

**Minutes of General Body Meeting of Indian Society of  
Nephrology CV Raman Auditorium, SGPGIMS, Lucknow  
20<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7.00 -8.00 PM**

The General Body meeting of the Indian Society of Nephrology was held at the **CV Raman Auditorium, SGPGIMS, Lucknow, under the Chairmanship of Dr Ashwani Gupta**, the society's President, and Dr Shyam B. Bansal, Secretary.

Dr. Ashwani Gupta, the President of the society, welcomed members of the Indian Society of Nephrology to the General Body Meeting. Dr Shyam B. Bansal, the society's secretary, initiated the meeting with the chair's permission. The following members attended the meeting.

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| <b>Dr. Vinay Malhotra</b>      | <b>Dr. Shurti TapiawalaDr.</b> |
| <b>Alok Jain</b>               | <b>Dr. Girish Narayan</b>      |
| <b>Dr. Sanjay Gupta</b>        | <b>Dr. Anuradha</b>            |
| <b>Dr. L. S. Singh</b>         | <b>Dr. Manisha Sahay</b>       |
| <b>Dr. Alan F. Almeida</b>     | <b>Dr. Uttara Dar</b>          |
| <b>Dr. Narendra Deshpande</b>  | <b>Dr. Sree Bhushan Raju</b>   |
| <b>Dr. Deodatta Chafekar</b>   | <b>Dr. Gangadhar T.</b>        |
| <b>Dr. R. K. Sharma</b>        | <b>Dr. M. Balakrishnan</b>     |
| <b>Dr. Amit Gupta</b>          | <b>Dr. Lalit Kumar Agarwal</b> |
| <b>Dr. Ashwani Gupta</b>       | <b>Dr. Bharat V. Shah</b>      |
| <b>Dr. Dharmendra Bhaduria</b> | <b>Dr. Vijay Kher</b>          |
| <b>Dr. Balaji Dandi</b>        | <b>Dr. Pradeep Salgia</b>      |
| <b>Dr. N. Gopalkrishnan</b>    | <b>Dr. Manish Lalwani</b>      |
| <b>Dr. D. Bhowmik</b>          | <b>Dr. T. Rajarajan</b>        |
| <b>Dr. H.S. Kohli</b>          | <b>Dr. Vinant Bhargava</b>     |
| <b>Dr. O. P. Kalra</b>         | <b>Dr. Arif Hoda</b>           |

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| Dr. K. N. Singh         | Dr. P. N. Gupta             |
| Dr. Arvind Gupta        | Dr. Salil Jain              |
| Dr. Ravinder Ahlawat    | Dr. Mayuri Trivedi          |
| Dr. S. B. Raut          | Dr. Vineet Behera           |
| Dr. Pankaj Hans         | Dr. Sanjeev Nair            |
| Dr. Ashish Kumar Baidya | Dr. (Lt. Gen. ) P. P. Varma |
| Dr. Vivek Kute          | Dr. Manish Rathi            |
| Dr. S. J. S. Khurana    | Dr. Sanjay Srinivas         |
| Dr. Udham Singh         | Dr. Girish Reddy            |
| Dr. Kamal Sud           | Dr. A. Jairam               |
| Dr. Subho Banerjee      | Dr. Umapati Hegde           |
| Dr. Santosh Varghese    | Dr. Kailas S. Shewale       |
| Dr. Sudar Swaminathan   | Dr. Georgi Kurian           |
| Dr. Sabarinath S.       | Dr. Vinod P. B              |
| Dr. Pramod Kumar        | Dr. Biju K. Gopinath        |
| Dr. Manas Ranjan Behra  | Dr. Krishna Udham           |
| Dr. Deepthi R. V.       | Dr. Anil Mathew             |
| Dr. Asit Mehta          | Dr. Manisha Sahay           |
| Dr. Priyamvada P. S.    | Dr. Anuradha Raman          |
| Dr. Jayameena P.        | Dr. Anupama Kaul            |
| Dr. U. C. Arora         | Dr. Alok Kumar              |
| Dr. Manas Ranjan Patel  | Dr. Akhilesh Chandra        |
| Dr. Pradip K. Doley     | Dr. Harshwardhan            |
| Dr. Pritpal Singh       | Dr. Pallav Gupta            |
| Dr. Amresh Krishnan     | Dr. Dilip Pahari            |
| Dr. Pradeep Salgia      | Dr. Deepak Dewan            |
| Dr. Jayant Datta        | Dr. Paul Joy P              |
| Dr. Sanjay Maitra       | Dr. Tarun Thomas            |
| Dr. Prashant Rajput     | Dr. G. Swaranlatha          |
| Dr. Jyothipriya         | Dr. Kajri Giri              |

**Dr. Piyali Sarkar**

**Dr. Acharya**

**Dr. Jithu Kurian**

**Dr. Shadab Hussain**

**Dr. Devesh Savalia**

**Dr. Santosh Kumar**

**Dr. Jayakumar Meyyappan**

**Dr. Apurwa Pratap Mall**

**Dr. Shuvam Roy**

**Dr. K. V. Dakhshinamurthy**

**The following agendas were discussed.**

**1. Condolences to the departed members of ISN who passed away this year:**

Dr Bansal informed the members of the passing away of the following senior members of Indian SN between 2024-2025: Prof. S. C. Dash, Prof. G. C. Das, and Dr Ramesh Kumar. Heartfelt condolences were expressed by observing a minute of silence in their memory.

**2. Approval of the previous minutes of the General Body Meeting**

The minutes of the General Body meeting held in Kolkata during the ISNCON 2023 Annual Conference were circulated to all members via email twice and are also available on the website. The General Body approved the minutes of the 2023 GBM.

**3. Approval of New Members**

Dr Bansal informed the members that, due to the society's ongoing efforts to increase membership, the membership has risen to 3,006. The Governing Body approved the list of new Life and Associate members and welcomed them to the society.

**4. Secretary's report:** Dr Shyam Bansal presented the reports of the activities done by the society in years 2024 and 2025:

- a. World Congress of Nephrology 2025 Delhi:** The long-time dream of hosting World Congress of Nephrology became a reality in February 2025, which was hosted by the Indian SN for the first time in history. Dr Bansal informed the members that approximately 4,000 delegates from around the world attended the meeting. Indian SN members contributed approximately 2,000 delegates, and 50% (750/1,500) of the total abstracts were from India. Dr Bansal thanked all Indian SN members for their participation and contribution to WCN 2025.

- b. Educational Activities and Webinar-** India SN conducted some very successful webinars this year under the aegis of Indian SN-
- Webinar on Glomerular Diseases with ISGD in May 2024
  - Webinar on Post-Transplant UTI with TTS
  - Webinar on a HUS on the launch of Eculizumab in India
  - Journal Club series with ASN-ANIO
  - Webinar on Vaccination in CKD
  - Kidney Kolumns: The printed circulation of KK has started to those who want a physical copy. The new theme-based version has been appreciated by members.
  - **Clinical case presentation:** The initiative is very helpful to DM and DNB students' practical's, which features a senior teacher's presentation followed by a student's case presentation, is highly successful and attended by approximately 300 students every month.
- c. Post-doctoral fellowship of the Indian Society of Nephrology-** The initiation of the Indian SN, Chaired by Prof M M Rajapurkar, has provided benefits to many young Nephrologists who have shown keen interest in applying for post-doctoral fellowship in the field of Intervention Nephrology, Transplantation, Critical care, and Pediatric nephrology. The Indian SN provide a stipend of Rs 50,000/month to 6 chosen candidates for 6 months every year.
- d. Collaboration with European Renal Association –** Indian SN signed a contract with ERA, where both agreed to exchange faculty in their annual meeting, and additionally, all members of Indian SN were offered a discounted fee for membership, where our members can benefit from accessing NDT and other Journals of ERA and get discounted registration in ERA meetings.
- e. Collaboration with ASN:** The Indian SN office bearers met with the ASN Council during ASN and, for the first time, collaborated with ASN through a joint ISN-ASN session at ISNCON. ASN itself funded the ASN faculty. In exchange, many members of the Indian SN were appointed to faculty roles in

ASN, and the president of the Indian SN was invited to speak at ASN. There are many plans in the pipeline with ASN and ANIO.

- f. Association with ISN:** In addition to hosting WCN 2025, we have partnerships with ISN on sister centres, mentor-mentee programs, fellowships, and other initiatives. Last year, we started an online Onconeurology certificate course with ISN, led by our colleagues from Chennai and supported by ASON.
- g. Partnership with other societies:** The Indian SN collaborated with several societies, including TTS, ISGD, and ASON, for a webinar. We had a joint session with ISGD in ISNCON 2025 on glomerular diseases. Indian SN also provided support to the Srilanka Society of Nephrology by sending faculty to their annual meeting, strengthening the bond between the 2 societies.
- h. Abstracts and oral presentations-** This year, we received the highest number of abstract submissions, > 500, in ISNCON. The scientific committee, under the leadership of Prof. N. Gopalkrishnan, decided to increase the number of oral papers from 32 to 40 and the number of miniorals from 32 to 50 to give younger researchers more opportunities to present their work.

## 5. ISN Audited Statement

Dr Dharmender Badhauria presented the audited accounts for the years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, along with the statement, which showed the society's current balance of around 7.75 crore, of which 6.25 crore is in the effects deposit. This year, the society's income was 1.36 crores (64.40 lakhs from sponsorships and receipts, 41.08 lakhs from FDR interest, 22.21 lakhs from membership fees and 9.22 lakhs from IJN Royalty), and expenses were 88.86 lakhs (31.92 lakhs of IJN expenses, 15.50 lakhs of fellowship, 10 lakhs of La Renon Reaserch Grant, 9.50 lakhs of meeting expenses, 7.63 lakhs of ERA payment, 14.29 lakhs of Other ISN expenses ( salaries, audit fee, website expenses), with an excess of income of 48 lakhs. The society paid 12.02 lakhs as income tax.

## 6. Elections – 2025:

Dr Bansal presented the election report for the year 2025. The following new office bearers were elected. The elections were held using an electronic voting system, as provided by the constitution. The following office bearers were elected:

1. President-Elect: Dr. George Abraham,  
Chennai
2. Vice President: Dr. Dinesh Khullar, Delhi
3. Executive Member: Dr. Rushi Deshpande,  
Mumbai

General body members welcomed the new executives. During this discussion, some members also raised a point about providing the list of ISN members. Dr Bansal clarified that the list with LM numbers is available on the website. The members agreed that the list should not include members' email addresses and phone numbers to maintain privacy.

#### **7. ISNCON 2026:**

Dr Bansal informed the members that the next ISNCON will be held in 2026 in Kochi, Kerala, from 17th to 20<sup>th</sup> December, and Dr George Kurien would be the organising secretary of the meeting. Some members from Bangalore raised an objection about the process; however, Dr Bansal clarified that a team of 3 senior members (past organising secretaries), Prof N Goapakrishnan, Dr S. N. Ambike and Dr Saubhik Sural visited both the venues and prepared their report in which Kochi scored higher than Bangalore and on the basis of which the meeting was given to Kochi. Dr Gopalkrishnan clarified the process, and members approved it.

#### **8. Standardizing and monitoring of dialysis units -Proactive role of ISN:**

Dr SJS Khurana raised the issue of unregulated dialysis units operated by technicians and other unqualified staff, resulting in poor dialysis quality and poor patient outcomes. This issue was discussed among members, and it was agreed that the Indian SN would approach the government through forming an advocacy committee of ISN to convey the members' concerns regarding this and other issues of public importance.

## **9. Preventive Nephrology and Registry of Indian SN:**

Dr Prabir Roy Chaudhry raised the point that society should focus more on the preventive aspect of Nephrology in India in collaboration with the Government and also try to develop a registry of kidney diseases in India. Dr Vijay Kher supported it along with some other members, it was discussed that it would require huge logistics and money to fund the registry. The members agreed that society leadership should approach the government on these issues.

## **10. Controversy in Elections 2025-**

Dr Vivek Kute raised the point that the elections for treasurer and secretary should have been held in 2025, but they were not conducted. Dr H S Kohli, the immediate past president, then explained the situation to all general body members and why this decision was taken to declare 2025 a zero year. He explained that due to inadequate time for ISNCON during WCN in preconference day members of GB agreed that most members would not be attending, so after multiple discussion, it was unanimously decided by GB not to do any activity of the Indian SN in 2025 including awards, orations and elections, and declare it as a zero year, the information was conveyed to all members in April 2025 itself and no elections for any post were conducted in 2025. Subsequently, due to an issue raised by some members, the society also conducted a poll in July 2025, and the mandate supported the GB's decision. Dr Vijay Kher then urged all members to respect the GB's decision, which was taken in light of the prevailing circumstances at the time, and to end the controversy for the benefit of the society.

The meeting ended with a note of thanks to the chair and all the General Body members.



Dr. Ashwani Gupta  
President, ISN



Dr. Shyam B. Bansal  
Secretary, ISN