

Proceedings of the Third Virtual Group Meeting of ARICARE held on 19th August, 2020

The Third Virtual Group Meeting of ARICARE was held on 19th August, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. through “Google Meet” App. Ten members out of 19 invitees were present in the meeting. The members present were: Dr.K.K.Satapathy, Dr. Mrinmoy Datta, Dr.D.C.Nayak, Mr. Sumitranjan Sarkar, Dr. Debasis Nag, Dr. Subhas Chandra Saha, Mr. S.K.Batabyal, Mr. Sujit Kumar Mitra, Dr. Debasis Pal and Mr. Lilamoy Patra. The president, Dr. K.K. Satapathy welcomed all members in the informal group meeting of ARICARE. He welcomed specially the new members namely Mr.Sujit Kumar Mitra (ICAR, HQrs, New Delhi) and Dr. Debasis Pal (CSSRI, Regional Station, Canning) in ARICARE, Kolkata. The president briefed some activities of ARICARE specially the new membership drive (about 15 new members joined during the lock and unlock period of COVID-19), GB meeting and Group meetings on virtual mode as the physical meeting is not possible at this moment. He requested the present members to express their views in COVID-19 situation and any suggestions for the activities of our society.

Dr. Debasis Nag suggested that the DG, ICAR may kindly be invited to address the members of ARICARE on virtual mode. All members appreciated the proposal. On this line, Dr. Swapan Dutta, Former DDG (Crop Science) and Dr. Puranjan Das, Former DDG (Extension) may also be invited to address in our society. Mr Sujit Mitra expressed his satisfaction in joining the ARICARE group and he suggested for frequent virtual meet preferably once a week. He also raised the issue of WhatsApp and Facebook operation. The president agreed that both are not operated properly due to the lack of interest of the Admins. He informed that the suitable admins will be selected very soon for its operation. Dr. Nag proposed the name of Dr. Mrinmoy Datta for Facebook and Dr. Goutam Bose for WhatsApp and also discussed on 2 or 3 Admin for each App. The president requested Dr. Debasis Pal to involve in our society as he has great experience in Coastal Agricultural Society of India, Canning as the treasurer and other activities.

Dr. Mrinmoy Datta informed about Covid Care Network and he requested to nominate some Patrons who are reputed in agriculture and medical sciences. He also suggested to invite some Yoga experts who will demonstrate yoga and breathing exercises online as it will be very beneficial in COVID-19 situation. Dr. D.C.Nayak informed the house regarding the submission of the forms for income tax rebate under 80G rule. Mr Sumit Sarkar proposed some good activities like publication a book written by eminent scientists of our society/ outside, seminar and some social works may be taken on the occasion of the forthcoming 75 years of Independence of India in 2021. Dr. Nag and others appreciated the proposal and suggested to take some actions in this regard as early as possible. Mr. Sarkar also shared his experience of social activities in some NGO in Chandannagar, Hoogly. He also mentioned that the action taken may be noted for different activities proposed in various group meetings. The President informed the house that all these points will be discussed in the GB meeting and proper action will be taken by the respective committee /groups. Some members shared their activities and views during this COVID-19 period and participated in the discussion of various issues. The President summarized the days’ discussion with satisfaction and proposed the fourth virtual group meeting

at 4.30 PM (16.30 hrs) on 23rd August, 2020 (Sunday). The meeting was ended with vote of thanks.

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