

Society for Soybean Research and Development
ICAR-National Soybean Research Institute, Khandwa Road, Indore

Proceedings of the 24th General Body Meeting held during 56th AGM of AICRP Soybean at PJTAU, Hyderabad on 07.04.2026 (6.00 PM) (Hybrid mode)

The SSRD General Body meeting was held in hybrid mode at PJTAU, Hyderabad, under the chairmanship of Dr. K.H. Singh, President, SSRD and Director, ICAR-NSRI. Dr. M. Balaram, Director Research, PJTAU, Hyderabad was the chief guest.

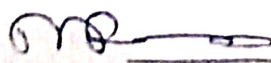
Around 110 members, including 12 Executive Committee members, attended the meeting in both offline and online modes. Dr. M.P. Sharma, General Secretary, SSRD welcomed the guests sitting on the dais and off the dais and members connected online.

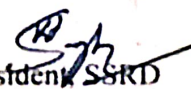
The proceedings of the meeting are as follows:

Agenda items	Decisions/recommendations
Financial progress, audited account status (2024-25) and approval of the expenditure for 2025-26 and proposed expenditure during 2026-27 and progress of SSRD.	• Treasurer, SSRD reported that as on 15th March, 2026, the Society has 239 life members. He told that as on 31st March, 2026, current monetary asset of SSRD is Rs about 74 lakhs (61.32 Lakhs in mutual funds and remaining Rs 12.65 in FDs). • The audited financial statement for 2024-25 was presented and approved. The house also approved recurring expenditures for 2025-26, including the renewal of the SSRD website domain, printing of <i>Soybean Research</i>, felicitation of retiring life members, awarding SSRD Fellows, and other routine expenses up to Rs 1.0 lakh (excluding TDS/tax liabilities). • The members unanimously agreed to incur and allocate additional necessary funds (2026-2027) for conferring various awards, adopting/creating online portal and editorial manager and generation of doi for each articles published, and other routine expenses up to Rs 1.30 lakhs (excluding TDS/tax liabilities) was approved. • Members approved to organize a national/international conference at the earliest within this year and should be organised least once in three years regularly. • Members agreed to explore endowment support from life members or corporate members to institutionalize Lifetime Achievement, Young Scientist awards through endowment/donation of 2-3 lakhs per award. • Dr AK Vyas, Former Vice-chancellor, Agri. Univ. Kota, suggested to shift some funds invested in mutual fund to fixed deposits and suggested to explore 12A under 80G options to save income tax/TDS. He also suggested to take steps for popularizing SSRD and improve NAAS ratings of soybean research at least to 5.0 in next 2 years through conducting brain storming session to develop policy papers, thematic reference books, and concept paper on soybean development. He also stressed upon at least one paper should be published by each AICRPS centre per volume in soybean research.
Felicitations of Retiring Scientists	• Four SSRD life members-Dr. JG Manjaya, Scientist G, BARC, Mumbai, Prof. DS Meena, Soybean Agronomist, Agri. Univ. Kota, Prof Vedna Kumar, Soybean Breeder, CSK HPKAV, Palampur and Prof. P Jones Nirmalnath, Soybean Microbiologist, UAS, Dharwad were felicitated by SSRD on their due superannuation for their contribution made in soybean research.
Felicitations of SSRD Fellows-2025 & 2026 and Best Paper Awards (Soybean research (Vol 22 (issue 1&2; 2024)	• 45 members (42 SSRD Fellow-25 and 03 SSRD Fellow-2026) were conferred SSRD Fellow awards to life members. Remaining members (about 15-20) who has completed more than 20 years as life member and significantly contributed in soybean research will also be felicitated through online or physically at SSRD HQ with SSRD

	Fellow-2025. A separate email notification for obtaining their citation (about 300 words) and photo will be issued at the earliest. • From 2027, annually three fellow awards will be conferred on competitive basis based on score card developed for this purpose. • Best paper award based on soybean research journal 2024 were awarded to Dr Vangala Rajesh et al. 2024 for their work on "Evaluation of soybean genotypes for antixenosis against <i>Spodoptera litura</i>: Identifying potential donors for resistance breeding") and Meghana et al. 2024 for "Genetic gain for seed yield and its components in RILs derived from cross of Grain type × Edamame soybean" were conferred.
Declaration of New EC (2026-2029) and felicitation of outgoing EC	
Name and organization	Name of the office portfolio
Dr K.H. Singh, Director, ICAR-NSRI, Indore	President (Open)
Dr Pratap Singh, VC, MPUAT, Udaipur	Vice President (Open)
Dr M.P. Sharma, Pr. Scientist, ICAR-NSRI, Indore	Vice President (SSRD HQ)
Dr BU Dupare, PR. Scientist, ICAR-NSRI, Indore	General Secretary (SSRD HQ)
Dr Gyanesh Satpute, Pr. Scientist, ICAR-NSRI, Indore	Treasurer (SSRD HQ)
Dr Vangala Rajesh, Scientist, ICAR-NSRI, Indore	Jt. Secretary (open)
Dr Rakesh Kumar Verma, Scientist, ICAR-NSRI, Indore	Councilor (SSRD HQ)
Zonal councilors	
Dr Anuradha Bhartiya, Sr. Scientist, ICAR-VPKAS, Almora	Northern hill zone
Vacant	Northern plain zone
Dr Pezangulie Chakruno, Sr. Scientist, AICRP-Soybean, SAS NU, Medziphema, Nagaland	North eastern zone
Dr Pawan Kumar Amrate, Scientist-Pathology, JNKVV, Jabalpur	Central zone
Dr Santosh A. Jaybhay, Agronomist, ARI, Pune	Western zone
Dr Satish S. Nichel, Sr. Scientist, Regional research centre, PDKV, Amravati (MS)	South central zone
Dr G. Somangouda, Professor-Agronomy AICRP-Soybean, UAS, Dharwad	Southern zone
• The censuses on nominating councilor for Northern plain zone could not be made, members authorized president to nominate any life member from northern plain zone. • All outgoing EC members (2023-2026) mostly councilors were felicitated with a memento for their valuation contribution made during their tenure in the growth and development of SSRD.	
Other issues	• The President, SSRD informed the members that SSRD is now updated with NGO DARPAN number and renewed from Registrar firms and societies and can participate in acquiring public funds for organizing events. He suggested to speed up the efforts for organization of conference and conducting EC meetings regularly in hybrid mode at least on quarterly basis.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr Mrinal, Kuchlan Joint Secretary, SSRD


General Secretary, SSRD 5/4/2026


President, SSRD