



## ASSOCIATION OF AGROMETEOROLOGISTS

### Twenty first Annual Report 2019-20

(NITI Aayog NGO registration: GJ/2016/0105666)

#### General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body meeting of Association was held at Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala on January 21, 2020. General body thanked to Dr. S.R. Patel for successful conduct of the AAM election. House appreciated the effort made by the LOC members of AGMET 2020 for successful organization of the seminar. The annual report and accounts of Association for year 2018-19 was presented by the Secretary and same was approved. House also approved the proposal to revise membership fee structure of Association recommended by the EC. House was informed that as per constitution submitted to Charity Commissioner and Registration of the Society in the 1999, EC term is for 3 years. Accordingly the three years term of EC is ending in March 2020. Hence the house was requested to elect the new EC members for three years term (2020-23). It was suggested that the current EC members may be requested to continue for the next three years term (2020-23). After getting consent form EC members House approved the same accordingly following members were elected by the General Body for 3 Years (2020-23) term.

1. Dr. Vyas Pandey	President
2. Dr. S. K. Bal	Vice President
3. Dr. J. D. Jadhav	Vice President
4. Dr. S. B. Yadav	Secretary
5. Dr. A. K. Shrivastava	Jt. Secretary
6. Dr. B. I. Karande	Treasurer
7. Dr. Sandeep Singh Sandhu	Member
8. Dr. C. S. Dagar	Member
9. Dr. K. K. Dakhore	Member
10. Dr. N. Subhash	Member
11. Dr. S. Sridhara	Member

#### Executive Council

During the year 2019-20, Executive council met four times and also communicated through mails. The first meeting of Executive Council of Association was held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at AAU, Anand and formally all elected new EC members took over the charge. EC nominated five zonal representatives and co-opted members

### **Zonal representatives**

- i. North Zone : Dr. Raihana H. Kanth, SKUAST, Shrinagar, Kashmir
- ii. East Zone : Dr. Abdus Sattar, RPCAU, Samastipur, Bihar
- iii. South Zone : Dr. Ajith Pillai, KAU, Thrissur, Kerala
- iv. West Zone : Shri V. B. Vaidya, AAU, Anand, Gujarat
- v. Central Zone : Dr. R. K. Mall, BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

### **Co-opted members**

- i Dr. Kamaljeet Ray, New Delhi representative from MOES/IMD
- ii Dr. N. R. Patel, IIRS, Dehradun representative from ISRO/DOS

As Dr J.D. Jadhav showed his inability to organise the next seminar at pune, EC invited proposal from other centers and decided to organise AGMET 2020 at KAU, Thrissur, Kerala. Dr B. Ajeet Kumar was given the responsibility to organise National Seminar.

EC members reconstituted the Editorial board member. It was suggested to have subject /theme wise editors. EC suggested various names which will be finalized in consultation with chief editors. These as follow

Chief Editor : Dr. B.V. Ramana Rao, Hyderabad

Managing Editor: Dr. S. K. Bal, Hyderabad

International Editor: Dr. MVK Sivakumar, Geneva

EC also decided to file an application to get 80G registration. In order to reduce the cost of printing as well as saving the environment, it was decided to print only 500 copies of the journal.

Dr Manjusha Kulshrestha, elected secretary, resigned from the post due to her personal reasons. Hence, an urgent meeting of EC (second meeting) was held at CRIDA, Hyderabad on 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to fill the post Secretary by co-option as per article 5.4 of constitution of Association and Dr S. B. Yadav was nominated as Secretary of the Association.

The Third meeting of EC was held at KAU, Thrissur on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020. EC was informed about the change in terms of EC as per record available with Charity Commissioner and thereby new EC member for 3 years term (2020-23) has to elect by the G.B. The same was approved and G.B. may be requested to elect the new EC members. EC members also suggested to engage a legal Advisor to settle the discrepancies in the record available with the charity commissioner office.

Fourth Executive council meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at, AAU, Anand, Gujarat. EC decided to award, Honorary fellowship to following scientists for their life time contribution in the field of Agricultural Meteorology.

1. Dr. M V K Sivakumar, Geneva

2. Dr. Samsul Huda, Australia
3. Dr. T N Balasubramanian, Coimbatore
4. Dr. P K Aggrawal, New Delhi
5. Dr. S.M. Virmani (Posthumous)

EC also decided to identify eminent scientists who are contributing significantly to the discipline of Agricultural Meteorology but do not submit application for fellowship of Association they may be requested to submit their Bio-data for consideration of fellowship these will be in addition to the regular applications for Fellows being invited every year.

EC Members discussed about forming new Committee of revising guidelines for various awards and it was decided that as of now Rs. 1.00 lakh would be minimum acceptable amount for instituting any award. For preparation of uniform guidelines and transparent evaluation system for various awards Dr S K Bal was asked to form a 10 members (5 from EC and 5 other than EC) committee. EC also approved the names of new editors to be included in the old list suggested as by Dr. S. K. Bal with some minor corrections.

EC decided not to bring out any special issue hence forth. However, on request from Dr. B. Ajeeth Kumar and other members, it was decided that the selected papers of seminar may be sent to Dr S K Bal, managing editor for getting them reviewed for publication in the regular issues of Journal.

EC also approved the formation of four new chapter viz. Bihar, Kashmir, Meerut and Bhopal.

### **Chapter activities**

Different Chapters viz Thrisur, Hissar, Mohanpur, Hyderabad, Coimbatore, Jammu, Raipur and Parbhani presented their report during G.B. meeting at Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala on January 21, 2020. Pantnagar, Ludhiana, Faizabad, Pune and Delhi chapters could not make their presentation. It was suggested that only those activities are to be presented which are organized under the banner of AAM Chapters. All chapters were requested to submit their account/ audit report every year to HQ without fail.

### **Organization of seminar**

During the year a National Seminar on “**Agrometeorological Interventions for Enhancing Farmers Income (AGMET-2020)**” was successfully organized during 20-22 January 2020 at Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala. Dr V. K. Dadhwal Director, Indian Institute of Space Technology, Thiruvananthapuram was the Chief Guest. Dr L.S. Rathore delivered the Dr LA Ramdas Memorial Lecture. The inaugural function was presided over by Dr. R. Chandra Babu, Hon. Vice -Chancellor of KAU, Thrissur. During the inaugural function

Association felicitated the retired agrometeorologists viz Dr N. S. Murthy, Dr H. Venkatesh and Dr M.B. Rajegowda.

About 500 delegates participated in the seminar which was funded by ICAR, NABARD etc. Dr B. Ajeet Kumar and his team of Thrissur Chapter of Association deserves due credit for success of AGMET 2020. For organizing next national seminar the proposal of Dr R. H. Kanth SKUAST-K, Srinagar was accepted by the EC and same was endorsed by the GB.

### **Enrollment of Members**

During the year 2019-2020, **297** - Life Members were enrolled with Association. Thus the total number of life memberships increased up to **1663** by the end of March 2020. A total of **320** and **435** Annual Members were enrolled during the year **2019** and **2020** respectively.

### **Financial Status**

During the year 2019-2020 the total income was **Rs.19,90,049/-** and the total expenditure was **Rs.12,99, 869.51** giving a surplus of **Rs.6,90,179.49**. A sum of **Rs.49,01,400/-** has been kept as fixed deposit with Central Bank of India which includes FD for various awards and memorial lectures.

### **Awards / Fellowship**

A committee comprising of Dr GGSN Rao, Dr P Tripathi and Dr K K Nath was formed to evaluate the applications received for various awards for year 2019. The members met for two days (6-7/11/2019) at Anand and finalized the various awards.

1. For Prof PSN Sastry Best M.Sc. thesis, five theses were received and the thesis by **Amith G** submitted to UAS Dharwad was adjudged as the best one.
2. For Dr P D Mistry best PhD thesis, two theses were received and **none** was found suitable for award.
- 3 For Fellow, two applications were received, and the name of Dr Rajendra Prasad was recommended for the award.
- 4 For Dr S. Venkataraman Young Scientist, three applications were received of which the name of Dr Manoj Lunagaria was recommended for the award.
- 5 For Dr S Venkataraman best paper awards on abiotic/biotic stress management, no application was received.
- 6 For B V Ramana Rao best paper award, one research paper was received which was found not suitable for the award.

These awards were presented to the recipients during the inaugural function of National Seminar (AGMET, 2020), held at Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala on January 20, 2020.

## **Publication of Journal of Agrometeorology**

*Journal of Agrometeorology* (JAM) is being published regularly since its inception and become a quarterly publication appearing in (March, June, September, December) since 2017. During the year a special issue part-1 of INAGMET 2019 was also published. All the publications are available on our dynamic website <http://agrimetassociation.org/journal-home.php>. During the year we received proposal from different publishing agency for collaboration in publication which were denied. The journal is well appreciated by National and International organizations. It is being indexed by CAB International, Current contents, INSDOC, Scopus, AGRICOLA and many more others indexing agencies. During 2019, **375** papers were received, including **49** papers from foreign countries, **63** papers were published /accepted, **111** papers were rejected and rests are under the process of revision. The Journal is currently having an impact factor (IF) of 0.64 and NAAS (2020) rating of 6.64.

## **Web Page of the Association**

Association has developed its new dynamic website with its domain name [www.agrimetassociation.org](http://www.agrimetassociation.org). Member can view/edit/update their profile on the website. New members can also register/enroll on the website. All abstracts and full papers are available on website with search engine. Event gallery is also provided. The social media account search as Facebook, twitter, Instagram etc. are provided to increase visibility of the Association. All members are requested to visit the site and give their feedback for its further improvement to [secretary.aam@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.aam@gmail.com). The online submission of manuscript and review system is under development.



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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD FROM 01/04/2019 TO 31/03/2020

EXPENDITURE (Rs)		INCOME (Rs)	
Audit fees	21,240	Membership fee	2,32,155
Legal Expenditure	25,400	TDS Refund	83,620
Contribution charity commissioner	20,948	Bank Interest	4,00,274
Computer repair	3,750	Donation for Balakrishna Pillai award	1,00,000
Award exp. Medals	9,600	Donation by M. L. Khichar	6,000
Thrissur seminar	5,50,000	Sell of scrap	7,000
Meeting Expenditure	13,110	Govt. Grant	11,61,000
Postage / Courier Expenditure	8,000		
Printing Expenditure	2,46,338		
Salary & Honorarium	1,78,200		
Bank charges	1311.51		
Travel Exp.	1,45,165		
Website dev. and Main.	76,807		
Surplus carried over to balance sheet	6,90,179.49		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,990,049.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,990,049.00</b>

### Balance Sheet as on 31-03-2020

Funds and Liabilities		Assets	
<b>TRUST FUNDS OR CORPUS</b>		<b>CASH AND BANK BALANCE</b>	
Life membership (Old)	31,05,700.05	F.D with C.B.I., Anand (old)	49,01,400
Add during the year	1,09,179.49	Saving A/C with CBI	7,87,810.44
Trust fund	4,81,000	Cash on hands	1,969
Institutional fee	10,000		
Dr P. D. Mistry Award	1,00,000		
Dr L. A. Ramdas Lecture	1,00,000		
Prof PSN Sastry award	51,000	-109179.54	
Dr S Venkataraman Award	1,20,000		
B. V. Ramana Rao Award	1,00,000		
Balakrishna Pillai award	1,00,000	4167700	
<b>INCOME EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b>		<b>FURNITURE AND FIXTURE</b>	
Balance as per last balance sheet	14,66,449.90	Balance as per balance sheet	52,150
Surplus Income & exp a/c	6,90,179.49	Add during the year	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5743329.44</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5743329.44</b>

Secretary  
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M.A.Shah & Co.  
Chartered accountant, **Anand**