

## **MINUTES**

### **THE 12<sup>th</sup> GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF VETERINARY SCIENCES (INDIA) HELD ONLINE ON 14 OCT 2025 AT 02.30 PM**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Governing Council (GC) meeting of NAVS (I) was held online on 14 Oct 2025. The following GC members attended the meeting:

1. Dr DVR Prakash Rao	:	President
2. Dr AC Varshney	:	Vice President
3. Maj Gen ML Sharma (Retd)	:	Secretary General
4. Dr SK Gupta	:	Treasurer
5. Dr LD Singla,	:	Editor
6. Dr Gajraj Singh	:	Member
7. Dr Manish Kumar Chatli	:	Member
8. Dr Ravindra Sharma	:	Member
9. Dr Vipan Gupta	:	Member
10. Dr Rajeswari Shome	:	Member
11. Dr Mandeep Sharma	:	Member
12. Dr Neelam Bansal	:	Member
13. Col Tej Ram (Retd)	:	Member
14. Dr Yaspal Singh Malik	:	Member
15. Dr SK Saha	:	Member
16. Dr Vivek Kumar Gupta	:	Member
17. Dr Varinder Pal Uppal	:	Member
18. Dr Jyoti Palod	:	Member
19. Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd)	:	Past President

Maj Gen SS Balaje, Offg DGRVS, Dr Raghvendra Bhatta, DDG (Animal Science) ICAR and Dr Umesh Sharma, President VCI (Ex-Officio Members), Dr Ashok Kumar and Dr Jag Mohan Kataria (Members) did not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments.

Dr DVR Prakash Rao, President NAVS (I) of the Academy welcomed all the GC Members and special invitee Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd) and thanked them for their time for the meeting and requested Secy Gen to initiate the proceedings.

**(a) Progress on pending points from previous meetings**

(i) **Indo – German Collaboration**- The President apprised the house that the next meeting on bi-lateral co-operation between Indian Veterinary Institutions/Universities and German Veterinary University will be held in Feb 2026.

(ii) **Recognition of NAVS (I) Fellowship**- The Secy Gen informed the house that the Academic Council of Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna has approved grant of 4-marks weightage for NAVS (I) Fellowship for selection and promotion of the teaching staff. Further, Dr Mandeep Sharma, VC, NDVSU, Jabalpur informed the house that he will also take up matter with his Academic Council.

(iii) **Representation from Industries/Corporate Sectors/Veterinary Field Services/Entrepreneurship etc.** – Guidelines for Award of Honorary Fellowship to Veterinarians having outstanding contributions in Veterinary Profession in various streams, need to be formed. The Secy Gen requested for suggestions from the house. The President expressed his views that the candidates for this Award should have minimum MVSc qualification. However, candidates having BVSc qualification be awarded Honorary Membership. Maximum two Honorary Fellowship and Membership Awards be given every year. Further, Dr AC Varshney, Vice President suggested that the scope of award for Honorary Fellowship be extended to other streams like Research, Academia, Army etc.

Resolve- The President directed that the Guidelines for the award be made accordingly.

(iv) **Institutional Membership**- The President informed the house that he has approached the Prof Dr Manojranjan Nayak, President, Siksha “O” Anusandhan, Deemed University, Bhubaneswar (Orrisa) for seeking their affiliation to the Academy. Dr Mandeep Sharma, VC, NDVSU, Jabalpur informed the house that he has got the approval from the Board of Management for becoming Institutional Member of the Academy.

(v) **Continues Veterinary Education (CVE)** – The Academy in collaboration with Brooke India has conducted two courses of four days' duration for twenty-five Field Veterinarians through GADVASU, Ludhiana and TANUVAS, Chennai. Similar courses are being conducted at BASU, Patna. The Secy Gen requested Dr Mandeep Sharma, VC, NDVSU, Jabalpur to take on the courses in his University during next calendar year. Dr Mandeep Sharma, VC accepted the proposal. Further, the President requested the GC members to look for sponsors for above courses. He

further mentioned that he will write to Secy DAHD and President VCI to provide budget for such courses.

(vi) **NAVS (I) Zonal Chapter**- The President informed the house that Orissa State Veterinary Association had approached him to permit them to form NAVS (I) Zonal Chapter. The issue was discussed in the GC and it was resolved that Secy Gen to interact with Orissa State Veterinary Association and formulate Draft MOU for discussion in forthcoming Executive Committee Meeting.

(vii) **Academy's Vision Document**- The Secy Gen informed the house that Draft Vision Document prepared by the committee was circulated to all the GC members for seeking their comments. We have received comments from Dr Gaj Raj Singh, Dr Manish Kumar Chatli, Dr LD Singla and Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd), which have been put up to the President. The President has directed that the document be finalized by incorporating the suggestions and requested the Editor to get the same printed. The Vision Document will be released during forthcoming Convocation.

(viii) **Publication of Periodicals/Journals/Technical Books**- The issue was discussed and it was resolved that a technical bulletin with two to three Articles be added in existing Newsletter. The Editor will get the articles vetted from referees (subject matter specialists).

(ix) **Corporate- Academia Interaction**- It was suggested that representatives from various Corporate Sectors be invited for the Convocation. The Academy will organize an interactive session between Veterinary Universities and Corporates to discuss and finalize areas of mutual interests.

(x) **Review of Govt Policies pertaining to Animal Health, Welfare and Production**- The President expressed his views that we need to interact with Govt authorities from DAHD/ICAR for organizing a workshop on the subject.

(xi) **Collaboration of various Veterinary Associations with the Academy**- The President informed the house that the Association of Indian Animal Nutrition has already become Member of the Academy by paying Rs. One lac as membership fee. The Indian Poultry and Buffalo Associations are likely to seek membership in near future. Dr VK Gupta suggested that the membership fee be reduced to Rs, Ten to Twenty thousand. The President did not agree with the proposal.

**(b) Finalization/Approval of Various Fellowships & Awards**

Based on the recommendations of the Evaluation Committees and approval of the President, the Secy Gen read out the names of the candidates selected for the following Fellowships/Awards: -

(a) **FELLOWSHIP** – The Secy Gen informed the house that out of 38 applications received for Fellowship Award, 26 applicants have qualified for the award. The list of twenty applicants, who have been selected for the Fellowship Award is enclosed as Annexure I.

(b) **ASSOCIATE FELLOWSHIP**–Out of 23 applications received for Associate Fellowship Award, 20 applicants have qualified for the award. The list of 20 selected candidates is enclosed as Annexure II.

(c) **MEMBERSHIP** – Out of 25 applications received for the Membership Award, 22 applicants have qualified for the award. The list of 22 selected candidates is enclosed as Annexure III.

(d) **HONORARY FELLOWSHIP**- Dr Jeetendra Verma, Director (Tech) Ravioza Biotech has been awarded Honorary Fellowship for his outstanding contributions towards advancement of Veterinary Profession in Corporate Sector.

(e) **Dr CM SINGH AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN VETERINARY SCIENCES** - The committee after due deliberations recommended Dr Inderjeet Singh, Vice Chancellor, Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna (Bihar) as most suitable candidate for the above award.

Proposed by – Dr KML Pathak

Seconded by – Prof (Dr) Suresh S Honnappagol

**(f) DR DVR PRAKASH RAO LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD-CUM-LATE SMT SUNDARI PRAKASH RAO ENDOWMENT LECTURE**

The committee after due deliberations recommended Dr Raghvendra Bhatta, DDG (AS), ICAR, as the most suitable candidate for the above award.

Proposed by – Dr KML Pathak

Seconded by – Prof (Dr) Suresh S Honnappagol

(g) **DR VALLABH MANDOKHOT MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMAN VETERINARIAN SCIENTIST** – Out of ten applicants, Dr Shalini Vaswani, Asst Professor, Department of Animal Nutrition, CVSc & AH, (DUVASU) Mathura has been selected for the award.

(h) **DR VALLABH MANDOKHOT MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMAN (FIELD) VETERINARIAN** – Out of four applicants, Dr Manju Pal, Government Veterinary Hospital, Jaiharikhal, Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand has been selected for the award.

(i) **DR RK SHARMA MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN VETERINARY EXTENSION EDUCATION** – Out of three applicants, Prof B Subrahmanyewari, Department of Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Extension Education, NTR College of Veterinary Science, Gannavaram (AP) has been selected for the award.

(j) **DR KK BAXI OUTSTANDING SCIENTIST AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN VETERINARY SCIENCES** – Out of three applicants, Dr Vinayagamurthy Balamurugan, Veterinary Microbiology, ICAR-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics, Ramagondanahalli, Yelahanka, Bengaluru (Karnataka) has been selected for the award.

(k) **YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD IN VETERINARY SCIENCES** – Out of seventeen applicants, Dr Jaydip Jaywant Rokade, Senior Scientist, ICAR-Central Avian Research Institute, Izatnagar, Bareilly has been selected for the award.

(List of awardees enclosed as Annexure IV)

**(c) Revision of Score Cards/Guidelines recommended by the various evaluation committees**

The committee recommended the following amendment in the Score Card: -

(i) Dr RK Sharma Award

(aa) Para A - Workshop/Conferences attended to be amended to read Inter National/ National Workshop/Conferences attended with 1.0 and 0.5 mark respectively.

(ab) Para B – Maximum Score awarded to be increased from 3 to 5 and under Para C maximum marks awarded to be reduced from 22 to 20.

(ac) Para C – Foot Note remarks to be deleted.

(ad) Para D – Piggery, Yak, Mithun to be added.

(ii) Dr DVR Prakash Rao Life Time Achievement Award-Cum-Late Smt Sundari Prakash Rao Endowment Lecture – One of the committee member has suggested that since the minimum age limit for the above award is fixed as 55 years, the words "Life Time Achievement" be removed from the title of Award. The proposal was discussed and turned down.

**(d) GC Members will not be allowed to apply for NAVS (I) Awards-** The Secy Gen informed the house that one of the GC member had applied for an Award and has scored the highest marks. The President ruled that it will be inappropriate to give award to a GC Member. However, he will write a letter of appreciation to him for his outstanding performance. Further, Dr DVR Prakash Rao was nominated for Dr CM Singh Award and Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd) was nominated for Dr DVR Prakash Rao Life Time Achievement Award-Cum-Late Smt Sundari Prakash Rao Endowment Lecture. The President declined to accept his nomination and did not permit nomination of Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd), Past President being member of the Governing Council.

In view of the above, the Secy Gen suggested that the following remarks are required to be inserted in the Guidelines of all the Academy Awards.

**"GC Members will not be allowed to apply for NAVS (I) Awards'**

Resolve- The President approved the suggestion.

**(a) Any other point with the permission of the Chair**

(i) The President apprised the house that the likely dates of forthcoming Convocation will be around 18 to 20 Dec 2025.

(ii) Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd) suggested that Quarterly Income-Expenditure Statement be circulated during quarterly GC meetings. Further, he requested the President to invite Dr Azad Kaushik for forthcoming Convocation.

Resolve – The President accepted the proposals.

(iii) Dr Rajeswari Shome informed the house that a new Veterinary University has been Established at Guwahati. She suggested that the

President may like to invite the Vice Chancellor for next Convocation and also to consider organizing a Seminar/Workshop at Guwahati.

Resolve – The President accepted the proposal.

Dr AC Varshney, Vice President also suggested that there is a scope of organizing Seminar/Workshop at Nagaland (ICAR-NRC Mithun).

(iv) Dr AC Varshney, Vice President suggested that maximum age limit for RK Sharma Award be raised from 55 yrs to 60 yrs.

Resolve – The President requested Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd) (Designated rep of the donor of Dr RK Sharma Award) to discuss with the concerned donor to seek his views on the above issue. Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd) has intimated that the suggested change of age has not been accepted by the donor.

(v) Dr Manish Kumar Chatli, Director, Livestock Products Technology ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Goats, Makhdoom, P.O – Farah, Distt - Mathura proposed that he will like to organize a Workshop at CIRG, Makhdoom, Farah, Mathura in collaboration with the Academy. The President accepted the proposal.

(vi) The Secy Gen proposed that we may seek concurrence of VC, LUVAS for conduct of Annual Convocation cum Scientific Convention at Hisar during 2026. The President requested Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd) to discuss the issue with the VC, LUVAS to seek his concurrence. Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd) has confirm that the VC, LUVAS is very keen to hold the Convocation-cum-Scientific Convention at Hisar during 2026. The President accepted the Venue for next Convocation.

Maj Gen ML Sharma (Retd)  
Secy Gen, NAVS (I)

**Approved By**

Dr DVR Prakash Rao  
President, NAVS (I)