

RESOLUTION - 01

To

Prof. Dr. Savita Malhotra

President, Indian Psychiatric Society

Subject: Proposal for Constitutional Amendment – Change of Designation from Treasurer to Financial Secretary

Respected Madam,

I wish to humbly place before you a proposal for consideration by the Executive Council and the Annual General Body Meeting regarding a constitutional amendment in the designation of Treasurer.

In many professional organizations, including the Indian Medical Association and several other national bodies, the designation Treasurer has now been replaced by Financial Secretary. This change reflects the evolving role of the office bearer, aligning it with contemporary terminology and emphasizing the broader responsibilities of financial planning, management, and accountability. Our Treasurer has always carried out commendable work in the area of financial management of the Society. Recognizing this, it would be timely and appropriate that we update the terminology in our Constitution to reflect current practices across professional associations.

I therefore request you kindly to place this proposal before the Executive Council and the Annual General Body Meeting for discussion and approval as a constitutional amendment.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Vishal Akula

National Direct Council Member

Indian Psychiatric Society

Dated: Sep 4, 2025

RESOLUTION - 02

To,
The Hon. General Secretary
Indian Psychiatric Society (I.P.S.)

Dear Sir,

I, Dr. Parag Suresh Shah, (LF No. 16173) of I.P.S., would propose a resolution, for amendments in the constitution, for consideration during AGBM at ANCIPS 2026, New Delhi

EXISTING:

Part III (Bye Laws); Article VI; 20 (d) A Life Fellow who has served as the President of the Society cannot be nominated on any elected post of the Society at any level, i.e. including the Zonal/State/Local Branches. A Life Fellow, who has served on the post of Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, or Direct Council Member for two terms, cannot be re-nominated again for the same post. A person, who has served on the post of Honorary Editor for three terms, cannot be renominated again for the same post.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENT (Add bold part & remove crossed part):

Part III (Bye Laws); Article VI; 20 (d) A Life Fellow who has served as the President of the Society cannot be nominated on any elected post of the Society at any level, i.e. including the Zonal/State/Local Branches. A Life Fellow, who has served on the post of Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Editor or Direct Council Member for two terms, whether consecutive or non-consecutive, cannot be re-nominated again for the same post. A person, who has served on the post of Honorary Editor for two terms, cannot be renominated again for the same post.

- * This amendment shall bring the post of Hon. Editor at par with the posts of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer with respect to term limits (2 years + 2 years).
- * This resolution, upon approval by the appropriate constitutional body of IPS, shall be incorporated into the IPS Constitution/By-laws.
- * The amendment shall come into effect from the next election cycle, and shall not adversely affect the tenure of the current incumbent, unless otherwise specified by the General Body.

EXPLANATION:

Whereas, The Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS) has well-established democratic principles and constitutional provisions governing the tenure of its office bearers;

Whereas, the posts of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer of IPS are restricted to a maximum of two terms, in order to ensure leadership rotation, transparency, and broader participation of members in organizational responsibilities;

Whereas, the post of Honorary Editor of IPS is a key constitutional and academic position that significantly influences the academic direction, editorial independence, and professional image of the Society;

Whereas, limiting the tenure of the Honorary Editor would promote:

- * Academic diversity and innovation
- * Opportunities for wider member participation
- * Prevention of concentration of authority
- * Alignment with principles of good governance and parity with other major office bearers;

With regards.

Dr. Parag Suresh Shah (LF 16173)
23rd Nov 2025

RESOLUTION - 03

To,
The Hon. General Secretary
Indian Psychiatric Society (I.P.S.)

Dear Sir,

I, Dr. Parag Suresh Shah, (LF No. 16173) of I.P.S., would propose a resolution, for amendments in the constitution, for consideration during AGBM at ANCIPS 2026, New Delhi

EXISTING:

Article IV; 10 (A) Duties and Term of Immediate Past President, Immediate Past Secretary, Immediate Past Treasurer and Immediate Past Editor

- (a) The term shall be one year for Immediate Past President, and two years for Immediate Past Secretary, Immediate Past Treasurer and Immediate Past Editor
- (b) Shall give the advice, opinion and suggestions to the present post holders
- (c) Shall participate in all the meetings of Executive Council and shall have the voting power

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENT (remove crossed part & add bold part):

Article IV; 10 (A) Duties and Term of Immediate Past President, Immediate Past Secretary, Immediate Past Treasurer and Immediate Past Editor

- (a) The term shall be one year for Immediate Past President, and two years for Immediate Past Hon. Secretary, Immediate Past Treasurer and Immediate Past Editor
- (b) Shall give the advice, opinion and suggestions to the present post holders
- (c) Shall participate in all the meetings of Executive Council and shall have the voting power only in Advisory capacity.

* This resolution, upon approval by the appropriate constitutional body of IPS, shall be incorporated into the IPS Constitution/By-laws.

* The amendment shall come into effect from the next election cycle, and shall not adversely affect the tenure of the current incumbent, unless otherwise specified by the General Body.

EXPLANATION:

Whereas, The Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS) has well-established democratic principles and constitutional provisions governing the tenure of its office bearers;

Whereas, the term for Immediate Past President of IPS is one year & is considered sufficient for his duties to advice, opine and suggest the Present President (who is at the helm of affairs, chairs all meetings, make key decisions & manages most of the business of the office), the tenure for the posts of Immediate Past Honorary Secretary, Immediate Past Honorary Treasurer & Immediate Past Editor of IPS should also be one year to serve it purpose sufficiently without increasing financial burden.

As the positions of Immediate Past Honorary Secretary, Immediate Past Honorary Treasurer & Immediate Past Editor, are not filled up by elections (democratic principle of people's representative) but by default system only with the duty to give advice / opinion / suggestions, they shall not have voting power in the office & their role should be limited to Advisory capacity only.

With regards.

Dr. Parag Suresh Shah (LF 16173)

23rd Nov 2025

RESOLUTION - 04

To,
The Hon. General Secretary
Indian Psychiatric Society (I.P.S.)

Dear Sir,

I, Dr. Parag Suresh Shah, (LF No. 16173) of I.P.S., would propose a resolution, for amendments in the constitution, for consideration during AGBM at ANCIPS 2026, New Delhi

EXISTING:

Article VI; Part III 20 (e) Honorary General Secretary or Hon. Treasurer or Hon. Editor who desires to get nominated for the election of any other post of office bearer shall be eligible only after one year from the end of his current tenure as Hon. General Secretary or Hon. Treasurer or Hon. Editor

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENT (add bold part):

Article VI; Part III 20 (e) Honorary General Secretary or Hon. Treasurer or Hon. Editor or Executive Committee Member who desires to get nominated for the election of any other post of office bearer or Executive Committee, shall be eligible only after one year from the end of his current tenure as Acting or Immediate Past – Executive Committee member or Hon. General Secretary or Hon. Treasurer or Hon. Editor (as applicable).

* This resolution, upon approval by the appropriate constitutional body of IPS, shall be incorporated into the IPS Constitution/By-laws.

* The amendment shall come into effect from the next election cycle, and shall not adversely affect the tenure of the current incumbent, unless otherwise specified by the General Body.

EXPLANATION:

Whereas, The Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS) has well-established democratic principles and constitutional provisions governing the appointment of its office bearers:

Whereas, the principal holds true for any Executive Committee member desirous of getting nominated as office bearer OR any office bearer desirous of getting nominated as Executive Committee member.

Whereas, the persons on current Acting positions of Hon. Gen. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Editor of IPS are restricted to get nominated during elections, for any other post of office bearer, considering the very nature of conflict of interest / undue advantage of influencing the canvassing / election process from the current positions in office, for a period of one year of the end of their current tenure (being out of office for one year) - The very same rationale applies to the Immediate Past Hon. Gen. Secretary, Immediate Past Hon Treasurer and Immediate Past Editor, who are also holding their positions as Office Bearers, participating in all official business & executive meetings, along with voting powers.

With regards,
Dr. Parag Suresh Shah (LF 16173)
23rd Nov 2025

RESOLUTION - 05

Resolution to make amendment in Memorandum of Indian Psychiatric Society, Rules and Bye laws of Society is brought by us under Part II Rules of Society U/S (XX)

Resolutions is

Brought by Election Commission IPS

Proposed by

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Existing Clause 14 C of Article VI of Bye Laws.

(c) Canvassing by any means like mobile/telephonic calls, WhatsApp messages, E-mails, SMS to individual members where the recipient has the option of blocking or rejecting is permissible. The messages in groups and recorded voice call are not permitted. No other means are permitted for canvassing. If the breach is found, the contestant shall be disqualified.

Proposed clause 14 C of Article VI of Bye Laws.

(c) Canvassing by any means like mobile/telephonic calls, WhatsApp messages, E-mails, SMS to individual members where the recipient has the option of blocking or rejecting is permissible. The messages in groups and recorded voice call are not permitted. ***No bulk mail through any third party shall be permissible. The contestants shall use only the email address and mobile number as mentioned in nomination to send the messages.*** No other means are permitted for canvassing. If the breach is found, the contestant shall be disqualified.

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Existing Clause

20. (a) The Life Fellow nominated for the post of Vice-President-cum-President-elect must be a Life Fellow of the Society for at least 10 years and must have served for at least **one full term of three years as a member of the Council.**

20. (b) The Life Fellow nominated for the post of Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Editor must be a Life Fellow of the Society for at least 5 years and must have served for at least **one full term of three years as a member of the Council.**

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Proposed Clause

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20. (b) The Life Fellow nominated for the post of Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Editor must be a Life Fellow of the Society for at least 5 years and must have served for at least **one full term as a member of the Council.**

Add 20 g

The contestants of IPS elections shall not organise ANCIPS as chairperson secretary or treasurer, for the year the elections are conducted.

The contestants shall also not Organise MIDCIPS, Zonal Conference, State conference of IPS in the year he/she fills the nomination for any post.

The nominations shall be cancelled if contestant organises conference in capacities as above if this falls in time period described the above.

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Existing 17 (c) of Article VI of Bye Laws

17.(C) The procedure of counting shall be automatic by way of the commands of the software. On invitation of the Chairperson of the AGBM, the Chairman Election Commission shall declare the final results at the AGBM. Till then the CEC shall keep the results with him in a sealed cover.

Proposed 17 (c) of Article VI of Bye Laws

17. (c) The procedure of counting shall be automatic by way of the commands of the software. On invitation of the Chairperson of the AGBM, the Chairman Election Commission shall declare the final results at the AGBM. Till then the CEC shall keep the results with him in a sealed cover. **However if there is some circumstance the AGBM is not likely to be held within six weeks of counting of votes than extra ordinary AGBM , either in Physical or in online mode shall be held .**

Existing 18 (f) Article VI of Bye Laws

(f) Counting of votes:- The entire data that has been entered by the voters during the complete process of e-voting shall be preserved in the form of back-up files, after declaration of results, for a period of 6 months. The said entire data shall be in the custody of President of the Society.

Existing 18 (f) Article VI of Bye Laws

Delete this clause 18 f .

(The 17 (b) because text in last lines, already have same matter.)

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18 (g. V) under Article VI

Under extra-ordinary circumstances, the CEC in consultation with Election Commission members, President and Secretary of IPS may adjourn the election proceedings of e-Voting for a particular post in interest of the Society or to maintain harmony. This is no way will affect the election process of other posts or normal functioning of Society

Proposed

18 (g. V) under Article VI

Under extra-ordinary circumstances, the CEC in consultation with Election Commission members, President and Secretary of IPS may adjourn the election proceedings of e-Voting for a particular post in interest of the Society or to maintain harmony. **Also a third party audit of e voting if required shall be held.** This is no way will affect the election process of other posts or normal functioning of Society

EXISTING Clause 20, Article VI Bye Laws

(a) The Life Fellow nominated for the post of Vice-President-cum-President-elect must be a Life Fellow of the Society for at least 10 years and must have served for **at least one full term of three years as a member of the Council.**

(b) The Life Fellow nominated for the post of Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Editor must be a Life Fellow of the Society for at least 5 years and must have served for **at least one full term of three years as a member of the Council**

Proposed Clause 20, Article VI Bye Laws

(a) The Life Fellow nominated for the post of Vice-President-cum-President-elect must be a Life Fellow of the Society for at least 10 years and must have completed **at least one full term in Council.**

(b) The Life Fellow nominated for the post of Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Editor must be a Life Fellow of the Society for at least 5 years and must have completed **at least one full term in Council**

RESOLUTION - 06

PART III : BYE LAWS- ARTICLE – VI (Regarding Election) Amendments Proposed by Dr.R.Ponnudurai, L.F. 16047

<p>Clause 17(b)</p>	<p>EXISTING CLAUSE</p> <p>(b) The software shall generate a separate ballot for individual voter on-line and all the voters shall have the right to cast their votes on-line by visiting the Election Commission of IPS website. The details of the website shall be intimated by CEC. The entire data that has been entered by the voters during the complete process of e-voting shall be preserved in the form of back-up files, after declaration of results, for a period of six months. The said entire data shall be in the custody of President of the Society.</p>	<p>CLAUSE AFTER AMMENDMENTS (After incorporating the underlined sentences)</p> <p>b) <u>Each voter shall be given a permanent confidential code by the Election Commission with which and also with the mobile number of the concerned voter only, the voter will be able to access into Election Commission Web site. After further entering the required data,</u> The software shall generate a separate ballot for individual voter on-line and all the voters shall have the right to cast their votes on-line by visiting the Election Commission of IPS website. The details of the website shall be intimated by CEC. The entire data that has been entered by the voters during the complete process of e-voting shall be preserved in the form of back-up files, after declaration of results, for a period of six months. The said entire data shall be in the custody of</p>	<p>JUSTIFICATION</p> <p>In the present system, a Fellow member can have access to the Election web site by entering the mobile number/email of another Member. Furthermore, that Fellow member can proceed beyond Captche level also, provided, the other member had not voted. Anyway, the OTP goes to the other member's email/mobile number. Although this Fellow member who has accessed through the other member's phone number/email can not vote, he will come to know that the other member has not voted. This information will enable him to send specific reminders to the other member who had not voted.(Our election process should ensure no scope for unethical means that could</p>
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		President.	be adopted by the candidates).
CLAUSE 17(c)	<p>EXISTING CLAUSE</p> <p>(c) The procedure of counting shall be automatic by way of the commands of the software.</p> <p>On invitation of the Chairperson of the AGBM, the Chairman Election Commission shall declare the final results at the AGBM. Till then the CEC shall keep the results with him in a sealed cover. ₂</p>	<p>CLAUSE AFTER AMMENDMENTS</p> <p>(After incorporating the underlined sentences)</p> <p>(c) The procedure of counting shall be automatic by way of the commands of the software.</p> <p>On invitation of the Chairperson of the AGBM, the Chairman Election Commission shall declare the final results at the AGBM. Till then the CEC shall keep the results with him in a sealed cover. <u>During the entire period of e voting process, neither the members of Election Commission nor vendor/operator shall meddle with the electronic voting system, unless there is a technical hitch, in which case two step verification is mandatory, one from vendor and the other from election commission of the password protected system. The Election Commission shall send 2 or 3 reminders to all the voters requesting them to exercise their franchise before the stipulated date.</u></p>	<p>JUSTIFICATION</p> <p>It is felt that there is no need for the Vendor or for the Election Commission to know how many or who of the Fellow members have voted during the election process.</p>

14.(a)	<p>THE EXISTING CLAUSE</p> <p>(a)The Hon.General Secretary /Treasurerof the Society shall provide the list of Fellows of good standing(electoral rolls) as on 31st August to all members of the election commission by 5 th September. The Hon.General Secretary shall inform the CEC by 31st August about the posts for which election is to be held. The General Secretary shall inform the CEC about the date of AGBM by 15th September</p>	<p>CLAUSE AFTER AMENDMENTS</p> <p>(After incorporating the underlined sentences) The Hon.General Secretary /Treasurerof the Society shall provide the list of Fellows of good standing(electoral rolls) as on 31st August to all members of the election commission by 5 th September. <u>Before this date, the Hon Treasurer shall enlist the Voters with their latest e mail id in use in the membership directory in liaison with the State/ Zonal branches. Names of deceased Hon’ble members shall be removed from the directory. NRI Members have no voting rights and hence shall not be included in the Voters list.</u> The Hon.General Secretary shall inform the CEC by 31st August about the posts for which election is to be held. The General Secretary shall inform the CEC about the date of AGBM by 15th September</p>	<p>JUSTIFICATION</p>

SUBMISSION FROM ELECTION REFORMS TASK FORCE:

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