

**THE FISHERIES TECHNOCRATS FORUM, CHENNAI-35
(Reg. No. 80/92)**



**NOTICE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE FISHERIES
TECHNOCRATS FORUM, CHENNAI-600 035**

On behalf of the Fisheries Technocrats Forum, Chennai, the notice is hereby given that its **33rd Annual General Body Meeting** will be held between **10.30 A.M. and 01.00 P.M. on 13-07-2024 (Second Saturday)**.

Venue: Conference Room, Third floor, Office of the Directorate of Fisheries, Integrated Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Building, Veterinary Hospital Road, Nandanam, Chennai-600 035

The Agenda of the meeting will be as follows, vide Rules No. 38 of XIth Bye-laws of the Fisheries Technocrats Forum, Chennai-35.

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairman.
2. Confirmation of the Report of Proceedings of the Thirty Second Annual General Body Meeting held on 22-07-2023.
3. Consideration of the Annual Report for 2023-24.
4. Consideration of the Balance Sheet and the Audited Accounts for 2023-24.
5. Ratification of enrolment of new members.
6. Appointment of Auditors for 2024-25.
7. Election of Office Bearers for 2024-25.
8. Such other business, as may be brought forward with the permission of the presiding officer, as provided in 44 of the Bye-laws and Rules of the Fisheries Technocrats Forum, Chennai.
9. Vote of thanks by the Vice-Chairman.

Chennai-35
01-06-2024


Chairman
Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu

Address: C/o Audio Visual Room, Office of the Directorate of Fisheries, Integrated Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Building, Nandanam, Chennai-600 035

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33rd ANNUAL REPORT
(1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024)

FTF Headquarters, Chennai

Preamble: The Fisheries Technocrats Forum, Chennai was started on 25-6-1990 and got registered with No. 80/92 under the Tamil Nadu State Societies Act 1978 with effect from 18-3-1992. The initial membership was 28 during 1991-92, which has steadily increased in the following years and stood at 154 during 2023-24. This included 135 Life members, 8 Corporate members, 7 Annual payment Members and 4 Student Members. A branch of the Forum was established at Madurai since 2014-15.

Activities at Headquarters:

1. Memberships: The details of the membership from 1991-92 to 2023-24 are given below. (see also the list of registered members given in Annexure I)

	Number of					Total Member
	Life Member	Corporate Member	Annual Member	Student Member	Associate Member	
1991-92	0	0	28	0	0	28
1992-93	0	0	24	0	0	24
1993-94	1	2	28	0	0	31
1994-95	14	2	41	0	0	59
1995-96	16	3	47	1	0	67
1996-97	16	3	50	1	0	70
1997-98	18	3	52	1	0	74
1998-99	19	3	44	1	0	65
1999-00	21	3	46	3	0	71
2000-01	21	3	46	3	0	72
2001-02	21	3	45	4	0	73
2002-03	20	3	45	4	1	76
2003-04	21	4	42	7	2	79
2004-05	22	4	43	8	2	72
2005-06	22	4	42	3	1	79
2006-07	22	4	48	4	1	79
2007-08	22	4	43	5	0	75
2008-09	23	4	45	6	0	78
2009-10	23	4	47	6	0	80
2010-11	26	4	48	2	0	80
2011-12	28	4	46	1	0	79
2012-13	35	4	41	1	0	81
2013-14	46	4	38	1	0	89
2014-15	70	4	40	5	0	119
2015-16	86	4	31	5	0	126
2016-17	95	4	26	5	0	130
2017-18	97	4	22	7	0	130
2018-19	100	3	16	11	0	130
2019-20	100	5	11	11	0	127
2020-21	102	5	11	6	0	124
2021-22	111	5	5	0	0	121
2022-23	122	7	3	2	0	134
2023-24	135	8	7	4	0	154

1.1. New Life Membership: During the period under report, 1) Professor P. Santhanam, Dept. of Marine Science, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, 2) Dr. N. Felix, Registrar, Tamil Nadu J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Nagapattinam, 3) Dr. J. Indira Priyadarshini, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai, 4) Mr. P. Subramanian, Managing Director, Sree Ganesh Auto Bearings, Trichy, 5) Dr. T. Balasubramanian, Advisor, Chettinad University, Kelambakkam, 6) Mr. K. Gopalan, Former Headmaster, Mayiladuthurai, 7) Professor B. Vaseeharan, Professor & Head, Dept. of

Animal Health & Management, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, 8) Mr. J. Sivakumar, Aquaculture Consultant, Trichy, 9) Dr. Ravi, Assistant Professor (Research), Centre for Ocean Research, Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai, 10) Ms. R. Sivalakshmi, Research Scholar, Dept. of Zoology, Ethiraj College, Chennai, 11) Ms. Anubama Vijay, Research Scholar, Dept. of Zoology, Ethiraj College, Chennai, 12) Ms. A. Jothika, Research Scholar, Dept. of Zoology, Ethiraj College, Chennai, 13) Dr. Samuel Sukumar, former Head of Zoology Dept., Madras Christian College, Chennai, 14) Dr. V. Ravitchandran, Associate Professor, Dept. of Zoology, Kanchi Mamunivar Govt. Institute for Post Graduate Studies & Research, Puducherry and 15) Dr. G. Calraj, Shrimp hatchery operator, Chennai enrolled as new life members.

1.2. New Corporate Membership: 1) Dr. Manoj K Sharma, Director, M/s Mayank Aquaculture Pvt. Ltd, Surat, Gujarat joined as new corporate member.

1.3. New Annual Membership: 1) Er. Ajit Malur, Aquaculturist, Mumbai, 2) Dr. Mohan Raj, Fish Farmer, Puducherry, 3) Dr. S. Elangeswaran, R & D Manager in a feed Company, Trichy, 4) Dr. S. Venu, Assistant Professor, Guru Nanak College, Chennai & 5) Mr. C. Moorthi, Technical Engineer, NCSCM, Anna University, Chennai.

1.4. New Student Membership: Two students enrolled in this category, namely, Mr. S. Selvamuthukumar, M.Sc. Student, Cuddalore & Mr. M. Rajkumar, Ph.D. Research Scholar, Guru Nanak College, Chennai.

1.5. Removal of members: Due to the non-payment of annual subscription for two consecutive years, 1 annual payment member from HQ was removed from the registered list. Two life members, 1 each from Madurai branch and Chennai headquarters were removed due to death

2. Thirty Second Annual General Body Meeting: The Thirty Second Annual Meeting of the General Body (April 2022-March 2023) was held on 22-07-2023 under the chairmanship of Dr A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, which was attended by 25 members out of the total membership of 134. The proceedings of the Thirty First Annual General Body Meeting held on 13-08-2022 (for the period April 2021 - March 2022) were approved and adopted. The proceedings of 32nd AGBM was circulated through FTF WhatsApp on 24-07-2023.

3. Monthly meetings: Totally 10 monthly meetings were held during April to June 2023 and August 2023 to February 2024. No monthly meeting was conducted in July 2023, as 32nd Annual General Body Meeting was held in that month and also in March 2024, as the members went for a field trip. Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman chaired the monthly meetings from April to June, August to December 2023 and February 2024. Dr. V.S. Chandrasekaran, Vice-Chairman has presided over the monthly meeting in January 2024, when the Chairman Dr. ART Arasu was engaged in a personal work. The importance decisions were taken following the intense discussion during the monthly meetings as well as in the executive council meetings for a) the selection of awardees for K. Chidambaram Memorial Award-2022 and the conduct of 2-day workshop at Trichy in collaboration with the Dept. of Marine Science, Bharathidasan University in September 2023.

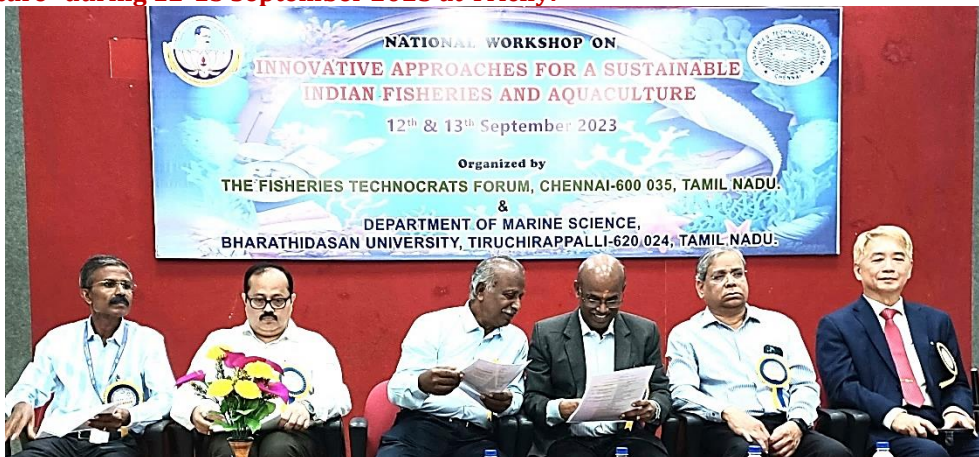




Monthly meeting in April 2023: (L to R) Mr. S. Victor Chandra Bose, Mr. V. Venkatesan, Mr. S. Rajamanickam, Mr. P. Thirumilu, Mr. M. Kathirvel, Dr. K. Siva Chandra Bose, Dr. P. Gandheeswari, Dr. Nithya Rao, Mr. P. Mohanakrishnan, Dr. M. Bavnick, Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Dr. D. Mohan, Dr. G. Jegatheesan, Dr. R. Subburaj & Mr. G. Chandrasekaran

5. Executive Council meeting: Totally two executive council meetings took place and the agendas considered included a) post-facto-sanction to meet the expenditure of 2-day National Workshop on Innovative Approaches for a “Sustainable Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture” conducted during 12-13 September 2023 and b) sanction of the required amount to be incurred towards the establishment of a full-pledged website for the Forum and for the mementos for K. Chidambaram Memorial Award-2023.

6. Conduct of 2-day Workshop on “Innovative Approaches for a Sustainable Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture” during 12-13 September 2023 at Trichy:



(L to R) Prof. R. Arthur James, Head, Dept. of Marine Science, Bharathidasan University (BDU), Dr. Ashudosh D. Deo, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai, Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman, FTF, Prof. M. Selvam, Vice-Chancellor, BDU, Trichy, Dr. T. Balasubramanian, former Director, CAS in Marine Biology, Annamalai University and presently Advisor, Chettinad University, Chennai and Dr. Jiang-Shiou Hwang, Distinguished Professor, National Taiwan Ocean University, Taiwan



Dr R. Arthur James, Head, Dept. of Marine Science, BDU, delivering the welcome address



Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman speaking on role of FTF in Fisheries and aquaculture



Prof. M. Selvam, Vice-Chancellor Presidential address



Dr. T. Balasubramanian delivering the Inaugural address



Felicitations by Dr. Iiang-Shiou Hwang, Taiwan Dr Ashutosh D. Deo, Principal Scientist, CIFE



Dr. T. Balasubramanian, Advisor, Chettinad University, Chennai (far right) being honoured with a life time achievement award for his great contribution in education and research programmes of marine biology, biodiversity, oceanography and aquaculture



Prof. P. Santhanam: Vote of thanks



Participants



**Participants
TECHNICAL SESSION 1**



The Chairman Dr. S. Sundaramoorthy, Former Scientist F, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India, Chennai-91 (middle) flanked by Rapporteurs Dr. K. Ramamoorthy, Associate Professor, CAS in Marine Biology, Annamalai University Parangipettai (left) and Dr. D. Mohan, Former Scientist F, NCCR, MOES, GoF & FTF, Chennai-21 (right)



Food Chain in Marine Ecosystem for Fisheries

By

Dr. P. Anantharaman

Dean & EIACP Co-Ordinator

Centre of Advanced Study in marine Biology

Faculty of marine Sciences, Annamalai University

Parangipettai, Tamil Nadu



Fish Nutrition/Fish Feed Formulation/Fish Feed Preparation/Feeding

By

Dr. S. Athithan

Professor & Head, Dept. of Aquaculture

Fisheries College & Research Institute

Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University

Thoothukudi-628 008, Tamil Nadu

SESSION 2





The Chairman Dr. P. Perumal, UGC-BSR Faculty Fellow, Bharathidasan University, Trichy-24 (middle), flanked by rapporteurs - Dr. S. Bragadeeswaran & Dr. S. Kumaresan, both Associate Professor, C. A. S in Marine Biology, Annamalai University, Parangipettai

	<p>Health Management in Finfish and Shellfish Aquaculture through Development of suitable Vaccines By Dr. A. Sait Sahul Hameed Former Associate Professor & Co-Ordinator Aquatic Animal Health Laboratory (NABL Accredited) OIE Reference Laboratory, C. Abdul Kakeem College, Melvisharam-632 509 Tamil Nadu</p>
	<p>Aquatic Health Management for Sustainable Aquaculture By Dr. M. Kalaiselvam Professor & Director Centre of Advanced Study in marine Biology Faculty of marine Sciences, Annamalai University Parangipettai, Tamil Nadu</p>
	<p>Role of RGCA in Aquaculture Development in India By Dr. Anup Mandal Project Director Rajiv Gandhi Centre of Aquaculture (MPEDA, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, GoI) 3/197, Poompuhar Road, Karaimedu, Sattanathapuram-609 109 Sirkazhi, Nagapattinam dt., Tamil Nadu</p>

SESSION 3



The Chairman Mr. P. Mohanakrishnan, Former Deputy Manager, NABARD & FTF (middle), flanked by Dr. H. Venu, Assistant Professor, Guru Nanak College, Chennai (left) and Mr. K. Singaravelan, Former Asst. Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu & FTF (right)

	<p>Polychaetes – A Potential Broodstock Live Feed for Aquaculture By Dr. P. Murugesan Associate Professor Centre of Advanced Study in marine Biology Faculty of marine Sciences, Annamalai University Parangipettai, Tamil Nadu</p>
	<p>Recent Advances in Brackishwater Fish Breeding By Dr. R. Subburaj Assistant Chief Technical Officer Fish Culture Division ICAR-Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture 75, Santhome High Road, R.A. Puram, Chennai-600 028, Tamil Nadu</p>

SESSION 4



The Chairman Mr. D. Vincent, Former Deputy Director, MPEDA & FTF (middle), flanked by Dr J. Indira Piriyaadharsani, Asst. Professor, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai (left) and Dr. N. Manoharan, Professor, Dept. of Marine Science, BDU (right)

	<p>Advances in Marine Ornamental Fish Seed Production By Dr. T.T. Ajithkumar Principal Scientist & Head Centre for Peninsular Aquatic Genetic Resources ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources CMFRI Campus, Kofi, Kerla</p>
	<p>Culture of Brackishwater Fishes By Dr. R. Jayakumar Principal Scientist Fish Culture Division ICAR-Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture 75, Santhome High Road, R.A. Puram, Chennai-600 028, Tamil Nadu</p>
	<p>Aquaculture Advances and Diversification By Dr. N. Inayathullah Founder & CEO, Shrimp Care Solutions & Sophisticated Biosciences Laboratory Pvt. Ltd., Jayaraman Chettiar Thottam Vanarapettai, Puducherry-1</p>

SESSION 5



The Chairman Dr. V. Ramasubramanian, Professor, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore (middle) flanked by the rapporteurs, Dr. V. Yohanandan, Associate Professor, Dept. of marine Science, BDU, Trichy (left) and Mr S. Rajamanickam, Asst. chief Technical Officer, CIBA, Chennai (right)

	<p>Artificial Breeding, Domestication and Broodstock Development of Hilsa By Dr. R. Subburaj Assistant Chief Technical Officer Fish Culture Division ICAR-Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture 75, Santhome High Road, R.A. Puram, Chennai-600 028, Tamil Nadu</p>
	<p>Fisheries Education and Human Resource Management By Dr. Ashutosh D. Deo Principal Scientist & Controller of Examinations Fish Nutrition, Biochemistry and Physiology Division ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education Versova, Mumbai-400 061</p>
	<p>Entrepreneurship in Valu-added Fish and Fishery Products for Enhancing Human Consumption By Dr. P. Ganesan Associate Professor & Head, Dept. of Fish Processing Technology Fisheries College & Research Institute Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalithaa Fisheries University Thoothukudi-628 008, Tamil Nadu</p>
	<p>Biosecurity for Aquaculture By Mr. J. Sivakumar Aquaculturist No. 80, Madhanam North Street Tirichirappally, Tamil Nadu</p>
	<p>Shrimp Aquaculture - Profitable and Sustainable Farming By Dr. P. Elancheran Super Shrimp Consultant 103, Shree Apartments, 5th Cross, 2nd Main Road Dakshinamurthy Nagar, Puducherry-605 009</p>



Mass Production of Zooplankton Live Feeds for Sustainable Aquaculture

By
Dr. P. Santhanam
Professor, Dept. of marine Science
Bharathidasan University, Trichy, Tamil Nadu

SESSION-6



The Chairman Dr. J. Godfred Ponraj, Industrialist, Tablets, Chennai (middle) flanked by Rapporteurs - Dr. S. Baskara Sanjeevi, Assistant Professor, Govt. Arts College Kumbakonam and Dr. R. Gopal, Associate Professor, Quaid-E-Millath Govt. College for Women, Chennai



Entrepreneurship Opportunities in Fisheries & Aquaculture through PMMSY Schemes

By
Mr. R. Vijayan
State Programme Manager (PMMSY)
Office of Commissioner of Fisheries
Bandar Road, Vijayawada-521 137, Andhra Pradesh



Financial Support for Fisheries and Aquaculture

By
Dr. K. Palanisamy
Former General Manager, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
B3-901, Mahendra Aarna, Kammasandra Village Road, Ananth Nagar,
Electronic City Phase-2, Bengaluru, Karnataka

PLENARY SESSION



Panel members for recommendations to be written

7. K. Chidambaram Memorial Award-2022: Prior to the commencement of 32st Annual General Body Meeting, the presentation of the award took place at 11.00 and 12.00 hrs on 22-07-2023. Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman informed that K. Chidambaram memorial Award was being conferred to three eminent fisheries personnel, namely, 1) Dr. N. Felix, Registrar, Tamil Nadu Dr J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu, 2) Dr. P. Santhanam, Professor, Dept. of Marine Science, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, Tamil Nadu and 3) Dr. Manoj K. Sharma, , Director, M/s Mayank Aquaculture Pvt. Ltd, Surat, Gujarat. As Dr Sharma had to attend a conference abroad, he would receive the award on some other occasion.



Dr. K.S. Palanisamy, I.A.S., Commissioner of Fisheries, Dept. of Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare, Govt. of Tamil Nadu presiding over the award ceremony



Dr. N. Felix, Registrar, TNJFU receiving the award & citation



Prof. P. Santhanam, Dept. of Marine Science, Bharathidasan University receiving the Award & citation



Dr. Manoj K Sharma, Director, M/s Mayank Aquaculture Pvt. Ltd, Surat, Gujarat, receiving the award from Dr Alfred Selvakumar, former Assistant Director-General, ICAR (second from right) in October 2023; Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman (for left) and Mr D. Vincent (far right) look on

After receiving the award, the winners spoke on their career, motivation, experience and innovation which had helped the fisheries and aquaculture industries to a greater extent. They thanked the Fisheries Technocrats Forum in recognizing their contribution and selecting them for this prestigious award.

8. Conduct of Mr. A. Sreenivasan and Mr. S.X. Arockiasamy Endowments Oratorical Competitive Programme in Fisheries/Aquaculture: A total of 27 students from Kumbakonam (3 students), Pudukottai (3), Thanjavur (1) and Trichy (20) colleges took part on the forenoon of 11th September 2023 between 10.00 and 13.00 hrs at the Department of Marine Science, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, Tamil Nadu, of which 7 students were selected for the award.



Participating students from Pattukottai, Thanjavur and Trichy colleges and FTF members as invigilators

All the seven students were presented with a memento and a citation by Professor L. Ganesan, Registrar (i/c), Bharathidasan University, Trichy (right side in the photographs) and Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu on the left side of photographs), at the Valedictory function of 2-day National Workshop on the afternoon of 13-09-2023.



Mr. S. Arunachalam, M.Sc. Zoology Student, National College, Trichy

Ms. S. Sadhana, B.Sc. Zoology Student, Bishop Heber College, Trichy



Ms. A. Kowsalya, B.Sc. Biotechnology student, Annai College of Arts & Science, Kumbakonam

Ms. P. Vidhya Sri, M.Tech. Biotechnology student, Bharathidasan University, Trichy



Ms. P.S. Dhatchayani, M.Sc. Zoology student, Holy Cross College, Trichy **Ms. K.P. Aishwarya, M.Sc. Biotechnology student, J.J. College of Arts & Science, Pudukkottai**



Ms. K. Atchaya, M.Sc. Zoology student, Govt. Arts College, Kumbagonam

9. Recognition of FTF senior members: It was decided to honour those senior members (above 75 years) who have contributed significantly in the field of fishery science and aquaculture. Accordingly, Mr. P. Mohanakrishnan, former Deputy Director of NABARD, Mr. V. Venkatesan, former Director, MPEDA, Dr. G. Jegatheesan, former Dean, Fisheries College & Research Institute, Thoothukudi and Mr. M. Kathirvel, former Principal Scientist of ICAR-CIBA, Chennai were presented with a memento and citation by Professor L. Ganesan, Registrar (i/c), Bharathidasan University, Trichy, during Valedictory function of 2-day National Workshop.



Mr. P. Mohankrishnan (third from left) receiving the award

Mr. V. Venkatesan (third from left) receiving the award



Dr. G. Jegatheesan (in sitting) receiving the award

Mr. M. Kathirvel (fourth from left) receiving the award

10. Field visit: At the invitation of Dr. P. Elancheran, life member of FTF and Manager of M/s Alwin shrimp hatchery at Marakkanam, 15 members of the Forum, namely, Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman, Dr. V. S. Chandrasekaran, Vice-Chairman, Mr. P. Mohanakrishnan, Mr. V. Venkatesan, Mr. M.S. Dhanshekar, Dr. D. Mohan, Mr. D. Vincent, Mr. P. Thirumilu, Secretary, Mr. M. Kathirvel, Treasurer, Mr. S. Rajamanickam Dr. R. Subburaj, Mr. K. Gopalan, Mr. K. Elanchelian, Dr. V. Ravitchandirane (newly joined life member) and Mr. G. Calraj (newly joined life member) have visited on 16-03-24 to have an interaction with aquaculture/educational experts.



Dr. P. Elancheran welcoming the members for interaction meet



FTF members & Entrepreneurs



Mr. D. Vincent interacting with the audience



Mr. M. Kathirvel interacting



Mr. S. Rajamanickam examining the shrimp larvae



FTF Members & Entrepreneurs with the Chief guest Dr. R. Alfred Selvakumar, Former Assistant Director-General, ICAR (second from right in the sitting row)

11. Filing of Income Tax Returns and documents for Registrar of Societies: The Income Tax filing was done by the auditors on 21-07-2023 (for the financial year 2022-23). Filing of the documents with the Registrar of Societies after the conduct of 32nd Annual General Body Meeting was done on 26-07-2023. Due to the introduction of a new filing system and on-line payment, both the secretary and the Treasurer had to visit a dozen time to the Registrar's office and finally got the filing receipt on 15-11-2023.

12. Tenure of elected office bearers of Chennai FTF: The present term of the Chairman is for one year i.e. from 01-04-2023 to 31-03-2024 and the Chairman will continue to hold the office till his successor takes over for the period 2024-25 after the conduct of elections at the Thirty Three Annual General Body Meeting, vide Rule 24 of Chapter VI of the Bye-laws of the Forum. The tenure of all other elected officials such as Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Council members is also for one year i.e. from 01-04-2023 to 31-03-2024 vide Rule 25, 26, 27 and 28 of Chapter VI of the Bye-laws of the Forum. However, they will continue to hold the office until fresh incumbents take over the office after election for the period 2024-25, vide Rule 36 (5) in Chapter IX of the Bye-laws of the Forum.

The out-going members of the Executive Council (EC) are as follows.

1. Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman	6. Dr. R. Soundararajan EC Member
2. Dr. V.S. Chandrasekaran, Vice-Chairman	7. Dr. P. Gandheeswari -do-
3. Mr. P. Thirumilu, Secretary	8. Dr. D. Mohan -do-
4. Mr. M. Kathirvel, Treasurer	9. Mr. D. Vincent -do-
5. Mr. V. Ravichandran, EC Member	10. Mr. K. Singaravelan -do-


The out-going Members of the Executive Council are eligible for re-election as per Chapter VI of the Bye-laws of the Forum. The Election shall be by ballot, in case the number of membership exceeds one hundred. Otherwise, the Election shall be by SHOW OF HANDS of the members present during the Annual General Body Meeting, vide Chapter IX of the Bye-laws of the Forum.

13. Branch of FTF at Madurai: A branch entitled as South Tamil Nadu Branch of the Fisheries Technocrats Forum was established at Madurai during 2014-15. During 2014-15, the strength of membership stood at 59 (16 life members and 43 annual members), which reached 22 life members and 8 annual members during 2023-24 (Total: 30). The members included serving and retired officials of State Fisheries Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and fish farmers. The Nineth Annual General Body Meeting of Madurai branch took place on 26-06-2023 at Trichy, in which 19 members participated. The following Executive council members were selected for the period 2023-24: Mr. V. Ravichandran as Chairman, Mr. S. Ramiah as Vice Chairman, Mr. N. Periakaruppan as Secretary, Mr. A.R. Sivaraman as Treasurer and Mr. M. Mohamed Nainar, Mr. P. Isaac Jeyakumar & Mr. S. Raman as Executive Council Members. A list of members from Madurai branch for the period 2023-24 is enclosed in Annexure II.

14. Accounts & Audit: M/s Krishnan & Giri, the Chartered Accountants, Chennai were kind enough to audit the accounts of the Forum for the period 2023-24. The audited accounts of South Tamil Nadu branch of FTF by M/s G. Selvaraj, Chartered Accountant, Madurai, were consolidated with HQ FTF accounts. The Finance and Accounts of the Forum along with their audited statements for the year 2023-24 are appended herewith in Annexure III & IV.

15. Obituary: One life member from Madurai branch, namely, Mr. S. Velpandian, former Assistant Director of Fisheries of Tamil Nadu died on 07-08-2023 at Dindugul, while Dr. R. Moses Inbaraj, Chennai FTF life member and former Head & Professor of Dept. of Zoology, Madras Christian College, Chennai has passed away on 08-12-2023 at Chennai.

Chennai-35
Dated: 01-06-2024


M. Kathirvel
Treasurer


P. Thirumilu
Secretary

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**List of Registered Members of the Fisheries Technocrats Forum, Chennai-35
(As on 31-03-2024)**

1	Mr. V. RAMAMOORTHY (M) Former Deputy Director of Fisheries C-31, Venkataraman Salai, Periyar Nagar Chennai-600 082 Ph: 044-2550 5502/ Mobile: 9444 931 350 E-mail: ramamoorthyvela@yahoo.in	11	Dr. A.R. THIRUNAVUKKARASU (LM) Former Principal Scientist of CIBA 48/3, Sri Krishna Apartments IInd Main Road, Gandhi Nagar, Adyar, Chennai-600 020 Mobile: 9444 94 55 90 E-mail: artarasu@yahoo.com
2	Mr. A.D. ISAAC RAJENDRAN (LM) Former Joint Director of Fisheries 183, Baraca Road, Nammalwarpet Chennai-600 012 Ph: 044-2646 1574 Mobile: 91766 88976	12	Dr. T.C. SANTIAGO (LM) Former Principal Scientist of CIBA F-29, 208 HIG Flats, Ashok Pillar Road West K K Nagar, Chennai-600 078 Mobile: 9444 079 532 E-mail: santiagotc1@yahoo.co.in
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