

General Body Meeting of OCS

Date: 28/12/24,

Venue: OUTR, BBSR

Members Present

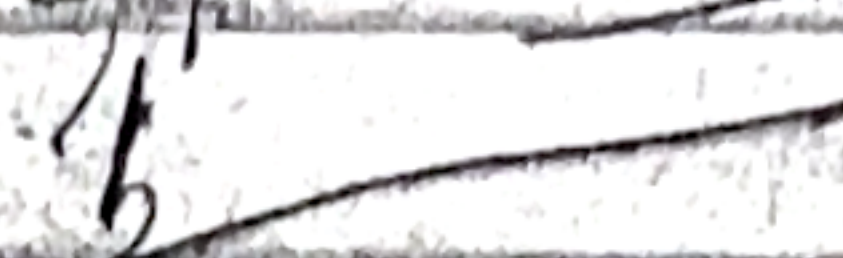
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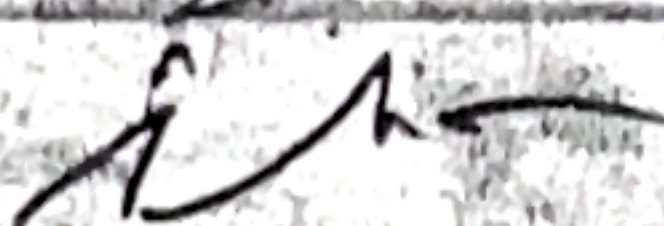
1. Dr. Bikanth K. Jena



2. B. P. Achary



3. Dr. N. C. Pate



4. Prof. Asutosh Samantaray

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5. Prof. Saral Kumar Swain

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6. B. K. Mishra

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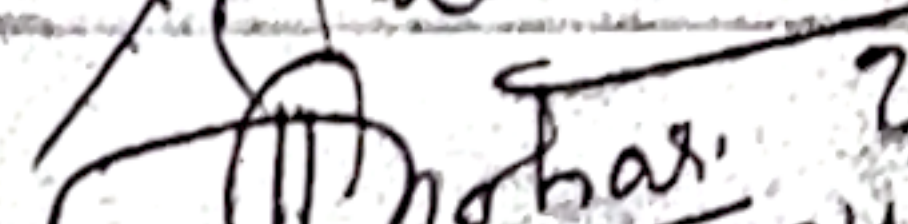
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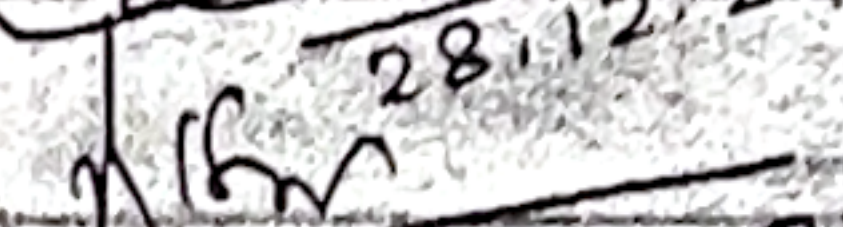
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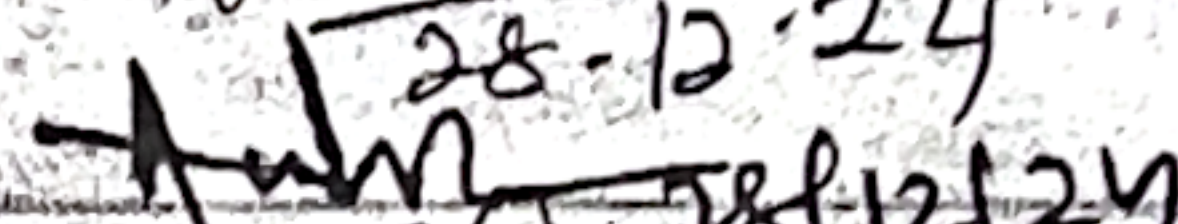
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10. Dr. Ruparee Ragini Das

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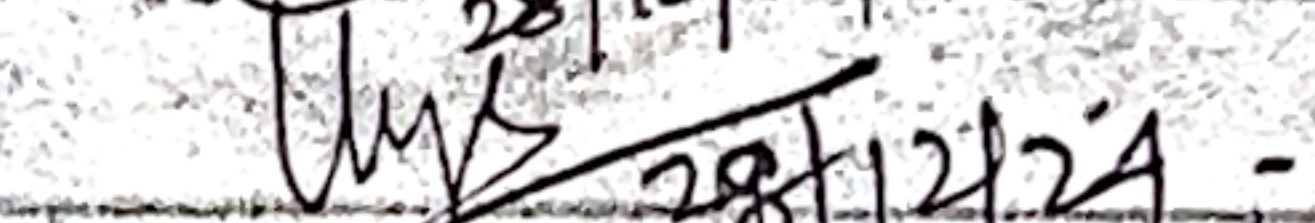
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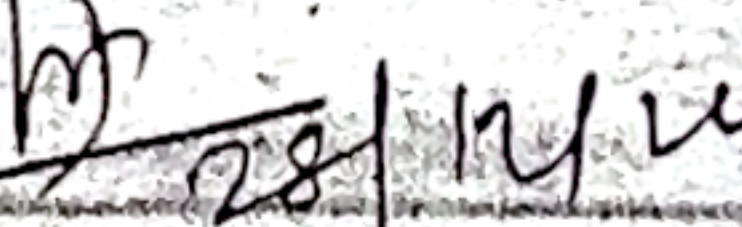
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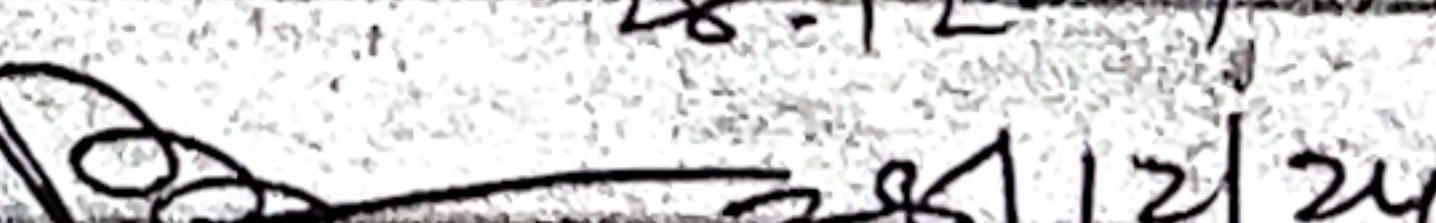
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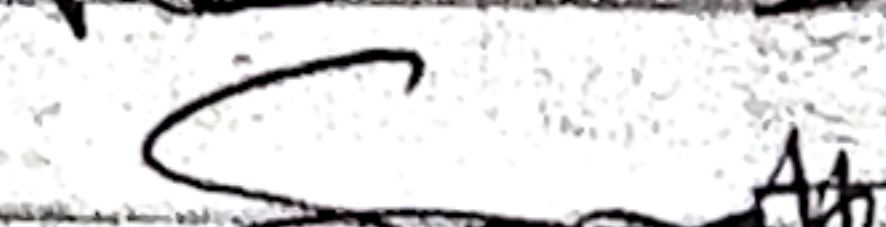
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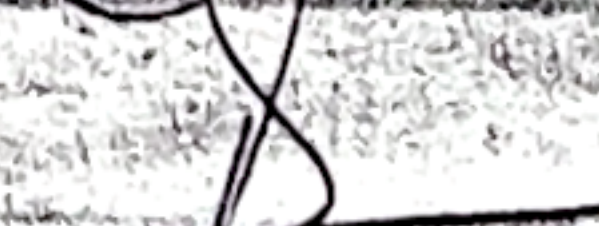
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20. Prof. Debabrata Pradhan



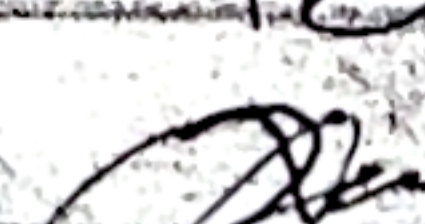
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22. Prof. Bhabani Shankar Mallik



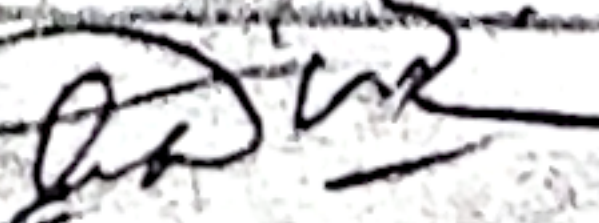
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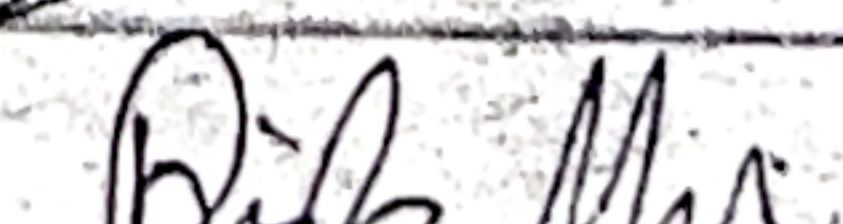
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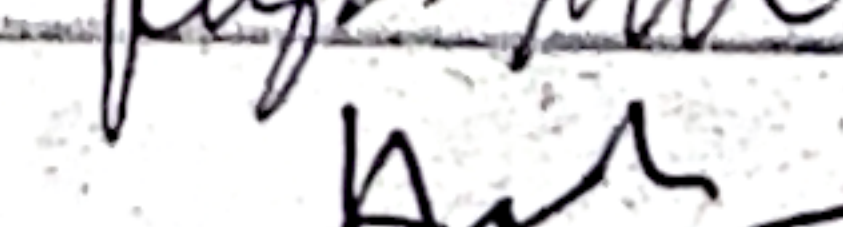
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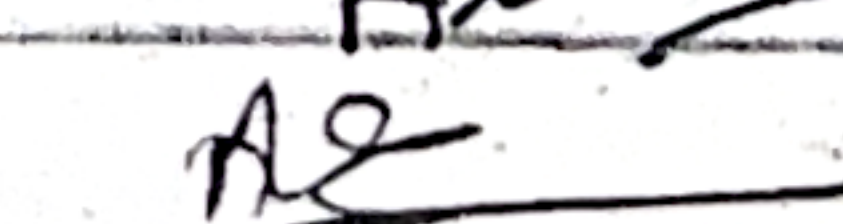
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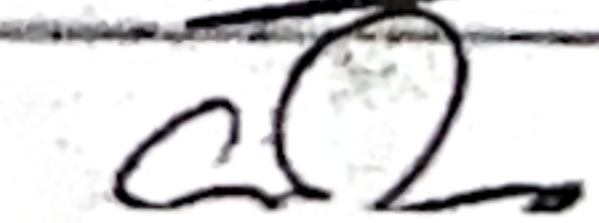
27. Anshu Sharma



28. Amit Sahoo



29. Prof. B. R. Das



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- 30 Dr Sunasara Misra, SKCO(A) College, Gajapati S. Misra 28/12/24
- 31 Bannakanta Gannai, Boshampur Univ. Babu
- 32 Gokarneswar Sahu, NIT Rourkela Babu 28/12/24
- 33 Sasmita Mohapatra NIT Rourkela SMohapatra 28/12/24
- 34 Dr. Saroj Kumar Singh CSIR - IMMT 28/12/24
- 35 Dr. Priyaranjan Mohapatra 28/12/24
- 36 Prof. Niranjan Panda NIT Rourkela Panda
- 37 Debasis Mohanta - 28/12/24
- 38 Pravat Kumar Swain 28/12/24
- 39 Prof. Prakash Mohanta 28/12/24
- 40 Prof. Ashok Kumar Mishra 28/12/24
- 41 Sanku Choudhary 28/12/24
- 42 Dr. Rajabin Pradhan 28/12/24
- 43 Soumya Ranjan Dash 28/12/24
- 44 Prof. Ajaya Kumar Behera 28/12/24
- 45 Dr. Smriti Pattanai 28/12/24
- 46 Prof. A. N. Acharya 28/12/24

Proceedings and Resolution of General Body Meeting held in the 38th Annual Conference of OCS on 28th December 2024 at the Conference Hall, OUTF, Bhubaneswar

1. **Welcome Address:** Welcoming all the esteemed members, Prof. A. N. Acharya, Secretary-cum-Treasurer of the Orissa Chemical Society, requested Prof. Ajaya Kumar Behera, President of OCS, to preside over the meeting. Prof. Ajaya Kumar Behera, President of OCS welcomed all the members to Annual General Body Meeting.

Prof. Behera expressed his gratitude for the immaculate and stupendous arrangements for the 38th Annual Conference of OCS by Odisha University of Technology and Research, Bhubaneswar which itself set a very high standard in all aspects. He also mentioned that it created a history in OCS in which all the existing 19 former Presidents have attended this Annual Conference. The agenda for the GB was approved.

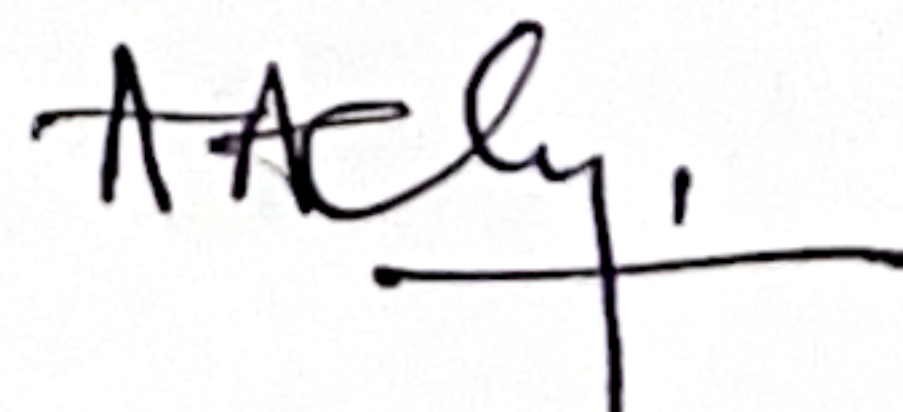
2. **Confirmation of the Proceeding of the last GB Meeting:** Prof. A. N. Acharya, Secretary-cum-Treasurer presented the proceedings of the previous General Body meeting, held on 5th January 2024, at Ravenshaw University, which was duly approved.
3. **Review of selection criteria for Prof. R. C. Tripathy memorial Award:** The selection criteria for award of Prof. R. C. Tripathy Memorial Award were reviewed. After detail deliberation, it was resolved that the criteria for Prof. R. C. Tripathy Memorial Award were revised as follows:

- (a) Prof. R. C. Tripathy Memorial Award - Category I: State-Level Colleges/Universities/Institutes.
- (b) Prof. R.C. Tripathy Memorial Award - Category II: National-Level Colleges/Universities/Institutes.

Accordingly, the Prof. R. C. Tripathy Memorial Award Guidelines in the bye-laws stands amended. The general guidelines for OCS awards must be scrupulously followed.

4. **Lifetime Luminary Awards:** The Executive Committee considered the following principles for conferring upon the “**Lifetime Luminary Awards**”:
 - (a) Age: 85 years or above,
 - (b) Must be Life member of OCS
 - (c) Must have significant contribution to the OCS.

Based on the above principles, six former Presidents were conferred upon “**Lifetime Luminary Awards**” with citations and mementos. They are (1) Prof. Balaram Sahoo, (2) Prof. Prabhat Kumar Misra, (3) Prof. Pranabandhu Tripathy, (4) Prof. Gopabandhu Behera, (5) Dr. Rudra Prasanna Dwivedi, and (6) Prof. (Dr.) Rajani Kanta Satapathy. These were unanimously approved *post facto*.



The principles as noted above shall be followed henceforth for conferring upon the "Lifetime Luminary Awards". It will be finalised as per suggestions of EC and will be approved by GB *post facto*.

5. **Reorganisation OCS Funds:** It was discussed along with item no. 14.

6. **SOP for Professor M.K. Rout Essay Competition:** The SOP was circulated to all members which was approved by EC. After threadbare discussion, the SOP was approved and in addition it was also resolved the following:

- (i) The Competition may be conducted on last Sunday of October or may be shifted to next one on exigency.
- (ii) The topic of the essay competition will be written by the invigilator in the board of the class room 10 min before the scheduled time.
- (iii) Duration will be 1 hour.
- (iv) The winners will be awarded prize money as follows: (i) 1st – Rs.2000/-, (ii) 2nd – Rs.1500/- and (iii) 3rd – Rs.1000/-.
- (v) The honorarium will be given as follows: (i) Principal/Centre Supdt. – Rs.300/- and (ii) Invigilator – Rs.200/-.
- (vi) Postal expenses as per actual will be reimbursed.
- (vii) The collected essay scripts be kept in an envelope with signature of Principal/Centre Supdt. and sent to the designated person by Regd./Speed post at the earliest. The President OCS will nominate one Vice President and two Joint Secretaries to coordinate this essay competition.

7. **Institution of Professor Balaram Sahoo Lecture:** The institution of Professor Balaram Sahoo Lecture in Inorganic Chemistry was approved. This may be added with the list of memorial Lecturers and the family members may be intimated to deposit Rs.5.0 lakhs to OCS. Necessary steps in this regard should be taken up by EC.

8. **Revised Honorarium for Superintendent and Coordinators to conduct Olychem:**
After detail deliberation, the following revised honorarium for conducting the Olychem were approved:

Superintendent – Rs 1000 /-

Coordinator – Rs 800 /- (more than 50 students) and Rs.500/- (30-49 students)

The minimum students for a centre should be 30.

In addition, GB approved the award amount for olychem as follows:

1st - Rs.5000/-, 2nd - Rs.4000/-, 3rd - Rs.3000/- and

next 20 rank holders should be awarded with Rs.500/- each. The enrolment fee for olychem is same as earlier, i.e., Rs.100/- student.

9. **Proposal to enhance EC Members:** At present, OCS has more than 1200 life members and 200 patron members. The proposal of EC to enhance the member of EC from 8+1 to

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11+1 (Nomination by President) and 7 members form the quorum, was approved. Accordingly, the bye-laws stands amended. In addition, all former Presidents are members of EC without voting power.

10. **Proposal to establish Institute of Chemistry:** The GB expressed its gratitude to the Hon'ble Minister **Sj. Krushana Chandra Patra**, Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare, Science and Technology, Govt. of Odisha for declaring the establishment of **Institute of Chemistry** during his address as the **Chief Guest** in the inaugural function of the 38th Annual Conference. It was resolved to submit a proposal to the government for 100 acres of land and Rs.50 crore for FY 2025-26 for this institute within a week. To pursue this process, a committee is constituted with the following members:

- (i) Prof. A. Samantaray, former President OCS
- (ii) Prof. S. Jena, former President OCS
- (iii) Prof. S. Samal, former President OCS
- (iv) Prof. S. C. Das, former President OCS
- (v) Prof. S. N. Mohanty, former President OCS
- (vi) Prof. A. N. Acharya, Secretary-cum-Treasurer, OCS

11. **Utilisation of interest of the balance funds of Rs.3.8 lakhs received from MKRCC:** It was resolved to give a gold medal to the speaker, who will deliver Prof. M. K. Rout Memorial Lecture in the Annual Conference, from the interest to be accrued from the unutilized funds received from MKRCC.

12. **Revised guidelines for Electing the Secretary-cum-Treasurer:** After detailed discussion, it was resolved that to elect a person to the post of the Secretary-cum-Treasurer of OCS, he/she must be a Life Member of OCS and have served two times to the EC as its member. Accordingly the bye-laws stands amended.

13. **Venue for 39th OCS Annual Conference**

It was decided in the last GB that the venue for 39th Annual Conference is Sambalpur University. However, HOD, Chemistry, Sambalpur University intimated to shift the venue elsewhere. In the meantime, two proposals were received, i.e., from (i) NIT, Rourkela and (ii) KIIT University. Considering the two proposals, it was resolved that the 39th Annual Conference of OCS will be hosted by NIT, Rourkela.

14. **Financial Status of OCS:** Prof. A. N. Acharya, Secretary-cum-Treasurer presented the financial status of OCS with regard to the income and expenditures from 1.4.2024 till 24.12.2024. This was approved.

In continuation to Agenda no. 5, it was resolved to reorganize the SDRs and TDRs available at SBI, Cuttack City Branch to generate more interest. In this regard, a committee was formed with the following members:

- (i) Prof. S. N. Mohanty, former President OCS
- (ii) Prof. A. N. Acharya, Secretary-cum-Treasurer, OCS
- (iii) President OCS (new).

The committee will take all necessary steps in consultation with bank officials to reorganize the available funds.

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15. **Any other points.** It was resolved the following:

- (i) Two days Annual Conference may be extended to 3 days to better fulfill the visions and objectives of OCS.
- (ii) Five OUTF awards each for best oral and poster presentations are approved.
- (iii) Some liberty should be given to the LOC to conduct the OCS events.
- (iv) The details of Dr. Dev Pattanaik sponsored Olychem may be placed before the next EC.

16. **Election for office bearers of the Executive Committee of OCS for the year 2025:**

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

President

Prof. Smrutiprava Das

Vice-Presidents

1. Prof. Niranjana Panda
2. Dr. Mamata Mohapatra
3. Dr. Sunasira Mishra

Secretary-cum- Treasurer

Prof. Achyutananda Acharya

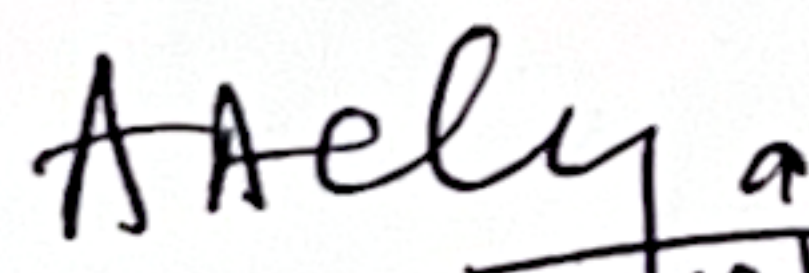
Jt. Secretaries

1. Dr. Pramod Kumar Das
2. Dr. Gokarneswar Sahoo

Members

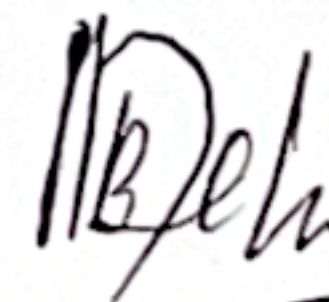
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5. Prof. Bijnyan Ranjan Das
6. Dr. Asit Kumar Parija
7. Dr. Debasis Mohanty
8. Mr. Ashok Naik
9. Dr. Smruti Pattanaik
10. Dr. Pravat Kumar Swain
11. To be nominated by President (Preferably from Industry)

17. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair by Jt. Secretary Dr. Smruti Pattanaik


28/12/24

Prof. A. N. Acharya
Secretary-cum-Treasurer, OCS

Secretary -Cum -Treasurer
Orissa Chemical Society



President

Prof. Ajaya Kumar Behera
PRESIDENT, OCS

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