

INDIAN YOGA ASSOCIATION

(A Self-regulatory body of Yoga Organizations)

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Minutes of the Meeting

Tenth Meeting of the General Body

VENUE	Online Platform (Zoom)
DATE	June 26, 2026
TIME	4:30 PM onwards
REF. NOTICE	IYA/MN/2026/0626/GBM-10, dated 16 June 2026

MINUTES OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE GENERAL BODY OF INDIAN YOGA ASSOCIATION HELD ON JUNE 26, 2026

The Tenth Meeting of the General Body of Indian Yoga Association was held on June 26, 2026 at 4:30 PM on the Zoom Platform.

The Meeting was Chaired by Revered Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar ji, Chairperson of the Governing Council.

The following members were in attendance:

S.No.	Name	Designation / Role
1	Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar ji	Chairperson, Governing Council – IYA
2	Maa Dr Hansaji Yogendra ji	President, IYA & Member, Governing Council
3	Dr H R Nagendra	Member, Governing Council – IYA
4	Swami Bharat Bhushan	Member, Governing Council – IYA
5	Dr Ishwar Basavaraddi	Member, Governing Council – IYA
6	Shri Subodh Tiwari	Secretary General, IYA
7	Shri Sridharan S	Vice President, IYA
8	Dr Chinmay Pandya	Vice President, IYA
9	Dr Ananda Balayogi Bhavanani	Joint Secretary, IYA
10	Sh K C Jain	Treasurer
11	Dr S P Mishra	CEO, PrCB
12	Dr Manjunath	Director- standing Research Committee-IYA

S.No.	Name	Designation / Role
13	Shrimati Kamlesh Barwal	<i>Director, SPPPRC – IYA</i>
14	Shri Prakash Chand Kapoor	<i>Director Finance, IYA</i>

(The complete list of members, representatives, and State Chapter nominees present at the meeting is placed at Annexure – V.)

The Meeting commenced with an invocation. The following Shānti Mantra was recited:

Om Saha Nā-vavatu, Saha Nau Bhunaktu, Saha Vīryam Karavāvahai, Tejasvinā-vadhītastu Mā Vidviṣāvahai. Om Śāntiḥ Śāntiḥ Śāntiḥ.

The agenda of the meeting was placed before the General Body.

1.	Prayer followed by Welcome Note by President
2.	Confirmation of the minutes of the 9th Meeting of the General Body of IYA held online on 12 December 2025
3.	To report action taken on the minutes of the 9th Meeting of the General Body of IYA held online on 12 December 2025
4.	Recommendation from the Governing Council for formation of the new Executive Committee for 2026–30 (includes Address by Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar ji)
5.	Presentation of Financial Accounts for the year 2025–26 by Treasurer Shri K. C. Jain
6.	Presentation of the Annual Report for the year 2025–26
7.	Appointment of Statutory Auditor for 2026–27
8.	Any other item with the permission of the Chair
9.	Closing Note and Prayer

Agenda Item 1: Prayer followed by Welcome Note by President

Discussion:

The meeting was opened with the recitation of the Shanti Paath. Maa Dr Hansaji Yogendra ji, President, delivered the welcome note and extended a warm welcome to all members, Governing Council members, and guests attending the Tenth General Body Meeting.

Shri Subodh Tiwari, Secretary General, informed that the proceedings were being recorded.

Resolution:

Resolved: The Welcome Note was noted. The meeting was formally called to order.

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the General Body of IYA held online on 12 December 2025

Discussion:

The Secretary General placed the Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the General Body of IYA held online on 12 December 2025, for confirmation.

Resolution:

Resolved: The Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the General Body of the Indian Yoga Association held online on 12 December 2025 were confirmed by the General Body with the chanting on “OM”

Agenda Item 3: Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the General Body

Discussion:

The Secretary General, Shri Subodh Tiwari Ji, presented the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the resolutions and observations from the 9th General Body Meeting held on 12 December 2025.

The following key action areas were reported upon:

- Financial Autonomy for State Chapters: Under active review by the Finance & Executive Committee.
- Delay in YV/YCB Certificate Issuance: Resolved. All pending certificates processed through the institute upload mechanism within the defined timeline.
- Social Media Outreach Enhancement: Substantially addressed through regular State Chapter interactions and coordinated best-practice sharing.
- Feedback on Yogavani Submissions: Resolved. Structured review process in place; contributors informed of submission status.
- State-wise social media & Strategy Collaboration: Addressed through regular structured interactions with State Chapters.

Additionally, the following major developments were highlighted as part of the ATR:

- IYA became an official partner of ICCR (Indian Council for Cultural Relations) and a Yoga Partner with Ministry of Ayush.
- TCS MoU executed — only IYA-certified Yoga teachers eligible for TCS corporate wellness sessions.
- IYA Mobile App also being promoted by the Ministry of Ayush for IDY 2025.

Resolution:

Resolved: The Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 9th General Body Meeting was presented and taken on record by the General Body. (Detailed ATR is placed at Annexure – III.)

Agenda Item 4: Recommendation from the Governing Council for Formation of the New Executive Committee for 2026–30

Discussion:

Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar ji, Chairperson of the Governing Council, addressed the General Body before the EC recommendation was placed for approval. Key guidance provided:

- The Yoga protocol jointly formulated must be strictly followed during Yoga Day and all related events. It was noted that the protocol was not adhered to at several venues this year.
- Yoga teachers must not treat yoga as a commercial enterprise; the depth of study, authentic experience, and spiritual dimension must be imparted.
- Greater emphasis must be placed on AYUSH and IYA certification. India should produce the finest Yoga teachers in the world within the next one to two years.

Gurudev appreciated the vision and leadership of the Secretary General and the Executive Council. (The detailed address by Gurudev is placed at Annexure – I.)

On the matter of Chairpersonship of the Governing Council, Gurudev expressed willingness for another revered member to take on the role. After detailed deliberation by the Governing Council, considering the present growth trajectory of IYA, it was unanimously decided that Gurudev will continue as Chairperson of the Governing Council.

The Governing Council's recommendation for a 15-member Executive Committee for the term 2026–2030 was placed before the General Body, with Maa Dr Hansaji Yogendra ji continuing as President. (The full EC list, Sub-Committees, and structural proposals are placed at Annexure – III.)

#	Name	Institution	Position
1	Ma Dr Hansa Yogendra	<i>The Yoga Institute</i>	President
2	Shri Sridharan ji	<i>Krishnamacharya Yoga Mandiram</i>	Senior Vice President
3	Acharya Prahlad ji	<i>Sivananda Ashram, Kerala</i>	Vice President
4	Dr Ananda Balayogi Bhavanani	<i>ICYER</i>	Vice President
5	Dr Amit Singh	<i>SVYASA</i>	Joint Secretary
6	Ku. Vasanti Iyer	<i>Art of Living</i>	Joint Secretary
7	Shri K.C. Jain	<i>Adhyatma Sadhana Kendra</i>	Treasurer
8	Dr Rima Dada	<i>Life Member, AIIMS</i>	Director, SRC
9	Shri Des Raj Gupta	<i>Bhartiya Yoga Sanstha</i>	GC Nominee
10	Dr S.P. Mishra	<i>Founding Member</i>	Ex-Officio
11	Prof. Elangovan	<i>Secretary, TNSC</i>	Director, SAAC
12	Surya Pratap Singh Rajawat	<i>Life Member (Legal)</i>	Director, SLSC
13	Ms Ganga Nandini	<i>Parmarth Niketan</i>	Director, Publicity & PR
14	Shri Dhiraj Saraswat	<i>Mokshayatan (Finance)</i>	Director, Finance
15	Shri Subodh Tiwari	<i>Kaivalyadhama</i>	Secretary General

(Detailed list of EC and Standing Committees available in Annexure)

The following observations were raised during discussion on governance procedure:

- Dr Ishwar Basavaraddi (Member, GC): Requested that a formal Returning Officer be appointed for IYA elections as required by the Memorandum of Association. He noted that while 100% consensus is ideal, formal procedure must be followed. He also requested that accreditation and credentials of EC members be properly verified.
- Shri Subodh Tiwari (Secretary General): Explained that IYA has historically operated a hybrid governance model — formal statutory requirements combined with a consensus-based tradition — and that this has served the organisation well.
- Shri CA Dheeraj Saraswat (Life Member, IYA): Clarified the Society Registration Act requirements, noting that bylaws and membership details are a statutory requirement. Shared the relevant regulatory provisions with members.
- Dr H R Nagendra (Member, GC): Concurred with the need for proper procedures.

Resolution:

Resolved: (i) Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar ji to continue as Chairperson of the Governing Council — unanimously resolved. (ii) The recommended Executive Committee 2026–2030 (15 members; President: Maa Dr Hansaji Yogendra ji), along with Sub-Committees and additional structural proposals, was approved by the General Body. (iii) The bylaws shall be amended to formalise IYA's hybrid governance conventions and election procedures. The amendment shall be circulated to EC/GC members and presented for ratification at the next General Body Meeting.

Agenda Item 5: Presentation of Financial Accounts for the Year 2025–26 by Treasurer Shri K. C. Jain

Discussion:

Shri Subodh Tiwari, on behalf of Treasurer Shri K. C. Jain, presented the financial accounts for FY 2025–26. The accounts are in unaudited form. Statutory Auditor: CA Prabhat Jain, Prabhat Jain & Co., Chartered Accountants, Delhi (appointed at 51st EC Meeting, 18 September 2025; IYA PAN: AAAAI8671E).

Key Financial Highlights (FY 2025–26, Unaudited):

- Total Income: ₹1,30,05,116 (▲ +18% as compared to previous year)
- Total Expenditure: ₹1,17,71,886 (▲ +17.7% as compared to previous year)
- Surplus (Net): ₹12,33,230 (▲ +21.1% as compared to previous year)
- Corpus / Capital Fund (including surplus): ₹2,03,47,103
- Fixed Deposits (Investments): ₹1,08,33,378
- Bank Balance: ₹30,47,081

Shri CA Dheeraj Saraswat (Life Member, IYA) appreciated the financial progress

Shri K C Jain noted the importance of financial discipline. He raised the issue of unreconciled State Chapter accounts — FY 2024–25 audit found data mismatches between State Chapter reports and GST returns, and some chapters are unaudited. This is delaying IYA's tax filings and carries a risk of penalties.

SG acknowledged the concern and assured that a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for State Chapter financial reporting will be drafted to balance chapter autonomy with central financial oversight.

Resolution:

Resolved: The Annual Financial Accounts for FY 2025–26 (Unaudited) were taken on record by the General Body. SOP for State Chapter financial reporting and reconciliation to be prepared. (Detailed financial data and statements are placed at Annexure – III.)

Agenda Item 6: Presentation of the Annual Report for the Year 2025–26

Discussion:

The Secretary General, Shri Subodh Tiwari Ji, presented the Annual Report for the year 2025–26 through a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation. The presentation covered all aspects of IYA's operations — ATR, governance, initiatives, State Chapters, membership, certifications, collaborations, finances, and forthcoming events.

The following observations were raised by members:

- Swami Bharat Bhushan (Member, GC): Commended the meeting's conduct. Raised concerns about the Yog Chikitsa Ratna award process — certificates must be complete, duly authenticated, and issued only after rigorous verification. As IYA grows, care and vigilance must increase proportionally.
- Dr H R Nagendra (Member, GC): Highlighted that YCB standards are insufficient — in a recent ICCR deployment, only 3–4 candidates from a large pool of YCB-certified applicants were found suitable, indicating that YCB certification does not guarantee quality. IYA's own certification must surpass YCB. He also proposed a national campaign — 'Nashamusta Bharat Abhiyaan' — to make university campuses drug-free, aligned with the Prime Minister's call to action.
- Dr Ishwar Basavaraddi (Member, GC): Raised the absence of accredited, standardised Yoga degree programmes (MSc Yoga, MA Yoga) as a significant barrier to academic recognition. Urged IYA to engage Ministry of Ayush and UGC to address this. Also requested that important communications be sent with a prior call, not only by email.
- Shri Des Raj Gupta (EC Member, IYA): Commended IYA's progress. Stressed the importance of teacher quality and the need for IYA certification to be recognised by the government at par with or superior to YCB standards.
- Dr Ananda Balayogi Bhavanani (Joint Secretary, IYA): Affirmed the quality of the Yog Chikitsa Ratna selection process and expressed commitment to continuity of the programme.
- Shri Sridharan S (Vice President, IYA): Raised the importance of strengthening IYA's publications, knowledge dissemination, and outreach.
- Shri CA Dheeraj Saraswat (Life Member, IYA): Raised concern about QCI-style norms and fee increases being proposed for YCB, which are inconsistent with IYA's Guru-Shishya tradition. Recommended a joint representation to Ministry of Ayush/ICCR.

The Secretary General responded to all observations. All suggestions were noted for follow-up by the EC 2026–30.

Resolution:

Resolved: The Annual Report for the year 2025–26 was unanimously taken on record by the General Body. (Detailed inclusions of the Annual Report, including all data and statistics, are placed at Annexure – III. A detailed record of the discussion and observations is placed at Annexure – IV.)

Agenda Item 7: Appointment of Statutory Auditor for 2026–27

Discussion:

The Secretary General placed before the General Body the re-appointment of M/s Prabhat Jain & Co. as the Statutory Auditor of IYA for FY 2025–26.

It was informed that the appointment was made at the 51st EC Meeting held on 18 September 2025 and that the audit is conducted under Section 12A(b) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (IYA PAN: AAAAI8671E). The Auditor has previously completed the FY 2024–25 audit satisfactorily.

No objections were raised by any member.

Resolution:

Resolved: The re-appointment of M/s Prabhat Jain & Co., Chartered Accountants, Delhi, as Statutory Auditor of IYA for FY 2025–26 was noted and placed on record by the General Body.

Agenda Item 8: Any Other Matter

Discussion:

The following additional matters were raised with the permission of the Chair:

- Bylaws Amendment: Dr Ishwar Basavaraddi (Member, GC) and Dr H R Nagendra (Member, GC) reiterated the need for a formally codified election procedure. SG confirmed that bylaws amendments will be prepared and circulated.
- Yoga Degree Nomenclature: Dr Ishwar Basavaraddi (Member, GC) raised the need for standardised Yoga degree titles (MSc Yoga, MA Yoga) and requested IYA to formally engage Ministry of Ayush and UGC.
- YCB and IYA Certification Standards: Shri CA Dheeraj Saraswat (Life Member, IYA) recommended that a joint representation be made to Ministry of Ayush/ICCR to oppose QCI-style fee hikes for YCB and to position IYA certification as the superior standard.
- 'Nashamukta Bharat Abhiyaan': Dr H R Nagendra's proposal for a national drug-free campus campaign was noted. The General Body directed the EC 2026–30 to formalise and launch this initiative in coordination with State Governments and educational institutions.

All points were acknowledged and assigned to the IYA Secretariat and EC 2026–30 for follow-up. (Detailed action items with responsible parties are placed at Annexure – IV.)

Resolution:

Resolved: The following were resolved under Any Other Matter: (i) Bylaws to be amended to codify IYA's governance and election conventions — draft to be circulated and presented at next GBM. (ii) Secretariat to write to Ministry of Ayush/UGC on Yoga degree nomenclature; a UGC Committee to be formed under Dr H R Nagendra. (iii) Secretariat to write to Ministry of Ayush/UGC/ICCR proposing IYA certification recognition at parity with or superior to YCB. (iv) EC 2026–30 to formally launch the 'Ashamusta Bharat Abhiyaan'.

Agenda Item 9: Closing Note and Prayer

Discussion:

Maa Dr Hansaji Yogendra ji, President, delivered the closing note. She thanked all members for their active participation and constructive engagement. She placed on record IYA's commitment to attend to all areas raised and to continue progressing on all fronts. She stated:

The Secretary General expressed sincere gratitude to Gurudev, Maa, the Governing Council, Executive Council members, State Chapter representatives, and all participants for their continued guidance and support.

Members were informed that the Minutes of the Meeting along with all Annexures would be circulated and published. Members may submit written suggestions to the Secretariat for further consideration.

(The detailed closing address by Maa is placed at Annexure – II.)

Resolution:

Resolved: The meeting concluded with the recitation of the Shanti Path and was formally adjourned.

Shri Subodh Tiwari

Secretary General
Indian Yoga Association

Maa Dr Hansaji Yogendra ji

President
Indian Yoga Association