

Minutes of the 37th Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM)

Nurse Researchers Society for Innovation (NRSI)

Date: 15 November 2025

Time: 1300–1345 hours

Venue: Panna Dhai Maa Subharti Nursing College,
Swami Vivekananda Subharti University, Meerut

Occasion: 29th NRSICON

Chaired by: Dr. Assuma Beevi, President, NRSI

Executives	Present	Absent
Central	Dr. Usha Ukande, Ex-President, NRSI Dr. Anil Sharma, Vice President, NRSI Dr. Shweta Pattnaik, Treasurer, NRSI Dr. Lata Mandal, Joint Secretary, NRSI	Dr. Blessy Antony, Secretary, NRSI Dr. Shejila, Jt. Editor, JNRSI
Regional	Dr. Sushma Saini, President, North Zone Dr. Raman Kalia, Secretary, North Zone	Dr. Gitumoni Konwar, President, East Zone Dr. Pragna P Dhabhi, President, West Zone Prof Sashi Kumar, President, South Zone
Members	46	

Agenda 2025:37:01 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous GBM

The Joint Secretary informed that the Minutes of the previous GBM had already been circulated and reviewed by members through website and WhatsApp group. The Minutes were passed by Ms. Sriporna Ghosh and seconded by Dr. Shweta. The Minutes were unanimously adopted.

Agenda 2025:37:02. Welcome Address by the President

Dr. Assuma Beevi, President, NRSI delivered the welcome address and highlighted the history, vision, and mission of NRSI, acknowledging the continued growth and contribution of its members.

Agenda 2025:37:03: Annual Report of NRSI (2024–25)

Presented by Dr. Lata Mandal, Joint Secretary, NRSI. The highlights of the report are as follows:

- NRSI has **3,271 members** across the country though expansion of membership remains a priority.

- Fellowship of the society known as **FNRS**, initiated in 2019, continued as a flagship initiative supporting postdoctoral nursing research. Two fellows selected for 2025 are Dr. Asha Raj (Thrissur) and Dr. Shalina Ganesh Nayak (Manipal).FNRS projects continued to generate high-grade scientific evidence.
- **NRSI Seed Grant Research Program** initiated in 2022 invites proposals twice yearly. Till date 13 projects have been completed. Ms. Bindu Charles (Chennai) and Ms. Sabina (Bangalore) are the selected ones in 2025 An ongoing notable project under NSGR is being undertaken by Mr. Ravi Rai evaluating a nurse-navigated awareness program.
- **Journal of NRSI (JNRSI)** continued its progress through timely publication and maintained academic quality. The secretary encouraged members to submit manuscripts and support subscriptions to strengthen the journal.
- **Regional Activities** reported are from North Zone who hosted the 7th Annual Conference at MMU Mullana, on the theme *Advances in research methodologies* with 39 speakers, 551 delegates, and 7.5 CNE hours. South Zone organized a national conference on *Publishing skills* in Erode, Tamil Nadu in March 2025. The Eastern Zone held the 5th East Zone Conference at Sikkim Manipal College of Nursing focusing on *Nursing and Sustainable Development Goals* in March 2025.

Agenda 2025:37:04: Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer, Dr. Shweta Pattnaik, presented the financial report for the year 2024–25 which showed a deficit of 1,59,870 INR. Strategies to improve the financial position were discussed by all members. She informed the members that as discussed in the executive meeting, webinars will be conducted by NRSI which will help in disseminating research knowledge among young researchers and also help to generate revenue. One of the GB members suggested that every member present at the venue and outside should take a pledge to enrol at least five new members into NRSI. Members appreciated the suggestion, and the Chair encouraged collective effort toward increasing membership and presence of NRSI among nurses in India.

Resolution: It was resolved that all NRSI members will strive to enrol at least five new members to strengthen the Society’s membership position.

Agenda 2025: 37:05: Announcement of Venue for the 30th NRSICON

The President announced that the 30th NRSICON will be held at the Aster MIMS Institute of Medical Sciences, Calicut, in the last week of November 2026.

Agenda 2025:37:06: Any Other Points with the Permission of the Chair

(a) Proposal to Establish a National Nursing Research Body

Dr. Anil Sharma, Vice President, NRSI proposed writing to the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) to advocate for establishing an apex nursing research body similar to ICMR. One of the GB members suggested that reaching out through social media platforms may improve the chance

of generating response from the government. This was followed by a discussion among the members.

Resolution: 2025:37:06 (a)

The members resolved that NRSI will write to TNAI requesting the formation of a task force to initiate the proposal for establishing such a national research body.

(b) Proposal for Instituting a “Research Day” in India

The President told the group that she has received a proposal from the host Chairperson, Dr. Geeta Parwanda, requesting the initiation of a national Research Day in India. The Chair noted that this proposal will be discussed further and taken up through appropriate channels.

Resolution: 2025:37:06 (b): The point will be deliberated and discussed in the coming executive meetings

(c) Appointment of Advisory Council

The President informed the members that NRSI executive body has decided to establish an advisory council to support the functioning of the society. She also added that members who have previously held positions in NRSI and have a clear understanding of its functions are to be included and the work for identifying potential members are already under process. This decision was accepted by all members.

Resolution: 2025:37:06 (c): It was resolved that an NRSI Advisory Council be established, comprising of experienced former office-bearers, to support and guide the functioning of the Society.

Start of a new chapter with MNS

The President informed the members that a preliminary talk on launching a new chapter with the Military Nursing service is ongoing. This news was welcomed by the members present.

Resolution: 2025:37:06 (d): The Joint Secretary will pursue discussions with the Military Nursing Headquarters.

Vote of Thanks and Closure

The President thanked all members for their active participation and constructive suggestions. The meeting concluded at **1345 hours**.

Dr. Lata Mandal

Joint Secretary, NRSI