

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

2022 - 23







## About National Seed Association of India

National Seed Association of India (NSAI) is the apex body representing the seed industry, playing a leadership role by engaging with the national and state governments for pursuing its main objective of working towards providing an enabling and favourable policy environment for the growth of the seed industry in the country. Continued patronage by its members encourages NSAI to work harder for ensuring an inclusive growth for all stakeholders. The enhanced effectiveness of NSAI is visible in its various engagements with the policy makers, who not only appreciate the role of NSAI, but also respect the views/opinions expressed in various forums. Conferences, Seminars, and Workshops organized by NSAI, are much-awaited events in the seed industry calendar, due to the rich scientific contents. The visibility for NSAI has grown over the years and the desire for its logo to be displayed at various agri exhibitions and conferences for promoting the events is increasing.



## Our Vision

The vision of NSAI is to create a dynamic, innovative, internationally competitive, research-based industry producing high-performance, high-quality seeds and planting materials which benefit farmers and significantly contribute to the sustainable growth of Indian Agriculture. NSAI is also working towards progressive use of biotechnology in crop improvement programmes for productivity enhancement and improving the livelihood of Indian farmers. Increasing the general awareness about crop biotechnology among large number of seed stakeholders, facilitating seed technology upgradation and engaging in a continuous dialogue with regulators for the establishment of a transparent, fair and equitable regulatory ecosystem, are some of the other activities of NSAI.

## Our Mission

The mission of NSAI is to encourage investment in the state-of-the-art R & D to bring to the Indian farmers seeds of superior genetics and technologies, which are of high performance value and can be adopted under different agro-climatic zones. It actively contributes to policy development relating to seed industry to ensure that the policies and programmes create an enabling environment, including public acceptance, so that the industry is globally competitive.

## Objective

- To create a favourable policy environment for the seed industry
- To create better interaction & provide business opportunities among our stakeholders
- To hold meetings and interactions between the public & private sector to discuss common issues
- To facilitate Public Private Partnership





## **Brief about NSAI's Achievements**

NSAI has about 400 member companies spread across India. NSAI has worked towards addressing the major issues pertaining to its members through representations to concerned ministries. Some of the issues on which it has worked on are OECD seed scheme , Breeder Seed availability to private seed producers, enhancement of productivity of cotton, harmonization of seed licensing system in the country, awareness regarding spurious seeds in the market, revalidation of seeds, pricing & GST, IPR, enhancing and encouraging export of seeds, etc. It has also concentrated its efforts for bringing out quality publications from time to time in the form of Seed Times. NSAI's website too has played a significant role in its outreach to members. The website displays important Government notifications and representations made by NSAI to Government. NSAI's interaction with Government on continuous basis through various forums and meetings have been yielding positive results. The Secretariat is continuously working for enhancing visibility of the association, while simultaneously making sustained efforts for brand building, emerging as a strong source of information exchange and engagement in social initiatives and programs. This has been possible due to the excellent support provided by NSAI members and guidance of the Governing Council.



## OFFICE BEARERS



**Shri M. Prabhakar Rao**  
President



**Shri Dineshbhai Patel**  
Vice President



**Dr. Bibhuti Bhusan Pattanaik**  
General Secretary



**Shri Vaibhav Ravi Kashikar**  
Treasurer

## GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS



**Shri Chunduri Rambabu**



**Shri K. Praveen Kumar**



**Shri Siddhartha S Sen**



**Shri Sudhir Kansal**



**Shri Dilipbhai B. Patel**



**Shri Chennamaneni Mithun Chand**



**Shri Ajeet Mulay**



**Shri Rakesh Kumar Jain**



**Dr. Kirtan Y. Patel**



**Shri Vasanthapu Venkateswarlu**

## NSAI SECRETARIAT



**Shri R K Trivedi**  
Executive Director



**Dr. R K Tripathi**  
Director (Technical)  
(1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 – 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023)



**Dr. Deepanker Pandey**  
Assistant Director



**Shri Yashpal Saini**  
Sr. Manager-Admin & Accounts



**Dr. Pramod Sharma**  
Research Associate



**Ms. Preeti Kumari**  
Research Associate



**Shri Sher Singh**  
Office Executive



**Shri C M Nautiyal**  
(Accounts)



**Mrs. Savita**  
(Office Executive  
cum Receptionist)





## Message from the Desk of the President

Dear Members,

It gives me immense pleasure to present the NSAI's Annual Report 2022–2023. The Annual report bears testimony to our enhanced efforts to reach out to various stakeholders. Over the last one year, with your support and encouragement, we have tried to create consensus among all our members for ensuring the greater good of Indian Seed Industry. NSAI has emerged as a member's voice in various forums be it public or private. We have left no stone unturned to ensure that no issue of concern for the members goes unheard. NSAI has consolidated its position as the apex body representing the seed industry in the country.

At NSAI we have worked towards addressing major issues pertaining to members through representations to concerned ministries. Some of the issues on which we have worked on are , revision of New Policy on Seed Development 1988, Harmonization of Laws for Registration and Sale of Seeds, Seed Export and Imports, Agriculture Economic Zone (AEZ) under Make in India, Rule based Income Tax for Seed Companies, GST, Regulation of FDI, Bt cotton seed Pricing, Certification / Revalidation of seeds, IPR etc. We have also concentrated our efforts for bringing out quality publications from time to time in the form of Seed Times. NSAI Newsletter has become a regular source of information to all our members. Our website too has played a significant part in our outreach to members. The website displays important Government notifications and representations made by NSAI to Government.

Our interaction with Government has earned us regular representations in various forums and meetings. The Secretariat is continuously working for enhancing visibility of the association, while simultaneously making sustained efforts for brand building, strong source of information exchange and engagement in social initiatives of Seed Donation programs. This has been possible due to the excellent support provided by NSAI's members. I am sure, in times to come, members would continue to extend their support for ensuring that the good work continues.

Best Wishes

M Prabhakar Rao  
President





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# **AGENDA FOR 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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Date: 04<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, 11:00 AM onwards,  
Lecture Hall (Ground Floor), NAAS Complex, New Delhi-110008

1. Welcome of Chief Guest and GC Members
2. Welcome address by Executive Director
3. Highlights of Industry issue by President, NSAI
4. Address by Chief Guest
5. Commencement of AGM
6. Procurement of Quorum
7. Confirmation of the Minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022.
8. Presentation of General Secretary's Report
9. Presentation of the Statement of Accounts & Auditor's Report by Treasurer, NSAI
10. Appointment of Auditor for FY 2023-24
11. Approval of Annual Budget for FY 2023-24
12. Farewell & felicitations of outgoing GC members by President, NSAI
13. Remarks by outgoing GC members
14. Address by the President, NSAI
15. Vote of Thanks by Vice President, NSAI





# **Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of NSAI**







# Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of National Seed Association of India

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of National Seed Association of India (NSAI) was held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022, at Hotel Marigold, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana. The meeting was presided over by **Shri M Prabhakar Rao, President**.

Before the commencement of AGM, the President enquired about the fulfillment of quorum for the meeting. Executive Director, NSAI mentioned that as per NSAI By-laws the quorum requirement for AGM is 10% of the total members of NSAI. He further mentioned that as on date NSAI has 330 members and 10% of it comes to 33, while the total number of member companies present in the meeting were 59. Thus, the quorum for the AGM was complete. The list of NSAI members who attended AGM is attached.

AGM started with **Shri R K Trivedi, Executive Director** welcoming the OB members, GC members and all NSAI members who have attended AGM and mentioned that their presence in the AGM has shown their solidarity for the growth and progress of NSAI.

## Highlights of Industry Issues by Shri M Prabhakar Rao, President, NSAI

The President welcomed to all the participants and thanked them for attending the AGM. He also thanked **Shri Singireddy Niranjan Reddy**, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Government of Telangana State for joining online in the Technical Session as well as in the AGM and addressing to the august gathering. He quoted that the Minister in his address indicated about the need for intensified research on developing seed to meet the growing needs of higher food production and productivity with nutritional values in the backdrop of



growing ecological imbalances.

Shri Rao further mentioned that the private seed sector has grown significantly not only in business volume but also with respect to seed distribution network. Now, the challenge for policymakers is to improve and make further reforms in existing regulations to promote both formal and non-formal seed systems and also support breeding, selection of new varieties and quality seed production for providing better seeds to the farmers. NSAI team has been working with the Seed Division of DAFW, Government of India to bring in needed amendment in the seed legislation.

He informed the members that NSAI is also advocating to its members for licensing of new plant varieties under the framework of PPVFR Act which has been deliberated in the day long Technical Session held today before AGM. A synchronized system of variety registration by PPVFRA and varietal development by private seed companies would have a positive impact on the seed market by enhancing quality seeds and would make the seed price affordable to the farmers. The clarity about the nomenclature of the variety helps the farmer to choose the right product and makes it easy for the Industry to promote quality seed sales. These initiatives would certainly encourage the farmers adopting to new crop varieties/hybrids aimed at achieving higher productivity of crops.

The President further indicated that NSAI has been working with regulatory bodies and policy makers to check the marketing of spurious seeds and also suggesting them to make policy/regulatory reforms for early release of new technology. NSAI members are committed for the marketing of quality seeds but grey seed companies sometimes bring cloud on the products of good seed companies also.

As regards income tax regulation and exemptions to the seed industry, President mentioned that these are also important issues requiring attention of CBDT and Ministry of Agriculture. NSAI had submitted several representations and requested for a favorable recommendation by CBDT to exempt income of seed companies from seed production related activities from income tax.

In addition, NSAI had already requested the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare for creation of Seed Export Promotion Council with active support of NSAI and APEDA. This will offer a great opportunity to enhance farmers' income, create rural employment and at the same time play a strategically important role in global agriculture. He also suggested that NSAI may take up with concerned authorities for harmonizing Seed legislations in South Asian countries to facilitate easier exchange of seeds and facilitate export of quality seed from India.

He expressed his concern for SME seed companies and indicated that NSAI has been writing to MoAFW to provide special financial assistance/subsidy to SME seed companies for R&D and development of infrastructure facilities for seed production, processing and testing. NSAI also continuously keeps flagging the key issues like seed subsidy, breeder seed distribution and seed traceability systems concerning small seed companies.

At the end, he complimented NSAI Secretariat and the Organizing Committee for successfully organizing the Technical Session and the AGM and also appreciated the efforts made by NSAI team in advocating for the core issues of Indian seed sector.



## Address by Chief Guest, Shri Singireddy Niranjan Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Government of Telangana

The Hon'ble Minister in his virtual address said that agriculture is the backbone of the Indian economy and it has made great strides from the dependence on other countries for its food needs, during the early sixties, to the present day self-reliance in the production of fruits, dairy products and fish apart from food crops. But, we should not stop here as there is a need to achieve more considering the growing needs of the increasing population with diminishing land resources on one hand and growing ecological imbalances on the other.



The Minister also said that quality seeds play a key role in the development of agriculture sector and this was evidenced by the remarkable progress achieved by the Indian seed industry in producing hybrid seeds of several food and commercial crops. Telangana, in particular, is the most suitable not only in the country, but also in the world, for quality seed production, processing and storage. He appreciated NSAI for organizing the Technical Session and AGM in Hyderabad which demonstrates strength of Telangana State in seed sector.

### **Confirmation of the Minutes of the last AGM held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2021**

The General Body confirmed and approved the minutes of the 15th AGM held on 27th October, 2022 in New Delhi unanimously.

## Presentation of the Annual Report by Dr. B B Pattanaik, General Secretary, NSAI



The Annual Report 2021-2022 was presented by **Dr. B B Pattanaik, General Secretary**. He applauded high visibility of NSAI for taking up various issues of seed industry at different forum and proved itself as a true representative of the Indian seed industry.

He mentioned that NSAI has been addressing major concerns of the Indian seed industry through its frequent communications to concerned departments of Central and State Governments apart from holding regular meetings with the concerned authorities to emphasize industry

concerns. The members have also been extending their overwhelming support to NSAI Secretariat, which is evident from their active participation in the NSAI events, meetings and issue-based Workshops.

General Secretary further informed the gathering that the Governing Council (GC) of the NSAI met four times on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 25<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 08<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022. In these meetings, the GC reviewed and deliberated on the progress of various activities of NSAI and approved the future plan of action. The GC members also discussed about NSAI Statement of Accounts for FY 2021-22, Approval of Annual Budget for FY 2022-23 and organization of Indian Seed Congress 2023.

He also indicated that the NSAI membership fee had been scaled down to facilitate member companies for renewal of their membership and encourage new members to join NSAI. As on 31st August 2022, NSAI was having 330 active members, which included 285 members in ordinary category, 28 in Associate, 5 in Associations and 1 in Public Sector category.

The NSAI had maintained a continuous exchange of information with the seed industry through various communication channels. Dr. Pattanaik happily announced that the one of the important magazines in seed sector, the “**Seed Times**” which is very popular amongst seed fraternity and got disrupted during Covid 19 is again being brought out by NSAI with its new edition on the theme “**Advancements in Seed**



**Quality and value addition for Improvement of Production and Productivity of Oilseeds and Pulses**". This will maintain the high standard of articles covering new, innovative and useful information for the Seed industry. NSAI will keep focus on different theme-based contents in its future issues also.

NSAI website has also been revamped to serve as a repository of information for members, he added. **"What's New at NSAI"** section updates members on recent industry advancements, workshops, and conferences. Important notifications from the government can also be located in the section titled "Important Notifications".

He also informed to the members about continuous engagement of NSAI for improving the ease of doing business for the Indian seed industry. He mentioned that for the benefit of its members to share information, NSAI keeps updating its presence on social media platforms like WhatsApp groups, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube.

General Secretary further observed that NSAI has been engaged in making efforts towards improving the regulatory ecosystem for the Indian seed industry by taking up various issues related to the legislations like Seeds Act, Biodiversity Act and Environment (Protection) Act etc., in various meetings chaired by the Union Agriculture Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar ji, Secretary Agriculture, DAFW, Joint Secretary (Seed) DAFW and other senior officials of concerned departments.

NSAI took up various issues raised by the members, from time to time, with concerned agencies including MoAFW, Government of India, and various State Agriculture Ministries, Departments, and local authorities to get the same resolved. The outbreak of COVID 19, impact of climate change in agriculture and policy/regulatory concerns at State level were the main challenges which were taken up by NSAI at appropriate forum to ensure relief to the seed industry.

He informed to the members that NSAI is now a regular participant of seed related conferences and seminars organized at National and International level. NSAI had also organized series of webinars on emerging issues like "Harnessing Genomics and modern breeding innovations for developing better seeds", and "Career Orientation Webinar on Seed sector".

NSAI international engagement had also been growing over years. NSAI discussed the opportunity for NSAI member companies to join hands through International Maize Improvement Consortium - Asia Phase III and had a meeting with Director General CIMMYT, Director of CIMMYT Global Maize Program, Asia Regional Representative, CIMMYT and Managing Director, Borlaug Institute for South Asia (BISA). NSAI team also had a meeting with **Mr. Hugo Javier Gobbi**, Ambassador of Republic of Argentina and **Mariano Beheran**, Minister Agriculture Attaché of the Argentina Embassy to share the knowledge and exchange the ideas about the Indian and Argentina Seed industry and explore the possibilities for future cooperation between the two countries.

He further added that NSAI supported the recent International Conference on **"Harnessing Indian Agriculture for Indigenous and Global Prosperity"** held at NASC Complex, New Delhi jointly organised by Bharatiya Kisan Sangh and Bhartiya Agro-Economic Research Centre. President, NSAI also addressed the delegates of the conference on the theme **"Opportunities for Entrepreneurship Development in Agriculture"**.

NSAI Secretariat has been strengthened with the addition of **Dr. R K Tripathi** as Director (Technical) and **Dr. Pramod Sharma** as Research Associate in its staff. Dr. R K Tripathi has an experience of over 40 years of working in agriculture sector, involving seed management, agricultural extension, research and post-harvest management, while Dr. Pramod Sharma, with a teaching and research background in Seed Technology, is also a recipient of various awards and have two years of teaching experience.

At the end, General Secretary mentioned that the NSAI has worked tirelessly to bring important issues that are crucial to our members, to the attention of the Central and State Governments. He thanked all the GC and OB members for extending their support for various activities of NSAI and also to all NSAI members for participating in the 16<sup>th</sup> AGM to make the event a grand success.

## Presentation of the Statement of Accounts and Auditors Report by Shri Vaibhav Ravi Kashikar Treasurer, NSAI

**Shri Vaibhav Ravi Kashikar**, Treasurer, presented the financial statements and Audit report of the NSAI for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

He highlighted the detailed Auditor Report and P&L Statement had been made available in the Annual report 2021-22. The total expenditure for the Year was Rs. 1,34,04,083/- as against Rs. 1,41,31,091/- in the Previous year, resulting in an excess of income over expenses by Rs. 18,43,449/- as against of Rs. 6,44,972/- in the Previous year.



### The Highlights of the Budget for FY 2022-23 are as under:

Total Budgeted Revenue is	Rs. 1,37,75,000/-
The Total Budgeted Expenditure	Rs. 1,17,00,000/-
Budgeted Surplus	Rs. 20,75,000/-



**He informed the members that for their reference, the budget statement for FY 2022-23 has been given in the Registration Kit.**

The Treasurer also mentioned that in case of membership, this year NSAI received membership fees of Rs. 96,90,400/- (Ninety-six lakh ninety thousand four hundred only) as compared to Rs. 74,71,000/- (Seventy-four lakh seventy-one thousand only) in the previous year, which was an increase of almost Rs. 22,19,400/- (Rupee Twenty-two lakh Nineteen thousand Four hundred only) over the previous year.

He thanked members for timely renewal of membership.

He believed and hoped that NSAI would reach new heights in coming years with the members' support and wished them all the best for success. The General Body accepted and approved the **Statement of Accounts and Auditors Report of NSAI for the year 2021-22** unanimously.

### **Appointment of Auditor for FY 2022-23**

The Treasurer sought approval of members in the AGM for the appointment of M/s SAK G & Co., New Delhi as a Statutory Auditors of NSAI for the year 2022-23. The General Body accepted and approved unanimously that M/s SAK G & Co., New Delhi is re-appointed as Statutory Auditors of NSAI for the year 2022-23 at a remuneration of Rs 35,000 per annum

### **Approval of the Annual Budget for FY 2022-23**

The Treasurer further sought the approval of Governing Body for the Budget of NSAI for the year 2022-23 based on the details presented during the AGM. The General Body unanimously accepted and approved the Annual Budget of NSAI for the FY 2022-23.

### **Any other item with the permission of Chair**

At the end, the President opened the floor for discussion on various issues of seed industry. After discussion following issues emerged:

1. **Shri Ramanna Rao** from Ganga Kaveri Seeds raised the issue of non-application of tolerance limit in the results of State Seed Testing Laboratories for various quality parameters and even a slight deviation was not accepted by the state Government and action had been taken against the seed companies. This had been, particularly observed in the genetic purity for *Bt* Cotton Seeds, where seeds are tested only on a sample size of 25 seeds and genetic purity standards does not match with the sample size. It was therefore, suggested that for *Bt* Cotton seed genetic purity tests at least a sample size of 400 seeds may be taken and also tolerance limits should be prescribed for different quality parameters for cotton seeds.
2. **Dr Jai Singh**, MD, Sakata Seeds raised three important issues. One was concerning high testing fee being charged for hybrids intended to be marketed in a State by the SAUs of the concerned State and second is the cumbersome and difficult licensing procedure for hybrids seeds to be sold in multiple States, which creates a huge financial burden on the seed companies. It was explained that the NSAI has already made a proposal to Government of India for "One Nation One License" system. Once this is approved it will

be a great relief to the seed companies. Joint Secretary (Seeds), DAFW had also indicated in his virtual address that Government is looking into this positively.

The other issue was with respect to imported vegetable seeds which are developed in one country and sent to other country for seed processing and packaging. From that second country, if it has been sent to importing country *i.e.* India, then the first country endorsed declarations on Phytosanitary certificate is not accepted by Indian authorities and they want certificate from the second country, which is difficult to obtain, because the seed is produced in the first country.

In this regards, it was mentioned that as per the Office Memorandum (OM) issued by Department of PQ, companies were asked that declarations required on Phytosanitary certificate should be endorsed by origin country or origin State Phytosanitary certificate.

This has been creating problems for the Indian Seed companies and affecting the seed import. It was decided that MD Sakata Seeds will give a detailed note to NSAI on this and NSAI would take up this issue at appropriate level in the Central Government for an early resolution.

3. **Shri GB Jena** from Srimad Seeds informed that the Government of Odisha is not approving marketing of TL Seeds in State. It was felt that NSAI initiatives on One Nation One License once cleared would solve such problems, though the Seeds (Control) Order and Seeds Act don't prohibit the sale of TL seeds.
4. A number of participants raised the issue of GST on Seeds. While in Telangana State as per GST advance ruling, it was reported that in-house processing of Seeds was exempted from GST but GST was levied on any custom seed processing. Similarly in West Bengal, GST on R&D process was raised from 8% to 18% as per latest GST Council decision, which would be discouraging to seed companies for investment in R&D in Seeds. GST notices were also being received by seed companies to bring the accounts of last 5 years regarding seed processing and storage work.

President expressed his concern on this issue and asked the member, particularly M/S Ganga Kaveri Seeds, to give a detailed note and their opinion on imposition of GST on different activities of seed business to NSAI so that a strong representation could be put up to the concerned authorities.

5. **Shri Ramanna Rao** from Ramanna Agri Product, Karimnagar, informed that it was not possible to put date of packaging on the labels as it was placed on the bags in advance and test reports were received late, hence only month and year is given on it. Seed law enforcement agencies are not allowing them taking the plea that Seeds Rules requires Date, Month and Year of packaging to be put on the labels. Looking into difficulty of the industry, the matter may be taken up with concerned authorities to provide relaxation from mentioning the date of packaging on the label.
6. **Shri Ramanna Rao** also indicated that NSAI is charging a higher application fee for

Breeder Seed allotment, whereas, for members it is free. It was explained by President that since NSAI membership fee has been substantially reduced and is even much less than the breeder seed application fee for non-members, we may encourage non-member to take NSAI membership to get many facilities including Breeder seed allotment free of cost.

7. One of the members mentioned that in case of RIB in *Bt* cotton genetic purity may go down to 90% in view of Refugia. However, the percentage allowed is ranging from 5-10% for the RIB and in case of Hybrids 95% genetic purity is required and with this parameter many times *Bt* with RIB sample fail. It was explained by ED, NSAI that NSAI has already represented to Seed Division, DAFW to revise genetic purity, gene purity and sample size for *Bt* Cotton especially in the light of RIB concept.

## Vote of Thanks

**by Shri Dineshbhai Patel**  
**Vice President, NSAI**



At the end **Shri Dineshbhai Patel, Vice President** proposed vote of thanks. On behalf of NSAI, he expressed sincere gratitude to the members who attended the event and put forth their opinions, problems, and suggestions for betterment of NSAI functioning which will motivate NSAI in its future endeavors.

He also mentioned that Shri M Prabhakar Rao, President of NSAI has greatly contributed for the success of the event. Despite his other important commitments, he had been closely monitoring the Technical Session and AGM activities even for the smallest

matters. He also sincerely appreciated Shri Praveen Kumar, Shri Ch Rambabu, Shri V Venkateshwarlu, the local GC members for their assistance, guidance and support.

At the end he acknowledged the NSAI Secretariat team's efforts for organizing the event successfully.

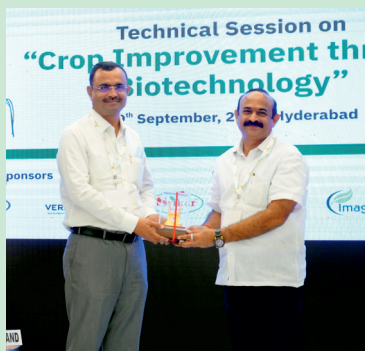


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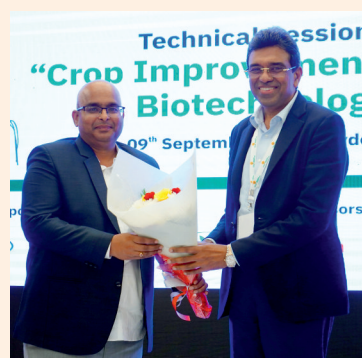
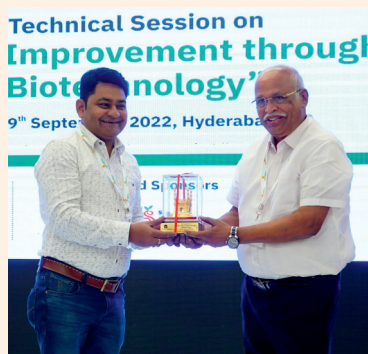
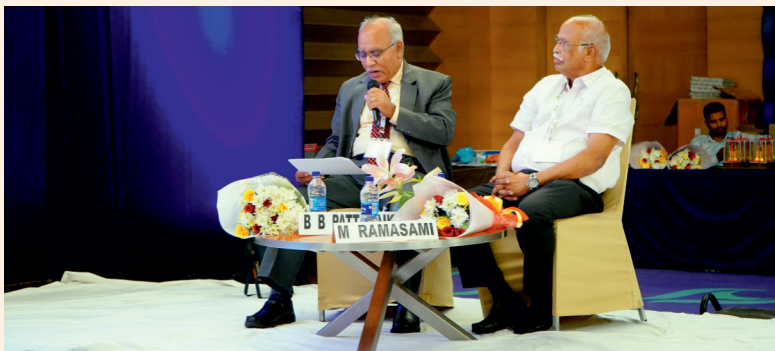


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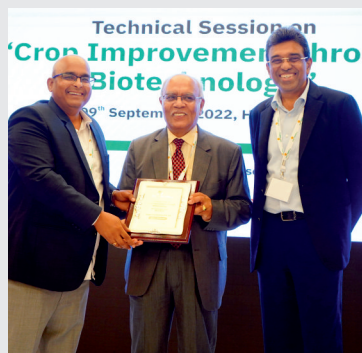


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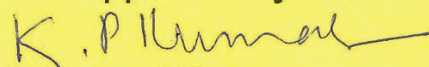


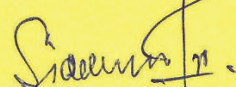
# **Resolution Passed in 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of NSAI**

## RESOLUTION PASSED IN AGM - 2021-22

### Resolution No. NSAI/2022/1

The minutes of the meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 in Delhi are confirmed and approved by the General Body unanimously.

  
Proposed By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

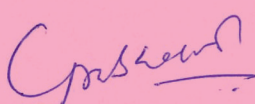


## RESOLUTION PASSED IN AGM - 2021-22

### RESOLUTION No. NSAI/2022/2

Resolved that the Annual Report for the year 2021-22 are accepted and approved by the General Body unanimously.

Proposed By:  (Gayatri Sankhwar)

Seconded By:  (G. PRABHAKAR RAO)

## RESOLUTION PASSED IN AGM - 2021-22

### RESOLUTION No. NSAI/2022/3

Resolved that the Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Report for the year 2021-22 has been accepted and approved by the General Body unanimously.

Proposed By:  (JAI SINGH)

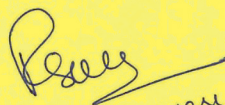
Seconded By:  Bhuvanendra

## RESOLUTION PASSED IN AGM - 2021-22


### RESOLUTION No. NSAI/2022/4

Resolved unanimously that the M/s S A K G & Co., New Delhi be re-appointed as Statutory Auditors of NSAI for the year 2022-23 at a remuneration of Rs 35,000 per annum

Proposed By:

  
C.P. Srinivasulu Kumool Seeds (P) Ltd,  
Hydrabad

Seconded By:

  
CPYRAMA RAO Dhana Crop Sciences  
Secunderabad



## RESOLUTION PASSED IN AGM - 2021-22

### RESOLUTION No. NSAI/2022/5

Resolved that the Annual Budget for the FY 2022-23 has been accepted and approved by the General Body unanimously.

Proposed By:



Sri Sathya Agri Biotech Pvt Ltd

Seconded By:

Surya Seeds Ltd  
M Chandu  
M Chandra



# **Annual Report (September 2022- August 2023)**

# ANNUAL REPORT

(September 2022-August 2023)

The National Seed Association of India ( NSAI ) maintained the steadfast support of its members and the government at both the State and central level, advocating on behalf of the Indian Seed Industry and spearheading a joint national agenda for agricultural development. Over the year NSAI and its members have strongly believed that for Indian Agriculture to progress, the farmers of the country must progress. The Industry participation in the NSAI events, meetings and issue based workshops has been very encouraging. Through a proactive and consistent involvement with policy makers for consultations on significant problems of paramount concern, the growing convergence of efforts can be observed. This has in fact established NSAI's leading position as a legitimate representative of the Indian Seed Industry.

## I. MANAGEMENT

During the period September, 2022 to August 2023, the Governing Council met three times i.e., on **27<sup>th</sup> October, 2022, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 and 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2023** as given below. The GC reviewed the progress of various activities and initiatives planned for future programs and discussed about organization of Indian Seed Congress -2023, Annual Budget FY 2023-24 and other issues of common interest.

S.No.	GC Member	77 <sup>th</sup> GC Meeting held on 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2022 (In Virtual Mode)	78 <sup>th</sup> GC Meeting held on 5 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023 at Hotel JW Marriot, New Delhi	79 <sup>th</sup> GC Meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at NSAI Secretariat Office, New Delhi
1	Shri M. Prabhakar Rao	Present	Present	Present
2	Shri Dineshbhai Patel	Present	Present	Present
3	Shri B.B.Pattanaik	Present	Present	Present
4	Shri Vaibhav R Kashikar	Present	Present	Present
5	Shri Chunduri Rambabu	Present	Present	Present
6	Shri K Praveen Kumar	Absent	Present	Present
7	Shri Siddhartha S Sen	Present	Present	Present
8	Shri Sudhir Kansal	Present	Present	Present
9	Shri Dilipbhai Patel	Absent	Present	Present
10	Shri Chennamaneni Mithun Chand	Present	Absent	Present
11	Shri Ajeet Mulay	Present	Absent	Present
12	Shri Rakesh Kumar Jain	Absent	Absent	Present
13	Shri Kritan Y Patel	Present	Present	Present
14	Shri Vasanthap Venkateswarlu	Present	Absent	Present



## II. MEMBERSHIP

As on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2023, NSAI had the following membership:

Associate member	18
Association member	11
Ordinary member	399
Public Sector	1
Total	429



## III. COMMUNICATION

### i. Seed Times

NSAI restarted the publication of its quarterly magazine covering the seed industry, the Seed Times, which covers scientific/research papers/articles/review articles/ information on various aspects related to seed industry.

NSAI brought out two issues of 'Seed Times' on the theme ***“Advancements in seed quality and value addition for improvement of production and productivity of Oilseeds and Pulses”*** and ***“Domestic and International Seed Trade”*** covering the period September – December 2022 and January – April 2023, respectively.



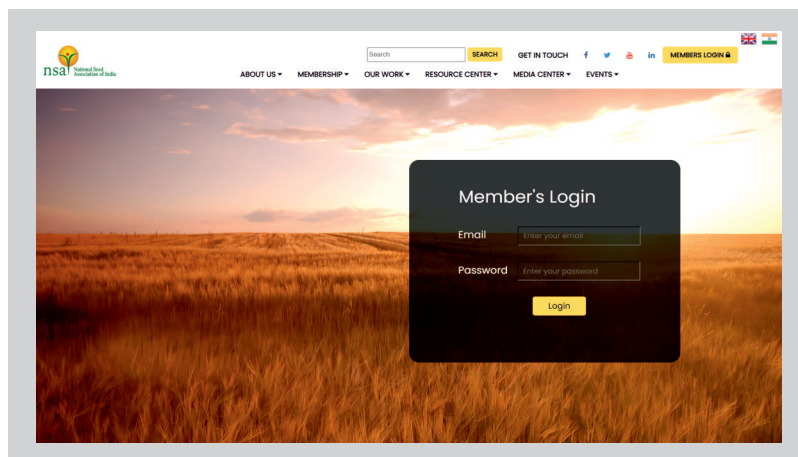
### ii. NSAI Newsletter- Seed News

NSAI monthly Mailer 'NSAI Newsletter', is an important medium for communicating industry news with the members. The newsletter is now brought out regularly with emphasis on reaching out to members with new updates and activities of NSAI. It also covers various important seed related notifications issued by the Government from time to time during the report period.



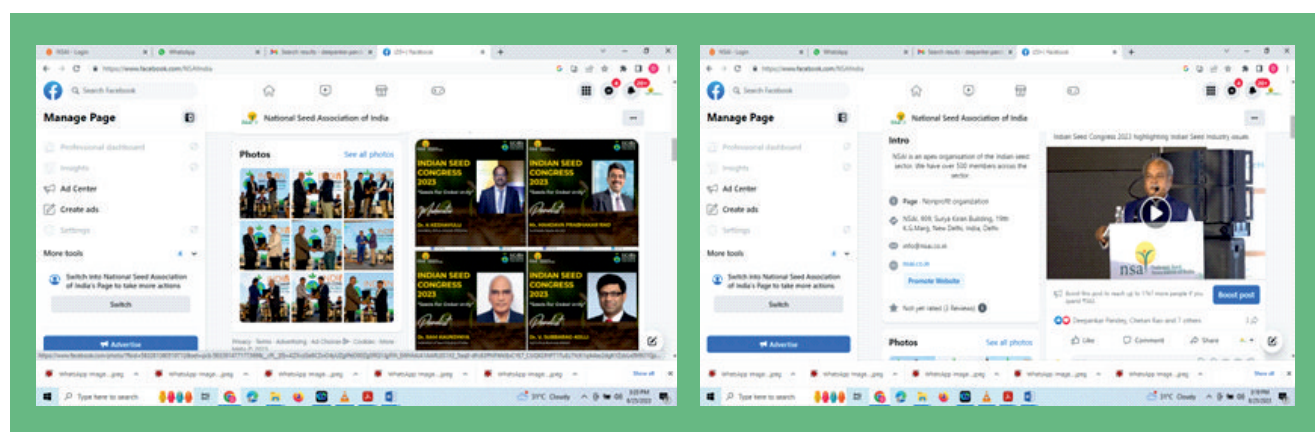
### iii. NSAI Website

The new NSAI website has been developed as an important information source for the members. The **“What's New at NSAI”** section updates members on recent industry advancements, workshops, and conferences. The website features a section titled **“Important Circulars and Representations,”** under which each department's subcategories of important notifications and circulars are uploaded for the convenience of the members. Important notifications from the government can be located in the section titled **“Important Notifications”**. The **“Latest News”** section provides members with information on recent developments in the Indian agriculture and seed industry sector.



### iv. NSAI Social Networking

In order to engage with its members and share useful information, NSAI also keeps updating its presence on the social media like Twitter and Facebook accounts, LinkedIn and YouTube channel.



### v. Daily & Weekly Mailers

NSAI compiles all its activities and circulates to its members via emails. NSAI uses weekly and daily mailers to reach out to its members. NSAI has a dedicated email address **“info@nsai.co.in”** for informing members about recent developments in the industry and other vital information.



## IV. NSAI MEETINGS/REPRESENTATIONS

### 1. Meetings participated by NSAI

#### i. **The 9<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Body meeting of International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) in India**

India hosted the 9<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Body of the ITPGRFA from 19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2022. During the Governing Body meeting, the issue of farmers' rights remained the focal point of discussions. The Union Agriculture Minister, Hon'ble Shri Narendra Tomar inaugurated the event. During his address he mentioned that India stood for the creation of options for implementation of farmers' rights and proposed that use of Global Information System (GIS) for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture needs capacity building among contracting parties.

During the event an extensive deliberation on how to preserve, conserve and maintain the germplasm, biodiversity, and food and agriculture was held. Deliberations were also held on the modalities how to exchange and share the tolerant germplasm through a multilateral system.

NSAI team also participated in the event and interacted with officials/seed professionals of many countries present in the meeting to explore further possibilities of mutual cooperation on seeds.



#### ii. **National Conference on Enhancing Agricultural Productivity: Integration of Improved Seeds and Agri Inputs organized by ASSOCHAM at 10:00 AM on October 12, 2022, at New Delhi NDMC Convention Centre, Sansad Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi.**

In the opening session, Executive Director Shri R K Trivedi, addressed the gathering. In his talk he briefed about the importance of seeds and its contribution in enhancing the nation's agricultural productivity.

Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Assistant Director and Dr. Pramod Sharma, Research Associate also participated in the National Conference.

**iii. Zonal Seed Review Meeting for Rabi 2022-23 on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2022.**

The Zonal Seed Review Meeting for Rabi 2022-23 was held 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Seeds) to review the lifting of breeder seeds, its multiplication into foundation seeds/certified seeds and availability of foundation seeds and certified seeds. From NSAI, Dr. Deepanker Pandey Assistant Director attended the meeting.

**iv. Meeting on Various issues related to Seed Sector on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2022 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.**

Shri R. K. Trivedi Executive Director, NSAI attended the meeting and made a presentation on major concerns of the seed industry requiring interventions of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt of India.

**v. National seminar on Food Processing Industries organized by the Indian Industries Association at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow during 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 on the occasion of India Food Expo 2022.**

Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical), made a presentation on “Business opportunism in Seed Industry” on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022 during the National Seminar on Food Processing Industries organized by the Indian Industries Association at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow during 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 on the occasion of India Food Expo 2022. A number of Industry members, entrepreneurs and students participated in the seminar.



**vi. National Level Workshop on Activities, Achievements and Latest Trends under the Indo-German Seed Sector Project held in hybrid mode on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 at HB Singh Committee Room, NBPGR, New Delhi.**

NSAI team comprising Shri R. K. Trivedi, Executive Director, Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical) and Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Assistant Director participated in workshop. Shri R. K. Trivedi presented on overview of the activities of NSAI and progress made under the project during its three phases.

**vii. Meeting under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Seeds) with Seed Industries to discuss various issues related to use of Genome Editing Technology held on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 at 3:00 PM in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.**

Shri R. K. Trivedi, Executive Director attended the meeting and presented industry views.

**viii. Visit of the Team of Indo-German Cooperation delegates, Dr. Christine Martin (External Project Evaluator) and Dr. Raghavendra Kavali ( National Project Coordinator) to NSAI Office on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

The objective of the visit was to evaluate the benefits of this cooperation to the NSAI and its members and to discuss the areas and opportunities where this cooperation could collaborate



with Indian Seed industry. During this discussion, NSAI secretariat made a brief presentation, which covered the overview of NSAI activities, Indian Seed market, Experience with the Indo-German cooperation in seed sector and the Seed industry expectations and areas for further cooperation. An invitation was also extended to German delegation to participate in the forthcoming Indian Seed Congress 2023. Dr. B. B. Pattanaik (General Secretary), Shri Sudhir Kansal (GC Member), Shri R. K. Trivedi (Executive Director), Dr. R. K. Tripathi (Director-Technical) and Dr. Deepanker Pandey (Assistant Director) were present in the meeting.

**ix. Second meeting of the CII Association' council (ASCON) for 2022-23 held on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2022 at New Delhi-**

Shri R. K. Trivedi, Executive Director and Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical) participated in the meeting. The meeting was focused on the update on the activities of ASCON working group on Agricultural Competitiveness. Shri R. K. Trivedi Executive Director presented the work plan 2022-23 developed in the framework of the TORs covering fast track adoption of technology across agriculture value chain, climate resilience and crop diversification.

**x. 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference on Plant Genetic Resources Management held during 22-24, November, 2022 at NASC Complex, New Delhi-**

The Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources, in collaboration with ICAR, NBPGR, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, TAAS and PPV&FRA organized the 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference on PGR Management during 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to provide an opportunity to PGR researchers, policy makers, seed industry, students and the farmers to update current developments in the area of PGR management and develop the roadmap for future.

Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical) and Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Assistant Director participated in meeting. Presentation were made by eminent experts on emerging issues like augmentation of germplasm, trait discovery, gene mining, germplasm conservation, on farm PGR management, PPP in PGR and enabling policy for PGR management during the congress.

**xi. 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Cotton Conferences 2022 “Game Changing Technologies and Traits for Achieving High Yields and Fine Quality of Cotton” organized by CITI-CDRA on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2022 at Hotel the Park, Parliament Street, New Delhi-**

This hybrid mode event was attended by senior government officials and industry stakeholders and experts across the entire textile value chain. The Conference also held



detailed discussions on the various crucial aspects of the cotton value chain during the technical sessions.

**Shri M. Prabhakar Rao**, President NSAI was one of the special guests for the event and one of the session on **'Revamping of Cotton Breeding Programs for Efficient Use of Genetic Resources under Changing Climate'** was chaired by him. This session moderated by **Dr. Shivendra Bajaj**, Executive Director, FSII, had the panelists: **Dr. Y.G. Prasad**, Director, ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), **Dr. S.K. Shukla**, Director, ICAR-CIRCOT Mumbai, **Dr. K. Selvaraju**, Secretary General, Southern India Mills' Association, **Dr. Keshav Kranthi**, Chief Scientist, International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), USA, and **Dr. Bhagirath Choudhary**, Founder & Director of South Asia Biotechnology Centre. From NSAI secretariat **Shri R. K. Trivedi**, Executive Director participated in the meeting.

- xii. **“University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore -Seed Industry Connect” meeting at GKV Campus, UAS, Bangalore on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 11am.**



The meeting was called by Vice Chancellor of UAS, Bangalore Dr. S. V. Suresha who desired to have an interaction meeting with the seed industry for the possible mutual research collaborations between the industry and the university. This meeting was participated by seed industry members including members of NSAI and Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director Technical, participated on behalf of NSAI Secretariat to present the views of Indian seed industry, role of NSAI and opportunities with the Seed Industry in India for potential collaboration between the industry and UAS Bengaluru.

- xiii. **Meeting held with Russian Delegation on 13.12.2022 under chairmanship of Dr. A K Singh, DDG (Horticulture), ICAR regarding collaboration for seed and agrochemical requirement for Russian agriculture**

A meeting was held under Chairmanship of Dr. A. K. Singh, DDG (Horticulture), ICAR with a delegation from Russia (including Dr. Konstantin A. Malashenkov, Counsellor (Agriculture), Embassy of the Russian Federation, Shri Eduard ZERNIN, Chairman on the Board, the



Russian Union of Grain Exporters, Shri Sergey Simonov, Commercial Director, Bio-Ton Smart Farming, Russia, Shri Vitaly Sergeychuk, Deputy Head of Coverage – Russia and CIS, Corporate Investment Coverage regarding seed and agrochemical requirement for Russian agriculture, when Shri M. Prabhakar Rao, President NSAI, Dr. S. K. Tripathi, Senior VP, NSAI and Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director Technical, NSAI were also present.

**xiv. Debriefing Meeting on Evaluation of Indo-German Seed Project held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2022 via Video Conference:**

An online debriefing meeting of evaluation report of 3<sup>rd</sup> project phase under Indo-German Bilateral Cooperation on Seed Sector Development was held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2022. During the evaluation meeting the German representative indicated that funds could be available to extend the consolidation phase for another year if the evaluation mission deemed it necessary. It was further discussed in the meeting that the planned Training of Trainers (ToT) including practical training and post training activities could not be conducted; and there are no trained trainers from public and private seed sector available which could train others in improved production, testing, certification, processing, and storage of high-quality seeds. Also, it was deliberated that there was adequate consideration was given to the private sector during earlier phase. Hence, there are good reasons which call for an extension of the project.

**xv. Meeting to discuss GST issues related to Seed Sector on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2022 at 04:00 PM via Video Conference.**

An online meeting was held to discuss GST issues related to Seed Sector under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Seeds). Smt. Ashima Bansal Joint Secretary (GST council) was also present in the meeting. The agenda of the meeting was to discuss the various representations received by the Seed Division DA&FW, GoI., seeking clarification on Seed as an Agriculture Produce for the purpose of GST laws.

A good number of seed industry representative including, Seed company representatives, National level seed associations (NSAI & FSII), State level associations (Telangana, Kurnool, West Bengal, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Delhi, etc.), and Central/State government representatives participated in the meeting. Shri R. K. Trivedi, Executive Director, NSAI gave detailed insight of industry views on GST on Seed sector and related activities to Smt. Ashima Bansal Joint Secretary (GST council). She acknowledged the cover points of NSAI on the issues.

**xvi. Meeting of State Seed sub-committee for Agricultural and Horticultural Crops, Govt. of NCT of Delhi for release of Varieties duly identified by I.A.R.I., Pusa, New Delhi via Video Conference on 23<sup>rd</sup> of December, 2022 at 10:45 AM.**

NSAI is one the committee members in the Delhi State Seed sub-committee for Agricultural and Horticultural Crops, Govt. of Delhi for release of Varieties duly identified by Indian

Agriculture Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi. In the meeting, the committee identified some potential crop varieties in cereal, vegetable, fruits and flower crops for release of new varieties.

From NSAI, Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Assistant Director participated and represented the private seed sector views and expectations.

**xvii. NAAS Academia-Industry meet held on 23.12.2022 at NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi**

A NAAS Academia-Industry meet was held on 23-12-2022 under Chairmanship of Dr. T. Mohapatra, President NAAS at NAAS complex, New Delhi. Representatives from various input industries including Pesticide, machinery, fertilizers and seeds participated in the meeting and made presentation on the issues concerning their sector. Shri R. K. Trivedi, Executive Director and Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical) participated in the meeting. Shri R. K. Trivedi, ED made a detailed presentation on behalf of NSAI and highlighted various issues of seed industry requiring intervention of NAAS. Detailed notes were also submitted on important issues like,

- Need for amending Seed (Control) Order, 1983 to facilitate Seed Industry through one Nation one License system
- Accreditation and Audit of Seed Testing Laboratories
- Accreditation of Private Seed Company Research & Development and Testing Facilities
- Revision of Seed Testing Manual - Sample size and tolerance limit for Seed Law Enforcement Agencies
- Seed Traceability
- Strengthening Indian Seed Industry as part of "Atmanirbar Krishi"
- Rule based taxation of income of seed industry

**xviii. International Conference on Vegetable Oils 2023 (ICVO 2023) on 'Research, Trade, Value Chain and Policy' was jointly organized by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, and Indian Society of Oilseeds Research (ISOR) at Hyderabad during January 17-21, 2023**

Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical), NSAI participate in ICVO 23 and made a presentation on the topic "*An overview of oilseeds seed industry*" on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. NSAI also prepared a paper on same topic and sent for publication in the souvenir of the Conference.

**xix. Bangladesh Seed Congress 2023**

Bangladesh Seed Association in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh had organized Bangladesh Seed Congress 2023 (BSC2023) in February 11-13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.



NSAI representatives Shri Chanduri Rambabu, GC member and Shri R. K. Trivedi, Executive Director, NSAI participated in congress and represented Indian Seed industry in BSC 2023. Shri R. K. Trivedi also made a presentation on the topic “*Overview of Indian Seed Industry and Cooperation for Development of Seed Sector between India and Bangladesh*”.

- xx. Indian seed Congress 2023:** NSAI successfully organized the 11<sup>th</sup> Indian Seed Congress in New Delhi from the 2-4, March, 2023 at JW Marriott, Aero City, New Delhi. ISC 2023 was attended by more than 400 delegates including professionals from the Indian and global seed industry, prominent scientists, agro-specialists and government officials. Inaugural address was delivered by Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar ji.

On the first day of the Indian Seed Congress, *i.e.* on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023, a CEO conclave was organized, which was addressed by renowned speakers through their motivational talks, which lifted the moral and functional spirit of the audience. On the next two days, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 the event involved the showcasing of industry products and services through exhibition stalls of various national and multinational companies, trading tables for B2B meetings and more importantly the eight technical sessions spread over the two days of ISC 2023, which witnessed high quality presentations/deliberations by renowned scientists, agri-professionals and seed industry experts. The technical sessions were addressed by eminent personalities and professionals like Shri Ashish Bahuguna, Former Secretary (Agriculture), Govt. of India, Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, President NAAS, Former DG ICAR and Secretary, DARE, Govt of India, Dr. S. K. Pattanayak, Former Secretary (Agriculture), Govt. of India, Shri Sanjay Agrawal, Former Secretary (Agriculture), Govt. of India, Shri R. K. Singh IAS, Secretary (Animal Husbandry), MoFAHD, Govt. of India, Shri Pankaj Yadav, Joint Secretary (Seeds), DAFW, Govt of India and Dr. Panjab Singh, Chancellor, Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agriculture University, Jhansi.

- xxi. ICAR- Industry Stakeholders Consultation Meet held on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2023:** An ICAR- Industry Stakeholders Consultation Meet was organized by Agrinnovate India Ltd on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 at Bharat Ratna C. Subramaniam Auditorium, NASC Complex, New Delhi. The meeting was attended by Shri R.K. Trivedi (Executive Director, NSAI) and Dr. R. K. Tripathi (Director- Technical, NSAI). During the meeting Shri Narendra Singh Tomer, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministers from Agriculture Ministry, Representatives of ICAR, Vice-Chancellors of Central Agricultural Universities, I/c of Zonal Technology Management Centers, Government Officials and representatives of industry associated with agriculture and allied sectors were present. The meet provided a platform to stakeholder to present their technology to client/technology partners and also obtained the industry feedback for providing the research a definite direction for positive outcome.

- xxii. Cotton Pilot Project- Village & Farmer detail Finalization held on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 (Virtual Mode):** The HDPS Cotton Pilot Project- Village & Farmer detail Finalization was organized by ICAR- CICR, Nagpur on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 in virtual mode. Dr. R. K. Tripathi (Director- Technical, NSAI) participated in the meeting to discuss and finalize the village & farmer details of the various project implementing seed companies in the HDPS Cotton Pilot Project.
- xxiii. Industry Governing Body (IGB) meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023:** A meeting of Industry Governing Body (IGB) constituted under the Framework of Understanding between Trait Developing Companies (TDC) and Plant Breeding Companies (PBC) within the Seed Industry, was held on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 at Hotel Royal Plaza, New Delhi, which was chaired by Dr. Ashish Bahuguna, Former Secretary (Agriculture), Govt. of India. NSAI Office Bearers Shri M. Prabhakar Rao (President, NSAI), and Shri Dineshbhai Patel ( Vice President), Dr. B. B. Pattanaik (General Secretary, NSAI), Shri Vaibhav Kashikar (Treasurer, NSAI) were present in the meeting and Shri R. K. Trivedi (Executive Director, NSAI) was Special Invitee in the meeting. Industry Governing Body is the highest body of seed industry to determine the trait value of new technology and also give policy direction to seed industry to new research & development.
- xxiv. A Meeting on Revision of the New Policy on Seed Development 1988 held on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 in Krishi Bhavan:** A meeting on the revision of New Policy on Seed Development 1988 was held under chairmanship of Shri Manoj Ahuja, Secretary (Agriculture) in Krishi Bhawan on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023. In the meeting Shri Abhilaksh Likhi, Additional Secretary (Agriculture), Joint Secretary (Seeds), ADG (Seeds) ICAR, Agriculture Commissioner, Dr. K. Keshavulu, MD TNSSC and Dr. Dilip Kr Srivastava, Deputy Commissioner (QC) were also present apart from industry representatives. After a brief background of the meeting given by JS (Seeds), Secretary (Agri) asked NSAI to explain 5 key issues of seed industry raised by it in its representation. The submissions made by Executive Director, NSAI on issues viz. harmonizing Seed Regulatory System, Audit and Accreditation of Seed Testing Laboratories, Seed Traceability System, Export facilitation of Seed Industry and Rule based Tax System for the Seed Industry was well noted by the group and the responses of Secretary on the these issues was quite positive.
- xxv. Annual Group Meeting of ICAR- AICRP on Cotton at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana held on 6-7th April 2023**
- Dr. Deepanker Pandey, (Assistant Director, NSAI) represented NSAI in interactive Session with Stakeholders (PPP) - Panel Discussion and also participated in





Varietal Identification Committee meeting as a Member/Resource Person in the Annual Group Meeting of ICAR-AICRP on Cotton at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana held on 6-7th April 2023.

**xxvi. Enlistment of Varieties in OECD list of Varietal Certification held on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 (Virtual Mode)**

A meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 through video conferencing under the chairmanship of ADG (Seeds), ICAR to examine and give recommendations on proposals for enlistment of varieties in OECD list of varietal certification. The meeting was attended by Dr. R. K. Tripathi, (Director- Technical, NSAI).

**xxvii. Consultative Workshop towards GEF Biosafety Projects held on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2023:** The Consultative Workshop towards GEF Biosafety Projects was organized by MoEFCC, Gol on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 at Teesta Conference Hall, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi. The workshop was attended by Dr. Deepanker Pandey (Assistant Director, NSAI) and Dr. Pramod Sharma (Research Associate, NSAI).

**xxviii. Launch of the SATHI- Portal by Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, Gol held on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2023:** Shri R. K. Trivedi (Executive Director, NSAI) and Dr. R. K. Tripathi (Director- Technical, NSAI) attended the launch ceremony of SATHI- Portal by Shri Narendra Singh Tomer, Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, Gol through virtual mod on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. A detailed presentation on the portal was made by NIC highlighting the areas to be included in Phase I & II of the portal. It was also envisaged to organize interaction with different stakeholders for better understanding of this portal.

**xxix. India Horticulture Future Forum '23 held on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2023:** The India Horticulture Future Forum '23 was held on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 at The Leela Palace, New Delhi, which was attended by Shri R. K. Trivedi, (Executive Director, NSAI). The forum was participated by different stakeholders including representatives of both the public and private organizations engaged in horticultural development and agri service sectors including seeds. During the conference the important topics for discussion were Global Horticulture Scenario, Agritech Revolution focusing Horticulture, Fruits and Vegetables for better health & nutrition, Export Opportunity for India in Horticulture and Future of Horticulture in India.

**xxx. 38<sup>th</sup> AGM on ICAR-AICRP on Seeds (Crops) held during 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**

The 38<sup>th</sup> AGM on ICAR-AICRP on Seeds (Crops) was held during 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at Seed Centre, TNAU, Coimbatore. The AGM was attended by Dr. Deepanker Pandey (Assistant Director, NSAI).



**xxxi. NSAI-Argentina Seed Association Study Visit –Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at Argentina Embassy, New Delhi**

The NSAI-Argentina Seed Association meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at Argentina Embassy, New Delhi to discuss study visit of Indian seed industry members to Argentina. The meeting was attended by Shri R. K. Trivedi, Executive Director, NSAI and Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical), NSAI. From Argentina Embassy side Mr. Mariano Beheran, Minister Agricultural Attache and Mr. Kamlesh Mishra, Agricultural Specialist participated. Detailed plan of the proposed study visit by Indian Seed Industry members and prospects of Indian seeds to Argentina were discussed.

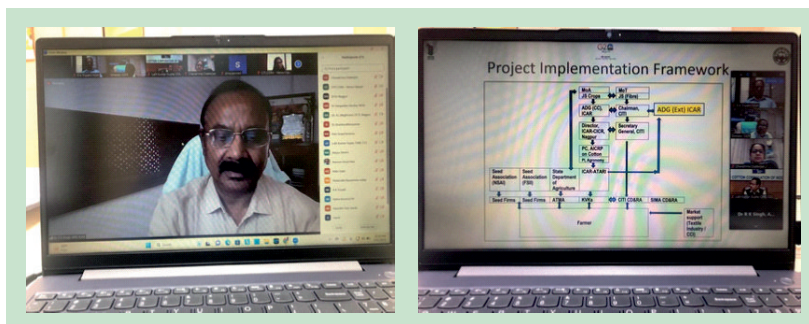
**xxxii. GST Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**

The GST Council Meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 in Delhi, which was attended by Shri R. K. Trivedi, Executive Director, NSAI and Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical), NSAI. A presentation was made by Consultant (GST), NSAI on different options for extending GST relief to seed industry followed by detailed discussion. Further course of action to facilitate a decision by GST council was also discussed.



**xxxiii. Meeting on Cotton Special Project - updated operational details for final vetting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**

A meeting on Cotton Special Project - updated operational details for final vetting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 to discuss the operational details related to genotype, area, clusters, villages, inclusion of small and marginal farmers, DBT issues and validation by department based on points raised by field implementing partners. The meeting was attended by Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director- Technical, NSAI apart from concerned nodal officers from participating NSAI member companies viz. Nuziveedu Seeds Ltd, Kaveri Seeds Company Ltd and Ankur Seeds.



**xxxiv. “Futuristic New Technologies in Agriculture: A Game Changer for Indian Economy” organized by Dhanuka Agritech Limited held on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at Hotel Taj Palace, New delhi**

An event on theme “Futuristic New Technologies in Agriculture: A Game Changer for Indian Economy” was organized by Dhanuka Agritech Limited was held on Friday, May 12, 2023, in New Delhi. The conference was attended by Dr. Pramod Sharma (Research Associate, NSAI). In the conference Dhanuka Agritech Limited brought together experts and industry leaders to discuss the latest technologies and their impact on the agriculture sector. The conference featured insightful discussions on important themes, issues, and opportunities in the agriculture sector viz. Importance of crop protection, drones in crop protection, bio-stimulants in crop protection, Integrated Pest Management, Agricultural use of pesticides.

**xxxv. Meeting of the Committee on Harmonization of Seed Licensing for seed production, processing, storage and marketing held on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi**

A meeting of the Committee on Harmonization of Seed Licensing for seed production, processing, storage and marketing to bring uniformity across the States under the **chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Seeds), DA&FW, Govt. of India was held on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at 10:30 AM** in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. The meeting was attended by Shri R. K. Trivedi (Executive Director, NSAI) and Dr. Deepanker Pandey (Director-Technical, NSAI). The important agenda points of the meeting were uniform implementation of SCO, 1983, sale and marketing of research hybrid and varieties, harmonization of licencing for production, processing & storage etc. and amendment in forms of seed dealer licence.

**xxxvi. Meeting to discuss the various issues on seeds raised by National Seed Association of India held on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi**

A meeting to discuss the various issues on seeds raised by National Seed Association of India was held on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at 12:00 Noon in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, which was attended by Shri R. K. Trivedi, Executive Director, NSAI and Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical), NSAI. Detailed presentation was made by Executive Director NSAI on the key seed industry issues, before Secretary, A&FW, who announced a positive action on these issues.

**xxxvii. Meeting on Cotton Productivity Improvement held on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi**

A meeting on Cotton Productivity Improvement was held on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, which was attended by Shri M Prabhakar Rao (President, NSAI) along with Dr. R. K. Trivedi, Executive Director, NSAI.

**xxxviii. Launch of Agro-Spectrum Asia portal held on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi**

The launch event of AgroSpectrum Asia portal was held on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, which was attended by Shri R. K. Trivedi, Executive Director and Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical) from NSAI. Hon'ble minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt of India Shri Kailash Choudhary was the chief guest of the launch ceremony.



Experts from agriculture sector discussed about new approaches towards climate-resilient agriculture during the panel discussion on Climate-resilient Agriculture Technologies and Approaches in Asia' during the launch event of B2B portal AgroSpectrum Asia organized by AgroSpectrum. During the launch event of B2B portal AgroSpectrum Asia Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Chairperson, of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Authority (PPVFRA), Shri Ashok Dalwai, CEO, National Rainfed Area Authority, Govt of India, Dr. Smita Sirohi, Joint Secretary – G20/BRICS & SCO, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Govt of India, Shri Pawan Agarwal, CEO Food Future Foundation and Shri Ravi Boratkar AgroSpectrum Publisher and Managing Editor and Shri Milind Kokje Chief Editor of AgroSpectrum were present on the event. Dr. C. D. Mayee, Former Chairman, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board, Govt of India was the moderator of the panel discussion.

**xxxix. CACP Meeting with Organization/Association on Price Policy for Rabi Crops, Marketing Season – 2024-25 held on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 at 3:00 PM**

A meeting with Organization/Association on Price Policy for Rabi Crops, Marketing Season – 2024-25 was held on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 at 3:00 PM. Shri R. K. Trivedi, Executive Director, NSAI along with Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical), NSAI attended the meeting. During the meeting ED briefed about non pricing issues. Chairman suggested some area of concerns like Strengthening & Audit of system/infrastructure of seed testing laboratories in the country, rationing the cost of varietal testing by public research like ICAR institution/ SAUs, supporting the private seed industry in strengthening its R&D infrastructure and its recognition by government system.

**xxxx. Meeting of the committee on Harmonization of licensing for seed production, processing, storage etc.-issue of guideline held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2023**

A meeting to formulate guidelines for harmonization of licensing for seed production, processing and marketing to bring uniformity across the States under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Seeds), DA&FW, Govt of India was held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 at 10:30 AM at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. From NSAI Secretariat Shri R. K. Trivedi, Executive Director, Dr. R.K. Tripathi, Director (Technical) and Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Assistant Director attended the meeting.

**xxxxi. World Accreditation Day 2023 on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2023**

The world Accreditation Day was celebrated by NABL on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 at DAIC, New Delhi, which was attended by Shri R. K. Trivedi, Executive Director, NSAI, Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical), NSAI, Dr. Deepanker



Pandey, Assistant Director, NSAI and Dr. Pramod Sharma, Research Associate, NSAI. On this occasion different stakeholders including representatives of both the public and private organizations along with agriculture sectors including seeds were present. During the technical session the important topics for discussion were Standards and Technical Regulations Supporting Global Trade and Conformity Assessment Accreditation Supporting Global Trade. Shri R. K. Trivedi gave a presentation on topic Role of Quality Standards and Regulations in Seed Sector.

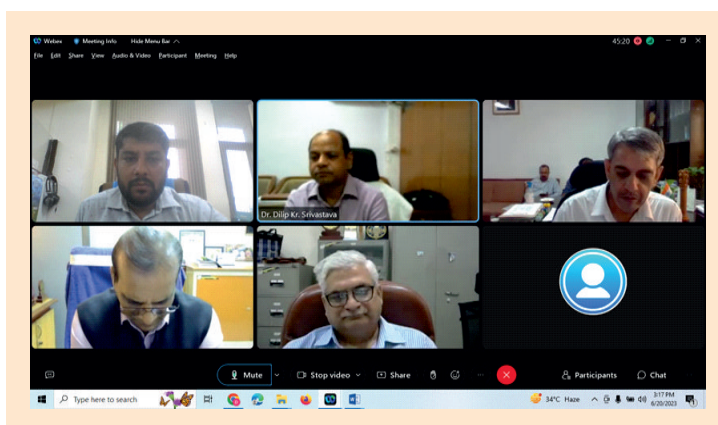
#### xxxxii. Meeting with Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra , Chairperson PPV&FRA

On 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2023, the team of NSAI comprised of Shri R. K. Trivedi , Executive Director, Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical), Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Assistant Director and Dr. Pramod Sharma, Research Associate visited the office of Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Chairperson, PPV&FRA and conveyed him the greetings of National Seed Association of India on assuming the office of Chairperson of PPV&FRA. Dr. D. K. Agarwal, Registrar General, PPV&FRA. was also present during this meeting. ED briefed them about NSAI activities and IPR issues of Seed Industry. Thereafter, the NSAI team had a detailed discussion with the Chairperson about the harmonization of IPR for smooth functioning in Seed Trade between India and other countries. Chairperson, PPV&FRA was of view that NSAI may facilitate bilateral discussion with its counter parts in ASEAN, European and Latin American countries to facilitate exchange of seeds for export/import by resolving IPR related issues of each country in seed sector. Executive Director informed him about the forthcoming study visit of NSAI team to countries like Bangladesh, Argentina and Thailand and in the agenda of discussions with these countries, we would include the points suggested by chairperson. Discussion was held about the concerns of Seed Industry in various legislations related to seed sector including PPV&FRA and Chairperson agreed to address these issues.



#### xxxxiii. Enlistment of varieties in OECD list of varietal certification on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

A meeting was held to examine and give recommendations on proposals for enlistment of varieties in OECD list of varietal certification by the Committee, under the Chairmanship of ADG



(Seeds), ICAR at 03:00 P.M on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 through video conferencing. From the NSAI side, Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Assistant Director participated and represented the NSAI.

**xxxxiv. Krishi Jagran - Agriculture World Networking Dinner - Millionaire Farmers 2023**

On 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 Krishi Jagran organized Logo Unveiling Ceremony & Networking Dinner with the Who's Who of Indian Agriculture at The Ashok Hotel, New Delhi. The logo unveiling ceremony was attended by Shri R. K. Trivedi, Executive Director, NSAI.

**xxxxv. Discussion meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at GKVU UAS, Bangalore regarding "Collaborative Planning for PG Research in Partnership with the Private Industry"**

A virtual meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to discuss the potential research area for Post Graduate and PhD Students of UAS Bangalore. Various university representatives and experts from private seed sector were present in the meeting and shared their views on various research areas like Biochar, Mycorrhiza, Artificial intelligence, Seed storage, logistics and movement of seeds, digital seed marketing, seed quality enhancement etc. for the PG and PhD Research Program of UAS, Bangalore. From NSAI Shri R. K. Trivedi, Executive Director, Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Assistant Director and Dr. Pramod Sharma, Research Associate had participated in the meeting. From NSAI Dr. Pramod Sharma presented brief about the various area of research of UASB Students with seed industry.

**xxxxvi. ICAR 95<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day and Technology Day held during 16-18, July, 2023**

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) celebrated its 95<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day on 16 July, 2023 at National Agriculture Science Complex, Pusa, New Delhi which was attended by Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Assistant Director, NSAI and Dr. Pramod Sharma, Research Associate, NSAI. The representatives from NSAI member seed companies were also present during Institute Industry Interface. Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and President of ICAR Society was the Chief Guest of the program. Shri Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry - Dairying and Shri Kailash Choudhary, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare also graced the occasion. Members of the ICAR Governing Body, Senior Officials of ICAR Head Quarters, Directors of ICAR Institutes, Scientists and Vice-Chancellors of State Agricultural Universities, farmers, Representatives from Private Seed Sector and Agri-preneurs

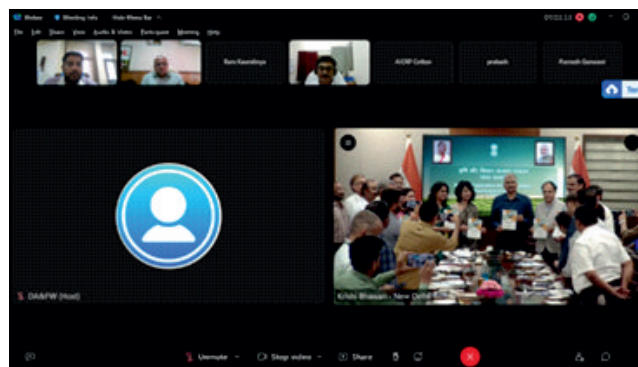




participated in the event. This is first time, the Foundation Day was celebrated as Technology Day, therefore, an exhibition was organized to show case ICAR technologies for the benefit of farmers, students and agri-industry.

#### xxxxvii. Meeting to Review the Implementation of Special Project on Cotton of ICAR-CICR

The Meeting to review the implementation of special project on cotton of ICAR-CICR under the Joint Chairpersonship of Secretary (A&FW), Secretary (Textiles) and Secretary (DARE) & DG (ICAR) was held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in Hybrid Mode. Dr. Y. G. Prasad briefed about the project to the chair.



From NSAI side Mr. R. K. Trivedi, Executive Director and Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Assistant Director attended the meeting.

#### xxxxviii. Bangladesh Study Visit of NSAI Members Companies held during 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> July, 2023



NSAI had organized the Bangladesh Study Visit of NSAI member companies for Bangladesh during 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 to promote the Seed Trade and explore new areas of Seed Business in Bangladesh. The team of 15 NSAI's members led by Shri Chanduri Rambabu ji GC member had visited the Bangladesh. Shri Jawahar K. Das was the Deputy Leader of the group.

During the visit NSAI Team members had meeting with the government officials of various departments like the Ministry of Agriculture, Seed Wing, Department of Agriculture Extension,

Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council, SAARC Agriculture Centre etc.

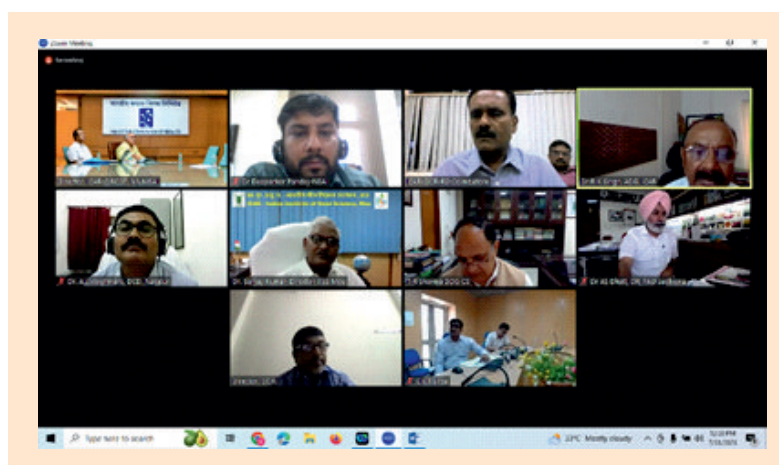
During the visit team NSAI with BSA member and other private seed institutions representative of Bangladesh visited research farms, laboratories, seed processing and storage facilities of various institutions like Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council Bangladesh Rice Research Institute at Trishal, Building Resources Across Communities at Gazipur, Supreme R&D, Lab and Processing Centre at Sreepur and had fruitful discussion meetings with leading seed company heads and Executive Committee members of BSA on various bilateral business development issues.

During the visit, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the associations of the two countries with the aim of increasing mutual cooperation in seed trade, research and development and technology exchange between India and Bangladesh, identifying and solving existing problems. This MoU was signed by **Shri Chunduri Rambabu**, on behalf of NSAI and **Mr. A.H.M. Humayun Kabir**, General Secretary, BSA.

The signing ceremony was attended by NSAI team members namely **Pankaj Kumar Choudhary, Shaikh Abdus Samad, Rakesh Kumar Jain, Kosana Ramakoteswara Rao, Veeranjaneyulu Dronadula, Garrapally Ravinder, Hari Bhan Singh, Mohammad Ajaz Ashfaq, N Dwaraka Srinivas, Jawahar Kanti Dash, Chethan I N, Naresh Bajaj, K. Gopalakrishna Shetty Harish and B Sreenivasula Reddy** and from Bangladesh Seed Association side **Md. Ali Afzal**, Senior Vice-president, BSA, **Mr. Md. Abul Khair Munshi**, Vice-President and **Mr. Anwar Farooq**, BSA Advisor & Former Agriculture Secretary along with other members of BSA Executive Committee attended the ceremony.

#### xxxxix. **Central Variety Identification Committee (VIC) for ICAR-AICRP on Cotton:**

Meeting of Central Variety Identification Committee for ICAR-AICRP on Cotton was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Tilak Raj Sharma, Deputy Director General (CS), ICAR, New Delhi on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 at 11.00 AM in virtual mode. Chairman and esteemed members of the Central VIC considered the Bt and Non-Bt cotton hybrids/variety proposals under AICRP on Cotton.



Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Assistant Director, NSAI participated in the meeting as a committee member of VIC.

## 2. Representations made by NSAI

Important representations submitted to various authorities on the issues relating to the Seed industry are listed below:

DATE	LETTER NO.	SUBJECT	SUBMITTED TO
12.09.2022	NSAI/2022/097	Mixing of Non BT Seeds with Bt cotton seeds in seed packets (RIB Concept)	The Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
12.09.2022	NSAI/2022/098	Holding Maize Seeds (Labelled) being exported to Bangladesh by Custom Authorities at West Bengal Border on the pretext of non-payment of GST	The Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
	NSAI/2022/099		The Principal Chief Commissioner, Central Goods & Service Tax and Central Excise, Kolkata Zone
27.09.2022	NSAI/2022/100	Requirement of yearly license for marketing of Bt hybrid cotton seeds in Madhya Pradesh State	Shri Kamal Patel, Honorable Minister, Farmers Welfare and Agriculture Development, MP Shri Shailendra Singh, Agricultural Production Commissioner, Government of Madhya Pradesh Mr. Ajit Kesari, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh Shrimati Priti Maithil, Director Agriculture, Government of Madhya Pradesh Shri Alok Meena, Joint Director Agriculture, Kisan Kalyan & Krishi Vikas, Setellite Bhawan,
10.10.2022	NSAI/2022/101	Organization of APSA – Asian Seed Congress, 2024 by NSAI in India	Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
12.10.2022	NSAI/2022/102	Request of National Seed Association of India (NSAI) for notification of a new Rule under the Income-tax Rules, 1962 for the 'Income from the business of the seed production and distribution by the seed producers in India' on the lines of Rule 7B (Coffee), Rule 8(Tea)- For treating 20% as Business Income and 80% as Agricultural Income for Seed Producers.	Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of India.
	NSAI/2022/103		Shri Tarun Bajaj, Revenue Secretary, Department of Revenue, GoI
	NSAI/2022/104		Shri Nitin Gupta, Chairman, CBDT,
	NSAI/2022/105		Ms. Pragya Sahay Saksena, Member (Legislation), CBDT
12.10.2022	NSAI/2022/106	Request for notification in the Income-tax Rules, 1962 for Seed production on the lines of Rules for manufacture of Rubber, Coffee and Tea.	Shri Tarun Bajaj, Revenue Secretary, Department of Revenue, GoI
	NSAI/2022/107		Shri Nitin Gupta, Chairman, CBDT,



DATE	LETTER NO.	SUBJECT	SUBMITTED TO
12.10.2022	NSAI/2022/108	Request for notification in the Income-tax Rules, 1962 for 'Income from seed cultivated and processed by seller in India' on the lines of Rule 7A (Income from Rubber grown and processed by seller in India); Rule 7B (Income from Coffee grown and cured / roasted and grounded by seller in India); and Rule 8 (Income from tea grown and manufactured by seller in India).	Shri Tarun Bajaj, Revenue Secretary, Department of Revenue, GoI
	NSAI/2022/109		Shri Nitin Gupta, Chairman, CBDT,
	NSAI/2022/110		Shri Ajay Seth, Secretary (Economic Affairs), Ministry of Finance, GoI
01.11.2022	NSAI/2022/112	Concept note on promotion of high quality fodder seeds and value added fodder products.	The Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, GoI
01.11.2022	NSAI/2022/113	Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Amendment Rules, 2021 – Reg.	The Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, GoI
23.11.2022	NSAI/2022/114	Pending issues of seed industry	Shri Manoj Ahuja, Secretary Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, & Farmers Welfare, GoI
07.12.2022	NSAI/2022/115	Proposal for HDPS Agronomy and ELS Cotton promotions a part of Cotton Value chain development from NSAI-Reg	Director, CICR, Nagpur
17.12.2022	NSAI/2022/117	Proposal for HDPS Agronomy and ELS Cotton promotions a part of Cotton Value chain development from NSAI-Reg.	
17.12.2022	NSAI/2022/118	Pending issues of Seed Industry-need immediate attention.	Shri Pankaj Yadav, Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, GoI
19.12.2022	NSAI/2022/119	Seeds for Sowing Purpose - Requesting for certain necessary clarifications and provisions/changes in the GST Act and Rules, Circulars, Guidelines	Shri Pankaj Yadav, Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, GoI
20.12.2022	NSAI/2022/120	Request of National Seed Association of India (NSAI) for notification of a new Rule in the Income-tax Rules, 1962 for the 'Income from the business of the production and distribution by the seed producers in India' on the lines of Rule 7B (Coffee), Rule 8 (Tea)- For treating 20% as Business Income and 80% as Agricultural Income for Seed Producers.	Shri Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance
23.12.2022	NSAI/2022/121	New rule clarifying the taxation for the Seed Industry engaged in quality seed production	Shri Vivek Aggarwal, Addl. Secretary, Dept. of Revenue, GoI
26.12.2022	NSAI/2022/122	Request of National Seed Association of India (NSAI) for notification of a new Rule in the Income-tax Rules, 1962 for the 'Income from the business of the production and distribution by the seed producers in India' on the lines of Rule 7B (Coffee), Rule 8 (Tea)- For treating 20% as Business Income and 80% as Agricultural Income for Seed Producers.	Shri Sanjay Malhotra, Secretary, Dept. of Revenue, GoI
	NSAI/2022/123		Shri Vivek Aggarwal, Addl. Secretary, Dept. of Revenue, GoI
26.12.2022	NSAI/2022/124	New rule clarifying the taxation for the Seed Industry engaged in quality seed production. The brief of the case is as under	Shri Sanjay Malhotra, Secretary, Dept. of Revenue, GoI

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30.12.2022	NSAI/2022/125	Inputs from NSAI on price policy for the Kharif Crops for Marketing Season 2023-24	Mr. Anupam Mitra, Member Secretary, Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
09.01.2023	NSAI/2023/001	Request by the Seed Industry to recommend to the Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India to bring about a new rule clarifying the taxation for the Seed Industry engaged in quality seed production as part of Budget this year - Reg	Shri Narendra Singh Tomar Ji, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, GoI
02.01.2023	NSAI/2023/002	Request for increase of the Maximum Sale Price (MSP) of cotton seeds for 2023-24 to cover the increased costs – Reg.	Shri Narendra Singh Thomar Ji, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
19.01.2023	NSAI/2023/005	Registration of Crop Varieties and Hybrids for marketing in Gujarat State.	Shri Mukesh Puri, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Farmer Welfare and Co-operation, Gandhinagar, Govt. of Gujarat
	NSAI/2023/006		Shri S. J. Solanki, Director of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Farmer Welfare and Co-operation, Gandhinagar,
31.01.2023	NSAI/2023/007	NSAI Delegation to Bangladesh-BSC 2023	Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque, Hon'ble Agriculture Minister of Bangladesh
02.02.2023	NSAI/2023/009	Request for issuing instructions for providing copies of Form V, Form VI, Form VII, and Form VIII to the person from whom seed samples are drawn by the Seed Inspectors under the provisions of the Seeds Act for analysis – Regarding	Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, GoI
20.02.2023	NSAI/2023/011	Reconsideration of varietal entry for testing and evaluation in AICRP trials for various crops including Jute	Dr Tilak Raj Sharma, Deputy Director General (Crop Science), ICAR
20.02.2023	NSAI/2023/012	Request for increase of the MSP of cotton seeds for 2023-24 to cover the increased costs – Reg.	Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog
01.03.2023	NSAI/2023/013	Request of National Seed Association of India (NSAI) for notification of a new Rule in the Income-tax Rules, 1962 for the 'Income from the business of the production and distribution by the seed producers in India' on the lines of Rule 7B (Coffee), Rule 8(Tea)- For treating 20% as Business Income and 80% as Agricultural Income for Seed Producers.	Shri Sanjay Malhotra, Revenue Secretary, Department of Revenue, GoI
	NSAI/2023/014		Shri Nitin Gupta, Chairman, CBDT
01.03.2023	NSAI/2023/015	Request for notification in the Income-tax Rules, 1962 for Seed production on the lines of Rules for manufacture of Rubber, Coffee and Tea.	Shri Sanjay Malhotra, Revenue Secretary, Department of Revenue, GoI
	NSAI/2023/016		Shri Nitin Gupta, Chairman, CBDT
03.03.2023	NSAI/2023/019	Comments of NSAI on revision of "New Policy on Seed Development 1988" proposed by DACFW, MoAFW – Reg	Shri Manoj Ahuja, Secretary Agriculture, GoI

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11.04.2023	NSAI/2023/020	Requesting for certain changes in the GST Act to bring in an element of traceability of seed producers and dealers to remove spurious seeds and benefit farmers.	Shri Pankaj Yadav, Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Gol
13.04.2023	NSAI/2023/021	Requesting for certain changes in the GST Act to bring in an element of traceability of seed producers and dealers to remove spurious seeds and benefit farmers.	Shri Narendra Singh Tomar Ji, Honorable Minister of Agriculture, Gol
	NSAI/2023/022		Shri Pankaj Kumar Singh, Additional Secretary, Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council
	NSAI/2023/023		Shri Manoj Ahuja, Secretary Agriculture, Gol
18.04.2023	NSAI/2023/024	Appeal Filed Under Clause 6 of the Cotton Seeds Price (Control) Order, 2015 by National Seed Association of India, 909, Surya Kiran Building, 19 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi – 110001	Joint Secretary (Seeds) & Controller, (Chairman of the Committee Constituted under clause 5(2) of the Cotton Seeds, Price (Control) Order, 2015), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare,
25.04.2023	NSAI/2023/025	Request for an Appointment for the delegation of NSAI represented by its President and other office bearers: -regarding	Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Gol
03.05.2023	NSAI/2023/026	Organising Study Visit of Indian Seed Industry Members to Argentina.	Mr Mariano Beheran,
			Minister Agricultural Attache, Embassy of Argentina in India
08.05.2023	NSAI/2023/027	Inputs from NSAI on price policy for the Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2024-25	Mr. Anupam Mitra,
			Member Secretary, Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices
08.05.2023	NSAI/2023/028	Key Recommendations of Indian Seed Congress 2023	Shri Pankaj Yadav,
			Joint Secretary (Seeds), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Gol
23.05.2023	NSAI/2023/029	Requesting for certain changes / clarifications in the GST Act to with respect to taxability of input/input services received by the "Seed Production Industry" for output supply of seeds.	Shri Narendra Singh Tomar Ji, Honorable Minister of Agriculture, Gol
23.05.2023	NSAI/2023/030	Seeking clarification under GST with respect to taxability of input/input services received by the "Seed Production Industry" for output supply of seeds	Additional Secretary, Goods and Service Tax (GST) Council, New Delhi
24.05.2023	NSAI/2023/031	Requesting for certain changes / clarifications in the GST Act to with respect to taxability of input/input services received by the "Seed Production Industry" for output supply of seeds.	Shri Manoj Ahuja, Secretary Agriculture, Gol
21.06.2023	NSAI/2023/032	Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Amendment Rules, 2021 – Reg. Ref: Notification G.S.R. 226(E) dated 28-03-2022 of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Consumer Affairs), Government of India	The Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution,



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04.07.2023	NSAI/2023/033	Certain Public Notices – Issued by Registrar General/Registrar – Representations made by National Seed Association of India – Request for Consideration – Reg	Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Chairperson, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India,
25.07.2023	NSAI/2023/034	Extension of date for Registration of Seed Certification	Shri J.B. Upadhyay, Director (In-charge), Gujarat State Seed Certification Agency, Gujarat
31.07.2023	NSAI/2023/035	Proposed "Maharashtra State Seed Act" regarding.	Shri Anoop Kumar Ji, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra
09.08.2023	NSAI/2023/036	Shri Rakesh Ranjan, Additional Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture and Farmer welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare,	Invitation as the Chief Guest in the Technical Session prior to the AGM on 4th September, 2023 in the Lecture Hall 1, NASC Complex, New Delhi
09.08.2023	NSAI/2023/037	Invitation as the Guest of Honour in the Technical Session prior to the AGM on 4th September, 2023 in the Lecture Hall 1, NASC Complex, New Delhi	Dr. P. K. Singh, Agriculture Commissioner, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare,
09.08.2023	NSAI/2023/038	Invitation as the Guest of Honour in the Technical Session prior to the AGM on 4th September, 2023 in the Lecture Hall 1, NASC Complex, New Delhi	Shri Pankaj Yadav, Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

## V. EVENTS/ CONFERENCES/ WEBINARS

### i. Indian seed Congress 2023

NSAI successfully organized the 11<sup>th</sup> Indian Seed Congress in New Delhi from 2-4, March, 2023 at JW Marriott, Aero City, New Delhi. ISC 2023, which was attended by more than 400 delegates including professionals from the Indian and global seed industry, prominent scientists, agro-specialists and government officials. Inaugural address was delivered by Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar ji.

On the first day of the Indian Seed Congress, *i.e.* on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023, a CEO conclave was organized, which was addressed by renowned speakers through their motivational talks, which lifted the moral and functional spirit of the audience. On the next two days, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 the event involved the showcasing of industry products and services through exhibition stalls of various national and multinational companies, trading tables for B2B meetings and more importantly the eight technical sessions spread over the two days of ISC 2023, which witnessed high quality presentations/ deliberations by renowned scientists, agri-professionals and seed industry experts. The technical sessions were also addressed by eminent personalities and professionals like Shri Ashish Bahuguna, Former Secretary (Agriculture), Govt. of India, Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, President NAAS, Former DG

ICAR and Secretary, DARE, Govt of India, Dr. S. K. Pattanayak, Former Secretary (Agriculture), Govt. of India, Shri Sanjay Agrawal, Former Secretary (Agriculture), Govt. of India, Shri R. K. Singh IAS, Secretary (Animal Husbandry), MoFAHD, Govt. of India, Shri Pankaj Yadav, Joint Secretary (Seeds), DAFW, Govt of India and Dr. Panjab Singh, Chancellor, Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agriculture University, Jhansi.





## ii. Workshop on “SATHI Portal”

The Department of Agriculture, Govt of Gujarat organized workshop on “SATHI Portal” for better understanding of Seed Traceability system to track back the Seeds in the production in the marketing chain” with the cooperation of NSAI. This workshop was held at GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar, Gujarat on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Dr. Dilip Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Commissioner (Quality Control), Seed Division, DAFW, GoI was the Chief Guest in the workshop. Shri Dinesh Bhai Patel along with other 30 NSAI members participated in the workshop.



## VI. SEED INDUSTRY ISSUES

During the year, NSAI has worked tirelessly to bring vital issues that are important to NSAI members to the attention of the State and Central governments. The following were the main issues addressed by NSAI during the year:

### i. Seed Law Enforcement and Harmonization of Laws for Registration and Sale of Seeds

The Seeds Act, 1966 (Act 54 of 1966) provides for regulating the quality of various seeds for sale and other related matters. Further, The Seeds (Control) Order, 1983 has been essentially brought, under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (Act No. 10 of 1955) to regulate the trading activity in seed as well as its quality, sold for agriculture purpose. Under the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983, all the seed manufacturers and dealers are required to obtain a license for marketing the seeds. Most of the States are also adding the details of varieties / hybrids to be marketed in the seed license. While this is not laid down under the Seeds (Control) Order / Seeds Act, the Members of the Association are cooperating with the licensing authorities by submitting the necessary information. Moreover, different States are



coming up with different requirements with reference to the performance evaluation data of the varieties included in the seed license. Some States are insisting for the data from the State Agriculture Universities (SAUs) while the others are allowing it based on an affidavit from the seed company, which includes the evaluation done in their own R&D farms. NSAI has suggested for communication of uniform guidelines wherein an affidavit from the applicant giving the morphological characters and the performance evaluation data as per their own R&D trials may be made adequate for all the States.

## ii. Revision of “New Policy on seed Development 1988”

Seed Policy of 1988 was formulated to boost availability of seeds to farmers and increase domestic and global trade of Indian Seeds. Many elite varieties have been developed within India since then. However, India's share in global seed market has not increased much and is hovering around 1% of international trade. There is a need to revisit Seed Policy 1988 to facilitate desired growth of Seed industry to make available best seed /planting materials to Indian farmers and at the same time to achieve “**Atmanirbhar Krishi Udyog**” through “**Atmanirbhar Beej Udyog**” (self-reliant seed industry).

## iii. Bt Cotton Purity Standards

- a. NSAI had requested Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture & farmers' Welfare to revise the seed sample size and to specify sampling procedure, testing protocols and Tolerance Levels for Bt cotton quality evaluation and also direct the State Departments of Agriculture not to launch prosecution based on unscientific reports.
- b. The varieties including Bt seeds are approved based on agronomic evaluation at multiple locations by the ICAR. Some States like Punjab are asking variety evaluation again by the State Agricultural University before giving approval to the company to sell in the State. This practice is not giving any advantage to the farmers, whereas the companies are being denied the sale permission for a further period of 1-2 years till completion of evaluation trials. Matter has been taken up with MoAF for their intervention.

## iv. Seed Certification:

All notified seeds produced and labelled by seed producers and tested in their own NABL (or any other authorized body) accredited seed testing facilities may be treated as certified seeds. To facilitate this the NSAI is proposing uniform Licensing of Seed companies and including the details of their R&D, seed production, processing and testing facilities also under this Seed license by bringing in appropriate amendments in under the Seed (Control) Order 1983.

## v. Supporting the R&D in the Private Sector

Collaborative research needs to be encouraged in variety development by SME seed companies and ICAR to be funded by the Govt. of India. The Government should engage and provide assistance to the Indian seed sector for higher investment in R&D. By doing this, the Government will give stimulus to the seed sector and increase the availability of quality seeds to farmers. This would also facilitate ease of doing business even for small and medium companies.

## vi. Ht-Cotton

NSAI has been condemning the sale of Ht cotton seeds by unorganized, unlicensed fly by night companies. It has been brought to the notice of DAFW several times that the sale of Ht cotton seeds is not carried out by the licensed players. Since, due to rampant spread of Ht cotton, there is a risk of few seed lots getting contaminated, NSAI have suggested the DAFW through letters dated 13.02.2019, 28.02.2019 and 06.06.2019 to distinguish the cases of contamination of Seed lots of a licensed player from the deliberate acts of miscreants, while taking punitive action. NSAI has also requested for fast track approval of new technology/new trait like Ht cotton by Gol.

## vii. Seed Exports & Imports

**a. Export of seeds doesn't involve import of any inputs.** This results in only inward flow of valuable foreign funds. Paradoxically, Foreign Trade Policy 2015 -2020 has totally ignored this potential of seed industry for export earnings. NSAI has also urged DAFW to provide adequate incentive for export of seeds to emerge India as a large exporter of seeds in the world trade. Special Economic Zones may be identified for seed production, targeting setting up of export hub of seeds in different States. Creation of **Indian Seed Export Promotion Council** by the DACFW with active support of NSAI and promotion of Indian seed in all the countries through its efforts will offer a great opportunity for India to enhance Indian seed farmers' income, creation of rural employment and at the same time India will emerge playing a strategically important role in global agriculture.

**b. Imported seed varieties for trial evaluation by ICAR:** NSAI has proposed changes in Seed import policy to the extent that if the seed is found to be of superior quality to existing variety, an eligible importer may be allowed to import in bulk for two years. Subsequent permission for import may be granted after reviewing the progress made by the importer.

## viii. Uniform pattern of Seed Subsidy for both Public and Private Sector

There is variation in implementing distribution of subsidies on production and sale of certified seeds in different States. Private sector is generally kept away from availing it. This creates big problem for small and medium seed companies to sell certified seeds due to price differences. The private sector accounts for about 60-65 % share of such seeds. Government of India has been requested to instruct State Department of Agriculture to uniformly distribute subsidies to the companies of both Public and Private Sectors.

## ix. Exorbitantly high Fee prescribed under second schedule of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 for requesting for Certified Copies under Section 84

NSAI has been making representations against the exorbitantly high fee, prescribed for making request to the PPV&FR Authority or its Registrar for certified copies under Section 84 of PPV&FR Act. It is pertinent to mention that the prescribed fee, under Second schedule is as high as Rs.500/- per page. Despite representations, the fee is not made fair and reasonable. The fee should not be more than Rs. 2/- per page.

#### **x. Auditing of Seed Testing Laboratories**

The performance of the Seed Testing Laboratories needs to be audited so that they are able to provide consistent and reliable results. It would be a better approach to create a supervisory body appointed at the Central level to monitor the skills and training of the staff operating a notified seed-testing laboratory apart from its seed testing infrastructure. There is a need to train them on continuous basis and fund them to equip the labs with required equipment. Periodic inspections may be conducted to monitor the operations of the laboratories to make them perform better. The International Seed Testing Association methodology of cross verifying the seed samples need to be followed by the Central Monitoring Agency.

#### **xi. Recognition of Private Seed Companies' Seed Testing Lab:**

Seed Testing Laboratories of private seed companies having all the essential infrastructure should be recognized by States or Central Government as done by AP Govt who have already recognized some seed testing laboratories of private sector. The DAFW should notify accreditation guidelines for all Seed Testing Laboratories. Already five out of six seed laboratories accredited by ISTA in India, which follow the best practices in seed testing and quality assurance, belong to private sector. India needs a collaborative model for ascertaining Seed quality including use of molecular tools such as DNA fingerprinting, which can be achieved through setting of standard accreditation guidelines and accreditation of Seed Testing Laboratories in private and public sector by the Government.

#### **xii. Capacity Creation:**

Capacity creation in Seed Testing Laboratories for testing all quality parameters such as physical parameters, germination, and genetic purity needs to be encouraged by capacity building programmes launched by the Central/States Governments primarily for the benefits of SME seed companies and also the Seed Testing Laboratories established FPOs/NGOs/ Societies/Associations. This would help the SME sector and even the farmers for testing the seed easily and thereby enhance the seed quality in the country. Laboratories operated by Non-industry players like FPOs/NGOs/Societies/Associations may provide more objective Seed testing service for the industry without any conflict of interest. However, these laboratories would need to be monitored by a Central Agency. The entire program can be subsidized by the Govt. to the required extent. The cost may be minimal compared to the advantages it can offer.

#### **xiii. Regulation of FDI.**

While companies from all over the world are allowed to operate Seed industry in India, Indian Seed Companies don't have same opportunities to set up their subsidiaries in several countries like China, Indonesia, Thailand etc. As a result, India biodiversity is freely going out of country while India does not get the plant genetic resources from these countries which are also rich in natural biodiversity. While India can accept FDI in R&D only for seed production and distribution, the foreign seed industry should be allowed FDI upto 49% only, like in China, Indonesia etc. This would allow not only development of Indian Seed companies but also encourage **Make in India** campaign a success venture.



#### xiv. Income Tax Rule regarding income generated by a Seed Company

NSAI has submitted several representations to the DAFW on 26.06.2015, 03.02.2016, 29.12.2016, 22.08.2017 and 21.04.2020 for a favorable recommendation to the Chairman, CBDT to exempt income of seed companies for seed production-marketing activities from income tax in the same pattern as in case of Rubber and Coffee cultivation.

#### xv. Agriculture Economic Zones (AEZ) under 'MAKE IN INDIA' Scheme

India's agro-climatic zones provide an opportunity for Indian farmers and seed industry to be the leaders in seed production and become the seed hub for the world. India can exponentially increase its GDP and bring prosperity to rural India, by sharing its superior varieties with other countries. The whole continent of Africa, along with the ASEAN and SAARC countries are already a huge market for Indian seeds. India can increase this share by creating Agriculture Economic Zones along the lines of SEZs. This would be under the 'Make in India' scheme so that private Seed companies and Government Seed agencies get tax benefits and also engage in rigorous R&D. This will also ensure that the target of doubling farmers' incomes is achieved.

## VII. NSAI IN NEWS/NEWS LINKS

1. Need for greater research on seed development to meet growing food needs:  
'<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/need-for-greater-research-on-seed-development-to-meet-growing-food-needs/article65872279.ece>
2. NSAI: एक किसान के लिए क्यों जरूरी है NSAI के बारे में जानना:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w\\_flluNzl7s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_flluNzl7s)
3. NSAI, FSII agrees on business framework on development of superior plant varieties by plant breeders: <https://agritimes.co.in/policy-research/nsai-fsii-agrees-on-business-framework-on-development-of-superior-plant-varieties-by-plant-breeders/>
4. Indian Seed Congress 2023 related News:
  - NSAI : भारत में होने जा रहा बीजों की सबसे बड़ा मेला Indian Seed Congress:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnwKxCRXxAo>
  - Seed Traceability To Enable Farmers Procure Quality Seeds:  
<https://planet.outlookindia.com/news/seed-traceability-to-enable-farmers-procure-quality-seeds-news-414891>
  - 10 सालों में दुगना होगा बीज का व्यापार, सीड पर एकजुट हुई कम्पनियां, महत्वपूर्ण फैसलों पर

लगी मोहर: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMvcjhur24w>

- Indian government to launch Seed Traceability System for good quality seeds: <https://www.en.krishakjagat.org/india-region/indian-government-to-launch-seed-traceability-system-for-good-quality-seeds/>
- सीड ट्रेसबिलिटी सिस्टम लॉन्च करेगी सरकार, किसानों को मिलेंगे गुणवत्ता वाले बीज: <https://www.kisantak.in/khad-beej/story/modi-government-will-launch-seed-traceability-system-farmers-will-get-quality-seeds-522224-2023-03-04>
- <https://www.businesstoday.in/latest/politics/story/govt-soon-to-launch-seed-traceability-system-tomar-372267-2023-03-04>
- <https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/india/govt-soon-to-launch-seed-traceability-system-tomar-10199951.html>
- <https://www.ptinews.com/news/business/govt-soon-to-launch-seed-traceability-system-tomar/525512.html>
- <https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/headlines/2368205-govt-soon-to-launch-seed-traceability-system-tomar>
- <https://newsonair.gov.in/Main-News-Details.aspx?id=456860>

5. Asia and Pacific Seed Alliance (APSA) inks partnerships with Agri-universities and National seed associations to enhance skills & knowledge:

- [https://www.seedquest.com/news.php?type=news&id\\_article=145027&id\\_region=&id\\_category=&id\\_crop=](https://www.seedquest.com/news.php?type=news&id_article=145027&id_region=&id_category=&id_crop=)
- <https://www.seedtoday.com/article/295375/asia-and-pacific-seed-alliance-apsa-signs-partnerships-with-agri-universities-and-national-seed-associations-to-enhance-skills-and-knowledge>
- <https://twitter.com/nstomar/status/1632018212929024000?t=7qXa3wqoNDAjgdJ5Yptq4A&s=08>

6. M Prabhakar Rao, President NSAI and Chairman Nuziveedu Seeds Recipient of The Lifetime Achievement Award ABSA 2023:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K57-PQZR3rI>
- <https://epaper.ntnews.com/Home/ShareArticle?OrgId=9cd21826>





## VIII. HUMAN RESOURCE

### i. New Joining

In NSAI Secretariat, two new employees have joined i.e. Ms. Preeti Kumari as Research Associate on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 and Mrs. Savita Dham on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 as Office Executive cum Receptionist.



**Ms. Preeti Kumari**  
Research Associate



**Mrs. Savita Dham**  
Office Executive cum Receptionist

### ii. Leaving NSAI

Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director- Technical after completing his one year tenure and on relocation to Lucknow left NSAI Secretariat on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.

## IX. SPONSORSHIP OF PROGRAMS

- i. International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) organized the 9<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Body meeting in India on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022. During the Governing Body meeting, the issue of farmers' rights remained the focal point of discussions. The Union Agriculture Minister, Hon'ble Shri Narendra Tomar inaugurated the event. During his address he mentioned that India stood for the creation of options for implementation of farmers' rights and proposed that use of Global Information System (GIS) for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture needs capacity building among contracting parties. During the event an extensive deliberation on how to preserve, conserve and maintain the germplasm, biodiversity, and food and agriculture was held. Deliberations were also held on the modalities how to exchange and share the tolerant germplasm through a multilateral system. NSAI participated and sponsored this event.
- ii. Kisan Jagaran organized Kisan Gramina Mela on 3-5 November, 2022 at Karimnagar - Telangana. The aim of this event was to create a platform for business opportunities for farmers and other people in rural areas including women and to introduce them to innovative, advanced and modern technologies in the agriculture sector. Over 300 stalls

were set up for the event, where various products from farmers and SHG (self-help groups) women were on display and sale. NSAI participated and sponsored this event.

- iii. The Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources, in collaboration with ICAR, NBPGR, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, TAAS and PPV&FRA organized the 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference on PGR Management during 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The conference provided opportunity to PGR researchers, policy makers, seed industry, students and the farmers to update current developments in the area of PGR management and develop the roadmap for future. Presentation were made by eminent experts on emerging issues like augmentation of germplasm, trait discovery, gene mining, germplasm conservation, on farm PGR management, PPP in PGR and enabling policy for PGR management during the congress. NSAI participated and sponsored this event.
- iv. The Department of Agriculture, Govt of Gujarat organized workshop on “SATHI Portal” for better understanding of Seed Traceability system to track back the Seeds in the production in the marketing chain” at GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar, Gujarat on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2023. Dr Dilip Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Commissioner (Quality Control), Seed Division, DAFW, GoI was the Chief Guest in the workshop. Shri Dinesh Bhai Patel along with other 30 NSAI members participated in the workshop. NSAI collaborate and sponsored this event.



## X. AUDIT REPORT

### S A K G & CO

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### AUDITOR'S REPORT

Auditor's Report to the Members of 'NATIONAL SEED ASSOCIATION OF INDIA'

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of NATIONAL SEED ASSOCIATION OF INDIA, as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and also Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date annexed thereto. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Subject to notes to accounts in schedule to financial statements, we further report that:

- (i) We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
- (ii) In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Association so far as appears from our examination of those books;
- (iii) The Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of account;
- (iv) In our opinion, the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account dealt with by this report comply with the rules & regulations under which the said association has been formed;
- (v) In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations give to us, the said accounts read with notes thereon give the information required by rules and regulation as required, in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India:
  - a) In the case of Balance Sheet, State of affairs of the Association as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023; and
  - b) In the case of the Income & Expenditure Account, Excess of income over expenditure of the association for the year ended on that date.

For S A K G & CO  
(Chartered Accountants)

Date: - 14-July 2023  
Place: - New Delhi

Sd/-  
(A K Gupta)  
Partner  
**UDIN NO 23080014BGXVCK8709**  
Mem. No. 80014  
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**NATIONAL SEED ASSOCIATION OF INDIA**

**Regd. Office :- 909, SURYA KIRAN BUILDING, KASTURBA GANDHI MARG, NEW DELHI-110001.**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023**

	<u>SCH.</u>	<u>CURRENT YEAR</u> (Rs.)	<u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u> (Rs.)
<b>I SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>			
<b><u>FUND</u></b>			
Corpus Fund	1	3,37,57,321	3,37,15,321
General Fund	2	7,68,96,945	7,64,47,635
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>11,06,54,266</b>	<b>11,01,62,956</b>
<b>II APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>	3		
(a) Gross Block		1,53,34,504	1,69,03,368
(Cost Less Accumulated Depreciation)			
(b) Less : Depreciation		<u>15,68,459</u>	17,31,549
(c) Net Block		1,37,66,045	1,51,71,819
<b><u>Investments</u></b>	4		
Investment		40,000	40,000
<b><u>Current Assets, Loans and Advances</u></b>	5		
(b) Cash & Bank Balances		9,45,68,682	8,88,57,516
(c) Loans and Advances		<u>36,66,956</u>	<u>74,75,120</u>
		9,82,35,638	9,63,32,636
Less :			
<b><u>Current Liabilities and Provisions</u></b>	6		
(a) Current Liabilities		3,59,170	3,19,333
(b) Provisions		<u>10,28,247</u>	<u>10,62,166</u>
		13,87,417	13,81,499
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		9,68,48,221	9,49,51,137
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>11,06,54,266</b>	<b>11,01,62,956</b>
Significant Accounting Policies and Notes Forming Part of Accounts As per our report of even date	11		
<b>For S A K G &amp; CO</b> <b>(Chartered Accountants)</b>		<b>For National Seed Association of India</b>	
<b>Sd/-</b>		<b>Sd/-</b>	
A.K GUPTA (Partner)		(Executive Director)	
<b>UDIN NO.23080014BGXVCK8709</b>			
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Place: New Delhi		<b>Sd/-</b>	<b>Sd/-</b>
Date :- 14-July-2023		(President)	(General Secretary)
			(Treasurer)

**NATIONAL SEED ASSOCIATION OF INDIA****Regd. Office :- 909, SURYA KIRAN BUILDING, KASTURBA GANDHI MARG, NEW DELHI-110001.****INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

	<b><u>SCH.</u></b> <b><u>Rur</u></b>	<b><u>Current Year</u></b> <b><u>(Rs.)</u></b>	<b><u>Previous Year</u></b> <b><u>(Rs.)</u></b>
<b><u>INCOME :</u></b>			
Direct Income	7	2,52,76,802	1,02,51,160
Indirect Income	8	36,06,480	49,96,372
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>2,88,83,282</u></b>	<b><u>1,52,47,532</u></b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE :</u></b>			
Employees Remuneration & Benefits	9	38,40,372	31,87,586
Administrative & Other Expenses	10	2,30,25,141	84,84,948
Depreciation	3	15,68,459	17,31,549
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>4,49,311</b>	<b>18,43,448</b>
<b>CARRIED FORWARD TO GENERAL FUND</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>2,88,83,282</u></b>	<b><u>1,52,47,532</u></b>

Significant Account Policies  
and Notes to Accounts  
As per our report of even date

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**For S A K G & CO**  
**(Chartered Accountants)**

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(Partner)

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Place: New Delhi

Date :- 14-July-2023

**Sd/-**

(Executive Director)

**Sd/-**

(President)

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(General Secretary)

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**NATIONAL SEED ASSOCIATION OF INDIA**

**Regd. Office :- 909, SURYA KIRAN BUILDING, KASTURBA GANDHI MARG, NEW DELHI-110001.**

Schedules forming part of the Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2023

	<u>CURRENT YEAR</u>		<u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u>	
	<u>RUPEES</u>	<u>RUPEES</u>	<u>RUPEES</u>	<u>RUPEES</u>
<b><u>SCHEDULE 1</u></b>				
<b><u>CORPUS FUND</u></b>				
Opening Balance		3,37,15,321		3,36,26,321
Add :- Entrance Fees received During the year		42,000		89,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>3,37,57,321</u></b>		<b><u>3,37,15,321</u></b>
<b><u>SCHEDULE 2</u></b>				
<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>				
Opening Balance	7,64,47,635		7,46,04,186	
Add :- Additions during the year	4,49,311	7,68,96,945	18,43,450	7,64,47,635
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>7,68,96,945</u></b>		<b><u>7,64,47,635</u></b>



**NATIONAL SEED ASSOCIATION OF INDIA**  
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**Fixed Assets**

**PARTICULARS OF DEPRECIATION AS PER THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**SCHEDULE 3**

Block of Asset	Rate of Dep.	Opening Balance as on 04/01/2022	More than 180 days	Less than 180 days	Deletions	Total	Depreciation on Opening balance made in first half as reduced by deletions [(3)+(4)-(6)] x (2)	Depreciation on the additions made in the second half	Total Depreciation	Written down Value as on 31/03/2023
(1)	(2)	(3) Amt Rs	(4) Amt Rs	(5) Amt Rs	(6) Amt Rs	(7) Amt Rs	(8) Amt Rs	(9) Amt Rs	(8)+(9) (10) Amt Rs	(7)-(10) (11) Amt Rs
Computers	40%	21,953		72,899	-	94,852	8,781	14,580	23,361	71,491
NSAI Website	25%	1,16,156				1,16,156	29,039	-	29,039	87,117
Furniture & Fix.	10%	2,26,375				2,26,375	22,637	-	22,637	2,03,737
Mobile Phone	15%	8,319				8,319	1,248	-	1,248	7,071
Inverter	15%	13,888				13,888	2,083	-	2,083	11,805
Digital Camera	15%	3,709				3,709	556	-	556	3,152
Building	10%	1,46,88,259				1,46,88,259	14,68,826	-	14,68,826	1,32,19,433
Room Heaters	15%	5,102				5,102	765	-	765	4,337
LG Fridge	15%	1,556				1,556	233	-	233	1,323
Biometric & Face Reader	15%	4,156				4,156	623	-	623	3,533
T V	15%	-		89,786	-	89,786	-	6,734	6,734	83,052
Xerox Machine	15%	27,460				27,460	4,119	-	4,119	23,341
Airconditioner	15%	54,886				54,886	8,233	-	8,233	46,653
<b>Previous Year</b>		<b>1,51,71,819</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,62,685</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,53,34,504</b>	<b>15,47,145</b>	<b>21,314</b>	<b>15,68,459</b>	<b>1,37,66,045</b>
		<b>1,69,03,368</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,69,03,368</b>	<b>17,31,549</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,31,549</b>	<b>1,51,71,819</b>

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**Schedules forming part of the Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2023**

	<u>CURRENT YEAR</u> (Rs.)	<u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u> (Rs.)
<b>SCHEDULE 4</b>		
<b><u>INVESTMENT (At Cost)</u></b>		
	<u>CURRENT YEAR</u> <u>RUPEES</u>	<u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u> <u>RUPEES</u>
Agriculture Skill Council of India	40,000	40,000
	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>

**SCHEDULE 5**

**Current Assets, Loans and Advances**

**Cash and Bank Balances :**

- Axis Bank - Saving Account	25,495	24,559
- Bank of Baroda - Saving Account	(19,98,495)	(16,112)
- Bank of Baroda ISC - Saving Account	2,59,402	1,59,964
- Bank of Baroda ISC - Flexi Fixed Deposit Accc	10,50,000	22,28,000
- State Bank of India - ISC A/c	1,52,27,687	34,12,776
- Fixed Deposit with SBI New Delhi	8,00,00,000	8,30,00,000
Cash in hand	<u>4,593</u>	<u>48,329</u>
	<b>9,45,68,682</b>	<b>8,88,57,516</b>

**Loans and Advances :**

Deposits	54,230	54,230
Interest Accrued But Not Due	15,13,900	57,97,237
Yours Project Pvt Ltd - Kolkata	-	-
Advance to Staff	1,20,000	-
Sundry Debtors	-	29,000
Tax Deducted at Source	19,78,826	15,94,653
	<u>36,66,956</u>	<u>15,94,653</u>
	<b>9,82,35,638</b>	<b>75,58,615</b>

	<u>(Rs.)</u>	<u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u> <u>(Rs.)</u>
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**SCHEDULE 6**

**Current Liabilities & Provisions**

**Current Liabilities**

TDS Payable	2,48,898	78,201
P F Payable	23,072	16,232
Advance Recived	-	1,77,700
S. Creditors	87,200	47,200
	<b>3,59,170</b>	<b>3,19,333</b>

**Provisions**

Payable to Staff	-	-
Provision for Income Tax	10,00,000	10,00,000
Expenses Payable	28,247	62,166
	<u>10,28,247</u>	<u>62,166</u>
	<b>13,87,417</b>	<b>13,81,499</b>

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	<u>Current Year</u> <u>(Rs.)</u>	<u>Previous year</u> <u>(Rs.)</u>
<b><u>SCHEDULE 7</u></b>		
<b><u>Direct Income</u></b>		
Membership Fee Received	79,12,201	96,90,400
Contribution for Magazines / Hand Book / Website	50,000	1,03,760
Processing Fee	3,02,000	2,12,000
Delegate Registration Fees	71,09,001	-
Sponsorship Fee Received	70,97,000	-
Exhibition & Trading Table	17,35,000	-
Other Income	10,71,600	2,45,000
	<b><u>2,52,76,802</u></b>	<b><u>1,02,51,160</u></b>

**SCHEDULE 8****Other Income**

Interest on Deposits-Gross (Including Sweep - in A/c)	35,94,480	49,96,372
Rent Received Gujrat Office	12,000	-
	<b><u>36,06,480</u></b>	<b><u>49,96,372</u></b>



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**SCHEDULE 9**

**Employees Remuneration & Benefits**

	<b><u>Current Year</u></b> <b><u>(Rs.)</u></b>	<b><u>Previous Year</u></b> <b><u>(Rs.)</u></b>
Salary	35,95,810	29,44,420
Staff Welfare	2,44,562	2,43,166
	<b><u>38,40,372</u></b>	<b><u>31,87,586</u></b>

**SCHEDULE 10**

**Administrative & Other Expenses**

	<b><u>Current Year</u></b> <b><u>(Rs.)</u></b>	<b><u>Previous year</u></b> <b><u>(Rs.)</u></b>
Payment to Auditors	47,200	47,200
Finance Charges	20,987	4,469
Books & Periodicals	13,491	13,006
Communication	2,26,787	2,50,257
Conference Expenses	1,39,37,969	7,64,873
Computer Maintenance	30,579	28,978
Entertainment	7,635	-
Festival Expenses	1,90,416	1,88,624
Legal & Professional Charges	35,14,836	21,19,988
Membership & Subscription	15,44,678	26,34,230
Misc. Expenses	481	5,712
Insurance	28,404	11,152
Office Maintenance	2,45,832	2,17,665
Printing & Stationery	1,55,849	1,56,492
Property Tax	62,097	62,234
Publications Expenses	3,42,648	1,84,800
Provision for Income Tax / Income Tax Paid	-	4,40,000
Travelling & Conveyance Expenses	7,30,942	4,24,555
Sponsorship Charges	16,09,480	5,60,000
Website	2,07,562	2,51,759
Water & Electricity	1,07,268	1,18,954
	<b><u>2,30,25,141</u></b>	<b><u>84,84,948</u></b>

**SCHEDULE 11: Notes annexed thereto and forming part of the Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 and Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date.**

- 1) Payment to Auditor's:  
Statutory Audit fees Rs. 47,200/- (*Previous year 40,000*)  
*(40,000 plus GST @ 18% 7200 = 47,200)*
- Rs. 47,200

- 2) Previous year's figures are re-classified/re-grouped wherever necessary to make comparable with the current year's figures.
- 3) In the opinion of the management and to the best of their knowledge and belief, current assets, loan and advances have a value on realization in the ordinary course at least equal to the amount at which they are stated in the Balance Sheet.
- 4) Security Deposits, etc. and other liabilities are subject to confirmation by other parties.
- 5) There is a contingent liability amounting to Rs 3,39,701/- (Three lakh thirty-nine thousand seven hundred one only) in respect of a court case filed by an ex-employee.
- 6) Provision for taxation has not been made as, in the opinion of the management, there is no liability to tax since the association is registered u/s 12A of the IT Act 1961.

As per our report of even date

For S A K G & CO  
(Chartered Accountants)

For and behalf of the Association

**Sd/-**  
(A K Gupta)  
Partner  
**UDIN NO 23080014BGXVCK8709**  
Mem. No. 80014  
FRN 000776N

**Sd/-**  
(Executive Director)

Date: - 14-July 2023  
Place: - New Delhi

**Sd/-**  
(President)

**Sd/-**  
(General Secretary)

**Sd/-**  
(Treasurer)



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