

MINUTES

THE 16th GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF VETERINARY SCIENCES (INDIA) HELD ONLINE ON 31 AUG 2026 AT 11.30 AM

The 16th Governing Council (GC) meeting of NAVS (I) was held online on 31 Aug 2026. The following GC members attended the meeting:

1. Dr DVR Prakash Rao	:	President
2. Maj Gen ML Sharma (Retd)	:	Secretary General
3. Dr SK Gupta	:	Treasurer
4. Dr LD Singla,	:	Editor
5. Dr Mandeep Sharma	:	Member
6. Dr Gajraj Singh	:	Member
7. Dr Ravindra Sharma	:	Member
8. Dr Ashok Kumar	:	Member
9. Dr Vipin Gupta	:	Member
10. Dr Rajeswari Shome	:	Member
11. Col Tej Ram (Retd)	:	Member
12. Dr Varinder Pal Uppal	:	Member
13. Dr SK Saha	:	Member
14. Dr Jyoti Palod	:	Member
15. Dr Vivek Kumar Gupta	:	Member

Maj Gen SS Balaje, Offg DGRVS, Dr Raghvendra Bhatta, DDG (Animal Science) ICAR, Dr B Maheswarapp Naveen, AHC and Dr Umesh Sharma, President VCI (Ex-Officio Members), Dr AC Varshney, Vice President, Dr Jag Mohan Kataria Dr MK Chatli, Dr YPS Malik and Dr Neelam Bansal (Members) did not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments.

Dr DVR Prakash Rao, President NAVS (I) welcomed all the GC Members and thanked them for their time for the meeting.

The President informed the house that, he had discussed with ICAR authorities at various levels, regarding equation of NAVS(I) Fellowships with NAAS. It is heartening to know that as per latest grading, NAAS & NAVS(I) Fellowships are kept at par by ASRB.

Progress on pending points

1. **Amendment of Rules & Regulations**: The Secretary General informed the house that on 01 Jul 2023 during the GB meeting held at GADVASU Ludhiana, a committee headed by Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd) was constituted to authenticate the amendments made in R&R Booklet published up to 04 Nov 2015 and thereafter. Further, the revised copy will be printed & submitted to the Registrar of Societies. On scrutiny of records by the Chairman of the Committee, it was revealed that the supporting documents pertaining to the amendments made in above book are not available in our Office records.

The Secretary General recommended that a committee be constituted as under to review the existing R&R Document, to include only those amendments which have documentary proves of decisions taken in various GB's: -

(a)	Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd)	-	Chairman
(b)	Dr Ravindra Sharma	-	Member
©	Dr SK Gupta	-	Member
(d)	Maj Gen ML Sharma (Retd)	-	Member

The GC approved the above recommendation.

2. **Representation of Outstanding Veterinarians from Industries / Corporates Sectors**: The Secretary General informed the house that to address the issue regarding representation of outstanding Veterinarians from Industries / Corporate Sectors, as raised in various GB's, a committee constituted under the chairmanship of Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd) with members Dr LD Singla, Dr Anup Kalra & Maj Gen ML Sharma (Retd) reviewed the NAVS(I) Fellowship scorecard and found that it was not possible to accommodate Veterinarians working in Industries / Corporates to fit in the existing score card. Hence, the point has been dropped.

The GC approved the above action.

3. **Revision of NAVS(I) Hand Book (2016) & Directory**: The Secretary General informed the house that the necessary inputs from the Fellows have been obtained. A committee consisting of Maj Gen ML Sharma (Retd), Secretary General, Dr Ravindra Sharma & Hony Capt. MM Ansari, Admin Officer will edit above documents before printing / publication. Info point.
4. **Revision of Score Card of RK Sharma Award**: The Secy Gen recommended that the points pertaining to revision of Dr R.K. Sharma Award, as recommended by Evaluation Committee be considered for amendment.

The GC approved the proposed amendments.

Agenda Points

1. **Constitution of Committees for Screening Cum Selection of Candidates for Dr CM Singh Award and Dr DVR Prakash Rao Life Time Achievement Award-cum- Late Smt Sundari Prakash Rao Memorial Endowment**

Lecture: The President Dr DVR Prakash Rao proposed the names of following Eminent Veterinarians in addition to the President & Secy Gen, NAVS (I) for Constitution of Screening-cum-Selection committee for Dr CM Singh Award: -

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| (a) Dr KML Pathak | - | Former Vice Chancellor
DUVASU, Mathura &
DDG (AS) ICAR. |
| (b) Dr Inderjeet Singh | - | Vice Chancellor,
BASU, Patna (Bihar) |
| (c) Dr Naveen B Maheswarappa- | | Animal Husbandry
Commissioner
Department of Animal
Husbandry & Dairying,
Govt of India |

Further, the President proposed names of the following Eminent Veterinarians in addition to the President & Secy Gen, NAVS (I) for constitution of Screening-cum-Selection Committee for Dr DVR Prakash Rao Life Time Achievement Award-cum- Late Smt Sundari Prakash Rao Memorial Endowment Lecture: -

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| (a) Dr Suresh S Honnappagol | - | Former AHC &
Vice Chancellor,
KVAFSU, Bidar. |
| (b) Dr A M Paturkar | - | Former Vice Chancellor
MAFSU, Nagpur (MS) |
| (c) Dr Mandeep Sharma | - | Vice Chancellor,
NDVSVU, Jabalpur (MP) |

The constitution of above Committees was approved by the GC.

Proposed by - Col Tej Ram (Retd)

Seconded by - Dr V.K. Gupta

2. **Finalization of Selection of Candidates for the following awards as recommended by the respective committees:**

(a) **NAVS (I) Fellowship:** The Secy Gen informed the house that out of 42 applicants, 31 qualified for the award. The committee recommended that as

per the merit, Twenty- Five candidates be considered for the Fellowship Award.

The Secy Gen apprised the house that as per existing ruling by the GB, the annual intake of Fellows was increased from 15 to 20 to be reviewed subsequently to increase up to 25.

The issue was discussed and it was decided by the GC that the number of Fellowships for the current year be restricted to Twenty only. Based on merit, list of twenty candidates selected for the Fellowship award is enclosed as per Annexure- I.

(b)**Associate Fellowship:** Out of 32 applicants, 28 candidates qualified for the award. The list of 28 candidates selected for Associate Fellowship, is enclosed as per Annexure- II.

© **Membership:** Out of 32 applicants, 31 have qualified for the award. However, five candidates out of 31, have qualified for Associate Fellowship Award. The list of 26 candidates, admitted for Membership of the Academy is enclosed as per Annexure- III.

(d)**Young Scientist Award:** Out of 19 applicants, Dr Pankaj Dhaka, Asst Professor, Veterinary Public Health & Epidemiology, College of Veterinary Science, GADVASU, Ludhiana, has been selected for the Young Scientist Award.

(e)**Dr Vallabh Mandokhot Memorial Award for Young Woman Veterinarian for Field Work:** Out of three applicants, none of the candidate was meeting the eligibility criteria, hence, the committee did not recommend any of the candidate for the award. The above award has been rolled over to next year.

(f)**Dr RK Sharma Memorial Award for Excellence in Extension Education:** Dr Subhash Chandra Kachhwaha, Senior Scientist, ICAR-CSWRI, Avikanagar, Rajasthan was the only candidate, who has been selected for the award.

(g)**Dr KK Baxi Outstanding Scientist Award:** Out of three candidates, Dr Swaraj Rajkhowa, Principal Scientist, ICAR- NRC on Pig, Guwahati, Assam has been selected for Dr KK Baxi Award.

The Governing Council approved the above awards.

Proposed by - Dr SK Gupta

Seconded by - Dr SK Saha

3. **Review of Score Cards of the following Awards:**

(a) Fellowship

(b) Young Scientist Award

The Secy Gen informed the house that the recommendations made by the respective Evaluation Committees for the amendment of Score Cards for Fellowship and Young Scientist Award were circulated among the GC members. The issue was open for discussion.

Dr SK Gupta suggested that one of the attribute i.e Academic Excellence, needs to be reviewed. He observed that in all the score cards, there is hardly any candidate scoring 2-3 marks.

The President directed that a committee be constituted to review Academic Excellence Attribute of Score Cards of all the awards along with the

recommendations made by above committees. Accordingly, the following committee is constituted to address the above issue: -

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| (a) Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd) | - | Chairman |
| (b) Dr SK Gupta | - | Member |
| (c) Dr Ravindra Sharma | - | Member |
| (d) Maj Gen ML Sharma (Retd) | - | Member |

4. **Updation of Income Tax Recovery:** Dr SK Gupta, Treasurer informed the house that appeal against IT recovery has been filed by our CA. The outcome is awaited.

Any Other Point with Permission of the Chair:

Donation from Fellows for subsidizing travel charges of retired Fellow to attend GB Meeting's: Secy Gen informed the house that so far, we have received only Rs.23,000/- (Rupees twenty-three thousand only) from Nineteen Fellows.

The President ruled that since the response of Fellows for the purpose is very poor; hence, amount received be returned to the donors.



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

Approved By



Dr DVR Prakash Rao
President, NAVS (I)