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GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF VETERINARY SCIENCES (INDIA) HELD ONLINE ON 21 SEP 2026 AT 11.30 AM

An Emergency Governing Council (GC) meeting of NAVS (I) was held online on 21 Sep 2026. The following GC members, Ex-Officio members & Special Invitees attended the meeting: -

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

Ex-Officio Members

1. Maj Gen SS Balaje	:	Offg DGRVS,
2. Dr Raghvendra Bhatta	:	DDG (A S) ICAR
3. Dr Umesh Sharma	:	President VCI

Special Invitees

Prof(Dr) KML Pathak and Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd), Past Presidents attended the meeting as special invitees.

Dr B Maheswarapp Naveen, AHC (Ex-Officio Member), Dr AC Varshney, Vice President, Dr LD Singla, Editor, Dr Jag Mohan Kataria Dr MK Chatli, Dr VK Gupta, Dr Rajeswari Shome 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, Ex-Officio Members & the Special Invitees. He thanked them for their time for the meeting. The President addressed the house.

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Hon'ble Members of the Governing Council, Ex-Officio Members and Special Invitees, the immediate background for this emergency meeting is the communication, as the WhatsApp Message, received from the Hon. Vice Chancellor, LUVAS, Hisar, as below.

"What Organizers have to do then? NAVS (I) has made its own notions and procedures. How the conference is to be organized is the prerogative of the organizers. Organization of conference is a routine activity of University".

This message is coming to me after all the programme has been finalized with Dr. Verma and me, sitting in the meeting online. This communication is humiliating and disrespectful to the President and the Academy as well. This has also shaken my trust and faith I had on him to organize the event for two days besides conducting the elections of the Academy which is a very sensitive job. The procedures and conventions followed by NAVS (I) are not merely "Notions". There are practices evolved by the Academy over the years to preserve the dignity, Academic Standards and National Character of the Convocation Cum Scientific Convention.

The host University cannot treat the Convocation of NAVS (I) as a routine activity. The University provides the organizational support and we respect its authority in matters falling within their domain. But the Convocation belongs to the Academy. Its academic character, ceremonial dignity, programme and institutional protocols necessarily remain matters in which NAVS (I) has a decisive role.

As the President, I cannot preside over Convocation at a Venue, where the President of the Academy has no role to play to conduct the Convocation. The Convocation and subsequent sessions run for two days and I cannot imagine what decision Dr. Verma will take in a slipshod manner at every time, since he thinks it is his prerogative to decide whatever he wants.

There are occasions when compromise demonstrates maturity but this cannot happen in matters affecting the dignity of Institution and its President. I have discussed this subject and sent all the messages sent by Dr. Verma to our Patron Dr. K.M Bujarbaruah, a former Vice Chancellor and DDG (AS) ICAR. After thorough discussion, he also advised me to change the venue and helped me in fixing Assam Veterinary University, Guwahati as the venue to hold the Convocation and Election sometime in the last week of November.

I, therefore, consider not appropriate to hold the Convocation and Election at LUVAS, Hisar and thus the impending necessity to shift the venue. I request the cooperation of all the members in supporting me on this. I have so far conducted five Convocations in different Veterinary Universities as the President and have never come across such a humiliating, disrespectful and embarrassing situation anywhere. I have been very courteous in my dealings always and courtesy should not be mistaken for surrender of institutional dignity. NAVS (I) is an apex national, professional academy with its own identity, traditions, responsibilities and the institutions associating with us. Conducting our Convocation, the Organizer must recognize that relationship is one of the partnership and mutual respect.

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I, therefore, request all the Hon. Member of Governing Council to extend their support to me and move forward collectively to conduct our Convocation and Election with distinction and dignity that NAVS (I) deserves.

I thank all the members for attending the meeting. My special thanks are to Prof. Dr. K.M.L Pathak, Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd) (Former Presidents), special invitees, Dr. Raghavendra Bhatta, DDG (AS), ICAR, Maj.Gen. SS Balaje VSM, DGRVS and Dr Umesh Sharma, President VCI for sparing their valuable time.

Agenda Points

1. **Change of Venue for forthcoming Convocation-cum-Scientific Convention-** The issue of change of Venue for the conduct of Convocation-cum-Scientific Convention at LUVAS, Hisar, raised by the President in view of the unprecedented communication received from the VC, LUVAS, Hisar; was deliberated in the house. The Ex-Officio Members and the special invitees agreed to the proposal of the President. The GC decided in favor of change of Venue.

Resolve- The Venue of forthcoming Convocation-cum-Scientific Convention will be changed from LUVAS, Hisar to Assam Veterinary & Fishery University, Khanapara, Guwahati.

Proposed by - Col (Dr) Tej Ram (Retd)

Seconded by- Dr SK Saha

2. **Approval of candidates selected for Dr CM Singh Award and Dr DVR Prakash Rao Life Time Achievement Award-cum-Late Smt Sundari Prakash Rao Endowment Lecture by the respective committees –**

- (a) **Dr CM Singh Award-** The Screening-cum-Selection committee selected Dr Raghavendra Bhatta, DDG (AS)- ICAR as the most suitable candidate for the award.

Proposed by- Dr Jyoti Palod

Seconded by- Dr Varinder Pal Uppal

- (b) **Dr DVR Prakash Rao Life Time Achievement Award-cum-Late Smt Sundari Prakash Rao Endowment Lecture -** The Screening-cum-Selection committee selected Maj Gen Shri Kant SM, VSM (Retd) as the most suitable candidate for the award.

Proposed by- Col (Dr) Tej Ram (Retd)

Seconded by- Dr SK Saha

3. **Discussion on allotment of vacancies for award of NAVS (I) Fellowship to the candidates from various streams Viz Corporates/Industries/ Entrepreneurs/Farmers/Scientists-** The Secretary General informed the house that for the past three year, the issue regarding admission of Fellows from Corporates/Industries/ Entrepreneurs/Farmers/Scientists streams has been deliberated/discussed in various meetings of the Academy. After due deliberations, it has been resolved that it is not possible to select the candidates from various streams based on the existing Score Card. The President suggested that we should constitute a committee to formulate separate guidelines for nomination of Fellows from various Streams with allocation of vacancies.

Resolve- The proposal was approved by the GC.

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

Approved By

Dr DVR Prakash Rao
President, NAVS (I)