectually vibrant, active and impactful. She also requested the Members to give their suggestions for fulfilling the vision and objective with which the Society was created. The President requested the Members to hold scientific meetings, seminars, outreach programs, industry meets, startup supports, alumni engagements to make the Society relevant for the future as well in becoming a part of the Government Mission of Viksit Bharat-2047.

Item No. 0.2: Announcement of Awards and Accolades

- Professor Sudip Malik, Senior Professor in the School of Applied & Interdisciplinary Sciences, has been conferred the CRSI Bronze Medal for the year 2026 in recognition of his research contributions in Chemistry.
- Professor Debashree Ghosh, Professor in the School of Chemical Sciences, has been selected as a Simons Associate of the ICTP for the duration of 1st Sept 2025 to 31st Dec 2027.
- Professor Benu Brata Das, Senior Professor in the School of Biological Sciences, has been elected as the Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy.
- Ms. Ritwika Samaddar, in the School of Chemical Sciences, MS student in Professor Tapan Kanti Paine (Senior Professor) group, received the Best Oral presentation in the conference FCFA-2025 held during September 22-14 at Presidency University.
- Professor Jyotirmayee Dash, Senior Professor and School Chair in the School of Chemical Sciences, has been elected as a Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI).
- Professor Siddhartha Sankar Jana, Senior Professor and School Chair in the School of Biological Sciences, has been elected as a Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI).
- Professor U Kamachi Mudali, Vice Chancellor, Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI) & the Governing Council Member of IACS, has been elected as a Fellow of The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS).

- Professor Ayan Datta, Senior Professor in the School of Chemical Sciences, has won the MRSI Medal 2025 from the Materials Research Society of India.
- Professor Santanu Bhattacharya, Ex-Director and Honorary Visiting Fellow at IACS (also Director, IISER, Tirupati), has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award during the Centennial Jubilee Celebration of the Indian Chemical Society.
- Professor Jyotirmayee Dash, Senior Professor in the School of Chemical Sciences, has won the Prof. Suresh C Ameta Award 2024 by the Indian Chemical Society for her outstanding contributions to Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) that have brought prestige to Chemical Sciences and Engineering, and thereby to the Indian Chemical and Allied Industries and society at large.

The General Body recorded its heartiest congratulations to all the colleagues for their accomplishments.

Item No. 0.1: Steps taken by IACS for its General Body Members

The General Body noted that a Computerised database has been generated for the Members. Members were requested to send their email address to registrar.iacs@gmail.com, so that they can be included in all electronic communications. It was further informed that a designated place has been earmarked in the Library Hall for all the General Body Members.

The General Body was informed that IACS is developing a software so that the General Body members can update their records using their login credentials and can put forward their suggestions.

Item No. 0.3: Computerized Registration Number

The General Body noted that IACS has updated its returns in the computerized Society Return System of the West Bengal Registrar of Societies. Acknowledgement for receipt of Annual Return as per section 17 of WBSR Act, 1961 of the Registrar of Firms, Societies & Non-Trading Corporations, West Bengal has since been received.

Computerized registration No. is generated with the following details:

Name of the Society : INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE CULTIVATION OF SCIENCE
Registration Number : SO959156

Item No. 0.4: Celebration of 150 Years of IACS

The General Body was informed that IACS will be celebrating 150 years of its glorious existence in the coming one year. Members were requested to send their suggestions and insights to the Registrar by email to general.body.iacs@gmail.com

All the program updates will be made available at the IACS website.

All the General Body Members were requested to take part in the celebrations to make it a grand success.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th January, 2025 and adjourned meeting held on 7th November, 2025 via Google-Meet.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th January 2025 and adjourned meeting held on 7th January 2025. were circulated to the members for their comments.

Since no comments have been received, the minutes stand confirmed.

Item No. 2: Report of the Action Taken on the Resolutions of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th January 2025.

The action taken note is circulated along with the Agenda.

Since no comments are received the Action Taken Report is confirmed.

Item No. 3: Consideration of the Annual Report for the year 2024-'25 as approved by the Governing Council in its meeting held on 23rd September 2025

The Annual Report is posted at the IACS Webpage at the link <https://iacs.res.in/modules/texteditor/imagesfiles/English%2024-25.pdf>

A brief summary highlighting the activity profile was presented before the Hon'ble Members.

Important Output Indicators (2024-25):

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1.	Papers in refereed journals	429
2.	Chapters in books	06
3.	Papers in conferences	18
4.	Number of PhDs produced	78
5.	Indian patents Granted	01
6.	Technical manpower trained	44
7.	Research Manpower trained (other than Ph.D)	35
8.	B.Tech/UG Project guided	21
9.	M.Tech/M.Sc/M.Phil. project guided	21

Major national facilities created: The research infrastructure was boosted by the procurement of TEM ARM3000F2 (FS), AFM (Oxford), Element Analyzer, Single Crystal X-Ray Diffractometer System with Macromolecular Diffraction Facility, Micro Volume UV-3 VIS Spectrophotometer, Pulsed Laser Deposition Chamber with in-situ Rheed facility System, Leica Stellaris STED Super resolution microscope, Rigaku Fully automatic sequential wavelength dispersive X-Ray spectrometer system, Rheometer with Dynamic Mechanical Thermal Analysis System and DNS Sequencer, Super resolution confocal microscopy, Stimulated Emission Depletion (STED) microscopy, Advanced high-performance computing infrastructure, including NVIDIA A100 and NVIDIA L40S GPUs. An Ultrafast laser spectroscopy facility was established in the eastern region and carried out photophysical process of nanomaterials.

Important collaborations: To foster industry partnership, IACS has initiated collaboration with GK Machineries and Robotics Pvt. Ltd. for the development of drone assisted pheromone dispersal through nano-sensors for the early detection of pest infestation in cotton farming land. A start-up grant was sanctioned from Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), DBT, for the development of point-of-care device for the selective detection of human serum albumin, creatine kinase and kidney injury molecule-I for the accurate determination of acute kidney injury. BIRAC, DBT has funded the formation of a start-up company, GR Agritek Labs through Biotechnology Ignition Grant-13 where the scientists from IACS are part of the team members in this project.

Objective achieved and future target: The IACS achieved its core objectives and will continue to strengthen its activities of high-quality research and training in the fundamental scientific areas of Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, and Computer Science with all aim to expand to translational and applicational

projects. Special emphasis is put to develop research areas belonging to the applied and interdisciplinary nature to understand complex natural systems and develop materials and devices beneficial for society at large. IACS plans to expand the research areas in Biological Sciences, Mathematics, and Computer sciences. It also plans to make its second campus functional, opening up opportunities to build an incubation center and technology park to scale up the translational research under TRC towards commercialization. The second campus will be the integral expansion of the present activities, including research and teaching facilities to attract students and faculty members from other parts of the country.

The house considered and approved the Annual Report 2023-'24.

Item No. 4: Consideration of the Budget Estimate for the year 2025-'26 as recommended by the Council in its meeting held on 23.9.2025

The Budget Estimate for the year 2025-'26, as recommended by the Governing Council in its meeting held on 23.09.2025, has been annexed as Annexure III with the Agenda Items.

The house considered the Budget Estimate for the year 2025-'26 and accorded approval.

Item No. 5: Consideration of the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Association for the year 2023-'24.

Audited Statement of Accounts is incorporated in the Annual Report at Page Nos. 257-259, which is available at the link:

<https://iacs.res.in/modules/texteditor/imagesfiles/English%2024-25.pdf>

Since no comment was received, the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Association for the year 2023-'24 was approved.

Item No. 6: Announcement of the names of the Office Bearers and members, nominated and elected, of the full Council for the next term from the AGM of 2024-25

The General Body was informed that The Governing Council of has been reconstituted for three terms, as per the directions of the competent authority in accordance with the Clauses 12 and 13 of the Approved MOA of the IACS – Deemed to be University, post completion of the tenure of the earlier Council:

(i) Dr. Renu Swarup, Former Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Biotechnology, New Science & Technology, New Delhi, India	Chairperson She shall also be the President of the General Body of IACS.
(ii) The Secretary of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, or her/his nominee	Ex-Officio Member
(iii) The Financial Advisor of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India or her/his nominee	Ex-Officio Member
(iv) Two eminent scientists nominated by the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India. Professor U Kamachi Mudali, Vice-Chancellor, Bhabha National Institute (HBNI), Mumbai Dr. (Mrs.) Suman Kumari Mishra, Ex-Director, Council of Glass and Ceramic Research Institute (CGCRI), Kolkata	Member Member
(v) Two eminent scientists nominated by the Council of IACS. Prof. Dinakar Kanjilal, Former Director, IUAC Inter University Accelerator Centre, Aruna Asa New Delhi-110067, India Prof. Swaminathan Sivaram, Emeritus Scientist, Honorary Professor, IISER, Pune; Former Director, Chemical Laboratory, Pune	Member Member
(vi) One eminent scientist nominated by the National Science Academy Professor Maitreyee Dasgupta, Department of Biochemistry, University of Calcutta	Member
(vii) One representative from the Government of Bengal	Ex-Officio Member
(viii) Director, IACS Professor Kalobaran Maiti	Ex-Officio Member
(ix) Registrar, IACS Sarbani Saha	Ex-Officio Non-Member Secretary

The period between one AGM to the next one will be counted as one term.

The General Body recorded the Composition of the Governing Council and welcomed the new Members.

Item No. 7: Constitution of the Management Committee

The Management Committee constituted as per the revised Regulation 11.1 to look after the societal activities of IACS constituted for three terms (the period between one Annual General Meeting to the next shall be counted as One Term) from the AGM of 2024-25 was informed to the Members.

It may be noted that in accordance with the revised Regulation 11.1, the Governing Council at its meeting held on 21st April 2025 recommended the name of Dr. Renu Swarup as the Council Nominee for the post of President of the Association.

It may further be noted that the Management Committee, as per the revised Regulation 11.1 for three terms (the period between one Annual General Meeting to the next shall be counted as One Term) with the following composition, has been formed and being placed before the General Body.

The Committee will have three terms from the AGM of 2024-25.

President	:	Dr. Renu Swarup
Vice President (Two Positions):		Prof Kalobaran Maiti, Director, IACS (Ex-Officio)
	:	Prof. Amit Basak
Hony. Secretary (One Position):		Prof. Bhupati Chakraborty
Hony. Treasurer (One Position):		Prof. Sudip Kumar Chattopadhyay
Member (Six Positions)	:	Professor Pinaki Chaudhuri
		Professor Molly De Roy Chowdhury
		Professor Anjan Barman
		Professor Dhruba Banerjee
		Professor Priyatosh Dutta
		Professor Debasis Jana

The Governing Council at its meeting held on 18th November, 2024 further entrusted Shri Prabir Kr. Manna as the Executive Secretary for one term for carrying out the societal activities of IACS; while Mr. Abhijit Basak was assigned the responsibility of Membership and AGM matters.

Item No. 8: Any other Item brought for discussion with the permission of the Chair

Item No. 8.1: Report on Outreach Activities

Outreach Programs are carried out at IACS as societal activities involving school and college students on numerous occasions.

The programs are conducted in two ways

- Inviting the students of different schools and colleges to IACS and
- Visiting the school of remote areas.

IACS organizes popular scientific lectures by the eminent scientists both internal and external, arranged quiz contests, hands on instrument demonstration and the student-participants are shown sophisticated scientific instruments through Laboratory visits when they are invited to IACS.

While visiting to the schools at remote locations, the Mobile Instrument van is driven to the schools for live demonstration of scientific instruments and explaining their use and utility in daily life.

List of Outreach programs conducted during the last one year:

- Public Outreach Program for School Students on 27-12-2024.
- Visiting Frasergunj Krishna Prasad Adarsha Vidyapith (H.S.), 24 Pgs (S), on 24-01-2025.
- Participation in Gramin Krishi Shilpa Mela held at Doltala, Ghola, Bishnupur, South 24Pgs during February 01 – 08, 2025.
- Public Outreach Program on the celebration of National Science Day.
- Public Outreach Program on the occasion of Foundation Day Celebration.
- Public Outreach Program on the occasion of the visit of the Secretary, DST, GOI on 29-11-2025.
- Public Outreach on IISF Curtain Raiser Program held on 03-12-2025.

More than 750 students participated in the outreach programmes on different occasions. These programs grew interest among the participants to pursue science in their higher studies. The Schools and colleges taking part were Scottish Church College, Presidency University, Ashutosh College, Raipur Sri Sri-Ramkrishna Amrita Vidyalay, Ariyapara High School, Jadavpur Sammilita Balika Vidyalay, Baroda Prasad High School, Panchasayar Siksha Niketan, A K Ghosh Memorial High School, Jadavpur Vidyapith, Jadavpur Rishi Aurobinda vVdyapith, Modernland Girls High School, Burul Girls High School, Howri Dinanath High School, Muchisa High School, The Future Scholars Academy, Bishop George Mission.

Besides IACS administration, Prof. Somobrata Acharya, PI, SEED Project, the Faculty, Technical and Administrative staff members extended the hands of cooperation to organize and successfully complete the programs.

Item No. 8.2: Reconstituting the Membership Committee

As per IACS Regulations, the following Committee for considering Membership was proposed:

Professor Amitava Patra – Chairman
Professor Prasanta Kumar Das
Ms. Dipanwita Chakraborty
Executive Secretary
Mr. Abhijit Basak – Member Secretary

The General Body resolved to make a call inviting applications for Membership as per the prevalent norms approved by the Governing Council in its meeting held on 16th September 2017.

Item No. 8.3: Creating a dedicated webpage, group email and a whatsapp group

The following Committee was constituted to create a webpage, a group mail and a whatsapp group to keep the Members Group active and connected:

Professor Prasanta Kumar Das – Chairman
Mr. Abhijit Basak
Mr. Ashis Dhar and Ms. Rimi Chakraborty – Joint Secretaries

There being no other point, the meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.



(Sarbani Saha)
Registrar

APPROVED

S/d
(Dr. Renu Swarup)
President, IACS.