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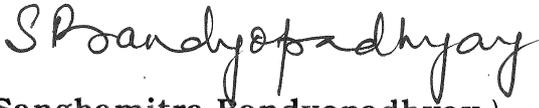
INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE
203 B.T. Road, Kolkata – 700 108

No. CAF/10-2/945
27th October , 2020

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the proceedings of the meeting of the General Body of the Institute held on 9th September, 2020, as approved by the President of the meeting, for your information and record.

Yours sincerely,


(**Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay**)
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 and all members of the Council of the Institute.
3. Shri C.K. Jha, DDG (CAP), Central Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics & P.I., Government of India, Sardar Patel Bhavan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi – 110 001.
4. Head, Delhi Centre.
5. Head, Bangalore Centre.
6. Head, Chennai Centre.

INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE

Minutes of the General Body Meeting of the Institute held on Wednesday, 9th September, 2020 at 3.30 p.m. in the Conference Room of C.S.S.C at S.N. Bose Bhawan of the Institute at 203, B.T. Road, Kolkata – 700 108.

Present:

1. Shri Bibek Debroy, President,
2. Prof. Dipti Prasad Mukherjee, Officiating Director
3. 32 Members of the Indian Statistical Institute

The list of the attendee members is provided in the Annexure – I.

Welcome Address

Shri Bibek Debroy, President of the Institute welcomed all the members present in the meeting and thanked the members for attending the meeting despite pandemic situation.

Agenda Item No. 1 **Condolence on the demise of Bharat Ratna Shri Pranab Mukherjee, former President of India and former Chairman of ISI Council and Prof. Dwijesh Dutta Majumder, former faculty and former member of ISI Council.**

1.1 The President informed that the Institute deeply mourns the loss of its esteemed former Chairman, Bharat Ratna, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, former President of India and a notable public figure. Shri Mukherjee was also one of the longest serving Chairman of this Institute from 2004 to 2012.

Being a multifaceted person with a sharp mind, endowed with many scholarly traits, a voracious reader and thinker, 'Pranab da' as everyone affectionately called him, left a lasting imprint on the development and advancement of the Institution. Some of the notable decisions taken during his tenure were the alignment of service conditions of faculty members of this Institute with that of the Indian Institute of Science, initiation of North East Centre at Tezpur and formation of the R C Bose Centre for Cryptology and Security. The Institute gratefully remembered his guidance and contributions and joined the country in paying homage and deepest respects to the departed soul.

1.2 Members were informed that Prof. Dwijesh Dutta Majumder, a Council member for the terms 2008-2010, 2010-2012 and 2012-2014 of the Institute passed away on 27th June, 2020 in Kolkata. He was an eminent academician and a brilliant researcher in the field of Computer and

Communication Sciences. In the recent past, he served as a Scientist, co-opted by the Council for the term 2008-2010 and as a Representative of General Body Members of the Institute for the terms 2010-2012 and 2012-2014.

The Institute mourned his loss. The house observed one minute's silence in memory of these two great personalities.

Agenda Item No. 2 Confirmation of the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th November, 2019.

2.1 Members took note of the fact that the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of the Institute held on 11th November, 2019 were circulated under reference No. CAF/10-2/577 dated 13th December, 2019. No comments have been received from any members. The proceeding of the Annual General Body Meeting of the Institute held on 19th November, 2019 was placed for confirmation.

2.2(R) It was resolved by the General Body that the proceedings of the Annual General Body Meeting of the Institute held on 11th November, 2019, as circulated vide reference No. CAF/10-2/577 dated 13th December, 2020, be confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 3 Action Taken Report (ATR) of the previous Annual General Body Meeting held on 11th November, 2019.

3.1 Copy of the Action Taken Report (ATR) was handed over to the members and no comments were received from them. Dr. Shashi Mohan Srivastava (O/9468) suggested a correction on the resolution of Agenda Item No. 5.4 (R) regarding appointment of Dy. Directors. Necessary corrections will be made in the proceedings.

Agenda Item No. 4 Declaration of the results of the election for the:-

- I. President of the Institute**
- II. Two representatives of the members of the Institute (not employed in the Institute)**
- III. One representative of the members of the Institute (not employed in the Institute and not ordinarily resident of West Bengal).**

4.1 The Council of the Institute in its meeting held on 26th February, 2020 appointed Dr. Jadab Kr. Pal, Dy. Chief Executive (Admn.) as the Election Officer to conduct election to various positions of the Institute.

4.2 The President requested Dr. Jadab Kumar Pal, Dy. Chief Executive

(Admn.) 'GA' and Election Officer to announce the results of the election.

- 4.3 The Dy. Chief Executive (Admn.) 'GA' and Election Officer informed the house that the Council in its meeting held on 9th June, 2020 had nominated Shri Bibek Debroy, Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) and Member, Niti Aayog, for the office of the President of the Institute and no alternative nomination was received and hence, no voting through ballot was required to be held.
- 4.4(R) **It was resolved by the General Body that Shri Bibek Debroy be declared elected as the President of the Institute for a two year term commencing from 18th September, 2020.**
- 4.5 The Dy. Chief Executive (Admn.) 'GA' and Election Officer stated that for election of two representatives of the members of the Institute not employed in the Institute to the Council, five valid nominations were received namely from Shri Ajay Kumar Adhikari (Membership No. L/1565), Dr. Aditya Bagchi (Membership No. L/5664), Dr. Ratan Dasgupta (Membership No. L/8291), Shri Rabindra Narayan Das (Membership No. L/9245) and Dr. Shashi Mohan Srivastava (Membership No. O/9468). Hence, voting was necessary. Shri Rabindra Narayan Das (Membership No. L/9245) and Dr. Shashi Mohan Srivastava (Membership No. O/9468) have since secured relatively higher number of votes viz 69 and 41 respectively, and they were declared elected as two representatives of the members of the Institute not employed in the Institute to the Council.
- 4.6 The Dy. Chief Executive (Admn.) 'GA' and Election Officer further stated that for election of one representative of the members of the Institute not employed in the Institute, not ordinarily resident in West Bengal to the Council, only one nomination was received from Dr. T.S.S.R.K. Rao (Membership No. L/9235). Hence, voting was not necessary for the same. As there is no alternative nomination, Dr. T.S.S.R.K. Rao (Membership No. 9235) was elected as representative of the members of the Institute (not employed in the Institute, not ordinarily resident in West Bengal to the Council).
- 4.7(R) **It was resolved by the General Body that Shri Rabindra Narayan Das (Membership No. L/9245), Dr. Shashi Mohan Srivastava (Membership No. O/9468) and Dr. T.S.S.R.K. Rao (Membership No. 9235), (not ordinarily resident in West Bengal), be declared as three elected representatives of the Institute members not employed in the Institute to the Council for a two year term commencing from 18th September, 2020.**

Agenda Item No. 5 **Miscellaneous (if any with permission of the Chair).**

- 5.1** Dr. Shibdas Bandyopadhyay recommended a vote of thanks to Prof. Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay for successfully completing her directorship. Members present thanked Prof. Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay for her valuable service to the Institute from 1st August 2015 to 31st July 2020.
- 5.2** Prof. D. Dutta Roy highlighted the shortage of faculty members of Social Sciences Division. The Officiating Director informed the members that around 30 to 35 faculty positions are vacant as on that day. He also informed that, the issue will be discussed along with Professors-in-Charges and corrective actions will be taken accordingly.
- 5.3** Shri Rabindra Narayan Das, one of the members of the Society informed that the members of the society have been demanding a room for a long time from the administration. But till date no room has been allotted to them. He also asked for the list of members of the Society. He urged to take some responsibility to validate the list of members. He further requested the President that whenever he visits the campus, President may take some time out to meet the society members.
- 5.4** Few members raised a concern about not getting meeting invitation to attend the meeting via Video Conferencing. In this regard, it was informed to all the members that there is a limitation of 100 members who can join the meeting through video conferencing. As the society has approximately 1400 members it is not possible to accommodate all the members at any given time. As such, the Administration had requested the members to express their desire to join the meeting and accordingly the link was shared to those who had intimated about their willingness to join the meeting.

CLOSING REMARKS

The President raised his concerns that the present situation is very difficult & demanding not only for India but for the whole world. It has brought the country to a standstill. India has the second largest infected cases in the world because of the large population. The only silver lining point is the death rate/infection fertility rate which is quite low in India. He concluded by advising all the members not to panic and to remain extremely careful.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/- Dipti Prasad Mukherjee
(Officiating Director)

Sd/- Bibek Debroy
(President)

Annexure - I

List of attendees on General Body Meeting, held on 9th September, 2020.

Sl. No.	Name	Membership No.
1	Prof. Mahuya Dutta	O/9542
2	Dr. Krishanu Maulik,	O/9548
3	Dr. Sandip Mitra	L/5817
4	Prof. Gopal K. Basak	O/9540
5	Dr. Shashi Mohan Srivastava	O/9468
6	Dr. Tapan Kumar Mandal	O/9473
7	Shri R. Muthukrishnan	L/9395
8	Dr. Arijit Chaudhuri	L/4042
9	Prof. Pradipta Bandyopadhyay	O/9544
10	Prof. Dilip Saha	L/5225
11	Dr. Momoranjan Ghose	L/9322
12	Shri Somnath Ray	L/5081
13	Dr. Sarbani Patranabish Deb	O/9550
14	Dr. Sankar K. Pal	L/5238
15	Shri Amit Choudhury	L/7307
16	Prof. Ayanendranath Basu	L/7821
17	Shri Nani Gopal Mandal	L/5375
18	Dr. D. Dutta Roy	L/7715
19	Shri Rabindra Narayan Das	L/9245
20	Dr. Shibdas Bandyopadhyay	L/1902
21	Dr. T.S. Vasulu	L/7969
22	Dr. Deba Prasad Mondal	L/6049
23	Prof. Bhabatosh Chanda	L/5964
24	Prof. Sujit Adhikari	L/7983
25	Shri Jiban Krishna Pal	L/8549
26	Shri B. Uma Shankar	L/5839
27	Dr. Jadab Kumar Pal	L/9390
28	Brig Jagdish Narayan Pandey (Retd).	O/9535
29	Prof. Mrinal Kanti Das	O/9543
30	Shri Aveek Dutta	O/8581
31	Dr. Rajat Kr. De	L/5864
32	Dr. Tapas Kr. Basu	L/7560