

# **INDIAN SOCIETY OF BLOOD TRANSFUSION & IMMUNOHAEMATOLOGY**

National Organization on Blood Transfusion Medicine, Blood Banking & Donor Motivation

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Meeting already notified in the scientific programme of Transcon 2025 released on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Agenda for ISBTI Annual General Body Meeting scheduled to be held on 19th September, 2025 at 05:30 PM in Grand Hyatt, Gurugram (Transcon-2025 Venue).

- 1. Approval of the proceedings of Minutes of Annual General Body Meeting held at Mahatma Mandir Convention Hall, Gandhinagar on 22nd November, 2024 at 5 P.M. (Proceedings of the previous meeting are attached as Annexure 1).
- 2. Actions taken on the decisions of the previous meeting.
- 3. Activities of ISBTI at the State and National level during the preceding year.
- 4. Future Planning of ISBTI.
- 5. Upcoming Conferences.
- 6. Organization of a National Conference in 2026 on the Voluntary Blood Donation movement in collaboration with Social Wing of the Brahma Kumaris.
- 7. Audited Report of ISBTI for the financial year 2024-25.
- 8. Any other point with the permission of chair.

Dr. Sangeeta Pathak
Secretary General

### Annexure – 1

# Minutes of Annual General Body Meeting held at Mahatma Mandir Convention Hall, Gandhinagar on 22nd November, 2024 at 5 P.M.

The Annual General Body Meeting of ISBTI was held at Mahatma Mandir Convention Centre, Gandhinagar on 22nd November 2024. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Yudhbir Singh IAS, President ISBTI. Members from across the country attended the meeting.

At the outset, the President commended the organizing committee of Transcon-2024 for their exceptional efforts in hosting such a remarkable conference. He extended heartfelt gratitude to the team for their meticulous planning, impeccable arrangements, warm hospitality, and flawless execution, all of which contributed to the event's resounding success.

He then warmly welcomed all the members in attendance, emphasizing the critical role of voluntary blood donation in achieving the society's mission and acknowledging the significant contributions of motivators and camp organizers in promoting this noble cause.

The President shared the exciting plans for celebrating the Society's Golden Jubilee next year on a grand scale. He emphasized that *Transcon-2024* marks the commencement of a year-long series of events leading up to the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Concluding his remarks, the President handed over the proceedings to Dr. Sangeeta Pathak, Secretary General, to continue with the agenda.

1. Approval of the proceedings of Annual General Body Meeting held on 05<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. through Video-Conferencing. (Google Meet). (Proceedings of the previous meeting are attached as Annexure 1).

Proceedings of the Annual General Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were approved with voice vote.

#### 2. Future Planning of ISBTI.

It was resolved to establish committees with the following objectives:

- a. Develop training programs focused on skill enhancement.
- b. Promote and organize voluntary blood donation drives.
- c. Explore and implement emerging technologies, such as social media platforms and artificial intelligence, to improve the society's outreach and efficiency.

It was further resolved that:

- A committee to develop training programs will be formed under the leadership
  of Dr. Sangeeta Pathak, who will have the autonomy to select members of her
  choice. Dr. Sachdev will collaborate with medical professionals across the
  country, including students from medical colleges, to strengthen the voluntary
  blood donation movement. This initiative aims to expand outreach, increase
  awareness, and foster a culture of consistent voluntary blood donation
  nationwide.
- For the adoption of emerging technologies, it was decided to involve younger members of ISBTI. Dr. Ruchi Punnamia volunteered to lead this effort.

To facilitate further discussions regarding the composition of the committee for adopting emerging technologies, it was agreed to organize Google Meet sessions or one-to-one talks.

It was resolved to establish ad hoc governing bodies for the revival of state chapters in Orissa, Chhattisgarh, and Pondicherry.

Mr. Tejeshwar from Orissa, Dr. Meenal Jaisawal from Chhattisgarh, and Dr. Abhishek from Pondicherry expressed keen interest in spearheading the revival efforts in their respective states.

Accordingly, it was further resolved to form ad hoc bodies under the leadership of Mr. Tejeshwar for Orissa, Dr. Meenal for Chhattisgarh, and Dr. Abhishek for Pondicherry.

Membership lists of these states were shared with the respective chairpersons, with a request to finalize the formation of the governing bodies in accordance with the constitution of ISBTI.

The initiative aims to strengthen the representation and activities of ISBTI at the state level, ensuring alignment with its broader objectives.

- **Dr. Sangeeta Pathak encouraged members to remain actively involved in efforts to strengthen ISBTI.** She invited members to share their ideas for improvement by emailing or messaging on WhatsApp, fostering an open channel for collaboration and innovation. Additionally, she proposed scheduling the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) before lunch to enhance participation and convenience.
- **Dr. Vasavada suggested organizing quarterly online meetings** with State Chapters to discuss ongoing activities and gather suggestions for improvement. This initiative would provide a platform to align efforts and share best practices across chapters.
- **Dr. Nidhi Bhatnagar recommended sending monthly reminders** to ensure consistent updates and engagement from all members, emphasizing the importance of regular communication in maintaining momentum for ISBTI's initiatives.

## 3. Any other point with the permission of chair.

Dr. Rashmi, Head of the Department at Manipal Hospital, New Delhi, emphasized the importance of training donor counsellors to enhance the effectiveness of blood donation services. She highlighted the critical role donor counsellors play in blood banks and stressed the need for a well-structured training program.

She assured the members of her readiness to collaborate with Dr. Sangeeta Pathak in developing a comprehensive training module for donor counsellors, aimed at standardizing practices and improving outcomes.

Dr. Ranganathan from Kerala emphasized the critical need for donor motivators and camp organizers to possess basic technical knowledge about blood transfusion. He highlighted how such knowledge can enhance the effectiveness of blood donation drives and ensure the smooth organization of camps.

Dr. Purnima Rao reported that approximately 10 Continuing Medical Education (CME) sessions were conducted this year, of which 4 were held online. She highlighted the excellent response to the online CMEs, underscoring their effectiveness in reaching a wider audience.

The President emphasized the ease of organizing online training sessions for smaller groups, noting that such sessions can be conducted with minimal or no cost implications.

**Dr. Ruchi Punnamia proposed the creation of a social media wing** to enhance ISBTI's brand presence while empowering its members to leverage information technology and artificial intelligence. She emphasized the potential for using digital tools to expand ISBTI's influence and engagement.

The President commended Dr. Ruchi Punnamia's efforts and acknowledged her as an asset to ISBTI. He expressed confidence in her ability to contribute significantly to the adoption of modern technologies, including hosting webinars, podcasts, and other digital initiatives.

**Dr. Sangeeta Pathak expressed her desire to include Dr. Ujjawal Dimri in any of the committees of his choice, acknowledging his potential contributions.** She also encouraged all members to actively participate by joining the newly formed committees, emphasizing the importance of collective efforts in achieving the society's goals.

Mr. Satish Kumar, Deputy President, proposed the launch of an official ISBTI YouTube channel to enhance the society's outreach and engagement. The platform would serve as a hub for videos showcasing ISBTI's activities, including motivational and educational

content, voluntary blood donation drives, and personal experiences shared by blood donors, motivators, and camp organizers. This initiative aims to inspire a broader audience, raise awareness about blood donation, and highlight the impactful work of ISBTI and its members, ensuring greater visibility and participation.

**President Dr. Yudhbir Singh extended his gratitude** to Dr. Sangeeta Pathak and all members present for their invaluable contributions.

Dr. Sangeeta Pathak also expressed her heartfelt thanks to the organizing committee of Transcon-2024 for their exceptional efforts in delivering a successful conference. She further acknowledged the members for their active participation and significant contributions to the event.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

Dr. Sangeeta Pathak Secretary General