

Minutes of the of the Governing Body Meeting of INC-IAH (2024-26)

A meeting of the Governing Body (GB) (2024-26) was held on June 14, 2025 at 8.00 pm onwards in the virtual mode under the Chairmanship of President Prof A. K. Sinha. Prof. Bhagwan Singh Chaudhary, Secretary, INC IAH coordinated the discussion.

The following were present:

Prof. A.K. Sinha	:	President
Dr. Anadi Gayen	:	Vice-President
Prof. Bhagwan Singh Chaudhary	:	Secretary
Dr. Ashok Kumar	:	Treasurer
Mrs. Chirashree Mohanty	:	Executive Member
Prof. Bhavana Umrikar	:	Executive Member
Dr. Ashwani Kumar Tiwari	:	Executive Member
Dr. R.P Singh Kushwah	:	Executive Member

Prof. A. K. Sinha, President, INC-IAH welcomed the members and apprised them about various activities carried out during the period and also called upon all the members to work with renewed zeal and motivation. He initiated discussions on restarting monthly lecture series, organizing training programs for younger members, and exploring collaboration with CGWB for training initiatives

Detailed discussions were held amongst all the members on various agenda items. After due deliberations, the point wise agenda was taken up for discussion and the following decisions were taken unanimously:

Agenda Item No. 1. Plan of activities by INC-IAH

Lecture Series Planning: Prof. A.K. Sinha, President, INC IAH proposed restarting the lecture series with two half-hour lectures per month, ideally featuring one speaker from India and one international expert to enhance INC-IAH visibility. Dr. Ashok Kumar suggested each member identify potential speakers, and Prof. BS Chaudhary. Dr. Ashwani K. Tiwari & Dr. RP Singh Kushwah supported the idea of two speakers to maintain audience interest.

Training Program Initiative: Ashwani Tiwari suggested organizing training programs for younger members, possibly in universities, covering topics like water sampling and remote sensing. Professor A.K. Sinha supported this and suggested that Prof. BS Chaudhary, Prof. Bhavana Umrikar & Dr. Ashwani K. Tiwari may explore these further to cater the needs in different regions for younger hydrogeologists. Ms. Chirashree Mohanty could effectively coordinate such programs in Bhubaneswar also. Mrs. Chirashree Mohanty mentioned that CGWB Bhubaneswar already conducts training programs annually and indicated that INC-IAH association would require permission from the CGWB Chairman. Professor A.K. Sinha requested Prof. Chaudhary to initiate a discussion with the Chairman, CGWB regarding this collaboration.

It was agreed that such programs should be announced well in advance, and a nominal charge could be considered, potentially refundable upon attendance.

Member Engagement in Training: Dr. Anadi Gayen suggested creating a link for members to express interest in participating in or attending training programs. Professor A.K. Sinha affirmed the idea of organizing training at different levels with local consultations and proper announcements to benefit INCIAH members.

Agenda Item No. 2. INC-IAH seminar 2025 accounts

Dr. Ashok Kumar, Treasurer, presented the financial overview of the INC-IAH Seminar 2025 held at Amity University, Rajasthan on March 1-2, 2025, As ICD, Jaipur was asked to collaborate so as to receive the funding from Government of India, an advance of the ₹3,00,000 from INCIAH for the seminar was fully recovered from registration fees and the IAH grant adjustment, resulting in a surplus of approximately ₹29,500 in the INCIAH account.

As per financial overview presented by the Treasure, a total expenditure of ₹7,21,521/- incurred including the payment of TA and local hospitalities to the invited speakers, Students, and young researchers The financial liabilities was met with the receipt of Rs Euro 2000/ from IAH, Rs 133000/-from Registration fee and RS 170000/- from the advertisement. The remaining liability of Rs 230000/- is to be met from the awaited support grant of Rs 250000/- from Ministry of Earth Science, Govt. of India the organization for which sanction letter has already been received. Subsequent to meeting out all the liabilities there would be surplus of Rs 29000/- (approximately). The promised support from the one of the partners of the Seminar, Rajasthan State Groundwater Department, did not materialize despite long persuasion.

It was noted that INCIAH cannot independently organize seminars as requiring government or foreign funds is not feasible due to compliance issues. The INC IAH with due permission and approval of the Governing body has to indulge in partnership with Institute for Community Development, Jaipur to make request for the financial support from the Government organization. Prof. A.K. Sinha expressed gratitude to colleagues and IAH for their support in securing funding.

Agenda Item No. 3. Announcement of INC-IAH awards

It was decided to announce of INCIAH awards for the year 2023-24 by July 2025 and Prof. BS Chaudhary and Dr. Ashok Kumar will formalize this in due course of time.

Agenda Item No. 4. Identification of Veteran Hydrogeologists

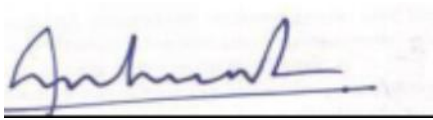
All the members were requested to provide the list of VETERAN HYDROGEOLOGISTS so as to be finalized by the GB in due course of time.

Agenda Item No. 5. Financials Support to student/ Research Scholar/ early career scientists

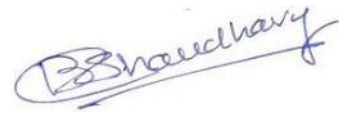
In Continuation of the past resolution by the GB, GB resolved that this year also a maximum of three Students / young researchers whose paper has been accepted for presentation at the 52nd IAH Global groundwater Conference to be held at Melbourne from 15th to 19th September 2025 a sum of Rs.10,000 (ten thousands) per participant shall be provided as motivational support by the INC IAH for which a sum of Rs 30000/- has been set aside. Soon applications would be invited by the President from the students and young researchers for the award of the said motivational support.

GB appreciated the efforts of INC IAH for organizing various events by INC-IAH office bearers including the National Conference with International Participation at Jaipur.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.



(Prof. A.K. Sinha)
President
June 14, 2025



(Prof. BS Chaudhary)
Secretary