## Seeking Collaboration with Academic Institutes under Data Innovation Lab Initiative of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

The Data Innovation Lab component of Capacity Development (CD) Scheme has been operationalised vide Notification No. I-1101/1/2019-CC-MoSPI dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 and the same is available under announcement section of the website of the ministry (https://www.mospi.gov.in/sites/default/files/announcements/DI lab guidelines.pdf).

The primary objective of the Data Innovation Lab is to promote use and adoption of latest Information Technology advancement in the field of official statistics and address the methodological or any other challenges faced by the National Statistical System through Research based Innovative Technological Solutions including but not limited to Data Analytics, Data Science, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing etc. Through this initiative, we aim to harness cutting-edge data science, advanced statistical methodologies, and emerging technologies to support informed policy-making and enhance the effectiveness of public service delivery.

The Data Innovation Lab initiative, spearheaded by MoSPI, seeks to promote innovation, adoption of latest techniques & technology in the field of official statistics by way of creating a network of academic institutions in view of the vital role these institutions play in advancing research and innovation. Different academic institutes are invited to collaborate under this one of its kind initiatives of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). The collaboration will be non-commercial in nature with the primary purpose to strengthen the ecosystem on innovation. It would be operationalised through a Memorandum of Understanding, which is also placed under announcement section of the website of the ministry (https://mospi.gov.in/sites/default/files/announcements/DI Lab Draft-MoU 26092024.pdf).

In case you, as an academic institute, is interested or you want to know more about the Data Innovation Lab, you may please contact Shri Raghvendra Pandey, Assistant Director, Computer Centre. (email id is pandey.raghvendra@mospi.gov.in).