



INDIAN THYROID SOCIETY

Amended Constitution (23rd June 2025)

1. Name:

INDIAN THYROID SOCIETY

2. Address:

INDIAN THYROID SOCIETY,
Indian Institute Diabetes, Trivandrum

3. Area:

All over India.

4. Aims and Objectives:

- a. To organize the Society as a forum of exchange of information on Thyroid diseases among all the physicians, Surgeons, Nuclear Medicine Specialists & other specialists engaged in the management of Thyroid problems.
- b. To organize Conference, Seminars, meetings and discussions about Thyroid diseases and to promote research in the field of Thyroidology.
- c. To impart adequate scientific knowledge to patients with Thyroid disease through meetings and media.
- d. To publish Journals, Consensus statements and Textbooks related to Thyroid diseases.

5. Membership Categories -

Memberships to the society will be of three Categories- Full Life Member, Associate Life member and Honorary Member. The credentials of each application will be scrutinized and need to be approved by the Credentials committee constituted by the Executive committee of Indian Thyroid society.

Associate Life Member (AM)

Any doctor with an MBBS degree with more than 5 years in clinical practice and with special interest in thyroid disease are eligible to become an Associate life member by paying the life membership fee fixed by ITS and accepting to follow the rules and regulations of the Society. The rate may change from time to time as per the decision of the General body.



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Full Life Member (LM)

Modern Medicine doctors with recognized postgraduate degrees in Endocrinology, Endocrine surgery and Nuclear Medicine as stipulated by the National Medical Commission are eligible to become a Full life member.

Both Associate and Full Life members have similar rights to participate in and conduct ITS meetings and CMEs as well as have voting rights to elect the executive committee and office bearers of ITS. However, only Full Life members are eligible to contest in elections and take up any official posts within the organization such as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive committee members.

Full Life membership for non-DM /non-MCh doctors: Any associate member with at least 5 thyroid related publications in indexed journals could be considered for full life membership of Indian Thyroid society. The decision will be based on scrutiny and approval of each application by the credentials committee of ITS.

Doctors who are undergoing training in DM Endocrinology, MCh (Endocrine surgery and MD Nuclear Medicine courses can join by paying full membership fees during training and will get promoted to life membership at graduation.

Honorary membership (HM)

Honorary membership will be awarded to Modern Medicine doctors who are practicing outside India. Their eligibility will be decided by the Credentials committee based on a review of individual applications. There is no membership fee for Honorary members. They do not have any voting rights

6. Financial Year:

The financial year of the society commences with the 1st day of April and ends with the 31st day of March of the succeeding year.

7. General Body

Comprises all life members of ITS. It should meet at least once in two years, to complete the administrative formalities such as passing the audited budget and electing the office bearers. The quorum must be 1/3rd of total members or 20 members whichever is less.



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8.Executive Committee (EC) of ITS:

EC shall be elected by the General body from Full Life Members of ITS and will consist of 12 members. The office bearers will be President, President Elect (who will automatically become the President for the next year), Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary and Treasurer. There will be six elected executive committee members. Immediate Past President, Founder President, AOTA committee representative, organizing secretaries of previous and next ITSCON will also be part of Executive committee but do not have voting rights.

The term of office of all Executive committee members except the President will be of 3 years including that of Secretary and Treasurer. One member can propose the members name for various posts, and another can second the nomination; if there is more than one nomination for one post, election will be conducted by online ballot by the appointed electoral officer. The post of the President shall be for one year. For standing as candidate to the post of President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary & Treasurer, the full life member should have been in the executive committee for one term of 3 years.

President can co-opt up to 3 members to the executive committee for a period of one year. Co-opted members cannot consider the tenure towards fulfillment of qualifications for elected posts. No EC member or secretary shall hold more than 2 full tenures in their respective posts.

The Founder President will remain as a permanent member of the Executive committee without voting rights. He will help the office bearers in their activities.

Elections of Office bearers

The vacant posts in EC will be announced every year at least 3 months prior to the GBM. There will be a 14-day period for application and if there are more than 1 candidate for the post, an Online election will be conducted. The Immediate Past President will be the returning office for elections. All full life members are eligible to apply as candidates. All members of ITS will have the right to vote.



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9. Duties of office Bearers

a. President

The President presides over all the meeting of General Body and Executive Committee.

b. President elect

Presides over the meetings in the absence of President

c. Vice President

The Vice president presides over the meetings in the absence of President and President Elect.

d. Secretary

The Secretary must prepare the minutes of all meetings, arrange all annual meetings, maintain the register of members, supervise the accounts and arrange for the election of office bearers.

e. Joint Secretary

Will help Secretary in the day to day running of the association and will take over the role of Secretary if indisposed.

f. Treasurer

The Treasurer must maintain the books of accounts of the society and present the audited statement at the General Body meeting.

10. Advisory Body:

All the persons who retire as President of **INDIAN THYROID SOCIETY** will be members of Advisory body and will be ex-officio members of the Executive body.

11. Amendments of rules and regulations:

Any changes to the constitution must be approved in a General body meeting with $2/3^{\text{rd}}$ majority present at the meeting supporting it. No alteration of rules by addition, distortion or amendment shall be made except at an Annual or special General body meeting of the society in which at least two third of the members present supports the resolution.



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12. Powers and duties of the Executive Committee:

1. Select the office bearers from among them
2. Implements the plans and decisions made by the General body.
3. Current affairs should be presented before the General body.
4. Issue official statements and represent the society in meetings.
5. Supervise issues and publications of the Society.
6. Take disciplinary actions.
7. Receive the registration letters from the office bearers and from the general body members and take the decisions.

13. Disciplinary Actions

If anybody violates the rules and acts against the Society, Society will take disciplinary action upon him/her. The accused will be given a show-cause notice to reply in less than 15 days, and the action will be taken only after his/her explanation. The action will be taken according to the decision of the General body.

14. Funds

a) Account shall be opened in a scheduled bank which shall be operated jointly by the Secretary and Treasurer. Signatures of both these persons are required to operate the account.

b) The accounts of the Society for the first 2 years, shall be audited by an auditor or Chartered Accountant and in the subsequent years, audited by an auditor, approved by the Executive committee.

15. Dissolution

No member can claim any rights over the assets and liabilities of the Society in future. For any reason this Society cannot run the activities, it can be given to any other Society, who runs the same activity as the society, or to Government after adjusting any debts or liabilities incurred by the Society, from the assets of the Society.

16. Patrons

To honor senior and distinguished senior doctors who have contributed significantly to the development of thyroid sciences in our country, the Society wishes to appoint them as honorary patrons. A maximum of 6 life-time patrons is acceptable at a given point of time.



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17. Journal Publication

Indian Thyroid Society has already established a journal “Thyroid research and practice”. It must raise the fund for expenses related to the journal and maintain a separate Journal account. The Executive committee must select the various office bearers of the journal, which should consist of an Editor-in-chief, 5 editors which should include the President and secretary of the Indian Thyroid Society and an Advisory body of 12 members. The number and posts of the Journal committee may be altered by the Executive Committee as per its discretion. The duration of members of the journal committee are fixed for 3 years and the members can be reelected by the executive committee as per its discretion.

NB- Amended Constitution of Indian Thyroid society approved at the Extraordinary General body meeting conducted virtually on June 23rd, 2025.