



ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH EMPLOYEES (ARICARE)

(Registration No S/2L/29668 of 2014-15)

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Proceeding of the 10th Annual General Meeting of ARICARE for the year 2023-24 held on 19.07.2024

The Annual General Meeting of ARICARE for the year 2023-24 was held on 19.07.2024 (Friday) in the Auditorium of “INDUMATI SABHA GRIHA” (The National Council of Education, Bengal); 188, Raja Subodh Mallik Road, P.O. Jadavpur University, Kolkata-700032. The registration of delegates of ARICARE was started at 10.45 AM in the front of Indumati Sabhagriha supported by Mr Sumitranjan Sarkar, Mr Binoy Kumar Saha and Mr Swapan Sinha and handed over the programme details with Secretary’s report and the accounts of 2023-24 to the members. Total 63 members of ARICARE attended the AGM. After taking Tea/Snacks, the meeting of AGM was started at 11.45 AM in the Sabhagriha Hall. The meeting was anchored by Dr Krishnendu Das, Chairman, Social and Cultural Sub-committee.

Proceedings of the Meeting were mentioned hereunder.

Agenda-1: Welcome Address

Dr. Mrinmoy Datta, Vice-President, welcomed all the members present in Meeting Hall for 10th AGM (2023-24), especially the 11 new members mentioning their names and Institutes who enrolled in ARICARE in this year. Dr. Datta had informed the house regarding the demise of the two ARICARE colleagues, (1) Dr. Prasanta Kumar Ganguly who had left for heavenly abode on 07.10.2023. He retired from service on superannuation as Principal Scientist from ICAR-NINFET, Tollygunge on 31.12.2013, (2) Dr. Abhindra Day, who had left for heavenly abode on 08.11.2023. He retired from service on superannuation as Principal Scientist & Head, from ICAR-NINFET, Tollygunge on 31.12.2007. We are in grief and may their soul rest in peace. The members paid a homage to the departed souls by observing silence for 1 minute.

Agenda-2: Presidential Address

Dr K.K.Satapathy, President of ARICARE, welcomed all the members and mentioned briefly the importance of the association and its journey. He said that the performance of our Association is better as compared to other ICAR retired Association existing elsewhere in the country. There are nos. of Sub-Committee operating in ARICARE to carry out all our activities such as Pension/Administrative/Medical related matters, Social and Cultural Activities, Tours conducted, Digital Media (WhatsApp, Facebook and Website) and community Services etc. In order to strengthen financial position of our Association, we have introduced Annual Development /Maintenance fund with a minimum donation of Rs 500/- and good response was observed. We are also publishing regularly the digital literary magazine, Anwasha and e-ARICARE News. Our



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members had also contributed an amount of Rs 1,18,000/- for Community Services and shortly the work will be initiated in Health, Education and Rural Development with this fund. He mentioned the satisfactory performance of various activities undertaken by the Governing body and different Sub-committee during the reported period. Dr. Satapathy concluded his deliberation with a hope that our Association will grow many folds in the time to come with your whole hearted cooperation and participation.

Agenda-3: Confirmation of the Proceedings of the last AGM

Dr. D. C. Nayak, Secretary, ARICARE had read the minutes of 9th Annual General Body Meeting held in the year 2022-23 for confirmation of the Proceedings and was accepted and passed by the house.

Agenda-4: Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report for the period 2023-24 was presented by the Secretary, Dr. D. C. Nayak. The copy of the report was already distributed to all members followed by open discussion at the end (The report is enclosed).

Agenda-5: Auditor's Report

Mr. Sumitranjan Sarkar, Treasurer, presented the Auditors Report and the statement of accounts including Receipt & Payment, Income & Expenditure and Balance Sheet of the Association for the financial year 2023-24. After discussion among the members the account was passed unanimously. (Enclosed xerox copy of the Auditors report and the statement of accounts for the period 2023-24).

Agenda-6: Felicitations to the Senior Members

In the AGM, 5 Senior Members of ARICARE were felicitated with an 'Uttorio' and a Book on Lord Ramakrishna as they have attained more than 75 years of age or more. They were, Shri Amrita Lal Das (81 years), Former Sr. Technical Officer, ICAR-NBSS & LUP, Kolkata; Shri B.D. Mandal (81 years), Former Administrative Officer, ICAR- CRIJAF, Kolkata; Smt. Sandhya Sen (81 years), Former Sr. Clerk, ICAR- NINFET, Kolkata; Dr. Arabinda Kumar Jana (78 years), Former Principal Scientist, ICAR- CRIJAF, Barrackpore and Dr. Shanti Bhusan Lodh (82 years), Former Joint Director, ICAR-NRRI, Cuttack, Odisha. Dr. S. B. Lodh and Dr. A.K. Jana could not attend the AGM and their felicitations were received by Dr. R.K. Mandal and Dr.P. Sinhababu.



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Agenda-7: Presentation of brief report by the Chairman of various Sub-committee

Dr Mrinmoy Datta, Chairman, Sub-Committee for (a) Pension/ Administration / Medical and (b) Community Services had informed the house about the progress made in these two sub-committees. There is a disparity in the numbers of empaneled hospitals and the accepted payment options among the three ICAR Institutes located in Kolkata and such disparity needs to be resolved after discussion with respective Directors / Administrative officers. With the help of our cards issued from ICAR Institutes, we may get CGHS rate of OPD charges for Doctors Consultation and Medical Tests from some hospitals located in Kolkata. The fund received for Community Services is about Rs 1.18 lakh and the planning has been done to utilize the fund in the area of Health, Education and Rural Development and actual implementation work will be undertaken shortly.

Dr (Ms) Syamali Chakraborti, Chairperson, Tour Sub-Committee had informed the house regarding the domestic tour to Daringbari-Gopalpur, Odisha (two phases; (1) from 20.11.2023 to 26.11.2023 and (2) from 05.12.2023 to 09.12.2023); Ghatshila-Tatanagar-Galudi-Dalma from 14.12.2023 to 17.12.2023; Kerala during 27th January-6th February and an International Tour to Indonesia in the month of May, 2024. She hoped that a short tour (1-2 days) may be conducted in and around Kolkata in the coming months before Durga Puja.

Dr Krishnendu Das, Chairman, Social and Cultural Sub-Committee had informed the house about the celebration of (1) Illish Utsav held on 29th July, 2023 at ICAR-CIFRI, Barrackpore, (2) Vijaya Sanmilani celebration held on 1st November, 2023 at ICAR-NBSS & LUP, Salt Lake, (3) The annual picnic of ARICARE held 27th December, 2024; (4) Bengali Nababarsha on 24th May, 2024 with the future attraction of Vijya Sanmilani and Annual Picnic.

Dr Gautam Bose, Chairman, Digital Media Sub-Committee had informed the house about the outcome of this Sub-committee in managing WhatsApp, Facebook and Website. Publication of e- ARICARE News and Literary Magazine, Anwasha is being carried out twice in a year.

Agenda-8: Selection of Office Bearers and Governing Body Members for 2024-25

The President informed the house that the Office Bearers and members as elected in 9th AGM in 2023-24 assumed to continue for two years (2023-24 and 2024-25) as mentioned in the amendment of Bye-laws. But the amendment process did not materialize during the period. He said that the previous office bearers and EC Members may continue for 2024-25. This proposal was placed for approval by the General Body in AGM and the proposal was unanimously accepted.

The following persons mentioned below will be the Office Bearers and Governing Body Members for 2024-25.



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Dr K.K. Satapathy -President, Dr. M. Datta -Vice President, Dr. D.C. Nayak - Secretary, Dr. G. Bose -Asstt. Secretary, Mr. Sumitranjan Sarkar-Treasurer, Mr. B.K. Saha - Asstt. Treasurer (**Office Bearers**); Dr. S. S. Pal, Dr. (Ms) S. Chakrabarti, Dr. K. Das, Dr. Debasis Pal, Dr. A. Biswas, Mrs. Jayashree Nath, Dr (Ms) Madhumita Das, Dr. S.K. Mahapatra, Dr. B. K. Mahapatra, Mr. S. K. Pal, Dr B.K. Bandopadhyay -Ex-officio (**Executive Committee Members**).

**Agenda-9: Delegate’s interaction on Secretary’s report, Audited account report and
Chairman’s report of various Sub-committee.**

Dr. Asit Baran Mandal suggested to create a donation box in our website for the fund of social works mentioning the objectives, type of beneficiaries and social impact etc. Many individuals/ organisations may donate for the said purposes. Dr. Sitangsu Mohan Deb informed that he is facing the problem of transferring his medical facilities after retirement in ICAR Institutes around Kolkata. Dr. B.K. Bandyopadhyay also mentioned some problems in medical treatments/payments in different authorised private hospitals. Many other members also raised the various issues on medical treatments of the pensioners. Dr. Amitabha Bandyopadhyaya enquired of the process of the election/selection of the office bearers and members of the Governing Body of ARICARE. As a whole, the members were satisfied with the activities of different Sub-committee and Governing Body throughout the year of 2023-24.

Vote of thanks

Dr. Gautam Bose, Assistant secretary offered vote of thanks at the end of the meeting. He expressed his sincere thanks to the authorities of the “INDUMATI SABHA GRIHA” (The National Council of Education, Bengal), Jadavpur for providing the auditorium to arrange the AGM of ARICARE. He mentioned about the contributions made by members of different teams in organizing Annual General Meeting. He also thanked all existing as well as new members for their presence and active participation in this AGM making it a grand success.

The meeting was declared closed on the permission of the President followed by lunch.

Date:01.8.2024

D. C. Nayak
Secretary
ARICARE