

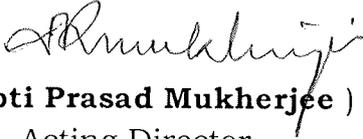
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No. CAF/10-2/730
16 February, 2023

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the proceedings of the Annual General meeting of the Institute held on 12th December, 2022, as approved by the President of the Institute, for your information and record.

Yours sincerely,


(**Dipti Prasad Mukherjee**)
Acting Director

Encl. : 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 C.K. Jha, DDG (CAP), MoSPI.
4. Head, Delhi Centre.
5. Head, Bangalore Centre.
6. Acting Head, Chennai Centre

INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Institute held on Monday, 12th December 2022 at 2.30 p.m. in the Auditorium of Platinum Jubilee Academic Building, 1st Floor, of the Institute at 203, B.T. Road, Kolkata - 700 108

In Chair:

1. Prof. Sankar Kumar Pal, President, ISI Council
2. Prof. Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, Director
3. Thirty three (33) Members of the Indian Statistical Institute

The list of the attendee members is attached as Annexure - I.

Welcome Address

In the beginning the Director welcomed all the Members present and expressed her heartfelt thanks to Prof. Sankar K. Pal, the President of the Institute for presiding the Meeting. She then requested Lt Col Sandeep Pal, Officiating CE (A & F) to conduct the meeting.

The President, in his opening speech, said that it is his pleasure to preside over the General Body Meeting for the term 2022-2024 and thanked all the General Body Members, particularly who have nominated him to achieve this honour to be the President for the term 2022 - 2024. He mentioned that during his tenure as the Director of ISI he has seen Prof. M G K Menon working in the President post, and earlier he thought that the post of the President of the Institute is just to confer degrees and conduct meetings like AGM and sometimes Special General Meeting. But from his latest experience in last three months, he has experienced that in addition, it involves a good amount of administrative responsibilities, which are time consuming affecting his research to an extent. However, since he has accepted the prestigious post, he will try to attend sincerely to his responsibility for this two-year term. He again thanked all and also desired to see more number of attendees in the AGM.

The Officiating CE (A & F) thanked the President for his encouraging words, and proceeded to the first agenda of the day's meeting.

Agenda Item No. 1 Condolence on the demise of respected members of the Institute.

No. 1

- 1.1** Members took note that Dr. Sunil Krishna Pal (membership No. L/7349), Council member for the term- 1986 - 1988 and Prof. Sarbani Patranabis Deb, (membership No. O/9550), Council member for the term 2022-2024, passed away on 21st October 2022 and 31st October 2022 respectively in Kolkata.

The house observed one minute's silence in their memory.

Agenda Item No. 2 Confirmation of proceedings of the General Body Meeting held on 26th August, 2022

2.1 The proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of the Institute held on 26th August 2022 was circulated among the members under reference No. CAF/10-2/640 dated 6th December 2022. After this circulation, some comments/observations were received from the members of the General Body regarding updating of list of the General Body Members in connection with election procedure of the Institute.

The President suggested that a three-member committee should be constituted to develop a guideline and implementation strategy to keep the list of General Body Members updated at all times. The committee may also review the policy followed in relation to the deadlines for modification of the voters' list preceding an election in the Institute and suggest changes to make the process more streamlined and transparent.

The name of Dr. Aniruddha Chakraborty was suggested as Chairman, Shri Rabindra Narayan Das as Member and Dr. Rabindranath Jana as Member-Convener of that Committee respectively.

The Officiating Chief Executive (Admn & Finance) informed the members that a mail was received from Prof Shasi Mohan Srivastava, wherein he wanted to know about the '**Current status of RCBCCS, whether RCBCCS is a centre like Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai, Tezpur or a centre of excellence like Soft Computing or CAIML or it is a part of ISI or a separate identity**'.

The Officiating Chief Executive (Admn. & Finance) informed the General Body that a letter from the Hon'ble Minister of State, MoS&PI, for raising of Cryptology in the campus of ISI, was separately addressed to the then Director Prof. Bimal K. Roy on 18th July, 2012. It was the first letter in which the R.C. Bose Centre for Cryptology and Security was treated as a 'Centre'.

In Council meeting dated 4th November, 2011, as requested by Shri Shiv Shankar Menon, National Security Advisor, Govt. of India, an agenda was included for setting up a permanent centre for cryptology and research and it was resolved by the Council that the Director was to be authorized to constitute a committee in order to formulate the details for setting up a permanent autonomous centre for cryptology research in ISI Kolkata. On that basis, an Office Order was issued by the then Director Prof. Bimal K. Roy which stated that in pursuance to the decision taken by the Council in its meeting held on 4th November, 2011, to formulate the details for setting up of a permanent autonomous centre for cryptology centre in ISI, a committee is constituted with Director Prof. Bimal K. Roy as Chairman, Prof. Rana Barua as member, representative from MoS&PI as member and Representative from WES Indian Navy, as another member.

Members were also informed that a standing Finance Committee was also constituted with the then Secretary, MoS& PI as Chairman, the then Director Prof. Bimal K. Roy and Shri P.K. Pujari, the then AS& FA, MoS&PI

as the members respectively for establishment of Cryptology Centre at ISI Kolkata.

The Director also informed the members that there is an Officer Order No. D.O./20497 dated 24th January 2013, issued by Prof. Bimal K. Roy, the then Director of the Institute which stated that the R.C. Bose Centre for Cryptology and Security would be treated as a separate Centre of the Institute. She also mentioned about an EFC approval dated 20th February 2014 which referred to the minutes of the meeting and the conclusion of the meeting was that the committee recommended the proposal for R.C. Bose Centre for Cryptology and Security at ISI Kolkata as "Centre of Excellence" as per EFC Memo.

These are the reasons of R.C. Bose Centre for Cryptology and Security appearing under 'academic centres' in the draft Annual Report 2021 - 2022 of the Institution. But this is not a center like our Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai, or Tezpur Center.

Another observation came from Dr. Rabindranath Jana regarding Agenda Item No. 5.1: Miscellaneous of the proceedings of the meeting of the General Body of the Institute held on 26th August 2022.

In the proceedings it was written "Provisional Voter List not to be published for the Election (2022-2024) of the representatives from the members of the General Body".

Correction by Dr. Rabindranath Jana, L/7194:

'The provisional voters' list needs to be published for the said election as usual practice. In the said election process, the nomination forms were issued on the basis of the provisional voters' list. In the context, I suggested not to issue the nomination forms on the basis of provisional voters' list. I also suggested that only after publication of final voters' list the nomination forms should be issued'.

2. In another agenda it was written as "**Publication of final voter list with exclusion of workers who have been promoted and inclusion of workers who have been promoted or joined after fresh recruitment**". It was not raised so.

Correction by Dr. Rabindranath Jana, L/7194:

'It was raised that after publication of final voters' lists of the ISI workers for several positions, no correction in the lists is generally made except the cases of death, retirement and resignation. There may have a question of inclusion and exclusion in case of promotion or transfer from one Centre to other and only inclusion in case of new joining. In this context, it was suggested to frame a rule'.

3. "**Delay in sending ballot papers to the NE Centre**". It was not said regarding ballot paper.

Correction by Dr. Rabindranath Jana, L/7194:

'The ISI Tezpur Centre received the nomination forms just 2 days before the deadline of its submissions. Since the total election process was organised through offline, a worker of the Centre, who intends to contest for a position of the election, will not be able to submit his filled-in nomination form within the deadline. In such cases, it was suggested to find out a proper way / measure of overcoming the delay. Despite all, in such case, a proper step should be undertaken by the Election Officer so that any willing worker of an outlying centre can contest in such a great democratic process'.

The Officiating Chief Executive (Admn. & Finance) said that in the last meeting, the then Chairman said that it could be implemented but it was of the record.

Hence, the proceedings of the General Body Meeting dated 26.08.2022 was confirmed after incorporating the suggestions received.

Agenda Item No. 3 Action Taken Report (ATR) of the previous General Body Meeting held on 26th August 2022.

- 3.1 Copy of the Action Taken Report (ATR) was handed over to all the members and no comments/observations were received. The ATR is attached along with the Proceedings.**

Agenda Item No. 4 To consider the Draft Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2021-2022.

- 4.1 Members took note that in the draft Annual Report there are few amendments to be made. The President, ISI also pointed out some corrections, which need to be incorporated and suggested to correct the draft Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2021-2022 accordingly. He further suggested some re-ordering/ styles of texts that may be followed in the Annual report henceforth to avoid confusion. He also said that the draft Annual report should be shown to the President giving at least a week time for his checking and approval before final printing.**

- 4.2 (R) It was resolved by the General Body that the Draft Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2021-2022, as recommended by the Finance Committee members and subsequently 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, after incorporating the modifications as pointed out by the President, ISI and the members.**

Agenda Item No. 5 To consider the Draft Audited Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2021-22 together with Auditor's Report and Administration's replies thereon.

5.1(R) It was resolved by the General Body that the Draft Audited Statement of Accounts of the Institute for the year 2021-22 together with the Auditor's Report and Administration's replies thereon, 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. 6 Miscellaneous if any, with the permission of the President, ISI.

6.1 Update on repair/maintenance of Amrapali.

In reply to the issue regarding repair/maintenance of Amrapali, the Chief Librarian stated that it has been decided to restore the Amrapali Bhawan keeping its old ambience intact with a view to upgrade its Museum and Archives.

An Expert Committee has been constituted with the Chief Librarian as its Convener. He also said that as it's a historical building, a special methodology is required to restore it. The RFP has almost been finalized.

The In-Charge, Engineering Unit also informed that initially ISI requested CPWD for the said work, but CPWD took two (02) years and couldn't deliver. Now a consultant has to be appointed to renovate the Museum along with the building.

The President, ISI requested to expedite the whole process.

Space constraint for the GB members.

The President, ISI requested the Director to look into the matter and resolve the same.

Members requested the President, ISI to discuss on the issues of Special Leave Petition (SLP), report of 4th Review Committee and confirmation of office assistants in ISI.

The Officiating CE (A &F) gave an update that as per the directions of MoS&PI, an SLP with respect to WPA 692 of 2022 (Shri Alope Singh & Ors. Vs. Indian Statistical Institute & Ors.) has been filed by Indian Statistical Institute, UoI & Ors. at the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on 27th September 2022 (Civil) No. 21352 of 2022.

For the confirmation of Office Assistants in ISI, he briefed that the case is presently with the CVC for their directions.

Director told all the General Body Members that an interim reply with regard to 4th Review Committee has been forwarded to the Ministry by the previous Chairman, ISI Council. Detailed reply is being discussed and the final report will be drafted accordingly by the present Council Members.

Members requested the President, ISI to publish the Notice of the AGM at least 15 days prior to the Meeting, which was agreed to.

One of the members pointed out the fact that there are number of bill payments pending in GeM and payments to Research Scholars and/or Project Linked Personnel(PLP) generally also gets delayed.

The Deputy CE (F) clarified that GeM payments are getting delayed due to delay in release of Grant-in-Aid under Capital and General from the Ministry.

He also clarified that as per the Order of the Ministry, Fellowship to Research Scholars is now paid out of General Head since April 2022, instead of Salary Head, as was paid earlier. However, the Budget Estimate (BE - 2022-23) provided for such expenses under Salary head.

This resulted in the General Head Budget getting exhausted within half of the year. No re-appropriation of funds from Salary head to General head has been made till date and thus the payment to Research Scholars was delayed. Presently the Ministry is issuing Sanction Orders under Salary Head for making payments to General Head expenses.

He further clarified that for the PLPs and personnel under externally funded projects a date wise presentation of bills to the Accounts Department was asked and the same was conveyed to P-n-Cs. Neither there was any reply to the said emails nor any fixed date adhered to by Units/Divisions. This resulted in delay of payment to PLPs, sometimes.

The President, ISI advised to fix a date or period within which the payment should be made to such personnel if their respective bills from departments/units are sent to Accounts section in the previous month, or by a date as prescribed by Accounts. Director also agreed to this proposal. DCE(F)-A then assured that it would be possible to make payment in those cases between 7 and 10 every month.

There being no further issues for discussion, President, ISI 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 12th December, 2022.

Sl. No.	Name	Membership No.
1	Lieutenant Colonel Sandeep Pal	Invitee
2	Dr. Kamal Krishna Basu	L/1441
3	Shri Amitava Sen	L/2048
4	Prof. Dipti Prasad Mukherjee	L/5335
5	Dr. Atis Kumar Dasgupta	L/5649
6	Prof. Manoranjan Pal	L/5660
7	Shri Partha De	L/5751
8	Shri B. Uma Shankar	L/5839
9	Shri Sukumar Das	L/5897
10	Shri Kamalaksha Das	L/6019
11	Dr. Deba Prasad Mondal	L/6049
12	Dr. Rabindranath Jana	L/7194
13	Dr. Tapas Kr. Basu	L/7560
14	Smt. Bhomra Chatterjee	L/7733
15	Prof. Ayanendranath Basu	L/7821
16	Dr. Ratan Dasgupta	L/8291
17	Shri Jiban Krishna Pal	L/8549
18	Shri Samar Chattopadhyay	L/8665
19	Shri Rabindra Narayan Das	L/9245
20	Dr. Monoranjan Ghose	L/9322
21	Dr. Jadab Kumar Pal	L/9390
22	Dr. Shashi Mohan Srivastava	L/9468
23	Dr. Haimanti Sarbadhikari	L/9469
24	Shri Tapas Basu	O/9454
25	Shri Sanjoy Kar	O/9518
26	Shri Manoj Kumar Pandey	O/9534
27	Dr. Krishanu Maulik	O/9548
28	Dr. Arup K. Das	O/9554
29	Prof. Biswabrata Pradhan	O/9555
30	Prof. Pabitra Banik	O/9563
31	Prof. Amartya Kumar Dutta	O/9571
32	Prof. Amita Pal	O/9579
33	Prof. Neena Gupta	O/9584