



Minutes of General Body Meeting of the Indian Geographical Society (IGS) held at the Department of Geography, University of Madras, Chennai on 08.03.2020

The President has conveyed his inability to attend the Meeting. All the Vice-Presidents of the Society are absent to the meeting. Hence, the members attended the meeting have unanimously requested Prof. N. Sivagnanam to Chair the Meeting. The Meeting started with the status report presented by the General Secretary of the Society.

The GB members thanked Prof. K. Kumaraswamy for his untiring effort to bring all the pending volumes of the Indian Geographical Journal of the Society in an appreciable standard. The members also appreciated the services rendered by Dr. K. Balasubramani, Dr. S. Abdul Rahaman and Mr. A. Balasundareshwaran to publish all the back volumes of the Journal.

Dr. K. Kumaraswamy presented the report and statement of expenditure of IGS Talent Test for the period from 2011 to 2020. The members have approved the statement of income and expenditure and thanked the Coordinator and Regional Coordinators for the successful conduct of IGS Talent Tests in the Universities and colleges within Tamil Nadu for a decade.

The Members further thanked the Vice-Chancellor of University of Madras for providing space to host the Society in the University and also a financial support of Rs.30,000/- for the Society activities, including publication of the Journal.

The Members of the Meeting unanimously approved the following resolutions:

1. It is observed that the name board of the Society is misused by a faculty member of Geography Department of Presidency College, Chennai. The GB has taken note of the issue and decided to write a letter to the concerned authorities to take necessary steps to control the menace. The General Secretary is authorised to issue an official letter to the Principal of the college with a copy to the Head of the Department of Geography of the College, Joint-Director and Director of Collegiate Education and initiate action.
2. The members have authorised the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society to enquire about other accounts operated in the name of Indian Geographical Society in the State Bank of India and the fixed deposits made in Tamil Nadu Power Finance & Infrastructure Development Corporation, Tamil Nadu Transport Corporation Ltd. and other such agencies.

3. It is decided to write a letter to Director of Collegiate Education in connection with the conduct of IGS talent tests in the affiliated colleges of Tamil Nadu.
4. It is decided to consult a Chartered Accountant to get audit statements for the pending years in order to set-right the accounts of the Society.
5. The Members have requested to take care of the domain rights of the IGS website which should be vested with the General Secretary and the Editor of the Society. The link of the website may be given to University of Madras website to re-direct the official website of the Society.
6. The membership charges of the Society for Indian Scholars is retained as follows:

Individual Member (Annual)	-	Rs. 500/-*
Individual Member (Life)	-	Rs. 3,000/-**
Institutional Member (Annual)	-	Rs. 1,000/-*
Institutional Member (Permanent for 10 years)	-	Rs. 10,000/-***
Donor Member	-	Rs. 20,000/-
Patron Member	-	Rs. 40,000/-

In addition, the Membership Charges for the Foreign Scholars are fixed as follows:

SAARC/ BIMSTEC / ASEAN Countries

Individual Member (Annual)	-	10 USD*
Individual Member (Life)	-	50 USD**

Other Countries

Individual Member (Annual)	-	50 USD*
Individual Member (Life)	-	200 USD**

*Eligibility of receiving Society Journal *(Current Volume only); ** (5 Recent Volumes); *** (10 Recent Volumes)*

7. It is decided that any scholar who wishes to publish articles in the Journal, the First Author should become a life member of the Society. However, the life member can publish only one article without any article processing charges. Additional articles can be published by paying the processing charge of Rs. 1,000/- per article.
8. All Life Members are eligible to receive five back volumes of the society without any charge. Soft copy of the Journal will be sent to their mail id for the subsequent years.
9. It is decided to conduct the next EC meeting of the Society soon. The members have also approved to conduct executive meeting via Skype or similar online tools.
10. The Society welcomes the manuscripts/books/monographs by the Members for publication by the Society.

11. The members present in the Meeting unanimously nominated the following members for the Executive Council for the year 2020-2021.

President:	Prof. N. Sivagnanam, University of Madras, Chennai.
Vice-Presidents:	Dr. B. Hema Malini, Andhra University, Waltair. Dr. Sulochana Shekhar, CUTN, Thiruvarur. Dr. Subhash Anand, Delhi University, Delhi. Dr. Smita Bhutani, Punjab University, Chandigarh. Dr. Aravind Mulimani, Karnatak University, Dharwad.
General Secretary:	Dr. R. Jaganathan, University of Madras, Chennai.
Joint Secretaries:	Dr. R. Jegankumar, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli Dr. S. Sanjeevi Prasad, University of Madras, Chennai. Dr. G. Geetha, QMC(A), Chennai.
Treasurer:	Dr. G. Bhaskaran, University of Madras, Chennai.
Council Members:	Prof. P.S. Tiwari, University of Madras, Chennai. Dr. M. Sakthivel, University of Madras, Chennai. Dr. V. Emayavaramban, MK University, Madurai. Dr. B. Srinagesh, Osmania University, Hyderabad. Dr. Dhanaraj Gownamani, BHU, Varanasi. Dr. B. Mahalingam, CUK, Kalaburagi Ms. S. Eswari, MCC(A), Tambaram, Chennai.
Member Nominated to EC from the Council:	Prof. P.S. Tiwari, University of Madras, Chennai.
Editor:	Prof. K. Kumaraswamy, BD University, Tiruchirappalli.
Assistant Editor:	Dr. K. Balasubramani, CUTN, Thiruvarur.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Prof. N. Sivagnanam, the new President of the Society.