

Proceedings and Resolutions of the Annual General Body Meeting held in the 39th Annual Conference on 21 December 2025 at NIT, Rourkela.

1. **Welcome Address:** Welcoming all the esteemed members, Prof. A. N. Acharya, Secretary-cum-Treasurer of the Orissa Chemical Society, requested Prof. Niranjana Panda, Vice-President of OCS, to preside over the meeting in the absence of Prof. Smrutiprava Das, President, OCS. Prof. Panda welcomed all the members to the Annual General Body Meeting.

The leave of absence of Prof. Smrutiprava Das, President, OCS, was granted.

Prof. Panda expressed his gratitude for the precise planning and proper arrangements for the 39th Annual Conference of OCS by NIT, Rourkela, which itself set a very high standard in all aspects. The agenda for the GB meeting was approved.

2. **Confirmation of the Proceedings of the last GB Meeting:** Prof. A. N. Acharya, Secretary-cum-Treasurer presented the proceedings of the previous General Body meeting, held on 28th December 2025, at Odisha University of Technology and Research, Bhubaneswar, which was duly approved. The actions taken report was presented, which was highly appreciated and approved.

3. **Enhancement of registration fees for the Annual Conference of OCS (2nd EC, Clause 9)**

The EC (2nd EC meeting, clause 9) recommended to the GB to hike the registration fees in the Annual Conference, i.e., (i) to Rs.1500/- for the OCS Life members and faculty participants; (ii) Rs.1000/- to the research scholars/student participants.

After a detailed discussion, the revised fee structure as proposed above was approved, and it is effective from 2026. The Registration fee for the Annual Conference of the OCS is as follows:

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| (i) OCS Life members, patron members, and faculty participants | - Rs.1500/- |
| (ii) Research scholars/student participants | - Rs.1000/- |

4. **Payment of TA to EC members and former presidents.**

EC, in its 3rd meeting (Clause 9), recommended that no TA will be paid to EC members for attending the EC meetings, and it is recommended to refer this to GB.

The GB approved it, i.e., it was resolved that henceforth no TA will be paid to EC members and former Presidents for attending the EC meetings, OCS One-day lecture series, Regional Conference, and Annual Conference.

5. **Discussion on revision in the name of "Prof. Balaram Sahoo Lecture."**

It was decided in the last GB meeting for the institution of "Prof. Balaram Sahoo Lecture" in Inorganic Chemistry, and the family members may be intimated to deposit Rs. 5 Lakhs to OCS. In the meantime, Prof. Balaram Sahoo passed away on 11-09-2025, and his elder son, Er. P. K. Sahoo donated an endowment fund of Rs. 5 Lakhs to institute the Memorial Lecture in Inorganic Chemistry in the name of the "Prof. Balaram Sahoo and Smt. Nisamani Sahoo" memorial lecture to be delivered during the annual conference of OCS. The EC in the 4th meeting deliberated this issue and has the firm opinion that the memorial lecture name should be similar to that of existing memorial lectures, and the name may be "Prof. Balaram Sahoo Memorial Lecture."

The GB deliberated on it and agreed with the recommendation of EC that the memorial lecture name should be "Prof. Balaram Sahoo Memorial Lecture" in Inorganic Chemistry. Accordingly, the family members of Prof. Sahoo may be convinced to accept this change in nomenclature.

6. **Anuradha Memorial Prize for the OCS Olychem Awards**

Dr. Dev N. Pattanayak has donated an endowment fund of Rs. 4,47,250/- for the institution of the Anuradha Olympiad in Chemistry. He has also intimated to deposit another four instalments of money in Indian rupees, equivalent to \$5,000 each.

It was resolved that upon receipt of the full endowment amount as above, the OCS Olychem award shall be renamed as "Anuradha Memorial Prize". The interest so accrued will be utilised for "Anuradha Memorial Prize".

Prof. S. Samal, former President, will pursue this matter with Dr. Pattnaik to get the balance amount as noted above.

7. **Prof. M. K. Rout Essay Competition**

It was decided in the GB meeting held on 05-01-2024 that the interest from the donation of Rs. 1,10,000/- to the annual fund would be utilised for the Prof. M. K. Rout Essay competition. The SOP for Prof. M. K. Rout essay competition was approved in the last GB held on 28-12-2024. This year, i.e., in 2025, Rs. 15,418/- was incurred towards centre expenses and Rs.9,000/- prize money has been notified. The EC, in its 4th meeting, recommended to the GB to consider Rs. 10/- per script, amounting to Rs. 4890/-, which may be paid for the evaluation of these scripts.

The GB approved the remuneration for the evaluation of a script of Rs.10/- per script. The total expenditures for Prof. M. K. Rout essay competition shall be met from the interest accrued from the relevant endowment fund.

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It was decided to form a committee to define the modalities for the Prof. M. K. Rout essay competition, consisting of the following members:

- (i) Prof. S. Samal, former President
- (ii) Prof. S. C. Das, former President
- (iii) Prof. S. Jena, former President
- (iv) Prof. S. N. Mohanty, former President
- (v) Dr. Debasis Mohanty, former secretary-cum-Treasurer

After the provisional approval of the modalities in the EC, the Prof. M. K. Rout essay competition should be conducted as per the above decisions.

8. Request of the LOC to sanction Rs. 1 Lakh from OCS

The LOC has requested to sanction Rs. 1 Lakh to meet the extra expenses of the 39th Annual Conference, over and above the travel expenses of the five speakers for the memorial lectures.

This was discussed in detail. Prof. S. Samal, former President, informed the GB that Rs.40,000/- was paid to Ravenshaw University for conducting the 37th Annual Conference and also proposed that Rs.60,000/- may be paid to LOC, NIT, Rourkela for conducting the 39th Annual Conference.

After a threadbare discussion, the GB approved that an amount of Rs.60,000/- be paid to the LOC, i.e., NIT, Rourkela, (only for this time) for conducting the 39th Annual Conference over and above the actual travel expenses incurred for 5 memorial lectures. In summary, Rs.60,000/- + the actual travel expenses incurred for 5 memorial lectures be paid to LOC, NIT, Rourkela.

9. Award money of Rs.500/- to the centre toppers of Olychem,

To promote Olychem, the EC, on its 4th meeting, recommended that GB to consider this proposal.

The GB approved to give an award money of Rs.500/- to each centre topper, excluding those who placed in the top 20 positions. The following criteria are to be satisfied to become eligible to get this award money:

- (i) 50 students must have appeared for the Olychem from a centre and
- (ii) The centre topper must secure at least 30% marks of the 1st candidate.

10. B. K. Mohanty Book Grant

For the last 2-3 years, no student has applied for Prof. B. K. Mohanty Book grant. Considering this, Prof. P. K. Mohanty, the donor for this award, has submitted a proposal that the toppers of the SC/ST students in Inorganic Chemistry in the 1st semester PG examinations may be awarded Rs. 4000/-. The EC, in its 4th meeting, forwarded it to the GB to deliberate on it.

The GB deliberated on it and raised the operational difficulties for pursuing this proposal. It advised the EC to take necessary steps to give the B. K. Mohanty Book Grant every year as per the earlier guidelines.

11. **Tenure of the President of OCS and other related matters**

The proposal, consisting of 6 issues, was submitted by Prof. S. C. Das, former President of OCS, and the EC, in its 4th meeting, discussed all issues and recommended the following 3 issues for consideration in the GB and decisions thereof.

- (i) The tenure of the President shall be 2 years, at par with the Secretary of OCS – after detailed deliberation, the GB resolved that the tenure of the President will be one year as usual.
- (ii) A person can contest two times for the posts of President and Secretary. For wide participation by the new members, the GB resolved that the tenure shall be the same as per the earlier guidelines.
- (iii) It is proposed that there shall be separate designated posts for office bearers as Secretary and Treasurer. Considering the workload of the Secretary and functioning of other academic societies, it was resolved that the Secretary and Treasurer shall be two separate posts, and each has a tenure of 2 years. On approval of bills by the President and Secretary, the Treasurer can disburse the bills below Rs.10000/- and above Rs.10000/-; it should be disbursed with the joint signatures of the Secretary and Treasurer.

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12. **Financial Status of OCS and presentation of audit statement for 24-25**

Prof. A. N. Acharya, Secretary-cum-Treasurer presented the audited statement of income and expenditure for FY 2024-25, and it was approved.

13. **Ratification of Lifetime Luminary Awards to confer upon in the 3rd EC, 8 distinguished life members of OCS are nominated for Lifetime Luminary Awards.**

Sl. No.	Name	Date of Birth	OCS LM No.
1	Prof. Rabindra Kumar Patnaik	08-Aug-1932	LM/158/92
2	Prof. Rebati Charan Das	08-Apr-1936	LM/48/89
3	Dr. Shashi Bhushan Rath	19-Dec-1938	LM/472/01
4	Prof. Ashutosh Nayak	13-Mar-1939	LM/15/88
5	Prof. Bijay Kumar Sinha	14-Oct-1939	LM/94/91
6	Sri Bibekananda Tripathy	05-Jun-1940	LM/698/06
7	Sri Gopal Ghosh	21-Nov-1940	LM/697/06
8	Prof. Bula Behera	23-Nov-1940	LM/126/92

The GB ratified the nominated Lifetime Luminary awardees as above.

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Further, GB resolved that the existing guidelines for Lifetime Luminary awards will be followed, but with respect to "Must have significant contribution to the OCS", it is defined as the members should be considered only if he/she was an office bearer of OCS, like President / Secretary / Treasurer / Vice President / Joint Secretary or a member of the EC for a minimum 3 times in different spells.

14. **Venue for the 40th Annual Conference of the OCS**

Only one proposal was received, i.e., Department of Chemistry, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, to conduct the 40th Annual Conference of OCS. The GB approved the proposal of the Department of Chemistry, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, to conduct the 40th Annual Conference of OCS.

15. **Election of office bearers at the Executive Committee of OCS for 2026**

The election for office bearers of the Executive Committee of OCS for the year 2026 was held with Prof. Satyabana Jena, former President of OCS, as the Election Commissioner. The following members are elected to constitute the Executive Committee of OCS for the year 2025:

President:	Prof. P. K. Dash
Vice-Presidents:	1. Prof. Priyaranjan Mohapatra 2. Dr. Mamata Mohapatra 3. Dr. Bama Jana Garnayak (Dr. Samakanta Chandraik)
Secretary:	Dr. Anita Pati
Treasurer:	Prof. B. R. Das
Jt. Secretaries:	1. Dr. B. R. Jali 2. Dr. S. Sanyasi
Members:	1. Prof. B. K. Patel 2. Prof. A. K. Sahoo 3. Prof. Sabita Patel 4. Prof. Rojalin Sahu 5. Prof. S. K. Badmali 6. Prof. Purnendu Parhi 7. Mr. Ashok Naik 8. Dr. N. C. Pati 9. Dr. Ajay Pradhan 10. Dr. Debasis Mohanty 11. One person to be nominated by the President (preferably from an industry background)

16. **Vote of Thanks**

Prof. G. Sahoo, Jt secretary, OCS and Convenor, 39th Annual Conference, delivered the vote of thanks.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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21/12/25
Secretary-cum-Treasurer

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Sd/- (confirmed by mail)
Vice-President

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President