

The 23rd Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) Minutes of SSV held at School of Physical Sciences, JNU, New Delhi on Aug 27, 2026

The 23rd AGM of SSV was held on August 27, 2026, at 11.00 AM in the Seminar room of School of Physical Sciences at JNU campus to take up the agenda already circulated to the members.

The following SSV members including the present office bearers and EC members attended the meeting.

Dr R K Kotnala, President

Dr Hari Kishan, Treasurer

Dr Jyoti Shah, Interim Secretary

Dr J C Sharma

Dr Ashish Aggrawal

Dr Anuj Kumar

Dr Shiv Shankar Gaur

Prof Kedar Singh

Prof Pritam Mukhopadhyay

Prof Ram Prasad Prajapati

Dr L Rajiu Chowhan

Dr Bhagaban Kisan

Dr Arvind Kumar

Dr Supriya Sabbani

Dr Alok K Singh Jha

Dr Vijay K Goel

Dr Smita Sonker

Dr Pushpendra Kumar

Dr Pawan Kumar Kuleriya

Mr Antrzksh

Mr Subhash Chand Gurjar

Mr Pushpendra Kumar Meena

Mr Bheem Kumar

Mr Saurabh Singhal

Mr Gautam Kumar Bhirdak

Mr Pradeep Kumar

Due to lack of quorum, the AGM was adjourned for some time and resumed later after half an hour.

During the adjournment period, Prof. Mukhopadhyay, Dean of School of Physics, JNU, addressed, with the permission of President, the members about the School activities & appreciated that he feels honoured to host SSV meeting. After the AGM adjournment SSV AGM was formally initiated by the Interim Secretary, Dr. Jyoti Shah. She welcomed all the SSV members present in the JNU Seminar room. The Secretary enumerated the Agenda of the 23rd AGM to the members and informed that emails were communicated to all 370 SSV members about the agenda of AGM inclusive of a key agenda point on the mode of SSV EC election.

Dr Shah invited the President to preside over the meeting.

As per the meeting agenda, the following deliberations were discussed:

1. The SSV Treasurer Dr Hari Kishan presented the SSV expenditure and audited statement for the preceding financial year, which the members approved.

2. Dr Kotnala discussed the progress of SSV activities and suggested the next course of action for greater SSV visibility, requesting an active role from each member.

3. Regarding the election mode for the SSV Executive Council, the President suggested holding the election via open nomination at the AGM as practiced in the past. All present members immediately accepted this suggestion.

Further, President proposed that elections for President, Vice-President, Joint Secretary, Secretary and Treasurer could be decided now at this AGM, allowing the elected President to select the other remaining office bearers later. Therefore, members were requested to nominate the SSV President for the next term to proceed with the SSV EC election.

Spontaneously, Dr. Ashish Agarwal proposed that Dr. Kotnala should continue as SSV President because he can run the society for its betterment and has strong support from other members. Dr. Shiv Shankar Gaur, Dr. Hari Kishan and Dr Jyoti Shah supported this proposal, as did the other present members.

In response, Dr. Kotnala suggested that SSV should be vibrant and proposed a functional team. He proposed Dr. Hari Kishan as Vice-President, but Dr. Hari Kishan was unwilling to take the responsibility of Vice-President and proposed Dr. J C Sharma as Second Vice-President. Dr Ashish Agarwal, Prof. Kedar Singh, and other SSV members supported the proposal.

The President proposed Dr. Jyoti for Secretary and Dr. Shiv Shankar Gaur for Treasurer of SSV. All members unanimously supported the proposed names. Other EC members have been nominated by President.

The newly elected Executive Council for the next term is as follows:

President: Dr. R K Kotnala

Vice-President: Dr. J C Sharma

Vice-President: Prof Rakesh Kumar Singh

Secretary: Dr. Jyoti Shah

Treasurer: Dr. Shiv Shankar Gaur

Joint Secretary: Dr Ashish Agarwal

Joint Secretary: Prof Kedar Singh

EC Members:

Prof Dinesh Abrol

Dr Hari Kishan

Prof Kamlesh Patel

Dr Abha Shukla

Dr Ravindra Singh

Dr Anil Awasiya

Finally, Dr. R. K. Kotnala invited discussion on any other relevant matter related to SSV:

Dr. J.C. Sharma suggested involving BTech and MTech students. President supported that some students have to be inducted and suggested involving

schools at the level of SSV membership. Members agreed to enroll students and others as SSV members. Dr. Anuj Kumar requested that other institutions should also be included in SSV membership. The President asked to distribute membership forms, on this drive 11 new faculty members were added as SSV members. Prof. Kedar suggested for preparing flyers to make the SSV mandate easy to understand and to empower representation to other institutions for long-term involvement. He also suggested the website should be more interactive, visible and attractive to have a wider reach. Dr. Ashish shared his view that the Society should act as a policy maker on scientific conduct and ethics. He suggested:- Conducting an annual competition inviting students and the scientific community to present on Scientific misconduct. Getting ideas from the students and also SSV should allocate funds for the same. The best presentations will be the property of SSV and will be used to develop training programs, as in current situation there is no content for policy formation. The President supported the idea of Dr. Ashish to conduct quizzes and presentations. Dr. Ashish thanked all members. Dr Hari Kishan informed most of the emails and phone numbers of SSV members are inactive and unresponsive. He suggested there must be contact updation of the SSV members. He also showed the updated directory of NPL Pensioners with the latest data and suggested that the directory should be maintained in this format for SSV members. The President agreed to the suggestion. Prof. Kedar thanked all the members for their participation in the SSV AGM at JNU Campus. Finally, meeting ended with thanks remarks for SSV by Dr. Kedar Singh.

Dr Jyoti Shah, Secretary-SSV