

[A5 INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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to provide for the establishment of an International Institute of Science, Arts and Technology

WHEREAS, it is expedient to provide for the establishment of an Institute at Science, Arts and Technology in the name of Institute of Science, Arts and Technology, Gujranwala in the private sector, and for matters connected therewith and ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title and commencement. –

(1) This Act may be called as the International Institute of Science, Arts and Technology Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions. – In this Act unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

- i. "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the Institute;
- ii. "Act" means the International Institute of Science, Arts and Technology Act 2021;
- iii. "Authority" means an Authority of the institute under this Act;
- iv. "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Institute;
- v. "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the Institute;
- vi. "College or School" means a college established, maintained and administered by the Institute;
- vii. "Commission" means the Higher Education Commission set up by the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002);
- viii. "Controller" means the head of Examination department of the Institute;
- ix. "Dean" means the head of a Faculty of the Institute;
- x. "Department" means a teaching, research and training department maintained and administered by the Institute;
- xi. "Director" means the head of a teaching or administrative division of the Institute;
- xii. "Faculty" means an administrative and academic unit of the Institute consisting of one or more departments;
- xiii. "Government" means Federal Government;
- xiv. "Head of the department" means the head of a department and includes the principal of a constituent college and director of an institute;
- xv. "Institute" means International Institute of Science, Arts and Technology;
- xvi. "Prescribed" means prescribed by the rules, statutes or regulations;
- xvii. "Registrar" means the Registrar of the Institute;
- xviii. "Representation Committee" means the representation Committee constituted under this Act;
- xix. "Review Pannel" means the review pannel set up by the Chancellor under this Act;

- xx. "Senate" means the Senate of the Institute;
- xxi. "Statutes, regulations and rules" means the statutes regulations and rules made under this Act;
- xxii. "Syndicate" means the syndicate of the Institute;
- xxiii. "Teacher" means a whole time teacher appointed and paid by the Institute
- xxiv. "Treasurer" means the Treasurer of the Institute; and
- xxv. "Vice-Chancellor" means the Vice-Chancellor of the Institute.

CHAPTER II THE INSTITUTE

3. Establishment and Incorporation of the Institute.-(1) There shall be established an Institute to be called as International of Science, Arts and Technology.

(2) The Institute shall consist of the following, namely: -

- (a) The Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, members of the Board, members of Syndicate, Deans, Chairmen of the teaching departments and members of the Academic Council of the Institute;
- (b) The members of the boards, committees and other bodies as the Board may establish;
- (c) The teachers and students of the Institute and its constituent units;
- (d) Such other officers and members of the staff as the Board may, from time to time, specify.

(3) Institute shall be a body corporate by the name of the Institute of Science, Arts and Technology having perpetual succession and a common seal, with powers, among others to acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable, and to lease, sell or otherwise transfer any movable and immovable property which may have become vested in or been acquired by it.

(4) The principal seat of the Institute shall be at Gujranwala and it may set up its campuses, colleges, institutes, offices, research/study centers and other facilities at such places in Pakistan and abroad as Board of Directors may determine.

(5) Institutes shall be competent to acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable, and to lease, sell or otherwise transfer any movable and immovable property which may have become vested in or been acquired by it.

(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the Institute shall have academic, financial and administrative autonomy, including the power to employ officers, teachers and other employees on such terms as may be prescribed, subject to the terms of this Act and the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002(LIII of 2002). In particular, and without prejudice to the authority granted to the Commission by the law, the Government or an authority or auditor appointed by the Government shall have no power to question the policy underlying the allocation of resources approved by the Board in the annual budget of the Institute.

4. Powers and Functions of the Institute.—The Institute shall have the following powers and functions to be performed:

- i. Provide education and scholarship in such branches of knowledge as it may deem fit, and to make provisions for research, service to society and for the application, advancement and dissemination of knowledge by employing information technology including satellite, satellite campuses, television, internet etc., or through conventional methods;
- ii. Prescribe courses of studies to be conducted by it and the colleges;

- iii. Hold examinations and award and confer degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions to and on persons who have been admitted to and have passed its examinations under prescribed conditions;
- iv. Prescribe the terms and conditions of employment of the officers, teachers and other employees of the Institute.
- v. Engage, where necessary, persons on a contract of specified duration and to specify the terms of each engagement;
- vi. Confer honorary degrees or other distinctions on approved persons in the manner prescribed;
- vii. Provide for such instruction for persons not being students of the Institute as it may prescribe and to grant certificates and diplomas to such persons;
- viii. Institute programmes for the exchange of students and teachers between the Institute and other universities, educational institutions and research organizations, inside as well as outside Pakistan;
- ix. Provide career counseling and job search services to students and alumni;
- x. Maintain linkages with alumni;
- xi. Develop and implement fund-raising plans;
- xii. Provide and support the academic development of the faculty of the Institute;
- xiii. Confer degrees on persons who have carried on independent research under prescribed conditions;
- xiv. Accept the examinations passed and the period of study spent by students of the Institute at other universities and places of learning equivalent to such examinations and periods of study in the Institute, as it may prescribe, and to withdraw such acceptance;
- xv. Co-operate with other universities, public authorities or private organizations, inside as well as outside Pakistan, in such manner and for such purposes as it may prescribe;
- xvi. Institute Professorships, Associate Professorships, Assistant Professorships and Lectureships and any other posts and to appoint persons thereto;
- xvii. Create posts for research, extension, administration and other related purposes and to appoint persons thereto;
- xviii. Recognize selected members of the teaching staff of colleges or educational institutions admitted to the privileges of the Institute or such other persons as it may deem fit, as Institute teachers;
- xix. Institute and award financial assistance to students in need, fellowships, scholarships, bursaries, medals and prizes under prescribed conditions;
- xx. Establish teaching departments, schools, colleges, faculties, institutes, boards of examinations, museums and other centers of learning for the development of teaching and research and to make such arrangements for their maintenance, management and administration as it may prescribe;
- xxi. Provide for the residence of the students of the Institute and the colleges, to institute and maintain halls of residence and to approve or license hostels and lodging;
- xxii. maintain order, discipline and security on the campuses of the Institute and the colleges;
- xxiii. Promote the extracurricular and recreational activities of the students, and to make arrangements for promoting their health and general welfare;
- xxiv. Demand and receive such fees and other charges as it may determine from time to

time;

- xxv. Make provision for research, advisory or consultancy services and with these objects to enter into arrangements with other institutions, public or private bodies, commercial and industrial enterprises under prescribed conditions;
- xxvi. Enter into, carry out, vary or cancel contracts;
- xxvii. Receive and manage property transferred and grants, contributions made to the Institute and to invest any fund representing such property, grants, bequests, trusts, gifts, donations, endowments or contributions in such manner as it may deem fit;
- xxviii. Provide for the printing and publication of research and other works; and
- xxix. Do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be requisite or expedient to further the objectives of the Institute as a place of education, learning, and research; and
- xxx. Decide virtual/online teaching methods and strategies to ensure the conduct of most effective educational and training programs in light of Policy on the subject made by the commission.

5. Institute to be open to all classes and creeds. —(1) The Institute shall be open to all persons of all genders and of whatever religion, race, creed, class, colour or domicile and no person shall be denied the privileges of the Institute on the grounds of religion, race, caste, creed, class, colour or domicile.

(2) An increase in any fee or charge that is in excess of ten percent per annum on an annualised basis from the last such increase may not be made except in special circumstances, and only with the approval Chancellor.

(3) The Institute shall establish financial aid programmes for students in need, to the extent considered feasible by the Board of Governors given the resources available, so as to enable admission and access to the Institute and the various opportunities provided by it to be based on merit rather than ability to pay:

Provided that the Institute may offer self-finance schemes not covering more than ten percent of the total number of candidates in any on-campus taught course or research-based programme of study.

6. Teaching at the Institute. — (1) All recognized teaching in various courses shall be conducted by the Institute or the colleges in the prescribed manner and may include lectures, tutorials, discussions, seminars, demonstrations, distance learning and other methods of instruction as well as practical work in the laboratories, hospitals, workshops and other governmental or private organizations.

(2) The authority responsible for organizing recognized teaching shall be such as may be prescribed.

CHAPTER III

OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTE

7. Principal Officers. —

The following shall be officers of the Institute, namely:-

- (a) the Chancellor;
- (b) the Vice-chancellor;
- (c) the Pro - Vice-chancellor
- (d) the Deans;
- (e) the Directors