

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



34th ANNUAL REPORT
(1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025)

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 174 during 2024-25. This included 145 Life members, 9 Corporate members, 8 Annual payment Members and 13 Student Members. A branch of the Forum was established at Madurai since 2014-15.

Activities at Headquarters:

I. Memberships: The details of the membership from 1991-92 to 2024-25 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
2024-25	145	9	8	13	0	175

1.1. New Life Membership: During the period under report, 1) Dr. D. Manikantavelu, Former Professor, TNFU, Maraimalai Nagar-603 209, 2) Dr. S. Noorjehan Beevi, Additional Director of Fisheries, Dept. of Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare, Commissionerate of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Chennai-35, 3) Dr S. Balasundari, Dean-in-Charge, TNJFU-Dr MGR Fisheries College & Research Institute, Thalainayaru, Nagapattinam dt., Tamil Nadu, 4) Dr. Prem Kumar, Principal Scientist, ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Versova Mumbai-61, 5) Dr. P. Murugesan, Professor, Centre of Advanced Study in Marine Biology, Annamalai University, Parangipettai-608 502, Tamil Nadu, 6) Dr. M. Selvanayagam, Former Professor of Zoology, Loyola College, Chennai, 7) Mr. R. Vijayan, State Programme Manager (PMMSY), Office of Commissioner of Fisheries, Vijayawada-521 137, Andhra Pradesh, 8) Dr. K. Anjalai, Assistant Professor of Zoology, Ethiraj College, Chennai, 9) Dr. B. Dilshad Begum, Associate Professor of Zoology, Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College, Chennai, 10) Dr. L. Mohanasundari, Assistant Professor, Ethiraj College, Chennai, 11) Dr. S. Kannappan, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIBA, Chennai, 12) Mr. S. Ravi, Former Deputy Director, Dept. of Fisheries, Puducherry, 13) Mr. E. Balachandran, Ornamental Fish Culturist, Tondiarpet, Chennai-81, 14) Dr. D. Sudarsanam, Former Professor, Loyola College, Chennai, 15) Dr. A. Vinoth, Research Associate, Madras Christian College, Chennai have joined as Life Members.

1.2. New Corporate Membership: 1) Dr Amerneni Ravi Kumar, M/s Alpha Biologicals, Ramalingapuram, Nellore-3, Andhra Pradesh has joined as new corporate member.

1.3. New Annual Membership: 1) Ms. R.D. Monica, Consultant, Coastal Aquaculture Authority, Govt. of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Chennai and 2) Dr. E. Malathi, Head & Associate Professor, Dept. of Zoology, Queen Mary's College, Chennai-600 004 have joined as annual payment members.

1.4. New Student Membership: 1) Ms. A. Afifa Fathima, B.Sc. II Year Zoology, Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women Chennai, 2) Ms. A. Bharathi, B.Sc. II Year Zoology, Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women Chennai, 3) Mr. Cedric M. Francis, B.Sc. III Year Zoology, Loyola College, Chennai, 4) Ms. N.S. Kiruthika, M.Sc. II Year Zoology, Loyola college, Chennai, 5) Ms. E. Lekha Shree, M.Sc. II Year Zoology, Queen Mary's college, Chennai, 6) Ms. K. Mehroze Fathima, B.Sc. Zoology, Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women, Chennai, 7) Ms. V. Priyadharshini, B.Sc. Zoology, Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women, Chennai, 8) Ms. K. Ramyashree, M.Sc. II Year Zoology, Queen Mary's college, Chennai, 9) Ms. N. Samima, Ph.D. Research Scholar, Sir Theagaraya College, Chennai were enrolled as new student members.

1.5. Removal of members: Due to the non-payment of annual subscription for two consecutive years, 1 annual payment member from HQ and two from Madurai branch of FTF were removed from the registered list. Four life members from Headquarter and 1 life member from Madurai branch were removed due to their death.

2. Thirty Third Annual General Body Meeting: The Thirty Second Annual Meeting of the General Body (April 2023-March 2024) was held on 13-07-2024 under the chairmanship of Dr A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, which was attended by 23 members out of the total membership of 154. The proceedings of the Thirty Second Annual General Body Meeting held on 22-07-2023 (for the period April 2022 - March 2023) were approved and adopted. The proceedings of 33rd AGBM was circulated through FTF WhatsApp on 24-07-2024.

1. Monthly meetings: Totally 11 monthly meetings were held during April to June 2024 and August 2024 to March 2025. No monthly meeting was conducted in July 2024, as 33rd Annual General Body Meeting was held in that month. Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman chaired all the eleventh monthly meetings. The importance decisions were taken following the intense discussion during the monthly meetings.

4.1. June 2024 monthly meeting:



4.2. October 2024 monthly meeting:



Talk by Dr Kees Walfrat, Former Govt. official from the Netherlands, on “ Managing water or building with nature – Reflections from the Netherlands”

5.Field trip in February 2025: 13 FTF members visited first Dr Manikantavelu's, FTF member and former Professor of TNJFU, Spirulina production and products centre at Kattankulathur, had a delicious lunch at his house and then proceeded to Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary and returned to Nandanam by evening.



(Left) Dr Manikantavelu explaining the Spirulina production methods and FTF members (right)



FTF members after having a delicious lunch at Dr Manikantavelu's house



Thousands of visiting birds at Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary



FTF members with Dr G. Jegatheesan, Former Dean, Fisheries College, Thoothukudi

6.Life time achievement award to the FTF members: Those FTF members who have associated and contributed to the growth of FTF for 25 years were presented with the life time achievement awards.



**Mr. V. Ramamoorthy,
Former DDF, Dept. of Fish.,
Govt. of Tamil Nadu**

**Mr. V. Venkatesan, former Director,
MPEDA**

**Mr. P. Mohanakrishnan,
Former Deputy Manager,
NABARD**



**Er. M.S. dhanasekharan, Former DDF (Engg.)
Dept. of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu**

**Dr. G. Jegatheesan, Former
Dean, Fisheries College,
Thoothkudi**

**Mr. P. Thirumilu,
Former Technical
Officer, CMFRI
Chennai**



Dr. P. Gandheeswari, Former Professor of Zoology, Queen Mary's College, Chennai **Mr. M. Surendran, Former ADF, Dept. of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu**



Mr. K.N. Krishnamurthy, Former Principal Scientist, CIBA, Chennai **Mr. N. Periakaruppan, Former Selection Grade Inspector of Fisheries, Dept. of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu**

In addition, the life time achievement award was personally presented to Mr. I. Nallu Chinnappan, Former Joint Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu on 11-8-2024 at his native place near Dindugul and to Mr. R. Rajamanickam, Former Joint Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu on 12-8-2024 at his Virudhunagar residence.

7.K. Chidambaram Memorial Award-2023: Prior to the commencement of 33rd Annual General Body Meeting, the presentation of the award took place at 11.00 and 12.00 hrs on 13-07-2024. Dr. Alfred Sevakumar, former Assistant Director General, ICAR, New Delhi and Dr T. Balasubramanian, Former Vice-Chancellor, Chettinad University, Kelambakkam were the chief guests and distributed the award to the following winners.



Dr. P. Nila Rekha, Principal Scientist CIBA, Chennai



Dr. K.P. Kumarakuruvasagam, Principal Scientist, CIBA, Chennai



Dr. Prem Kumar, Senior Scientist, CIFE, Mumbai



Dr. S. Balasundari, Dean-in-Charge, TNJFU



Dr. A. Ravi Kumar, Proprietor, M/s Alpha Biologicals & Ravi Aqua Academy, Nellore, A.P.



**Dr. P. Murugesan, Associate Professor,
CAS Marine Biology, Parangipettai**

**Mr. M. Dharmaseelan, Progressive Fisherman,
Chengalpattu District, Tamil Nadu**



**Mr. Konduru Sulamaiah, Progressive Fisherman,
Nellore, Andhra Pradesh**

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 11 students from Guru Nanak College (2 students), Justice Basheer Ahmed Syed College for Women (4), Loyola college (2), Queen Mary's College (4), Sir Theyagaraya College (1) from Chennai city took part on the forenoon of 23rd July, 2024 between 10.00 and 16.00 hrs at Loyola college auditorium, of which 7 students were selected for the award.

2.



Participating students from city colleges and FTF members as invigilators

All the seven students winners were presented with a memento and a citation by Dr G. Jegatheesan, Former Dean, Fisheries College, Thoothukudi and FTF member on the forenoon of 10-08-2024.



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JBAS College

Mr. C.M. Francis, B.Sc.
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Ms. N.S. Kiruthika, M.Sc. Zoology
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Ms. A. Afifa Fathima, B.Sc. Zoology,
JBAS College



Ms. N. Samima, M.Sc., Ph.D. Research Scholar,
Sir Theagaraya College



Ms. K. Ramyashree, M.Sc. Zoology,
Queen Mary's College



Ms. E. Lekha Shree, M.Sc. Zoology,
Queen Mary's College

9. Filing of Income Tax Returns and documents for Registrar of Societies: The Income Tax filing was done by the auditors on 27-06-2024 (for the financial year 2023-24). Filing of the documents with the Registrar of Societies after the conduct of 33rd Annual General Body Meeting was done on 31-07-2024..

10. Tenure of elected office bearers of Chennai FTF: The present term of the Chairman is for one year i.e. from 01-04-2024 to 31-03-2025 and the Chairman will continue to hold the office till his successor takes over for the period 2025-26 after the conduct of elections at the Thirty Fourth 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 01-04-2024 to 31-03-2025 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 2025-26, 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. A.S. Sahul Hameed, EC Member
2. Dr. V.S. Chandrasekaran, Vice-Chairman	7. Dr. E. Vivekanandan -do-
3. Mr. M. Kathirvel, Secretary	8. Mr. M.S. Dhanasekharan -do-
4. Mr. P. Thirumilu, Treasurer	9. Mr. S. Rajamanickam -do-
5. Mr. V. Ravichandran, EC Member	10. Dr. R. Subburaj -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.

11. 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 21 life members and 6 annual members during 2024-25 (Total: 27). The members included serving and retired officials of State Fisheries Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and fish farmers. The Tenth Annual General Body Meeting of Madurai branch took place on 12-08-2024 at Madurai, in which 19 members participated. The following Executive council members were selected for the period 2024-25: 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 2024-25 is enclosed in Annexure II.

12. Accounts & Audit: M/s Krishnan & Giri, the Chartered Accountants, Chennai were kind enough to audit the accounts of the Forum for the period 2024-25. The audited accounts of South Tamil Nadu branch of FTF by M/s G. Selvaraj, Chartered Accountant, Madurai, were consolidated with HQ FTF accounts. A summary of income and expenditure is given in the report by the Treasurer.

13. Obituary: Four life members, namely, Dr. K. Karal Marx (on 16-4-2024 at Chennai), Mr. I. Nallu Chinnappan (on 12-9-2024 at Dingugal), Mr. R. Sathiarajan (on 20-9-2024 at Chennai) and Dr P. Ravichandran (on 13-11-2024 at Chennai) from Chennai Headquarters and Mr. R. Rajamanickam, life member from Madurai branch (on 31-8-2024 at Virudunagar) left for heavenly abode.

Chennai-35
Dated: 01-07-2025


P. Thirumilu
Treasurer


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Secretary

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