



## The Indian Officers' Association

(Regn. No. 2/1909-1910)

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### MINUTES OF THE 118<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 20.09.2025, SATURDAY AT 10.30 A.M. IN THIRUVALLUVAR ARANGAM, CENTENARY BUILDING, IOA, CHENNAI

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25.09.2025

The 118<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting was held on 20.09.2025 at 10.30 A.M. in Thiruvalluvar Arangam, Centenary Building, IOA, Chennai. The AGM started with Invocation (Tamil Thai Vazhthu).

#### இரங்கல் தீர்மானம் :

In order to pay respect to the departed souls of the following life members of IOA, who expired during the period from 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to 20<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2025, two minutes silence was observed in the Annual General Body Meeting:

S.No.	LM.No	Name	Designation	Month	DOD
1	987	Dr.V.P. Krishnamoorthy	Professor of Economics	Sep-24	24.09.2024
2	2826	Thiru S. D. Syed Sherfudeen	Asst Conservator of forest	Oct-24	23.10.2024
3	1719	Dr. R. Nalli Uvaraj	Asst. Professor	Nov-24	03.11.2024
4	964	Thiru. R. Viswalingam	Orthopaedic .M.C	Nov-24	03.11.2024
5	1011	Thiru. Dr. K. Malaisamy	IAS ( R )	Nov-24	06.11.2024
6	2494	Thiru. P. Muthusamy	Additional Superintendent of Police (R)	Nov-24	26.11.2024
7	1125	Thiru. R.G. Ramaiah	District Judge (R)	Nov-24	27.11.2024

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8	2413	Thiru. G. Varathan	Asst Commissioner Retd.	Dec-24	12.12.2024
9	3632	Prof. Dr. K. Balasundaram	Professor, HOD of Zoology	Dec-24	28.12.2024
10	1000	Prof.K.Kasim	IPS (Retd)	Dec-24	30.12.2024
11	3340	Thiru.S.Jaya Rama Chandran	Joint Transport Commissioner (R)	Jan-25	06.01.2025
12	359	Thiru. G. Kaliyaperumal	Superintending Engineer Highways (Rtd)	Jan-25	11.01.2025
13	1429	Mr. S. Rajan Babu	Additional Secretary to Government (R)	Jan-25	21.01.2025
14	1047	Thiru. D. Ramalingam	Asst. Engineer, (Highways)(R)	Feb-25	05.02.2025
15	1812	Thiru. K.Loganathan	Deputy Commissioner (Commercial Tax Dept.)	Feb-25	08.02.2025
16	1471	Thiru. S. Krishnan	Labour Officer (Rtd) (Labour Dept. Advocate)	Feb-25	23.02.2025
17	101	Thiru. L. Bhoopalan	Dist. Judge (R)	Mar-25	17.03.2025
18	3664	Thiru. J. Uthaya Kumaran	Asst. Commissioner of Police	Mar-25	23.03.2025
19	3329	Thiru. Dr.T. Kannappan	Addl. Secretary (Retd.) (Finance Department)	May-25	08.05.2025
20	95	Justice. P. Baskaran	High Court Judge	May-25	29.05.2025
21	2161	Thiru.A.Arunachalam	Addl. Secretary (Retd.) (Finance Department)	Jun-25	07.06.2025
22	3889	Thiru.S. Kumar	Indian Air Force, Delhi	Jun-25	08.06.2005
23	3110	Thiru.L. Madhavan	D.S., (Rtd.) (E & F Department)	Jun-25	27.06.2025
24	2410	Thiru. K. Subaramanian	Regional Transport Officer	Jul-25	06.07.2025
25	1426	Thiru.T.Sivasubnramanian	Joint Transport Commissioner Retd.)	Jul-25	21.07.2025
26	1373	Thiru.R.Ragunath	Joint Commissioner (Retd.)	Jul-25	26.07.2025
27	3234	Thiru.M. Maqbool Basha	Addl. Secretary (Retd.) Secretariat	Aug-25	06.08.2025
28	2380	Thiru.A.Subramani	Regional Transport Officer (Retd.)	Aug-25	07.08.2025
29	1641	Thiru. L.N. Liyakath Ali Khan	Joint Commissioner of Labour (Retd.)	Aug-25	15.08.2025
30	1306	Thiru.K. Asokan	District Judge (Retd.)	Aug-25	22.08.2025
31	1797	Thiru.S.Rethinakumar	Deputy Secretary (Retd.)	Sep-25	11.09.2025
32	3469	Thiru.R.Govindasami	DSP (Retd.) Police Department	Sep-25	12.09.2025

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## **1. Welcome Address by Vice President.**

The President requested Vice President, Thiru. S. Rathinasabapathi, IPS (R) to deliver the Welcome Address. The Vice President welcomed all the members present in the General Body Meeting. He recalled the glorious history of the Indian Officers' Association. He stated that Indian Officers' Association is 118 years old organisation having retired or serving officers from various Departments of the State and Central Governments as its Life Members. He requested all the members to maintain discipline, dignity and decorum of the Association. He added that the members should express their views pertaining to the agenda items to be discussed during the meeting. He emphasized that the members should forget their differences and work together for the development of the Association.

## **2. Presidential Address.**

The President, Thiru. P.R. Shampath, IAS(R) in his presidential address welcomed all the members present in the AGM and stated that the achievements of the present Executive Committee for the last financial year 2024-25, is given in the Annual Report to be presented in this meeting by the General Secretary. He, further stated that the General Secretary would elaborate the achievements of the Executive Committee during his presentation of the Annual Report. However, the President pointed out some of the welfare measures such as opening of new 12 AC guest rooms, water leakage work carried out in the basement of the centenary building, conducting of five medical camps at Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Salem and Tiruchy and also seminars in the regions including Chennai. The president informed the gathering happily that the winning of modfurn case (C.S.No.528 of 2019) in the Honourable High Court of Madras was a great achievement and the credit goes to each and every member of the Association. He recalled the contributions

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made by the office bearers including the Warden Thiru. Prabakaran and then Joint Secretary Thiru. Vijayakumar to the victory of the Case C.S.No. 528 of 2019.

He promised members that the administration is taking all possible efforts to recover the amount from the modfurn and Jayabharatham as decreed by the Court. Despite various welfare measures carried out during the FY 2024-25, the President proudly stated that due to the prudent financial management of the Executive Committee, the administration of IOA made a deposit of Rupees Fifty Lakhs in the financial year ending March, 2025. As on March, 2025 the deposit amount is Rs. 10.06 crores.

The President stated that all the achievements of the present Executive Committee was due to the fullest co-operation and collective efforts of EC Members and without their support and coordination, the achievements would not have been possible in IOA.

After the presidential address by the President, the agenda subjects were taken up for discussion and consideration in the general body.

**3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting held on 22.09.2024.**

The General Body "Resolved to confirm the Minutes of the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting held on 22.09.2024.

**4. Presentation of the Annual Report by the General Secretary, Dr. R. Murthy.**

The General Secretary presented the Annual Report for the year ending March, 2025 and he stated that the Annual Report was already printed and circulated to all the life members well in advance. He therefore requested the members that the Annual Report was read and recorded. However, he

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also explained to the members about the functioning of the IOA office and about the cooperation of all Executive Committee Members in implementing various welfare measures during the last one year. He informed the gathering that utmost care has been taken by the Executive Committee Members in letting out the vacant shops as and when the shops are vacated by the tenants. And this ensured no monetary loss to the revenue of the Association. He also stated that both the JPS complex and the centenary building are being maintained properly. The general secretary stated that the medical health check-up camps were conducted effectively with the excellent cooperation of all EC Members and all the Core Committee Members of the regions. He stated that the building maintenance committee members took good care in monitoring the water leakage arrest work that was carried out in the basement of the centenary building. The general Secretary thanked the President, office bearers and the Executive Committee members for their guidance and cooperation extended during the year in implementing various welfare measures. The General Secretary thanked all core Committee Members of the regions for their cooperation in implementing the welfare schemes. The general secretary thanked the doctors and staff of the clinic, and all staff of the canteen and office for their excellent cooperation.

**5. Presentation of Auditors' Report for the year ended March, 2025 by the Thiru. R. Durai, Treasurer.**

The Treasurer presented the Auditors' Report and explained salient features of the Auditors' Report for the year 2024-25. The queries sought by members on the Auditor's report were clarified by the treasurer.

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After a detailed discussion in the general body and the clarifications stated by the treasurer and the auditor, the Statement of Accounts for the year 2024-25 was approved and the following resolution was passed.

"Resolved to approve the Statement of Accounts for the FY 2024-25".

## **6. The status of Modfurn cases.**

The President stated that there are three cases filed against M/s. Modfurn Systems India Pvt. Ltd and Jayabharatham Furniture & Appliances Pvt. Ltd. to recover the rental arrears. The status of the three cases are given below:

### **1. CS No.528/2019 :**

The Indian Officers' Association has filed CS No.528/2019 for the recovery of arrears of rent for a sum of Rs,6,22,68,474/- with 12% from 1.08.2008 to 20.09.2016 with maintenance charges from the date of occupation of the building by the tenants. The Hon'ble High Court of Madras had delivered judgment on 03.01.2025 in favour of the IOA and was also pleased to issue orders decreeing the suit as prayed for in the suit. The caveat was also filed and it is in force now. The Defendant has not filed any appeal so far against the orders of the High court to our knowledge.

The Execution Petition filed for executing the orders of the High Court and the decree is pending in the main Master Court of High Court of Madras.

### **2. CS No.90/2021 :** This case was filed to recover rental arrears of Rs.1,66,34,358/- from the companies Modfurn and Jayabharatham . The cross examination against the Defendants viz M/s. Modfurn and M/s. Jayabharatham has to be recorded in the master Court IV of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras.

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3. O.S.No.3352/2024 : This case was filed in the City Civil Court to recover rental arrears of Rs.39,38,503/- from M/s. Modfurn and M/s. Jayabharatham for the remaining period. The case is under active trial.

The President explained how the Executive Committee had taken steps to recover the rental arrears from Modfurn and Jayabharatham Furnitures. He also recalled the services rendered by Thiru.R.Vijayakuumar, former Joint Secretary for getting certified copies of the case CS No.528/2019 from the Hon'ble High Court. This helped us to proceed further and IOA has approached the Senior Counsel Sri.AR.L. Sundaresan, who appeared and argued for us. IOA has won the case. Now IOA filed caveat petitions and E.P. The president assured the members that IOA would take all possible and necessary steps to recover the arrears with interest as decreed by the Honourable High Court of Madras.

**7. To discuss the report of the Committee on IOA-Election, submitted by the Committee headed by Justice B. Gokuldas.**

The President informed members present in the General Body that the report submitted by Honourable Justice Gokuldas was circulated to all members well in advance. He explained to the members that the report of the Committee and its recommendation are contrary to the very purpose of the constitution of the Committee.

The President stated that the purpose of forming the committee was to give suggestions that facilitate the aged members living in Chennai and in the districts who could not attend AGM to exercise their democratic right of voting due to travel distance, accommodation and other health issues.

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It was decided in the AGM to form a committee under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice B Gokuldas to study the election system such as

- 1) Postal Ballot Paper
- 2) Digital Voting (E-Voting)
- 3) Regional Voting

which can be introduced for those members who are unable to attend AGM and the Election to cast their vote.

The committee did not look into the difficulties faced by the outstation members and very aged members in exercising their votes in the election conducted to elect the office bearers and executive committee members. He also pointed out that the committee in its report stated that the introduction of Postal Ballots in the IOA election is against the Section 15(3) of the TNSR Act 1975. The committee further said that for introducing Postal Ballot or Digital Voting or Voting at Regional Centres, amendment is required to Section 15(3) of the TNSR Act 1975. The President read Section 15(3) of the TNSR Act 1975, which is as follows: "The members of the committee shall be appointed at a meeting of the society by a resolution of a majority of the members present and entitled to vote thereat."

The President stated that amendment to section 15(3) of the TNSR Act 1975 is not necessary. However, the bye-laws can be amended or modified under Section 6 (n) of TNSR Rules.

The President further stated that the Division Bench of Madras High Court in Writ petition no. 4058 of 2017 stated as follows:

"The words present needs special scrutiny in the context of the instant case. It would be seen that the requirement of the presence of a member at a meeting as contemplated under Section 15(3) is not personal

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presence. If the intention of the legislature was to require such members to be personally present, then certain a stringent requirement would have been imported into the provision in the form of words "personally present".

According to the Division Bench Order the provision to include proxy voting finds affirmation in the form of Section 15(3) of the TNSR Act which has not excluded proxy voting by any implication. While interpreting a provision, its true meaning and underlying intent has to be borne in mind. In the instant case, while examining the words "members present" we will have to essentially adopt an inclusive approach and not exclude any class of voters by implication or by presumption.

The President also pointed out order passed by IG of Registration of Societies under TNSR Act on 05/01/2017 that Section 15(3) of the Act is not against the bye-laws providing Proxy or any other form of Voting in the Election.

The President further stated that it is very clear by the High Court Division Bench Order that Bye-laws can be amended in such a way that Postal Ballet Paper System can be introduced for voting in the IOA Election.

However, instead of giving suggestions for facilitating members living outside Chennai or aged member to vote in the IOA Election, the committee recommended some of the amendments to existing Bye-laws for the improvement of the existing pattern of the election followed in IOA. He further stated that some of the recommendations of the committee are not feasible for implementation.

Finally, the president requested the members to present their views pertaining to the committee's report. Many members expressed their opinions. Some of them favoured the introduction of postal ballot system

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and some of them opposed the introduction of postal ballot system citing some reasons. Finally, Justice B.Gokuldas pointed out that the judgement referred by the president was specific to a particular case and not applicable to general cases. The Hon'ble Justice stated that the recommendations of the committee were only recommendations and it was up to the General Body to take a final decision on the recommendations. Based on the detailed deliberations held in the general body, the AGM passed the following resolution:


"It is resolved to follow the existing system of voting system in the election to elect the office bearers and other executive committee members in the IOA election."

8. Any other subject with the permission of the Chair.

As there were no other items for discussion, the President requested Joint Secretary Thiru D.Krishnamurthi to give vote of thanks.

Thiru. D. Krishnamurthi thanked all the members present in the AGM for their continued support and co-operation for implementing various welfare schemes in IOA.

The AGM ended with National Anthem.

  
**Dr. R. Murthy**  
General Secretary

  
**P.R. Shampath, IAS (R)**  
President