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INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE  
203 B.T. Road, Kolkata – 700 108

No. CAF/25-26/10-2/017  
9<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the proceedings of the Annual General meeting of the Institute held on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2024, as approved by President of the Institute, for your information and record.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Dipti Prasad Mukherjee)  
Acting Director

Enclo. : As stated.

To : All members of the Indian Statistical Institute.

Copy for information to:

1. The President of the Institute.
2. The Chairman of the Council of the Institute.
3. Shri Anindya Banerjee, DDG (NSC), MoSPI
4. Head, Delhi Centre.
5. Head, Bangalore Centre.
6. Head, Chennai Centre.

# INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Institute held on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 3.00 p.m. in the Auditorium of Platinum Jubilee Academic Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, of the Institute at 203, B.T. Road, Kolkata – 700 108

## **Present:**

1. Prof. Sankar Kumar Pal, President, ISI Council
2. Prof. Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, Director
3. 26 Members of the General Body of the Institute as per attached Annexure -I
4. Shri Ravinder Kumar, Chief Executive (A&F)- Special Invitee
5. Shri Amitava Mukherjee, Dy. C.E. – 'B'(Finance)- Special Invitee

Detailed list of the attendees attached as **Annexure – I.**

## **Welcome Address**

The President welcomed the Director and members of the General Body.

### **Agenda Item No. 1** **Condolence on the demise of respected members of the General Body of the Institute.**

#### **No. 1**

##### **1.1**

At the outset, the Chief Executive (Admn. & Finance) informed that the Institute mourns the loss of its esteemed members who have demised with a request for observing a minutes' silence in remembrance. The names of the members who have demised are as follows:

<b>Membership No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Demise</b>
L/1280	Dr. Atindra Mohan Goon	04/09/2020
L/1221	Dr. A B Gupta	26/06/2022
L/5225	Dr. Dilip Saha	18/06/2023
L/1309	Prof. Pratul Bandyopadhyay	14/11/2017
L/1649	Dr. Subrata Gangopadhyay	06/02/2024

##### **1.2**

The Institute mourned the loss of its esteemed members. The house observed a minute's silence in remembrance.

### **Agenda Item No. 2** **Confirmation of proceedings of the Annual General Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

#### **2**

##### **2.1**

Members took note of the fact that the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of the Institute held on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 were circulated with reference No. CAF/10-2/275 dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 and suggestions as received from some of the members have already been incorporated.

**2.2(R)** It was resolved by the General Body that the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of the Institute held on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, as circulated vide reference No. CAF/10-2/275 dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 with incorporated modifications be confirmed.

**Agenda Item No. 3** Confirmation of the proceedings of the General Body Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.

**3.1** Members took note of the fact that the proceedings of the General Body Meeting of the Institute held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 were circulated under reference No. CAF/10-2/214 dated 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 and no comments/suggestion were received from the members regarding the said proceedings.

**3.2(R)** It was resolved by the General Body that the proceedings of the General Body Meeting of the Institute held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, as circulated vide reference No. CAF/10-2/214 dated 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 with incorporated modifications be confirmed.

**Agenda Item No. 4** Matters arising out of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 and General Body Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.

**4.1** Agenda of the meeting incorporating action taken report of previous annual general meetings was handed to all the members and no comments were received.

**Agenda Item No. 5** To consider the Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2023 - 2024

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**5.1** The Chief Executive (Admn. & Finance) informed the members that the Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2023 to 2024 was circulated among the Council members vide email dated 24.10.2024 and after obtaining the approval of the Council, it was placed in the Annual General Meeting for consideration of the General Body. The Annual Report was circulated through email to all the members and no comments were received from any of the members.

**5.2 (R)** It was resolved by the General Body that the Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2023-2024, as approved by the Council members, be accepted and the same be approved for submission before the Parliament through the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Government of India as well as to the Registrar of Firms, Societies and Non-Trading Corporation, West Bengal.

**Agenda Item No. 6 To consider the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2023-24 together with Auditor's Report.**

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**6.1** The Chief Executive (Admn. & Finance) informed the members that the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2023-24 together with Auditor's Report was placed before the Council through online mode vide email to all the members on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 and after obtaining the approval of the Council, it has been placed in the Annual General Meeting for consideration and acceptance of the General Body. The Audited Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2023-24 together with Auditor's Report was circulated through online to all the general body members. No comments were received from any of the members.

Further upon request Dy. C.E. briefed about the income and expenditure statement along with financial health of the institute along with current position of CAG pending Audit paras and status on its ongoing redressals.

**6.2 (R)** **It was resolved by the General Body that the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2023-24 together with the Auditor's Report, as recommended by the Finance Committee and subsequently by the Council, be accepted and the same be approved for submission before the Parliament through the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Government of India as well as to the Registrar of Firms, Societies and Non-Trading Corporation, West Bengal.**

**Agenda Item No. 7 To consider the matter of providing soft copies instead of hard copies of the journal Sankhya to individual members of the Institute**

**7.1** The Chief Executive (Admn. & Finance) informed the members that the Sankhya series A/B are provided to the Life members, Ordinary and Institutional Members of the Institute who opt any one series of the journal Sankhya.

It has been noticed that a large number of hard copies of the journal Sankhya posted through India Post to the eligible individual members are being returned by the Postal department due to insufficient address and contact details of those members.

It has also been observed that getting the hard copies printed and binding is a time consuming and difficult process, and is

also not environment-friendly. Those who opt for hard copies will continue to receive hard copies.

Consequent to the above, the Institute is considering seeking option from the individual members (not institutional members) whether they want to receive the journal in soft copy or hard copy, highlighting the environment friendliness and reducing carbon footprint.

- 7.2 (R) It was resolved that an email/post (wherever email is being undelivered) be sent to all members seeking option whether they prefer receiving soft copies or hard copies of the journal Sankhya, specifically urging the requirement of discontinuing the hard copy. If requirement of hard copy is posed by the concerned member through revert email/post, then only the hard copy be made available for only those members who have desired so.**

**Agenda Item No. 8 To consider the report of ISI GB Guideline Committee regarding Membership of the Institute**

- 8.1** The Chief Executive (Admn. & Finance) informed the members that the pursuant to the decision taken in the Annual General Meeting of the Institute held on 12th December, 2022, a Committee was constituted vide Office Order No. CAF/10-3/662 dated 15th December, 2022 to develop a guideline and implementation strategy to keep the list of General Body Members updated. The Committee has submitted its report and now it is placed before the general body for kind consideration.
- 8.2 (R) It was observed that inadvertently the said report was not circulated. However, the president cited that much time has lapsed on this important issue & still it remains pending for a decision. Hence based upon the discussion on the report as displayed & gist of the report as narrated in the meeting; it has been resolved that a process be devised which ensures accessing active members based upon their responsiveness similar in lines with periodic KYC's carried by banks & other financial entities. The process be devised considering available resources and citing current constraints. And accordingly be apprised to the G.B.**

**Agenda Item No. 9 To update the process of scrutiny of applications of the new applicants for opting Membership of the Institute**

- 9.1** The Chief Executive (Admn. & Finance) informed the members that a standing committee scrutinizes the applications for membership of the Institute and the list of the applications is sent to the Council for the final approval. Accordingly, few

applications are referred to the Council in its meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 for their approval but one of the members raised the issue of granting memberships without any sort of background check. The antecedents of the applicants are not taken into account, including whether they have criminal cases or disciplinary actions against them. The members of the Council deliberated on the matter. It was observed that since the matter pertained to the membership of the General Body, the issue may be referred to the General Body to review the process of granting membership to ISI Society and guide the Council. The Council decided to refer the matter of reviewing the process of granting membership of the ISI Society to the General Body.

- 9.2 (R) As per the procedural institutional norms the matter is elemental prerogative of the council of the institute. Hence it was resolved that the matter be deliberated at the council of the institute initially and then it be brought to the general body for approval.**

**Agenda Item No. Miscellaneous:**

**10** With the permission of the president the following miscellaneous matters were raised.

**10.1** One of the members raised about the long pending issue about the allocation of space for the members of the Society. The President said that it may be considered by the Director. The Director highlighted the space constraint in the Institute.

**10.2** Another member inquired about the current condition of the Geological building.

It was informed that the said dilapidated building is deserted at this point. Plans for its restoration would need to be chalked out.

**10.3** One of the members raised the matter of recruitment policy of faculty members & prospects of a statistician in varied faculty positions in different streams, i.e., of core/applied/allied fields of statistics at the institute. It was clarified by the director citing the report of the 4<sup>th</sup> R.C. that a statistician/any person to that matter holds a wide & promising scope of getting recruited under the faculty position at I.S.I. One of the members raised an issue concerning the placement of the R.C. Bose Centre in the Annual Report. The Director replied that the Centre is mentioned as an Academic Centre in the Institute. However, it can also be put under the "Centre of Excellence".

**10.4** One of the members inquired about the accessibility to the facilities of library on weekends. Deputy Librarian on request of the director informed the members that the library is opened on weekends & is accessible up to first floors due to operational

constraints. However, in reply to the query, it was informed that journals are accessible in any point of time. But the issue and return facility is not extended on weekends citing operational constraints.

- 10.5** One of the members raised the matter of maintenance of the website of the society highlighting that the pending upload of proceeding of the G.B., agendas, relating notices & updated list of G.B. members (in addition to official site). Accordingly, it was resolved that the same be updated at the earliest possible and apprised to the G.B.

There being no further issues for discussion, the President thanked all the Members and the meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

  
Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay  
**(Director)**

  
Sankar Kr. Pal  
**(President)**

**Annexure - I**

List of attendees for the General Body Meeting, held on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Membership No.</b>
1	Dr. Sankar Kr. Pal	L/5238
2	Prof. Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay	L/8342
3	Shri Samar Chattopadhyay	L/8665
4	Dr. Malay Kr. Kundu	L/5737
5	Dr. Deba Prasad Mandal	L/6049
6	Prof. Rajat Kumar De	L/5864
7	Shri Tapas Basu	L/9454
8	Dr. Bani Prasad Bhattacharyya	O/9592
9	Dr. Jiban Krishna Pal	L/8549
10	Shri Nitai Chandra Ghatak	L/9006
11	Prof. Dipti Prasad Mukherjee	L/5335
12	Dr. H Sarbadhikari	L/9469
13	Prof. Pradipta Maji	O/9602
14	Dr. Tapan Kumar Mandal	L/9473
15	Shri Samrat Goswami	L/8119
16	Dr. Rabindranath Jana	L/7194
17	Shri Manoj Kumar Pandey	O/9534
18	Prof. Shashi Mohan Srivastava	L/9468
19	Shri Rabindra Narayan Das	L/9245
20	Dr. Tapas Kr. Basu	L/7560
21	Dr. Jadab Kumar Pal	L/9390
22	Sm. Uma Ghosh	L/7135
23	Dr. Ratan Dasgupta	L/8291
24	Dr. Sudip Jana	L/8495
25	Prof. B. Uma Shankar	L/5839
26	Shri Subrata Kr. Debnath	L/9076
27	Dr. Partha De	L/5751
28	Prof. Sandip Mitra	L/5817