### **Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation**

## Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation invites suggestions on draft 'The Indian Statistical Institute Bill, 2025' from public within a period of 30 days.

Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Government of India, has prepared a draft 'The Indian Statistical Institute Bill, 2025' to elevate its institutional status by converting it from a registered society to a statutory body corporate and upscaling its governance framework, thereby aligning it with peer Institutions of National Importance (INIs). Once enacted, the Bill shall replace the Indian Statistical Institute Act, 1959.

- 2. The draft Bill is founded upon following guiding principles:
  - (a) **Excellence**: promoting academic rigour, global competitiveness, and innovation;
  - (b) **Effective Governance**: establishing clear institutional structures, streamlining decision-making, and upholding integrity in leadership and administration;
  - (c) **Autonomy**: granting the Institute greater decision-making powers in its day-to-day functioning and planning;
  - (d) **Accountability**: ensuring transparency, oversight, and responsiveness to stakeholders.
- 3. As a part of pre-legislative consultative process, comments/ suggestions from public on the draft 'The Indian Statistical Institute Bill, 2025' are invited. The comments/suggestions may be provided to the Ministry within a period of 30 days i.e. on or before 24.10.2025 in the following proforma:

#### PROFORMA FOR SENDING SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS

S. No.	Section or No. of the dra	Title of the Section or Clause	Comments/ Suggestions

4. The suggestions/ comments on the draft Bill may be shared at the following email id <a href="mailto:capisi-mospi@gov.in">capisi-mospi@gov.in</a> in either MS Word (or compatible format) or machine-readable PDF format.

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### THE INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE BILL, 2025

to declare the Indian Statistical Institute as an Institution of National Importance, to provide for its incorporation as a statutory body corporate, to enable it to emerge as a globally recognised centre of excellence in statistical and allied disciplines, and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the seventy-sixth year of the Indian Republic

	CHAPTER I
	PRELIMINARY
1. Short title and	(1) This Act may be called the Indian Statistical Institute Act, 2025.
commencement.	(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint:
	Provided that different dates may be appointed for different provisions of this Act and any reference in any such provision to the commencement of this Act shall be construed as a reference to the commencement of that provision.
2. Declaration of the Institute as an Institution of National Importance.	Whereas the objects of the Existing Institute are such as to make it an Institution of National Importance, it is hereby declared that the Existing Institute is an Institution of National Importance.
3. Definitions.	In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-
	(a) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the Institute constituted under section 18 of this Act;
	(b) "Alumni" means persons who have been awarded degrees, diplomas, or certificates by the Institute.
	(c) "Board" means the Board of Governance of the Institute constituted under section 15 of this Act;
	(d) "Central Government" means the Government of India in the Ministry or Department having administrative control of the Institute;
	<ul> <li>(e) "Centre" means a campus or centre of the Institute for the purpose of academic, research, training, or outreach activities specified as such by the Board;</li> </ul>
	(f) "Deans" mean the Deans appointed under section 23 who are responsible for the organisation of academics, research, student affairs and such other functions of the Institute;

- (g) "Director" means the Director of the Institute appointed under section 21 of this Act;
- (h) "Employee" includes all persons, other than the Director, and Heads of Centres, employed by the Institute in academic, administrative, technical, or support capacities;
- "Existing Institute" means the Indian Statistical Institute registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 and recognised under the Indian Statistical Institute Act, 1959;
- (j) "Faculty" means the academic staff of the Institute engaged in teaching or research or both and includes Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and such other academic designations as may be specified by regulations;
- (k) "Fund" means the fund of the Institute referred to in section 29 of this Act:
- (I) "Head of Centre" means the person appointed as head of a Centre of the Institute in accordance with the provisions of this Act or regulations made thereunder:
- (m) "Institute" means the Existing Institute which is incorporated under sub-section (1) of section 4 of this Act;
- (n) "Registrar" means the Registrar of the Institute appointed under section 24 of this Act;
- (o) "Regulations" means the regulations made by the Board under section 39 of this Act;
- (p) "Standing orders" means the standing orders made by the Academic Council under section 40 of this Act:
- (q) "Statistical Sciences" includes the fields of theoretical and applied statistics, mathematics, economics, data science and computer science and such allied fields, including quantitative social sciences, artificial intelligence and machine learning, cryptology, and other related disciplines as may be specified by regulations;
- (r) "Student" means a person admitted to and pursuing any academic or training programme at the Institute; and
- (s) "Visitor" means the President of India who is the Visitor of the Institute under section 14 of this Act.

#### **CHAPTER II**

INCORPORATION AND STRUCTURE OF THE INSTITUTE

## 4. Incorporation of the Institute.

- (1) On and from the date of commencement of this Act, the existing Institute shall be a body corporate by the same name.
- (2) The Institute shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power, subject to the provisions of this Act, to acquire, hold and dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and to contract and shall, by the said name, sue or be sued.

# 5. Effect of incorporation of Institute.

On and from the commencement of this Act,—

- (a) any reference to the existing Institute in any contract or other instrument shall be deemed as a reference to the Institute;
- (b) all properties, movable and immovable, of or belonging to the existing Institute shall vest in the Institute;
- (c) all rights and debts, and other liabilities of the existing Institute shall be transferred to and be the rights, debts and liabilities of the Institute;
- (d) every person employed by the existing Institute, immediately before such commencement shall hold office or service in the Institute, with the same tenure, at the same remuneration and upon the same terms and conditions and with the same rights and privileges as to pension, leave, gratuity, provident fund and other matters as he would have held had this Act not been enacted and shall continue to do so unless and until his employment is terminated or until such tenure, remuneration and terms and conditions are duly altered by regulations:

Provided that if the alteration so made is not acceptable to such employee, his employment may be terminated by the Institute in accordance with the terms of the contract with the employee, or, if no provision is made therein in this behalf, on payment to him by the Institute, of a compensation equivalent to three months' remuneration in the case of permanent employees and one month's remuneration in the case of other employees:

Provided further that any reference, by whatever form of words, to the Chairman of the Institute, Director, Chief Executive (Administration and Finance), and other officers of the existing Institute under any law for the time being in force, or any instrument or other document, shall be construed as a reference to the Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Director, Registrar, and other officers, as the case may be, of the corresponding Institute:

Provided also that every person employed before the commencement of this Act, pending the execution of a contract, shall be deemed to have been appointed in accordance with the provisions of a contract consistent with the provisions of this Act and the regulations;

	(e) every person pursuing, before the commencement of this Act, any academic or research course in the existing Institute, shall be deemed to have migrated and registered with the Institute, on such commencement at the same level of course in the existing Institute from which such person migrated; and
	(f) all suits and other legal proceedings instituted or which could have been instituted by or against the existing Institute, immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall be continued or instituted by or against the Institute.
6. Objectives of the Institute.	The Institute shall have the following objectives, namely,-
the institute.	(a) to ensure that the Institute is a centre of global excellence for the study of statistical sciences and allied fields;
	(b) to advance and disseminate knowledge of statistical sciences and allied fields;
	(c) to foster interdisciplinary research in statistics, mathematics, economics, computer science, and other fields;
	(d) to develop innovative educational methodologies and cutting-edge research facilities;
	<ul> <li>(e) to enhance collaboration between the industry, academia, and government, in order to, inter alia, promote practical application of knowledge for public interest;</li> </ul>
	(f) to generate and manage resources effectively, with the aim of becoming financially self-sustaining to the extent possible; and
	(g) to undertake such activities conducive to establishing the Institute as a globally recognised centre of excellence.
7. Powers and functions of the Institute.	Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Institute shall exercise the following powers and perform the following functions, namely:—
institute.	(a) to carry out the administration and management of the Institute;
	(b) to provide by regulations for the admission of candidates to the various courses of study in conformity with the laws for the time being in force;
	<ul> <li>(c) to specify and conduct courses of study, training and research in subjects including but not limited to the area of statistical sciences and allied fields, and document, and disseminate knowledge thereof;</li> </ul>
	(d) to evolve innovative pedagogies in subjects including but not limited to statistical sciences and allied fields;

- (e) to set up centres and campuses in India and abroad either on its own or in association with partner institutions with a view to achieve the objectives of the Institute;
- (f) to grant degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions or titles and to institute and award Chair Professorship, fellowships, scholarships, prizes and medals, honorary awards and other distinctions;
- (g) to enhance the reach of education by the use of information and communication technology and other innovative methods;
- (h) to promote start-ups, incubations and entrepreneurial efforts;
- to establish and maintain such infrastructure as may be necessary and to invest and deal with any moneys and securities of the Institute not immediately required for any of its activities in such a manner as may be provided by the regulations or Standing Orders of the Institute;
- to determine, specify and receive payment of fees and other charges as that Institute may deem fit, from students and any other person, institution or body corporate for instruction and other services, including training, consultancy and advisory services, provided by the Institute;
- (k) to acquire, hold, and deal with the property belonging to or vested in the Institute, with the approval of the Board, and in case of immovable property, under prior intimation to the Central Government, for advancing the objects of the Institute subject to the condition that such property is not obtained wholly or partly from the State Government or the Central Government funds:

Provided that where the land for the Institute has been provided free of cost by a State Government or the Central Government such land may be disposed of only with the prior approval of the Central Government:

- (I) to create academic, administrative, technical, and other posts under the Institute other than the post of Director of the Institute and to make appointments thereto;
- (m) to appoint committees for the disposal of any business of the Institute or for tendering advice in any matter pertaining to the Institute;
- (n) to receive grants, gifts and contributions and to have custody of the funds including internally generated funds of the Institute to meet the expenses, capital expenditure of the Institute and expenses incurred in the exercise of its powers and discharge of its functions;

(o) to invest any surplus funds not needed for immediate research work in accordance with the provisions contained in Sections 11(2), 11(3) and 11(5) of the Income Tax Act 1961 as amended from time to time; (p) to create any reserve fund, corpus fund, sinking fund, insurance fund, provident fund or any other special fund, whether for depreciation or repairs, improving, extending or maintaining any of the properties or rights of the Institute and/or for recoupment of wasting assets and/or benefits of the employees and for any other purposes for which the Institute deems it expedient or proper to create or maintain any such fund or funds; (g) to create partnership, affiliation and other classes of professional or honorary or technical membership or office as the Institute may consider necessary; and (r) to do all such things and activities, incidental to the attainment of all or any of the objectives of the Institute. 8. Institute to be (1) The Institute shall be open to all persons irrespective of gender, race, creed, caste, or class, and no test or condition shall be imposed as to open to all irrespective of gender, race, creed, religious belief or profession in admitting or appointing students, members, caste or class. employees and faculty or in any other connection whatsoever. (2) No beguest, donation or transfer of any property shall be accepted by the Institute which, in the opinion of the Board, involves conditions or obligations opposed to the spirit and object of this section. (3) The admission to every academic course or programme of study in the Institute shall be based on merit assessed through transparent and reasonable criteria disclosed through its prospectus, prior to the commencement of the process of admission by the Institute: Provided that nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent any Institute from making special provisions for the employment or admission of women, persons with disabilities or persons belonging to any socially and educationally backward classes of citizens and, in particular, for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes: Provided further that every such Institute shall be a Central Educational Institution for the purposes of the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006. Institute to be (1) The Institute shall be a not-for-profit legal entity. not-for-profit legal entity. (2) No part of the surplus, if any, in revenue of the Institute, after meeting all expenditure in regard to its operations under this Act, shall be invested for any purpose other than to achieve the objectives of the Institute under this Act.

	(3) The Institute shall strive to raise funds for self-sufficiency and sustainability, as far as possible.
10. Appointments to the Institute	All appointments on the faculty and employees of any Institute, except that of the Director, shall be made in accordance with the procedure laid down in the regulations, by
	<ul> <li>(a) the Board of Governance, if the appointment is made on the faculty in the post of Assistant Professor or above or if the appointment is made on the non-faculty staff in any cadre, the maximum of the pay-scale for which exceeds such amount as may be prescribed;</li> </ul>
	(b) the Board of Governance, in case of appointment of Heads of Centres and Deans;
	(c) by the Director, in any other case.
11. Divisions of the Institute.	(1) The Institute shall group its academic, scientific, administrative, and service functions into distinct Divisions, units, or any name deemed fit, for the effective performance of its teaching, research, training, consultancy, outreach, and administrative functions.
	(2) The Board may, by regulations, reorganise, name, rename, merge, or discontinue any Division or create new Divisions in accordance with the academic and strategic needs of the Institute, and every such change shall take effect from the date specified in the said regulations.
	(3) The Board shall ensure that the Divisions are constituted and governed in a manner that encourages interdisciplinary collaboration, avoids duplication of functions, and reflects the evolving academic priorities of the Institute.
	(4) The functions, powers, and internal governance structures of each Division shall be such as may be specified by regulations.
12. Centres of the Institute.	(1) The Institute may establish and maintain Centres, Branches and Outlying Units at such locations as may be approved by the Board, for the purpose of conducting research, teaching, training, consultancy, and outreach activities in furtherance of the objectives of the Institute.
, the state of the	(2) The Board may, by regulations, establish new centres or modify, merge, relocate, or discontinue existing centres, branches and outlying units based on academic priorities, regional needs, and available resources.
	(3) Each Centre shall, to the extent possible, be autonomous in its functioning and overall administration.
	(4) Each Centre shall, to the extent possible, be financially independent for the purposes of its day-to-day administration.

	(5) Every Centre shall have its own Management Council, as laid down in the Regulations, with the prior approval of the Central Government.
	(6) The Board shall ensure that Centres, branches and outlying units are integrated with the overall governance and academic planning of the Institute, while being given adequate functional autonomy to serve local and institutional goals effectively.
	CHAPTER III
	GOVERNING STRUCTURE OF THE INSTITUTE
13. The Authorities of the Institute.	The governing structure of the Institute consists of the following:
of the institute.	(a) The Visitor appointed under section 14;
	(b) The Board of Governance constituted under section 15;
	(c) The Academic Council constituted under section 18;
	(d) The Finance Committee constituted under section 20;
	(e) The Director appointed under section 21;
	(f) The Heads of Centres appointed under section 22;
	(g) The Deans appointed under section 23;
	(h) Any other authority appointed or constituted under this Act.
14. Visitor of the Institute.	(1) The Visitor of the Institute shall be the President of India.
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	(2) The Visitor may, by general order or special order in writing, delegate to any person, subject to any conditions as specified in the order, such of its powers and functions under this Act as he may deem necessary.
15. Board of Governance.	(1) The Board of Governance shall be the principal executive body of the Institute.
	(2) The Board shall consist of the following members, namely:-
	<ul> <li>(a) a Chairperson, from amongst eminent persons distinguished in the field of academia, industry, education, public policy, statistical sciences and allied sciences, or similar other fields, to be nominated by the Visitor on the recommendation of the Central Government;</li> </ul>

- (b) One representative of the Ministry of Statistics Program Implementation, at the level of Joint Secretary and above;
- (c) One representative of the Department of Science and Technology, at the level of Joint Secretary and above;
- (d) One representative of the Ministry of Finance, at the level of Joint Secretary and above;
- (e) Four eminent persons nominated by the Central Government in the area of statistical sciences and allied fields, in the manner as prescribed through rules;
- (f) Three Representatives of the Institute, including:
  - (i) The Director, ex officio;
  - (ii) The Dean of Studies, ex officio;
  - (iii) The Head of a Centre, as specified by the regulations;
- (g) The Registrar will be the non-member Secretary of the Board.
- (3) The Board shall meet at least once every four months:

Provided that, for specific matters pertaining to a Centre, Branch, Division or Outlying Unit, the Heads of these Centres, Branches, Divisions or Units may be invited to the Board for a discussion on the relevant agenda.

16. Term of office, vacancies among, and allowances payable to, members of the Board.

(1) Save as otherwise provided in this section, the term of office of members of the Board, other than the *ex officio* members, shall be three years from the date of their appointment or nomination:

Provided further that a member of the Board, other than an *ex officio* member, may be appointed or nominated for a second term:

Provided also that a member of the Board, other than an *ex officio* member, shall not be appointed or nominated for more than two consecutive terms

- (2) The term of office of an *ex officio* member shall continue so long as he holds the office by virtue of which he is a member of the Board.
- (3) A member of the Board, other than a nominee of the Central Government, who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board without permission of the Chairperson, shall cease to be a member of the Board.
- (4) A casual vacancy of a member shall be filled up in accordance with the prescribed rules and specified regulations.

(5) The term of office of a member nominated to fill a casual vacancy shall continue for the remainder of the term of the member in whose place he has been so nominated. (6) Members of the Board shall be entitled to such allowances, as may be specified in the Regulations, for attending meetings of the Board. 17. Powers and (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board of the Institute shall be functions of Board. responsible for the general superintendence, direction and control of the affairs of the Institute, and shall exercise all the powers of that Institute not otherwise provided for by this Act, the regulations and the Standing Orders, to achieve the objects of the Institute specified in section 6, and shall have the power to review the acts of the Academic Council. (2) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-section (1), the Board shall have the following powers, namely:-(a) to take decisions on questions of policy relating to the administration and working of the Institute; (b) to examine and approve the annual budget estimates of the Institute; (c) to examine and approve the plan for development of the Institute and to identify sources of finance for implementation of the plan; (d) to establish departments, faculties or schools of studies and initiate programmes or courses of study at the Institute; (e) to set up centres of studies in statistics and allied areas within the country under intimation to the Central Government; (f) to grant degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions or titles, and to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, prizes and medals as recommended by the Academic Council; (g) to confer honorary degrees in such manner as may be specified by the regulations; (h) to grant honorary awards and other distinctions; (i) to create academic, administrative, technical and other posts and to make appointments thereto: Provided that the cadre, the pay scales, allowances and term of employment of such posts shall be such as may be determined by the Central Government:

- to determine, by regulations, the number and emoluments of such posts and to define the duties and conditions of services of the academic, administrative, technical and other staff;
- (k) to set up centres of studies in statistics and allied areas outside India in accordance with guidelines laid down by the Central Government from time to time and in accordance with the provisions of the laws for the time being in force in such foreign country;
- (I) to specify by regulations, the fees to be charged for courses of study and examinations in the Institute;
- (m) to specify by regulations the manner of formation of the department of teaching;
- (n) to specify by regulations the institution of fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, medals and prizes;
- (o) to specify by regulations the qualifications, classification, terms of office and method of appointment of the academic, administrative, technical and other staff of the Institute:
- (p) to specify by regulations the constitution of pension, insurance and provident funds for the benefit of the academic, administrative, technical and other staff;
- (q) to specify by regulations, the establishment and maintenance of buildings;
- (r) to specify by regulations, the conditions of residence of students of the Institute and levying of fees for residence in the halls and hostels and of other charges;
- (s) to specify by regulations, the manner of authentication of the orders and decisions of the Board:
- (t) to specify by regulations, the quorum for meetings of the Board, the Academic Council or any Committee, and the procedures to be followed in the conduct of their business;
- (u) to specify by regulations, the financial accountability of the Institute; and
- (v) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed upon it by this Act or the rules made thereunder.

	(3) The Board of the Institute shall be the final decision-making body of the Institute in respect of every matter of such Institute, including the academic, administrative, personnel, financial, and developmental matters.
	(4) The Board shall not infringe upon the powers of the respective authorities provided under the regulations or Standing Orders, as the case may be, and where any authority has been given advisory or recommendatory powers, the Board shall obtain advice and recommendations from such authority, before deciding on any matter before it.
	(5) The Board shall, in the exercise of its power and discharge of its functions under this Act, be accountable to the Central Government.
18. Academic Council.	(1) The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the Institute.
	(2) The Academic Council shall consist of the following persons, namely:—
	(a) All Heads of Divisions, at the Institute and the Centres;
	(b) Director, ex officio, who shall be the Chairperson
	(c) the Heads of Centres;
	(d) Dean of Studies, <i>ex officio</i> , who shall be the Convenor, and other Deans.
	(3) The Registrar will be the non-member Secretary of the Council.
	(4) A full meeting of the Academic Council will be held at least once a year and periodical meetings may be held at the Centres of the Institute with members of that Centre to consider problems faced by that Centre.
19. Powers and	The Academic Council shall make recommendations to the Board regarding,-
functions of the Academic Council.	(a) teaching and training programmes including:-
	(i) introduction, discontinuation or modification and organisation of courses;
	(ii) eligibility requirements and procedures for selection of students;
	(iii) examination and evaluation systems;
	(iv) award of degrees, diplomas and certificates.
	(b) promotion of interdisciplinary studies and research within the Institute; and

	(c) collaboration between the Institute and external organisations:  Provided that for the collaboration between a Centre and an external organisation, the Management Council of the Centre shall have the power to make such recommendations to the Board.
20. Finance	(1) The Institute may constitute a Finance Committee.
Committee.	(2) The Finance Committee shall examine the accounts, scrutinise proposals for expenditure and financial estimates of the Institute and thereafter submit them to the relevant authority together with its comments for approval.
	(3) The constitution, powers and functions of the Finance Committee of the Institute shall be such as may be specified in regulations.
21. Director.	(1) The Director shall be the Principal Executive Officer of the Institute, and shall be responsible for–
	(a) providing leadership to the Institute;
	(b) proper administration of the Institute,
	(c) imparting of instructions and maintenance of discipline therein; and
	(d) implementation of the decisions of the Board and the Academic Council.
	(2) The Director shall be appointed by the Chairperson, on such terms and conditions of service as may be prescribed.
	(3) The Director shall be appointed out of the panel of names recommended by a search-cum-selection committee to be constituted by the Central Government, consisting of:—
	(a) Chairperson of the Board, who shall be the Chairperson of the search-cum-selection committee;
	(b) Three members nominated by the Board from amongst eminent administrators, industrialists, educationists, scientists, technocrats and specialists in statistics, mathematics, economics, computer science, and allied fields, who shall be members;
	(c) One member nominated by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation:

Provided that where the Central Government is not satisfied with the recommendations of the search-cum-selection committee, it may ask the search-cum selection committee to make fresh recommendations.

(4) The Director shall exercise the powers and perform the duties as may be assigned to him by this Act or the regulations or the Standing Orders, or delegated to him by the Board:

Provided that the Board may lay down the criteria to be followed by the Director while exercising his powers and performing his duties, which shall be evaluated by the Central Government annually, and if the Central Government is of the opinion that such criteria has not been followed, then it may, after giving an opportunity of being heard to the Director, initiate action for removal of such Director under subsection (7).

- (5) The Director shall, except on account of resignation or removal, hold office for a term of five years, from the date on which he enters upon his office.
- (6) The Director may, by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Chairperson of the Board, resign his office at any time.
- (7) The Visitor may remove from office a Director, who—
  - (a) has been adjudged as an insolvent; or
  - (b) has been convicted of an offence which, in the opinion of the Visitor, involves moral turpitude; or
  - (c) has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a Director; or
  - (d) has acquired such financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially his functions as a Director; or
  - (e) has so abused his position or so conducted himself as to render his continuance in office prejudicial to the public interest; or
  - (f) has been found unfit to serve as a Director pursuant to the conduct of an inquiry instituted by the Board:

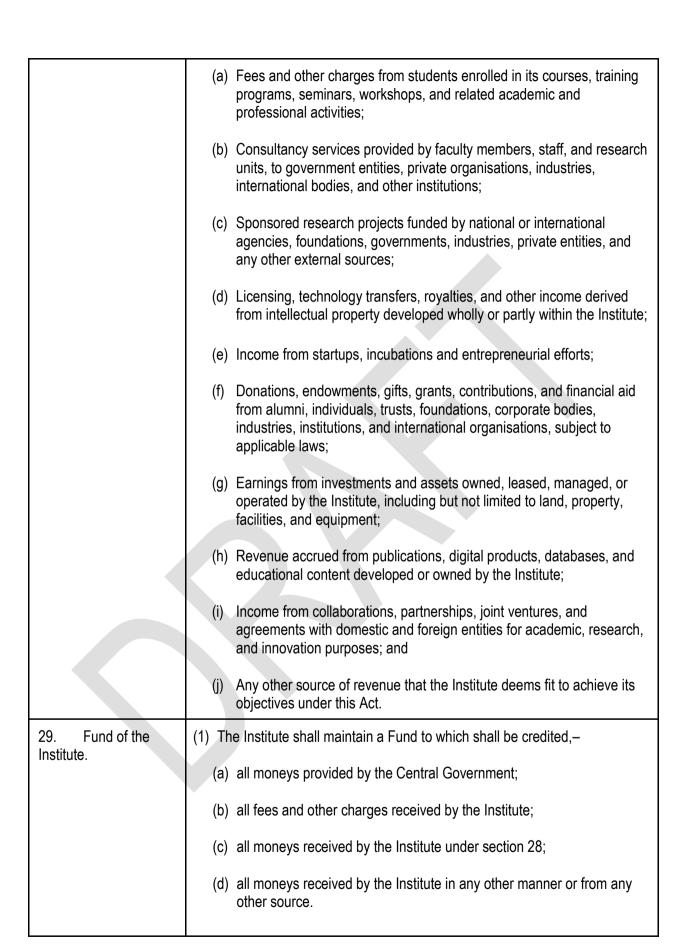
Provided that the Director shall not be removed from office except by an order made by the Visitor, after an inquiry instituted by the Board in which the Director has been informed of the charges against him and given a reasonable opportunity of being heard in respect of those charges.

(8) Where the post of Director is likely to fall vacant on account of completion of tenure, the Board shall initiate the process of appointment nine months prior to the occurrence of such vacancy.

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	(9) Where the post of Director falls vacant on account of any reason, the Board may appoint the senior-most faculty member in the Institute or any other person that the Board may deem fit as the Director in charge until a regular Director is appointed.
	(10)Where, in the opinion of the Director, any situation is so emergent that an immediate decision needs to be taken in the interest of the Institute, the Director may issue such orders as may be necessary, recording the grounds for his opinion:
	Provided that such orders shall be submitted for ratification by the Board in its meeting immediately following the issuing of such orders by the Director.
22. Heads of Centres.	(1) Each Centre shall be headed by a Head of Centre, who shall be appointed by the Board of Governance in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be specified by regulations.
	(2) Each Head of Centre shall be responsible to the Board of Governance for all scientific, academic, administrative, and financial matters concerning the functioning of the Centre.
	(3) Each Head of Centre shall be responsible for ensuring the effective functioning of their Centre, and shall have the following responsibilities:
	(a) providing leadership to the Centre;
	(b) proper administration of the Centre,
	(c) imparting of instructions and maintenance of discipline therein at their Centre; and
	(d) implementation of the decisions of their Management Council and the Academic Council.
	(4) Each Head of Centre shall exercise the powers and perform the duties as may be assigned to him by this Act or the regulations or the Standing Orders, or delegated to him by the Board of Governance or the Management Council of that Centre.
	(5) Each Head of Centre shall submit an annual performance review report of that Centre to the Board.
23. Deans and Associate Deans.	(1) The Deans of the Institute shall be responsible to the Director for the organisation of academics, research, student affairs and such other functions of the Institute.

(2) The Deans of the Centres shall be responsible to the Head of the respective Centres for the organisation of academics, research, student affairs and such other functions of the Centre.
(3) The Deans shall be appointed by the Board from a panel of names in the categories of Associate Professor and other scientific researchers of equivalent rank or above who are engaged in teaching.
(4) The panel of names shall be such as may be chosen by the Academic Council.
(5) The term of office of every Dean shall be two years from the date of appointment.
(6) There shall be a Dean of Studies responsible for the organisation of academics in the Institute.
(7) Every other Dean shall be assigned a specific portfolio, which they are in charge of during their term of office.
(8) The Director, in consultation with the concerned Deans, may appoint Associate Deans as may be specified by regulations.
(1) The Registrar of the Institute shall be appointed by the Board in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in the regulations.
(2) The Registrar shall be the custodian of records, the common seal, the funds of the Institute and such other property of the Institute as the Board may commit to his charge.
(3) The Registrar shall act as the Secretary of the Board, the Academic Council, and any other authority or committee as may be specified in the regulations.
(4) The Registrar shall be responsible to the Director for the proper discharge of his functions.
(5) The Registrar shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him in this Act or the regulations or by the Board or by the Director.
(1) There shall be a Deputy Registrar for each Centre, appointed by the Board in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in the regulations.
(2) The Deputy Registrar shall be the custodian of records for each Centre and provide administrative support to the Head of the Centre, as may be required.

	(3) The Deputy Registrar shall act as the Secretary of the Management Council of each Centre.	
	(4) The Deputy Registrar shall be responsible to the Head of the Centre for the proper discharge of his functions.	
	(5) The Deputy Registrars shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to them in this Act or the regulations or by the Board or by the Head of the Centre or by the Management Council.	
26. Committees and other authorities.	(1) The Board may, by regulations, constitute committees and authorities of the Institute and the Centres, by whatever name called, clearly specifying the composition, duties, and functions of each such committee or authority.	
	(2) These committees or authorities may be constituted for the purposes of-	
	<ul> <li>(a) attracting, negotiating, and administering external academic and research projects and collaborations, including intellectual property management and technology transfer arising from such projects or collaborations.</li> </ul>	
	(b) facilitating coordination and effective communication with the Central Government;	
	(c) strengthening alumni relations, outreach, engagement, and coordination, including mobilizing alumni support to achieve the objectives of the Institute; and	
	(d) any other purpose considered necessary by the Board to advance and effectively manage the affairs of the Institute and the Centres.	
	(3) The committees or authorities constituted under this section may be permanent or <i>ad hoc</i> , as the Board may deem fit.	
	CHAPTER IV	
	FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING PROVISIONS	
27. Grants by Central Government.	For the purpose of enabling the Institute to discharge its functions efficiently under this Act, the Central Government may, after due appropriation made by Parliament by law in this behalf, pay to the Institute such sums of money in such manner as it may think fit.	
28. Power of Institute to generate revenue.	The Institute shall have the authority to generate revenue through the following means:	



- (2) All moneys credited to the Fund of the Institute shall be deposited in such banks or invested with approval from the Central Government, and in such manner as may be laid down by the Board in the regulations.
  (3) The Institute shall create a corpus fund for long-term sustainability of the Institute, to which shall be credited such percentage of the net income of
  - Provided that the Board may also create endowment funds for specific purposes to which donations may be specifically made.

the Institute and donations made specifically towards such corpus fund as the Central Government may in accordance with the provisions of the

(4) The Fund of the Institute shall be applied towards meeting its expenses including expenditure incurred in the exercise of its powers and discharge of its duties under this Act, and for such other purposes as may be specified by the regulations.

## 30. Accounts and audit.

- (1) The Institute shall maintain proper accounts including income and expenditure statements, internal audit report and statement audited by internal auditor specifying investments and other relevant records and prepare annual statement of accounts including the balance sheet in such form and as per such accounting standard as may be specified by notification by the Central Government in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India.
- (2) Where the statement of income and expenditure and the balance sheet of the Institute do not comply with the accounting standards, the Institute shall disclose in its statement of income and expenditure and balance sheet, the following, namely:—
  - (a) the deviation from the accounting standards;
  - (b) the reasons for such deviation; and

Income Tax Act, 1961, notify:

- (c) the financial effect, if any, arising out of such deviation.
- (3) The accounts of the Institute shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India, and any expenditure incurred by the audit team in connection with such audit shall be payable by the Institute to the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India.
- (4) The Comptroller and Auditor-General of India and any person appointed by him in connection with the audit of the accounts of any Institute shall have the same rights, privileges and authority in connection with such audit as the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India has in connection with the audit of the Government accounts and, in particular, shall have the right to demand the production of books, accounts, connected

	vouchers and other documents and papers and to inspect the offices of the Institute.  (5) The accounts of the Institute as certified by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India or any other person appointed by him in this behalf together with the audit report thereon shall be forwarded annually to the Central Government and that Government shall cause the same to be laid before each House of Parliament in accordance with such procedure as may be laid down by the Central Government.
31. Books of	The Institute shall keep proper updated books of account with respect to—
account to be maintained by the Institute.	(a) all sums of money received and expended by it and the matters in respect of which receipts and expenditures take place;
	(b) the assets and liabilities of the Institute;
	(c) the properties, movable and immovable, of the Institute.
	Explanation.—For the purposes of this section, if books of account give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Institute and its transactions, it shall be deemed as proper books of account with respect to the matters specified therein.
32. Appointment of auditors.	(1) The Board of the Institute shall, prior to the end of every financial year, and without prejudice to the provisions contained in the Comptroller and Auditor-General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 or any other law for the time being in force containing provisions for audit of accounts by the Institute, appoint such auditors including the internal auditor, on such remuneration as it thinks appropriate, to scrutinise the balance sheet and the statement of income and expenditure of the Institute:
	Provided that the Board shall change the auditors after every four years.
	(2) The Board of the Institute shall constitute an Audit Committee to provide expert advice on the effectiveness of the internal control system, risk management and audit report to the Board.
	(3) The auditor appointed under sub-section (1) or any person employed by him shall not have any direct or indirect interest, whether pecuniary or otherwise, in any matter concerning or related to the administration or functions of the Institute.
33. Board to consider statement of accounts.	(1) The statement of accounts, including the balance sheet and the statement of income and expenditure, the auditor's report and other documents, including any reports, if any, prepared by the Audit Committee under subsection (2) of section 32, required to be annexed or attached with such

	statement, shall be brought before the Board in its meeting not later than three months after the conclusion of each financial year.
	(2) A copy of every statement of accounts referred to in sub-section (1) shall be sent to every member of the Board not less than twenty-one days before the date of the meeting.
	(3) The statement of accounts referred to in sub-section (1) shall, on its approval by the Board, be published on the website of the Institute.
34. Annual Financial Report of The Institute.	(1) Alongside the statement of accounts presented to the Board of the Institute under section 33, the Director shall submit an annual financial report.
	(2) This report shall cover,–
	(a) The financial state and administrative affairs of the Institute;
	(b) The amounts, if any, proposed to be transferred to surplus reserves, as indicated in the Institute's balance sheet;
	(c) Instances, if any, identified in the auditor's report concerning understatement or overstatement of surplus income over expenditure or shortfall of expenditure over income, along with explanations for such discrepancies;
	(d) Details of appointments of officers and faculty members, specifically limited to their financial implications for the Institute.
	(3) This report shall include a statement listing the five officers, faculty members, or other employees of the Institute who received the highest remuneration, inclusive of allowances and any other payments made during the financial year.
	(4) The statement referred to in sub-section (3) shall explicitly indicate if any listed employee is a relative of any member of the Board or Academic Council, and if so, the name of such member and other particulars as determined by the Board.
	(5) The Director shall provide comprehensive clarifications regarding any reservation, qualification, or adverse remark made in the auditor's report within report.
	(6) The Director shall submit this report to the Central Government within such timelines as may be prescribed.
	CHAPTER V
	PERFORMANCE REVIEW
	timelines as may be prescribed.  CHAPTER V

## 35. Review by Visitor.

- (1) The Visitor may, from time to time, appoint one or more persons to,–
  - (a) review the work and progress of the Institute,
  - (b) hold inquiries for this purpose, and
  - (c) submit a report thereon in such manner as the Visitor may direct.
- (2) Upon receipt of any such report, the Visitor may, after obtaining the views of the Board thereon through the Director of such Institute, take such action and issue such directions as it considers necessary in respect of any of the matters dealt with in the report, and the Institute shall be bound to comply with such directions.

# 36. Annual performance report by Director.

- (1) Alongside the annual financial report, the Director shall also submit an annual performance review report of the Institute to the Board.
- (2) This report shall cover—
  - (a) A review of the academic, research, and training activities undertaken by the Institute during the financial year, including major achievements and challenges;
  - (b) An assessment of the progress made towards fulfilling the strategic objectives and institutional development goals as approved by the Board;
  - (c) A summary of interdisciplinary initiatives, external collaborations, and innovation-driven programmes launched or significantly advanced during the year;
  - (d) Measures undertaken to improve academic quality, research output, and student outcomes, along with supporting data or indicators;
  - (e) Institutional initiatives for faculty development, research capacity enhancement, or curriculum reform:
  - (f) Key administrative and governance reforms undertaken to improve efficiency, transparency, or institutional autonomy.
- (3) The report shall also include—
  - (a) A list of measurable performance indicators, both internal and external, applied by the Institute for self-assessment;
  - (b) A comparative statement of actual performance vis-à-vis targets set at the beginning of the financial year;

(c) A summary of external rankings, recognitions, or accreditations received, if any.
) The Director shall also include explanations and responses to any adverse findings or recommendations made in periodic reviews, if any, conducted by the Visitor or the Central Government or the Board in the previous financial year.
) The Director shall submit this Performance Review Report to the Central Government within such timelines as may be prescribed, and a copy shall be placed before the Board for its consideration and recommendations, if any.
) The Central Government shall conduct an annual review of the performance of the Director, in the context of the achievements of the objects of the Institute:
Provided that such review shall include performance reviews of faculty members of the Institute on such parameters, periodicity and terms of reference as may be determined by the Central Government.
) The Board shall evaluate and review the performance of the Institute, including its faculty.
) The review shall be conducted on the parameters of medium-term and long-term strategy and rolling plans of the Institute and such other parameters as the Board may decide.
) The review shall be conducted within a period of three years from the date of incorporation of the Institute, and thereafter at least once every three years.
) The review shall be conducted by an independent agency or group of experts appointed by the Board.
) The qualifications, experience and the manner of selection of the independent agency or group of experts shall be such as may be specified by regulations.
) The Board shall submit the review report prepared as a result of the review to the Central Government along with an action-taken report and shall also publish the review report on its website.
) The Institute shall cooperate with, and provide such information, records, and assistance as may be required by, any authority or body entrusted with conducting performance reviews under this Chapter.
) Such cooperation shall include:
(a) Furnishing timely access to documents, data, and internal reports;

	(b) Facilitating meetings with faculty, staff, and students as may be necessary for the review; and
	(c) Providing written responses or clarifications to observations or queries raised during the course of such reviews.
	CHAPTER VI
	REGULATIONS & STANDING ORDERS
39. Power to make regulations.	(1) The Board of the Institute may, by notification, make regulations not inconsistent with this Act and the rules made thereunder to carry out the provisions of this Act.
	<ul> <li>(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such regulations may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:— <ul> <li>(a) the disciplines included within statistical sciences as defined in clause (p) of section 3;</li> <li>(b) the tenure, remuneration and the terms and conditions of persons employed by the existing Institute under clause (d) of section 5;</li> <li>(c) admission of candidates to the various courses of study under clause (b) of section 7;</li> <li>(d) to establish and maintain such infrastructure as may be necessary and to invest and deal with any moneys and securities of the Institute under clause (h) of section 7;</li> <li>(e) the procedure of appointments of the staff of the Institute under section 10;</li> <li>(f) the reorganisation, renaming, remerging, merging, discontinuation, or creation of any Division under sub-section (2) of section 11;</li> <li>(g) functions, powers, and internal governance structures of each Division under sub-section (4) of section 11;</li> <li>(h) the establishment of new centres or the modification, merger, relocation or discontinuation of any existing centres, branches and outlying units under sub-section (2) of section 12;</li> <li>(i) appointment process of the Heads of Centres under sub-section (3) of section 12;</li> <li>(j) the appointment, constitution and functioning of the management council of the Centres under sub-section (5) of section 12;</li> <li>(k) conferment of honorary degrees under clause (g) of sub-section (6) of section 16;</li> <li>(m) the conferment of honorary degrees under clause (g) of sub-section (2) of section 17;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- (n) the number and emoluments of academic, administrative, technical and other posts and to define the duties and conditions of services of the staff under clause (j) of sub-section (2) of section 17;
- (o) the fees to be charged for courses of study and examinations in the Institute under clause (I) of sub-section (2) of section 17;
- (p) the manner of formation of the department of teaching under clause (m) of sub-section (2) of section 17;
- (q) the institution of fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, medals and prizes under clause (n) of sub-section (2) of section 17;
- (r) the qualifications, classification, terms of office and method of appointment of the academic, administrative, technical and other staff of the Institute under clause (o) of sub-section (2) of section 17;
- (s) the constitution of pension, insurance and provident funds for the benefit of the academic, administrative, technical and other staff under clause (p) of sub-section (2) of section 17;
- (t) the establishment and maintenance of buildings under clause (q) of sub-section (2) of section 17;
- (u) the conditions of residence of students of the Institute and levying of fees for residence in the halls and hostels, and of other charges under clause (r) of sub-section (2) of section 17;
- (v) the manner of authentication of the orders and decisions of the Board under clause (s) of sub-section (2) of section 17;
- (w) the quorum for meetings of the Board, the Academic Council or any Committee, and the procedures to be followed in the conduct of their business under clause (t) of sub-section (2) of section 17;
- (x) the financial accountability of the Institute under clause (u) of subsection (2) of section 17;
- (y) the constitution, powers and functions of the Finance Committee under sub-section (3) of section 20;
- (z) the powers and duties of the Director under sub-section (4) of section 21;
- (aa) the terms of appointment of the Heads of Centres under section 22:
- (bb)the process of appointment of Associate Deans by the Director under sub-section (8) of section 23;
- (cc) the terms and conditions of the appointment of the Registrar under sub-section (1) of section 24;
- (dd)the powers, functions and duties of the Registrar under sub-sections (3) and (5) of section 24;
- (ee)the constitution, composition, duties and functioning of committees and authorities under sub-section (1) of section 26;
- (ff) the review of existing committees and terms and conditions of their functioning under sub-section (1) of section 47;

	<ul> <li>(gg)the manner of investment of the moneys credited to the Fund of the Institute under sub-section (2) of section 29;</li> <li>(hh)the purpose of expenditure of the Fund of the Institute under subsection (4) of section 29;</li> <li>(ii) The qualifications, experience and the manner of selection of the independent agency or group of experts reviewing the performance of the Board under sub-section (5) of section 37.</li> </ul>
40. Power to make standing orders.	(1) The Academic Council of the Institute may, by notification, issue Standing Orders not inconsistent with this Act, the rules made thereunder, and regulations made by the Board to carry out the provisions of this Act.
	(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such Standing Orders may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—
	<ul> <li>(a) the admission of the students to the Institute;</li> <li>(b) the courses of study to be laid down for all degrees and diplomas of the Institute;</li> <li>(c) the conditions under which students shall be admitted to the degree or diploma courses and to the examinations of the Institute, and shall be eligible for degrees and diplomas;</li> <li>(d) the conditions of award of the fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, medals and prizes;</li> <li>(e) the conditions and mode of appointment and duties of examining bodies, examiners and moderators;</li> <li>(f) the conduct of examinations;</li> <li>(g) the maintenance of discipline among the students of the Institute; and</li> <li>(h) any other matter which is to be provided for by the Standing orders, as the Act or Regulations may prescribe.</li> <li>(3) All Standing Orders made by the Academic Council shall have effect from such date as it may direct, but every Standing Order shall be submitted to the Board and shall be considered by the Board at its next</li> </ul>
	meeting.  (4) The Board shall have power by resolution to modify or cancel any such Standing Order, and such Standing Order shall stand modified or cancelled accordingly from the date of such resolution.
	CHAPTER VII
	MISCELLANEOUS
41. Acts and proceedings not to be invalidated by vacancies, etc.	No act of any Institute or the Board or the Academic Council or any other body set up under this Act or the regulations, shall be invalid merely by reason of—  (a) any vacancy or defect in the constitution of a body; or

	(b) any irregularity in the procedure of a body not affecting the merits of the case; or
	(c) any defect in the selection, nomination or appointment of a person acting as a member of a body.
42. Returns and information to be provided to the Central Government.	The Institute shall furnish to the Central Government such returns or other information with respect to its policies or activities as the Central Government may, for the purpose of reporting to the Parliament or for the making of policy, from time to time, require.
43. Institute to be a public authority under The Right to Information Act.	The provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 shall apply to the Institute as if it were a public authority defined in clause (h) of section 2 of that Act.
44. Power of the Central Government to	(1) The Central Government may, by notification, make rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act.
make rules.	(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely,—
	(a) nominees on the Board of Governance under section 15;
	(b) the cadre, the pay scales, allowances and term of employment of those in academic, administrative, technical and other posts as mentioned in clause (i) of sub-section (2) of section 17;
	(c) the terms and conditions of service of the Director, including vacancies, under section 21;
	(d) any other matter which is to be or may be, prescribed or in respect of which provision is to be made by the Central Government by rules.
45. Power to remove difficulties.	(1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Central Government may, by order published in the Official Gazette, make such provisions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as may appear to it to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty:
	Provided that no such order shall be made under this section after the expiry of the period of three years from the date of commencement of this Act.
	(2) Every order made under this section shall, as soon as may be after it is made, be laid before each House of Parliament.
46. Rules, regulations and standing orders to be	(1) All rules, regulations, and standing orders made under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be

### published in the official comprised in one session or two or more successive sessions, and if, Gazette and to be laid before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the before Parliament. successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule, regulation, or standing order or both Houses agree that the rule, regulation, or standing order shall not be made, the rule. regulation, or standing order shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be. (2) Any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule, regulation, or standing order. 47 **Transitional** (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act,provisions. (a) The Council of the existing Institute functioning as such immediately before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be the Board until a Board is constituted under this Act: Provided that upon the constitution of the Board under this Act, the members of the Council holding office before such constitution shall forthwith cease to hold office: (b) The Academic Council of the existing Institute functioning as such immediately before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be the Academic Council constituted under this Act until the Academic Council is constituted under this Act: Provided that upon the constitution of the new Academic Council under this Act, the members of the Academic Council holding office before such constitution shall forthwith cease to hold office: (c) Until the first regulations are made under this Act, the existing regulations and bye-laws of the existing Institute which are in force immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue to apply only in so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act: (d) Until the Director, Dean of Studies, and Heads of Centres are appointed under this Act, the Director, Dean of Studies, and Heads of Centres of the existing Institute who are in office immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall continue to hold office with the same tenure, at the same remuneration and upon the same terms and conditions and with the same rights and privileges as to pension, leave, gratuity, provident fund and other matters as he would have had this Act had not been enacted: Provided that upon the appointment of the Director, Dean of Studies.

and Heads of Centres under this Act, the Director, Dean of Studies.

	and Heads of Centres holding office before such appointment shall forthwith cease to hold office;
	(e) Any committee already constituted under the existing Institute shall continue to function in such manner as may be specified in regulations, but shall be subjected to a mandatory review by the Board and may be continued, discontinued, or reconstituted on such terms and conditions as the Board deems fit.
	(2) The Central Government may, without prejudice to the provisions of this Act, if it considers so necessary and expedient, by notification, take such measures as may be necessary for the transition under this Act.
48. Repeal and	(1) The Indian Statistical Institute Act, 1959, is hereby repealed.
savings.	(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the provisions of the said Act shall, in so far as such thing or action is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be deemed to have been done or taken under the provisions of this Act as if the said provisions were in force when such thing was done or such action was taken and shall continue in force accordingly until superseded by anything done or any action taken under this Act.
	(3) The mention of particular matters in sub-section (2) shall not be held to prejudice or affect the general application of section 6 of the General Clauses Act, 1897, with regard to the effect of repeal.