



# TRIBOLOGY SOCIETY OF INDIA

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## Minutes of the General Body Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at IIT Bhilai

Agenda Point	Description
	The last General Body meeting of TSI (2024-25) was held at LHC-500 conference hall at IIT Bhilai . The meeting was chaired by Prof. Satish V. Kailas, President TSI
1	Welcome by President. President TSI welcomed all members and thanked the members who attended the meeting physically. Total 25 members attended the meeting. President in his welcome showed concern on the thin attendance in the GBM.
2	Tabling of Agenda Secretary TSI tabled the agenda of the meeting and outlined the matters for discussion during the meeting.
3.	<b>Secretary's report</b> Secretary, TSI presented the report on activities of TSI carried out during 2024-2025 Secretary in his presentation mentioned on the organisational aspect, membership affairs, Accounts and taxation issues of TSI, TSI summer school in Tribology, organisation of IndiaTrib-2025 and JTST Journal. Secretary, TSI thanked office bearers, EC members, ED(TSI), organising committee members of IndiaTrib and the TSI members. He applauded the efforts of Prof. Sujeet Sinha, editor-in-chief of JTST for publication of 1 <sup>st</sup> issue. Secretary, TSI urged all the members to come forward to make the journal a regular and popular one. Secretary also mentioned that as per the decision of the EC, IndiaTrib will now be held every two years after the next IndiaTrib being organised by IITMadras in December 2026 with a national-level tribology event planned in the intervening years. Secretary thanked the returning officers Prof. M.S. Bobji, Mr. S.R. Durugkar and Dr. P.K. Pal for smoothly conducting the election for the EC 2026-27.  (Secy's report is attached at Annexure-1)
4	<b>Presentation of audited account for FY 2024-25</b> Office assistant, TSI on behalf of Treasurer, presented the account statement and balance sheet of the society for FY 2024-25. The audited statement was sent to all the members one week prior to the GBM along with the GBM notice. The deficit in the balance sheet along with reasons thereof was discussed and explained to the members and future course of action for sustainability was discussed..

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	The audited account statement was approved by the General body.
5	<p><b>Declaration of result for the upcoming EC by Returning officers</b></p> <p>Mr. S.R. Durugkar and Prof. M S Bobji on behalf of the 3 returning officers apprised the report and shared the result of the election to the new EC. (The report of returning officer is attached at Annexure-2) The following office bearers and EC members were declared elected by the returning officers for the EC 2026-27.</p> <p><u>Elected Office Bearers:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. President : Prof. Harish Hirani</li><li>2. Senior Vice President: Mr. Ajay Kumar Harinarain</li><li>3. Vice President: Mr. Rajendra Mahapatra</li><li>4. Secretary: Dr. T. Singh</li><li>5. Jt. Secretary: Prof. Deepak Kumar</li><li>6. Jt. Secretary: Prof. P. Ramkumar</li><li>7. Treasurer: Dr. Rameshwar Chaudhary</li></ol> <p><u>Elected EC Members:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Prof. Satish V. Kailas (Ex-officio EC member)</li><li>2. EC Member: Prof. Nitya Nand Gosvami</li><li>3. EC Member: Prof. T V V L Narasimha Rao</li><li>4. EC Member: Dr. G D Thakare</li><li>5. EC Member: Dr. Debdutt Patro</li><li>6. EC Member: Dr. Abhinava Chatterjee</li><li>7. EC Member: Dr. Mukesh Kumar Dubey</li><li>8. EC Member: Dr. Pangavhane Dilip R</li><li>9. EC Member: Dr Manvandra Kumar Singh</li><li>10. EC Member: Dr G J Naveen</li><li>11. EC Member: Dr Manjesh Kumar Singh</li></ol> <p>The remaining vacant EC member and co-opted EC member positions will be filled up by co-opting by the new EC.</p>
5	<p><b>Any other points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outgoing President, TSI intimated the GBM about the consider not having more than 2 members from any particular organisation to make the society a mis of different academic and industry participation. The upcoming EC may further deliberated on this issue. He also sought of a suitable mechanism to track the membership database, may be by mandatory registration by the members once in 2 or 3 years to keep the membership active.</li></ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Secretary informed that the society was originally registered offline and now needs to be registered online with the Registrar, Faridabad, Government of Haryana, in compliance with current registration rules and regulations. This was identified as a priority action item for the upcoming EC.</li><li>• It was noted that bank account signatories and related responsibilities will be transferred to the newly elected EC.</li></ul> |
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The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Jt. Secy, TSI

(Rajendra Mahapatra)  
Secretary, TSI

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## Annexure-1

### SECRETARY'S REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

(2024-25)

#### Presented in the General Body Meeting of TSI

Respected dignitaries, fellow office bearers, members, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen. On behalf of the Executive Committee of Tribology Society of India (TSI), it gives me pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all of you to IndiaTrib-2025, the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of international conference, being held at IIT Bhilai during 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

This report marks **my final address as Secretary of TSI**. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Society and I sincerely believe that, during my tenure, several meaningful and forward-looking initiatives were undertaken in the best interest of TSI.

I have the pleasure in presenting to you a brief report of activities carried out by the society during the last one year. We have been able to sustain the activities and key initiatives of the society during past one year with all of your support. I will give you a summary of these.

#### **1. Governance and Democratic Reforms**

In line with suggestions received from members, the elections of the Executive Council and Office Bearers were conducted **online in a transparent and democratic manner**, ensuring equal opportunity for all eligible members.

Accordingly, necessary amendments were made to the **TSI Constitution**, which were circulated among the members. Further, the **Minutes of General Body Meetings (GBMs)** were uploaded on the TSI website to enhance transparency and accessibility.

I am confident that the newly elected Executive Council will build upon these initiatives and take the Society forward in making it more vibrant, inclusive, and dynamic.

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## **2. Overview of TSI Activities (2024–25)**

The present Executive Committee assumed charge on **24 January 2024**, following elections conducted in online mode. As per the decision of the EC, Dr. Barun Chakraborty was appointed as ED TSI for a term of two years from May 2024 to April 2026. TSI has been employing a full time office assistant for handling the day to day office work. Mr Arun Kumar Sharma has served in this role with great sincerity and dedication since 2014, and so his contract has been renewed every year since then.

The tenure of the current EC concludes today, subsequent to the declaration of election results by the Returning Officers. I am pleased to report that the elections were conducted smoothly and strictly in accordance with the revised Constitution. On behalf of TSI and on my own behalf, I extend heartfelt thanks to our Returning Officers—**Prof. M.S. Bobji, Mr. S.R. Durugkar, and Dr. P. K. Pal**—for successfully conducting the election process.

Despite various challenges, the Society has been able to sustain its key activities and initiatives during the past year with the collective support of its members.

## **3. IndiaTrib – The Flagship Programme of TSI**

Ever since its inception, IndiaTrib has been a flagship program of TSI in promoting the awareness and practice of Tribology in India and facilitating industry-academia interactions. I would like to express my gratitude to the organizing committee members of IndiaTrib-2025 and entire team of IIT Bhilai for their tireless efforts in hosting the conference. I hope the deliberations during the conference has provided insight for further research in your domain.

I thank all the delegates for their participation and trust that you will have a memorable and pleasant stay at Bhilai, Chhattisgarh. Earlier ICIT (later renamed IndiaTrib) and the national Tribology conference (later renamed as TribolIndia) were held in alternate years. However, as per the decisions taken in the EC and GBM meetings held in December 2024, both IndiaTrib and TribolIndia conferences have now been renamed as IndiaTrib to avoid confusion. It was further discussed that organizing an international conference of the stature of IndiaTrib every year may create challenges in fundraising and may dilute the brand value of the conference. The EC therefore decided that after IndiaTrib 2026 at IIT

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Madras, this conference will be organized biennially, with a national-level tribology event planned in the intervening years. Details of the national event will be discussed and finalized in a subsequent EC meeting.

## 4. Membership Affairs

Despite continuous updates to the TSI website ([www.tribologyindia.org](http://www.tribologyindia.org)), regular activities, Summer Schools, the IndiaTrib conference, and word-of-mouth outreach by existing members, the Society has not witnessed a steady increase in membership during the past year.

An appeal was made prior to the elections to update contact details of inactive members. Out of **1,822 registered members**, contact details of **1,075 members** have now been successfully updated.

The upcoming EC may consider expanding TSI's presence on **social media platforms**, in line with evolving communication trends, to enhance visibility and attract new members.

We seek the active support of all members and sponsoring organizations to strengthen the membership base of TSI.

## 5. Accounts and Statutory Compliance

TSI holds valid registrations under:

- Income Tax Act (Sections **12A and 80G**)
- GST

The Society's accounts are regularly audited, and all **Income Tax and GST returns** are filed on time. The audited accounts for **FY 2024–25** were circulated to members in advance and will be formally presented for approval during the GBM.

I am pleased to report that, through the sustained efforts of the Treasurer and the Headquarters team, TSI remains **fully compliant with all statutory requirements**.

As discussed in the EC meeting, the Society—currently registered in offline mode—needs to be **registered online with the Registrar, Faridabad, Government of Haryana**, as per prevailing regulations. The upcoming EC will take this up on priority.

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## 6. TSI Summer School in Tribology

The **TSI Summer School programme**, initiated in 2009, continues to be one of the most impactful and sought-after educational initiatives of the Society, aimed at promoting tribology education in both academia and industry.

The **17th Summer School** was successfully conducted at **VNIT Nagpur**. The venue and schedule for the **18th Summer School in Tribology (SST)** will be decided by the upcoming EC.

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## 7. IndiaTrib-2025 and Future Conferences

TSI continues to organize the **biennial international conference IndiaTrib** (earlier ICIT). The **13th edition** is being hosted by **IIT Bhilai**.

As decided earlier by the EC, the **next IndiaTrib conference will be organized by IIT Madras**.

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## 8. TSI Journal – JTST

The *Indian Journal of Tribology*, published by TSI, earlier faced disruptions in its regular publication. To revitalize the journal, the EC decided to rename it as **JTST – Journal of Tribology Science and Technology**, with **Prof. Sujeet K. Sinha** appointed as **Editor-in-Chief**.

I am delighted to inform you that, with the dedicated efforts of Prof. Sinha, the Co-Editors, and the Executive Director (TSI), the **first issue of JTST is now available on the TSI website**.

On behalf of TSI, I express my sincere appreciation to Prof. Sujeet Sinha and his team for successfully reviving the journal. Continuing regular six-monthly publication will require collective effort, and I urge all members to actively contribute articles, reviews, and technical papers.

The upcoming EC will initiate necessary actions for obtaining the **ISSN number**. Strengthening the journal's quality and exploring collaborations with international societies through joint courses, webinars, and publications will further enhance the Society's brand and global standing.

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## 9. Acknowledgements and Closing Remarks

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I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all EC members for their constant support, valuable guidance, and cooperation, which made my responsibilities as Secretary both fulfilling and manageable.

I also wish to place on record my deep appreciation for **Prof. Satish V. Kailas**, for his exceptional contribution to TSI as President, Vice-President, and EC Member over nearly **two decades**.

Let us all continue to work together, driven by our shared passion for tribology, to make TSI a truly professional and internationally respected society.

I wish you all a rewarding learning experience and fruitful interactions during these three days of the conference. Kindly disseminate the knowledge gained here for the benefit of the wider tribology community.

Thank you.

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## Annexure-2

(Reports presented by Election Officers: Mr. SR Durugkar and Prof MS Bobji).

15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Results of Election for Office Bearers (2026-27)

Date of Election	: 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2025, 10.00 AM to 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2025, 10.00 PM
Venue	: Conducted online.
Total No of Eligible Members	: 1075
Number of votes polled	: 401
Number of invalid votes	: 0 (No invalid votes due to digital process)
Number of valid votes	: 401
Declaration of Result of Election	: 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025

#### Election Highlights:

1. **TSI successfully conducted its second consecutive online election for “Office Bearer” and “EC Member” positions for the upcoming term 2026-27.**

- To ensure a secure and user-friendly process, TSI engaged *Secured Voting*, a professional agency specializing in online elections. The election was conducted using their platform: [www.Securedvoting.com](http://www.Securedvoting.com).
- The **nomination process** was fully online. A proposer initiated the nomination, which was then endorsed by a seconder. Finally, the proposed candidate confirmed acceptance, completing the candidature process in the system.
- Each eligible TSI member received an **Encrypted Unique Voting Link (EUVL)** from the service provider. This link was designed for one-time use and was valid only during the election period. Access to the ballot was possible exclusively through the EUVL. All votes were stored in encrypted tables, ensuring complete confidentiality—there was no way to trace who voted for whom.
- The system captured only voting logs with IP addresses and compiled the final tally of votes for each candidate.
- Election results were generated by the system and shared with the designated Election Officers.

2. **Contested Positions:**

- **Office Bearer Posts:** 6 members contested for 3 positions.

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- **EC Member Posts:** 10 members contested out of 13 positions.
- **3 number of EC Members posts out of 14 remained vacant** – New committee will take a call on filling up these positions as per the laws of constitution.

### 3. Membership Details:

- Total active TSI Life Members: **1,075**
- **674 non-active members and have not updated their latest email IDs with TSI**, making it impossible to contact them for this election process.

With above brief, the following Office Bearers, EC Members are hereby declared selected / elected to the posts mentioned against their names.

**For Election Results, please find “Annexure – I” attached to this Report.**

### Suggestions / Recommendations:

1. TSI members list need to be updated at a regular interval.
2. Mechanism for members to update contact details should be evolved.
3. Alternate contact information such as mobile numbers must be obtained for authentication of membership.

### Vote of Thanks:

We thank TSI Office Bearers for giving an opportunity as an Election Officer to conduct TSI Elections.

We are also thankful to Mr Elan and his team from “Secured Voting Agency”, who have supported TSI in conducting “TSI-2026-27” Elections in a smooth & seamless manner.

Finally, big thanks to all the TSI members who spared their time and actively participated in the whole election process and completed the same in a successful manner.

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Sr No	Office Bearer - Name	Post	No of Votes	Result
1	DR HARISH HIRANI	PRESIDENT	387	ELECTED- UNOPPOSED
2	MR AJAY KUMAR HARINARAIN	SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	204	ELECTED
3	MR RAJENDRA MAHAPATRA	VICE PRESIDENT	390	ELECTED- UNOPPOSED

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5	DR DEEPAK KUMAR	JOINT SECRETARY	238	ELECTED
6	PROF RAMKUMAR P	JOINT SECRETARY	233	ELECTED
7	DR RAMESHWAR CHAUDHARY	TREASURER	362	ELECTED-UNOPPOSED

Sr No	EC Members - Name	Post	No of Votes	Result
1	PROF SATISH KAILASH	EC MEMBER	Defacto*	SELECTED
2	PROF NITYA NAND GOSVAMI	EC MEMBER	230	ELECTED
3	DR T V V L NARASIMHA RAO	EC MEMBER	224	ELECTED
4	DR G D THAKARE	EC MEMBER	200	ELECTED
5	DR DEBDUTT PATRO	EC MEMBER	184	ELECTED
6	DR ABHINAVA CHATTERJEE	EC MEMBER	173	ELECTED
7	MR MUKESH KUMAR DUBEY	EC MEMBER	164	ELECTED
8	DR PANGAVHANE DILIP R	EC MEMBER	163	ELECTED
9	MR MANVANDRA KUMAR SINGH	EC MEMBER	157	ELECTED
10	MR G J NAVEEN	EC MEMBER	149	ELECTED
11	DR MANJESH KUMAR SINGH	EC MEMBER	16	ELECTED

\*As per the Law of Constitution

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