

## SOCIETY FOR PROMOTION OF ART, CULTURE, EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE (SPACE)

(MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION)

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#### 1. PRELUDE

Every conscientious citizen of the country must be aware of the growing decadence and degeneration of moral and traditional values in every sphere of life. Our scriptures are replete with glowing instances of our eternal cultural heritage -Sanatana Sanskriti that was represented and reflected in myriad forms of art, music, poetry and aesthetics. The seers and anchorites of yore had devised such a system of education which was an amalgam of knowledge pertaining to life and living on one hand and Transcendental Wisdom on the other. Such an immaculate system of learning created generations of students adorned with the hallowed marks of humility, fortitude, patriotism, altruism and above all, unconditional love for God. No wonder the ancient societies were vibrant with a sense of mutual amity, brotherhood and love. Juxtaposed to this, the scenario today might seem like an aberration or negation of the glorious past. Basically, man today has become self-centered filled with foreboding about losing their individual comfort and well-being. It has been aptly observed by a casual visitor to the inner sanctums of the State that it is only in the rural and far-flung areas that one can see the real visage of Sikkim. The problems faced by our less fortunate fellow compatriots inhabiting these inhospitable and neglected terrain are legion. Poverty, social destitution, violence perpetrated against women, myths and superstitions, health hazards, illiteracy, juvenile problems, ecological imbalance caused by deforestation which in turn is on account of search for fuel and fodder, cultural lag, religious feuds, etc., the list tends to become infinite. At a time when most of our youth are engaging themselves in senseless pursuits and whims ranging from drug-abuse, juvenile crimes and violence to perversions, a group of dedicated men and women fired by the zeal to usher in a new age of renaissance, resolved to unite their heads, hands and hearts to form an organisation which will in due course of time become a movement of the people. It is envisaged through this venture to ameliorate the condition of the poor and deserving and to bring about an overall reformation in the aforementioned arenas

#### 2. NOMENCLATURE

The name of the Organisation shall be SOCIETY FOR PROMOTION OF ART, CULTURE, EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE also abbreviated as SPACE.

The abbreviated nomenclature of the Organisation viz. SPACE is emblematic of its vast scope, which is infinite, expansive and supra-spatio-temporal. SPACE also symbolises the unequivocal determination of its members to realise their goal of motivating the people towards purposeful living, by drawing underneath its wings, members of the younger generation to carry on the works undertaken by the Society. Due emphasis has also been given to the letter E which in a more elaborate sense connotes Education and Environmental Excellence.

The term Society shall also mean SPACE.

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### 3. LOCATION OF HEAD QUARTER

The registered office of the Organisation shall be located at Development Area, Gangtok(Sikkim). The same may also be shifted elsewhere as demanded by any exigency and in such an eventuality, the concerned authorities and all other related persons, organisations and institutions shall be duly informed

#### 4. AREA OF OPERATION

The area of operation of SPACE shall be within India with Gangtok, Sikkim as its base Head Quarter and focal point

#### 5. OBJECTIVES

- 5.1. To form Centres for the promotion of fine arts and all other forms of music, dance and aesthetics and spreading their awareness among the interested members of the Society. SPACE will also endeavour to exhibit the dynamic application of the classical tradition in lighter forms of music and dance.
- 5.2. To found institutions and schools where students will follow an integrated and value-oriented curriculum, besides developing dexterity and skill in sports, arts, music, literature and physical culture
- 5.3. To patronise promising and deserving students to further their latent talents and skills in various disciplines through stipends, grant and scholarships.
- 5.4. To organise regular or periodical conferences and sammelans pertaining to art and culture.
- 5.5. To organise seminars, workshops, symposia and demonstrative instructions for willing students and participants to be attended by patrons of education and connoisseurs of art, culture and literature.
- 5.6. To spread spiritual awareness amongst the people and to educate them with regard to their cultural ethos and convening and arranging discourses, talks and bhajans and such other meetings for the purpose of disseminating spiritual awareness among the people
- 5.7. For the aforementioned purpose, to construct, acquire, maintain and manage any place of worship or Centres for developmental activities.
- 5.8. To establish, maintain or acquire library or libraries for the benefit of the students and the public in general.
- 5.9. To establish and run dispensaries, clinics and health Centres to alleviate human sufferings and to organise and conduct regular medical camps.



- 5.10.To carry on community development programmes for the upliftment of economically backward segments of the *Society* and also construct and develop community centres or halls for carrying on such activities.
- 5.11. To provide food, shelter, clothing, medical care and education for the needy.
- 5.12 To construct and run Old Care Homes.
- 5.13. To found Centres for rehabilitation of street children, juvenile delinquents and destitutes.
- 5.14. To found centres for mentally ill and physically handicapped people.
- 15.To spread the essential sense of environmental awareness among the people and promote excellence in environment.
- 5.16.To work in the direction of gender sensitization and empowerment of women who are facing the brunt of battery, humiliation and various forms of violence, in the light of our traditional and cultural values.
- 5.17. To promote the essential sense of dignity of work and labor among the farmers and rural folk in order to render them self-reliant and free from anxieties and tensions arising out of economic backwardness, through micro-financing schemes and all commerce related to farming, forestry, and other green and Eco-oriented activities.
- 5.18.To promote literacy among the socially backward people inhabiting the rural sectors through literacy drives, informal classes and so on.
- 5.19. To cause the construction of roads, bridges and pathways in the neglected and inhospitable areas of the State for the benefit of the depraved and poor people inhabiting these regions.
- 5.20. To do research in the areas related to art, culture, education, and environment.
- 5.21. The objectives stated above shall not be for the benefit of any particular caste, sect or religious community.

### 6. MEMBERSHIP

- 6.1. Any person who is mentally, physically and spiritually sound, who possesses the virtues of dedication, determination and sincerity to the aforementioned causes shall be qualified to be a member of SPACE.
- 6.2. There shall be three categories of members:

The Founder Members who shall also be members of SPACE for perpetuity and shall serve as the first Executive Members occupying the posts of President, Vice-President, General Secretary and Treasurer.

General Members or Patron Members who shall, inspired by the noble objectives of the Society, patronise its activities through participation and valuable suggestions 6.3. The following subscriptions rates are hereby fixed for the members of SPACE:

Regular : Rs. 50/- (monthly) or Rs. 500/- (annualy) Life : Rs. 12,000/- (to be paid in one instalment)

- 6.4 Person/persons who are liable to be associated with SPACE in relation to its various projects and activities shall be termed as Associate Member/Members and shall cease to be so on completion of the project.
- 6.5. Members whose actions, thoughts and articulations are found to be detrimental to the interests of the *Society* shall forthwith cease to be associated with the *Society* and their membership shall be immediately forfeited.
- 6.6 Under any circumstance if any one or more of the executive members should be compelled to give up office due to inevitable reasons, the rest of the executive members shall arrange to get the post filled through selection or nomination.
- 6.7. An executive member can be removed from office if his/her conduct is found to be contrary to the norms and goals envisaged by SPACE.

#### 7.EXECUTIVE BODY

- 7 | The Executive Body of SPACE shall be as follows:
  PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY GENERAL, TWO JOINT
  SECRETARIES, TWO TREASURERS
- 7.2 Any of the members possessing sound knowledge of the affairs of the Society and its goals, amicable and professional in disposition and temperament, sound in terms of body, mind and soul, and filled with indefatigable zeal and devotion to carry on the works of the Society to fulfill its goals shall be deemed as qualified to be an Executive Member of the Society.
- 1.3 It shall be the responsibility of the Founder Members who will henceforth act as the pioneering Executive Members of SPACE to train and prepare a second generation of leaders with the ultimate objective of creating a set of viable, proficient and devout persons who can be entrusted with the responsibility of taking over as the next Executive Members of SPACE. This precaution is necessitated by the fact that in the eventuality of unqualified and undeserving people taking the reins of the Society's administration, the Society along with its noble and altruistic goals may be adversely affected, more so at the formative and germinal stage of the Society. Hence the first Executive Members shall hold office till such a time when reliable resource persons are created through comprehensive training, practical exposure and experience.
- 7.4 Under circumstances wherein the Society is well established on form footing, the Executive Members will serve a tenure of three years. On completion of the term they will continue as care taker executives and shall bring to vogue an ad-hoc selection board consisting of not more than 11 and not less than 3 members drawn from among the regular members of the organisation. The ad-hoc committee will then proceed with selection/nomination of the succeeding executive members. The office of the Registrar shall be duly informed about the change.



7.5 The PRESIDENT shall be the chief executive of the Society. He shall take the final decision regarding all affairs of the Society in close concurrence with the other executive members. The VICE PRESIDENT shall officiate as the chief executive in the absence of the latter and shall also act as the principal advisor of the Society. The SECRETARY GENERAL shall act as the Chief Convenor and P.R.O. and shall be the official spokesperson of the Society besides being the chief Programme Coordinator. The Joint Secretaries will assist the Secretary General and also officiate as the Secretary General during the absence of the latter. There shall be two TREASURERS who shall act as the financial custodians and advisors of the Society. They shall also ensure proper auditing of the Society's accounts at the end of every financial year or whenever needed.

#### 8. PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING MEETINGS

- 8.1 The Executive Members shall meet everyday or whenever the need arises. However all the members in general shall meet periodically on the second Saturday of every month at 5 PM at the SPACE Head Quarters or any other venue fixed for the purpose by the Secretary General.
- 8.2 Every meeting shall be presided by the President or the Vice President. The Secretary General shall first announce the agenda, followed by subject-wise discussion and deliberation. The President's decision shall be deemed as final.
- 8.3 There shall be an annual general-body meeting of the Society on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March.

#### MANAGEMENT

- 9.1 The Society shall appoint qualified personnel to manage the accounts and its various official transactions, correspondence, record keeping etc. Such staff shall be paid monthly remuneration from the coffers of the Society
- 9.2 SPACE shall solicit the services of qualified auditors to audit its account at the end of every financial year thereby maintaining financial transparency.

#### 10. PROPERTY AND FUND

- 10.1 The founder members who are also the first Executive Members of SPACE shall, by virtue of being life members, shall contribute the stipulated membership fees which shall be treated as the seed capital of the Society.
- 10.2 The Executive Members shall strive to raise the number of General /Patron Members whose contributions will supplement the initial fund



- 10.3 Donations from philanthropists, governmental agencies, other non-governmental institutions (national/international) shall constitute the required fund to carry on the developmental activities of the Society.
- 10.4 All the institutions, buildings and such other monuments created by the efforts of the *Society*, besides all the hardware and software owned by the *Society* shall be deemed to be its assets and properties.

## 11. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

11.1 In the wake of any exigency wherein the constitution of the Society needs to be amended, the bill in question shall be debated and deliberated amongst the Executive Members and a minimum of one fourth of the General Members, before the final resolutions are made and the amendment declared officially for implementation.

UNDERTAKING

We the Founder members of the organisation, inspired by the truthful sentiments expressed in the PRELUDE to this convenant solemnly pledge together to form the Society for Promotion of Art. Culture, Education and Environmental Excellence SPACE. We unanimously dedicate ourselves to the cardinal motto of the Society – Tyagenaikena Amritattva Manashuh and promise to uphold the sanctity and dignity of this dictum by dint of our selfless acts of piety.

PRESIDENT	Dr. Sunam Gyamtso	Tibet road Gangtok	Archaeologist
VICE PRESIDENT	Sri Rigzing D. Bhutia	Dev Area Gangtok	Business
GENERAL SECRETARY	Sri Prem Raj Dewan	Dev Area Gangtok	Business
JT. SECRETARY	San Barbar Sabbar	P.N.G. Road	House Wife Deutas
JI. SECRETARY	Smt. Roshan Subba	P.N.G. Road	House wife
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TREASURER	Smt. Rashmi Yonzon	Dev. Area Gangtok	House Wife
	Smt. Jyoti Dewan	Dev Area Gangtok	House Wife

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**ADDENDUM** 

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MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

## SOCIETY FOR PROMOTION OF ART, CULTURE, EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

"SPACE"



This Addendum incorporates by reference and is to be read with the Memorandum of Association (MOA) of SPACE registered as a Trust vide Book No. IV, Vol. No.. 1, Item No. 86 in the year 1995.



(1) The following addendum is as per article 11 "Amendments" of the MOA of SPACE

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#### Clause 12: Dissolution

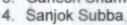
In the eventuality of dissolution of the Organization due to any such as reason as failure to function as per its set objectives, insolvency, relocation of executive members to distant locations hampering the functioning of the Organization for a prolonged period of time, any number not less than three-fourths of the members of the Organization may determine to dissolve the Organization forthwith, or at the time then agreed upon, and all necessary steps shall be taken for the disposal and settlement of the property of the Organization its claims and liabilities, according to Clause 13 of the Memorandum of Association of the Organization.

## Clause 13: Irrevocability

It is declared that SPACE as an Organization is irrevocable. If the Organization fails for any reason in the opinion of its executive members, the net assets of the Organization both moveable and immoveable shall be handed over to any other Trust or Organization having the same objectives as decided by three fourths of the members.

- (2) Inclusion and mention of the following members on the basis of the approval already sanctioned by the Government of Sikkim vide Book No. IV, Vol. 1, Item No. 54 in the year 2013, in retrospect to the registration of the Trust in the year 1995.
  - 1. Raju Tamang
  - 2 Sheila Pradhan
  - 3. Ganesh Sharma

General Secretary Joint Secretary Joint Secretary Project Coordinator







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