Tribhuvan Sahkari University Bill, 2025

Prelims – *Indian polity and Governance*

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Why in News?

The "Tribhuvan" Sahkari University Bill 2025 was passed by the parliament recently.

- The Bill seeks to establish the *Institute of Rural Management Anand, Gujarat (IRMA)* as the “Tribhuvan” Sahkari University. Currently, IRMA is registered as a society.
- **Objectives of the University** - Provide education, training, and capacity building in the cooperative sector and undertake research and development activities in related areas.
- It will offer degree programs, distance learning and e-learning courses, and develop centres of excellence in co-operative sector.
- It may establish outlying campuses or affiliate institutes in any other place in India or outside India.
- **Status of IRMA -** IRMA will become one of the schools of the University.
- Autonomous identity of IRMA will be preserved within the institutional framework of the University.
- IRMA’s administrative and academic autonomy will be subject to the framework specified by the central government.
- IRMA will have its own ***Executive Board and a Director.***
- Employees of IRMA will become the employees of the University, with no change in their terms and conditions of employment.
- Any modification in the ongoing academic programs and courses at IRMA may be made only with the concurrence of the Executive Board of IRMA.
- The Bill also declares IRMA as a *centre of excellence for rural management.*
- **Governance of the University -** The University will have a Vice-Chancellor, who will be the principal executive and academic officer of the University.
- The Vice-Chancellor will be appointed by the central government for a ***term of 3 years***, and will be eligible for re-appointment for another 2 years.
- The Vice-Chancellor will head the Executive Council, principal executive body of the University.
- The *central government* will specify details for the constitution of the Council, its powers and functions, and terms of office of its members.
- The University will have a Governing Board whose key functions include
    - Reviewing broad policies and programs of the University, and
    - Nominating members to its various administrative councils.
- **Governing Board -** The Board will be headed by the **Chancellor**, who will be a person of eminence and will be appointed by the central government. The Chancellor

will have a ***term of 5 years.***

- **Other members**
  - Vice-Chancellor,
  - Secretary to the Cooperation Ministry,
  - Four Secretaries of the central ministries dealing with cooperative sector,
  - Heads of boards such as NABARD, National Dairy Development Board, and National Fisheries Development Board,
  - Four eminent persons in the field of cooperatives.
- **Board for Affiliation and Recognition -** The University will have a Board for Affiliation and Recognition for admitting or affiliating institutes. This Board will be headed by the *Vice-Chancellor.*

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