



## The South Indian Sugarcane & Sugar Technologists' Association

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To: All Members of the Association

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT 5.00 P.M. ON 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2025 AT SHREE CONVENTION, TIRUPATI, AP.**

Agenda Item No.1 : Confirmation of the minutes of previous Annual General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 (Monday) at Sheraton Grand Hotel, Prestige Shantiniketan, Hoodi, Whitefield, Bengaluru - 560048, Karnataka

**RESOLUTION :** **Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 was Confirmed.**

Agenda Item No.2 : Approval of the audited receipt & payment, income & expenditure statements, balance sheet and auditor's report for the year 2024-25 which had been approved by the Council

**RESOLUTION :** **The audited receipt & payment, income & expenditure statements, balance sheet and auditor's report for the year 2024-25 was approved.**

Agenda Item No.3 : Approval of accumulation of shortfall in application of funds

It is decided by the Council to accumulate the shortfall in application of fund as below:

"Council resolved to accumulate the shortfall in application of fund amount Rs. 1,09,92,286 generated in the financial year (2024-25) to be utilized on or before 31.03.2030 for providing infrastructure to conduct Refresher Courses, Workshops, etc. for Sugar Technologists' with research-oriented facilities through acquisition of immovable property (Chennai) and otherwise, modernizing the library to conduct workshops on cane cultivation to sugar production & allied subjects to carry out Research Activities in order to improve the performance of Sugar & allied Industries to conduct Seminars on various topics related to Sugar / Sugarcane and to promote education to members through technical tours"

**RESOLUTION :**

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Agenda Item No.4 : Approval of the Budget for the year 2025-26 as approved by the Council.

**RESOLUTION :** **Budget for the year 2025-26 was approved.**

Agenda Item No.5 : Acceptance of new life members as approved by the Council

**RESOLUTION :** **61 new life members and 8 new Company life members are accepted.**

Agenda Item No.6 : Participation of International Conference (Technical Tour) for life members of SISSTA.

The council recommended the following resolution for approval in the AGM.

“Council decided to bear 50% of the travel expenses, not exceeding ₹30,000 per participant towards the International Technical Tour under the R&D Program to avoid income tax implications. For members with over 10 years of membership and with a maximum of 10 members from each southern state, a total of 30 members are eligible for international tour”. This will be brought in the forthcoming AGM for discussion and ratification.

**Discussion:** Some of the members requested to increase the number of participants for International Technical Tour.

**RESOLUTION :**

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Agenda Item No.7 : Declaration of Election results for new Office Bearers of SISSTA (2025-27).

**RESOLUTION :**

**SISSTA appointed Shri A.K. Rajaraman, Returning Officer, for conducting the election of the Council of SISSTA for the period 2025-26 & 2026-27. There was no contest among the candidates for any of the posts. Hence he declared the following members as council members for the period of next the two years i.e. 2025-26& 2026-27.**

Sl. No.	Name	Zone	Name of Industry	
<b>PRESIDENT</b>				
1.	LM No: 2754 Shri R.V. Kumbar	C	Badami Sugars Ltd, Karnataka	
<b>VICE PRESIDENTS</b>				
1.	LM No. 2062 Shri Y. Kotaiah	A	Madhucon Sugar and Power Industries Limited	
2.	LM No. 1240 Shri V. Thiruvenkadam	B	Sakthi Sugars Ltd. (Unit-1)	
3.	LM No. 1848 Shri C.G. Mane	C	The Ugar Sugar Works Ltd	
<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS</b>				
Sl. No.	Name	Zone	Wing	Name of Industry
1.	LM No. 1575 Shri R. Krishna Mohan	A	Sugarcane	Ganapati Sugar Industries Ltd.
2.	LM No. 1257 Shri P. Prasad Rao	A	Engineering	The Chodavaram Co-operative Sugars Ltd.

3.	LM No. 3350 Shri Akurati Swamy	A	Process	K.C.P. Sugar And Industries Corporation Ltd.
4.	LM No. 2415 Shri Syed Anees	A	Distillery	K.C.P. Sugar and Industries Corporation Ltd.
5.	LM No. 1342 Shri M. Raju	B	Sugarcane	Sakthi Sugars Ltd., (Unit-1)
6.	LM No. 2419 Shri R. Chandrasekaran	B	Engineering	Ponni Sugars (Erode) Ltd.
7.	LM No. 2082 Shri N. Mohan Kumar	B	Process	Rajshree Sugars & Chemicals Ltd. (Unit-2)
8.	LM No. 2655 Shri Navaneetha Krishnan	B	Distillery	Rajshree Sugars & Chemicals Ltd. (Unit -3)
9.	LM No. 2045 Shri S. Mohanraj	C	Sugarcane	GEM Sugars Ltd.
10.	LM No. 2236 Shri Venkatesh G.B. Patil	C	Engineering	The Nandi S.S.KNiyamit
11.	LM No. 1427 Shri V.M. Kulkarni	C	Process	Vishwaraj Sugar Industries Ltd.
12.	LM No. 3399 Shri K.Marimuthu	C	Management	GEM Sugars Ltd.

**The above election results are approved by the AGM.**

Agenda Item No.8 : Any other subject with prior permission of the Chair.

Discussion: **Two members from Karnataka have expressed to open one branch office in Karnataka, which was discussed in detail by many members as follows:**

- Shri P. Bhasker, Life Member from Andhra Pradesh Zone, also requested to start one more SISSTA branch office at Hyderabad / Vijayawada. However, such a proposal may lead to similar requests from other states, resulting in administrative and operational complications for the Association.
- Shri Haridass, sr. most life member from Tamil Nadu, expressed his view that it is not necessary to open any additional branch office in any of the southern states. He further mentioned that factory officers are primarily engaged in their respective factory operations and not in association activities; hence, the number of factories in a region need not be a determining factor for opening a new branch.

**Example: the Sugar Technologists' Association of India (STAI), which operates its single office in New Delhi, despite the large number of members belonging to sugar factories located in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.**

- Shri Sathyamoorthy, life member, stated that it is not viable to start any new branch office, as the existing Chennai office is already functioning effectively and successfully in all aspects.
- Shri Guruprasad, sr. most life member from Andhra Pradesh, expressed his view that it is not required any branch office as SISSTA office is running successfully for the last 57 years in Chennai.

**President explained as follows:**

It was already discussed in detail in the AGM, 2021 held on 01.10.2021 at Bengaluru and also council meeting held on 04.01.2025 at SNSI, Belgaum, and informed that there is no specific purpose to operate the sub office in any other places.

He also reiterated that opening a sub-office in Karnataka may not serve any purpose, since members from other states are also requesting sub-offices in their respective states. SISSTA is registered in Chennai and operates across all southern states, in addition to having more than 730 members from other parts of India. Given the current operational structure, there is no necessity to open a sub-office in Karnataka.

Associations such as STAI in New Delhi and DSTA in Pune also operate with a single office. SISSTA has been following the same pattern successfully for the past 57 years.

Further, SISSTA is a registered society under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975, with its registered and administrative office located in Chennai since 1968, as per its Memorandum of Association.

Since its inception in 1968, SISSTA has successfully managed its operations across all southern states from the Chennai office, without any issues.

For the past 54 years, SISSTA has been functioning successfully by conducting seminars, annual conventions and workshops, along with R&D programmes, through the coordination of the respective zonal Vice Presidents and Council Members.

#### **Administrative and Financial Burden:**

As a non-profit association, funds should be utilized primarily for research, seminars, workshops and for member skill development activities rather than for administrative overheads. SISSTA's objective is technical collaboration and knowledge sharing, not regional expansion or physical establishment of multiple offices.

#### **Detail of Members:**

As of now 3600+ members and 119 company members along with 10 patron members from all over India as follows:

Tamil Nadu Zone	-1,298
Andhra Pradesh Zone-	872
Karnataka Zone	- 829
Other states	- 730 (Maharashtra, Punjab, New Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana)

Since some of the members from Karnataka repeatedly insisted for a sub office Karnataka state, the President suggested to constitute a committee to discuss and put up to the council.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

**The President concluded by deciding to constitute a committee constituting members from all the regions to discuss and prepare a details report on the pros and cons of the above subject and the same shall be discussed in the council and placed for the next AGM as per by-law.**

**The committee is constituted with the following members:**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Shri R. Nanda Kumar	Past President - AP
2.	Shri N. Chinnappan	President - TN (2023-25)
3.	Shri R.V. Kumbar	President - KA (2025-27)
4.	Shri Y. Kotaiah	Vice President (AP)
5.	Shri V. Thiruvankadam	Vice President (TN)
6.	Shri C.G. Mane	Vice President (KA)

**Meeting concluded with vote of thanks given by the President.**

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(N. CHINNAPPAN)  
President, SISSTA