



The International Centre Goa

Memorandum of Association & Rules of the Society



Registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. Registration No. 38/Goa/87

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

(See Rule 5)

(The Societies Registration Act, 1860)

(Central Act 21 of 1860)

Registered No. 38/Goa/87

It is certified that the Society “The International Centre Goa” has this day been duly registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Central Act 21 of 1860).

Given under my hand this day of 26th June 1987.

(D. V. Coissoro)

District Registrar

and

Head of Notary Services

Registration renewed till 10.06.2025

On 27.10.2020

By

Office of Inspector General of Societies – North Goa, Panaji

THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, GOA

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 being an Act for Registration of literary, scientific and charitable societies,

and

In the matter of "THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, GOA".

- I. The name of the Society is "The International Centre, Goa".
- II. The Registered Office of the Society shall be situated in the State of Goa, at Goa University Road, NIO Post Office, Dona Paula, Goa 403 004.
- III. The objects for which the Society is established are:
 1. to establish and to carry on the administration and management of The International Centre, Goa;
 2. to plan, promote and provide for understanding and amity between different parts of the country and with different communities of the world, and to undertake, organize and facilitate conferences, seminars, study courses, training programmes, lectures and similar other activities for the purpose;
 3. to promote and conduct research in matters pertaining to:
 - a) the improvement of culture, social, economic and political relationships and building appropriate theoretical frameworks, intranational and international.
 - b) the education, training and development of personnel involved in cultural, social, economic, and political fields.
 - c) analytical and perspective studies of various sectors of the national and international life with a view of promoting better understanding and relationships;
 4. to promote and undertake faculty development programmes to assure an adequate supply of competent researchers;
 5. to maintain liaison with professional institutions, and educational bodies for purposes of promoting objectives of national and international understanding and relationships;
 6. to provide advisory services under its auspices or through its faculty to public bodies or any other institutions or individuals on matters having a bearing on national and international understanding;
 7. to disseminate information on cultural, social, economic, and political matters by understanding and providing for the publication of journals, reports, pamphlets and other literature and research papers and books in furtherance of the objects;
 8. to establish and maintain libraries and information services;
 9. to establish and maintain in India regional centres to promote the objectives of the Society;
 10. to award diplomas, certificates and other distinctions on candidates and prescribe standards of proficiency for the award of such diplomas, certificates, and other distinctions;

11. to confer honorary awards and other distinctions;
12. to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, prizes and medals in accordance with the rules;
13. to maintain close contact with other institutions having similar or related objectives, either wholly or partially, by way of payment or receipt of subscription, enrolment as a member thereof, fiscal or other sorts of mutual assistance, amalgamation, merger, collaboration and in any other way as the Society may deem necessary;
14. to establish and, maintain and manage halls and hostels for accommodation of the scholars, intellectuals, researchers, trainees, etc.;
15. to establish and maintain a fund with the contributions of any official or non official institutions and agencies and with all other moneys acquired by the Society in any other way;
16. to utilise a part or whole of the fund towards capital and recurring expenditure of the Society, to make appropriate investments or to deal with the fund in any other way the Society may find it necessary;
17. to acquire by way of purchase or gift or to take on lease or hire or otherwise any movable property;
18. to sell, assign, mortgage, lease, exchange, transfer or otherwise deal with all or any property, movable or immovable, of the Society in the way it may consider necessary;
19. to construct, develop, renovate, expand or alter any building, movable or immovable property in the possession of the Society in the way it may find it necessary and to take necessary action for proper maintenance of any such building, movable or immovable property;
20. to borrow or raise or secure the payment of money by issue of bonds, securities or in such manner as the Society shall deem fit;
21. to draw, accept, make, endorse, discount, execute, sign, issue or otherwise deal with cheques, hundies, drafts, certificates, receipts, government securities, promissory notes, bills of exchange or other instruments and securities whether negotiable or transferable or not;
22. to create administrative, technical, ministerial and other posts under the Society and to make appointments thereto in accordance with the Rules of the Society;
23. to establish and maintain provident and other benefit funds for the benefit of the employees of the Society;
24. to make Rules and Bye-laws for the conduct of the affairs of the Society and to add, to amend, vary or rescind them from time to time;
25. to constitute such committee or committees as the Society may deem fit for the disposal of any of its business or on such matters as the Society may like to be advised;
26. to affiliate with any national or international institution having similar objective(s), or to extend the affiliation to any such institutions;
27. to do all, such lawful things as the Society may deem fit for attainment of all or any of the objects.

IV. The names, addresses and occupations of the first members of the Governing Board of the Society to which, by the Rules of the Society, the management of its affairs is entrusted are:

Sl. No.	Name	Occupation & Address
1.	Dr. Gopal Singh	Governor, Panaji, Goa 403 001.
2.	Smt. Inderjeet Gopal Singh	Social Worker, Cabo Raj Niwas, Dona Paula, Goa 403 001.
3.	Shri Pratapsingh Rane	Chief Minister, Panaji, Goa 403 001.
4.	Dr. Sheikh Ali	Vice Chancellor, Goa University, Bambolim, P.O. Santacruz, Goa 403 005.
5.	Shri Mario Miranda	Cartoonist, C/o. Editor, Economic Times, Times of India Building, Dr. Dadabhai Nauroji Road, Bombay 400 001.
6.	Mr. Dattaraj Salgaonkar	C/o. V.M. Salgaonkar Br. Pvt. Ltd., Salgaonkar House, EL. Gomes Road, Vasco da Gama, Goa 403 802.
7.	Justice G.E Couto	Judge, Goa High Court, Panjim, Goa 403001.
8.	Shri. K.K. Birla	Member of Parliament, 7, Tees January Marg, New Delhi 110 011.
9.	Dr. V.A. Pai Panandiker	Director, Centre for Policy Research, Dharma Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110 021.
10.	Shri Shridhar Tamba	Advocate, Altinho, Panaji, Goa 403 001.
11.	Shri S. Krishnan	Secretary to Governor, Panaji Goa 403 001.

A copy of the Rules of the Society certified to be a correct copy by members of the Society is filed along with this Memorandum of Association.

We, the several persons whose names and addresses are given below, having associated ourselves for the purpose described in this Memorandum of Association set our several and respective hands here unto and form ourselves into a Society under Act XXI of 1860, this 1st day of June, 1987.

Sl. No.	Names, addresses and Occupations of members	Signature of members
1.	Dr. Gopal Singh Governor, Panaji, Goa 403 001.	Sd/-
2.	Smt. Inderjeet Gopal Singh Social worker, Cabo Raj Niwas, Dona Paula, Goa 403 001.	Sd/-
3.	Shri Pratapsingh Rane Chief Minister, Panaji, Goa 403 001.	Sd/-
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RULES OF THE SOCIETY

1. The Registered Office of the Society shall be vide Article II of the Memorandum of Association, situated in Panaji or at such other place in the State of Goa, as the Board may from time to time appoint.
2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - a) "The Society" and "The Centre" means The International Centre Goa.
 - b) "The General Body" means the general body of the Centre.
 - c) "The Board" means the Board of Trustees which under Rule 5 is constituted to be the Board of the Centre.
 - d) "President" means President of the Board of Trustees of the Centre.
 - e) "Member" means a member of the Centre unless otherwise specified.

GENERAL BODY AND MEMBERSHIP

3. The General body of the Society shall be composed of all the Trustees of the Centre.

4. MEMBERSHIPS

I. Institutional Members

The Board may invite and admit State Governments, academic institutions, companies and associations etc. as institutional members on such terms and conditions as may be determined by it.

II. Individual Members

i) Fellow Members

The Board may invite and admit individuals with outstanding achievements as fellow members.

ii) Honorary Members

The Board may invite and confer honorary membership on any person, Indian or non-Indian, eminent in public life and interested in the furtherance of the objects of the Society.

iii) Patron Members

Patron shall be those Members who pay Rs. 10,00,000/- (Ten Lakhs) and above to the Society, or an amount prescribed hereafter by the Board from time to time.

iv) Associate Members

The Board may invite as Associate members those who pay an amount of Rs. 50,000/- (Fifty thousand) to the society or an amount prescribed hereafter by the Board from time to time.

v) Life Members

The Board may invite and admit individuals with high levels of accomplishments in their chosen fields to join as Life Members upon payment of amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- (One lakh) to the society or an amount prescribed hereafter by the Board from time to time.

The Board may while considering an application for Life Membership or Associate Membership may grant or refuse to entertain an application. The Board may, however, while considering Life Membership application, grant to the applicant Associate Membership in place of Life Membership as applied for.

The terms and conditions of membership including membership fees and other charges will be determined /prescribed by the Board from time to time.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5. (i) The Board shall be composed of not more than twenty-one Trustees, out of which not more than fourteen shall be Life Trustees, one ex-officio and the remaining six shall be elected by the Members in the following pattern:

Two Trustees shall be elected by Institutional Members; two Trustees shall be elected by the Patrons; two Trustees shall be elected by Life Members and Associate Members.

(ii) There shall be a Director who shall be the ex-officio Member/Secretary of the Board.

(iii) The terms of office of elected Trustees shall be three years, or, until they are replaced by fresh members. They are eligible for re-election.

(iv) The Board shall elect its own President and Vice President from amongst the Life Trustees who shall hold office for five years or until a fresh President or Vice President as the case may be, is elected.

(v) Any vacancy in the office of any Life Trustee shall be filled by election by the remaining Life Trustees.

(vi) Any casual vacancy in the elected Trustees of the Board shall be filled in by co-option by the Board and any Trustee of the Board so co-opted shall hold office for the unexpired period of the term of his predecessor.

(vii) A Life Trustee shall cease to be Trustee on attaining 80 years of age.

POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

6. The general superintendence, direction and control of Society shall vest in the Board of Trustees, and they will have the following powers;

- (a) To invite and receive, or, without such invitation receive, voluntary contributions, gifts or grants of money or property from the Government of Goa, or the Government of any State of India or the Government of India or from any other person or entity, trusts, or endowments, any company, person or association of persons, whatsoever, either by way of donation, endowments, capital grants, annual or other subscription, legacy or otherwise, for the purpose or benefit of the objects of the Society or any of them or for any specific trust or purpose whatsoever including specified charitable trusts or purpose and to hold all such grants in accordance with the terms, objects and purposes thereof..
- (b) To expand the funds of the Society in such manner as they shall consider most beneficial for the purposes of the Society and to invest in the name of the Society or in the names of the Trustees such part thereof as they may see fit, and to direct the sale or transposition of any such investments and to expend the proceeds of any such sale for the purpose of the Society.
- (c) To invest any moneys of the Society not immediately required for the purposes thereof in, or, upon any securities and investments authorised by law of the investment of trust funds and in the debentures, bonds and preference or ordinary shares of any Municipal/Local authority, Port Trust, company or other body incorporated or otherwise in Goa or elsewhere and to vary such investments from time to time when deemed expedient.
- (d) From time to time to open and maintain a banking account or banking accounts (whether current, saving bank, safe custody or fixed deposit including overdraft) with any bank or banks as may from time to time be selected and at any time to pay or cause to be paid any moneys forming part of the assets of the Society, or, otherwise in its control or possession to the credit of any such account or accounts, or, place or cause to be placed any money under

deposit with any banker or bankers and to operate, or, appoint any person or persons to operate such accounts.

- (e) To determine and to make arrangements as to who shall be entitled to sign on behalf of the Society cheques, receipts, vouchers, contracts and other documents of whatsoever nature.
- (f) To enter into contracts on behalf of the Society.
- (g) To undertake the execution of any charitable trusts and to act as or appoint trustees, managers or advisers of any charitable trusts or institutions and in particular to undertake to hold and employ for charitable purposes any funds, endowments and grants made or vested in the Society.
- (h) To accept and execute any other trusts whatsoever and to act as Trustees or to appoint Trustees, managers or advisers of such trusts, or institutions.
- (i) To pay any subscription to any research Foundation of standing.
- (j) From time to time to appoint with or without remuneration Directors, Managers, Secretaries, Clerks and other employees as may be deemed expedient for carrying out the objects and purposes of the Society.
- (k) To establish, undertake, superintend, administer or contribute to any funds or funds from which donations or advances may be made or to make, from time to time, out of the general funds of the Society donations or advances to any person or persons who may be, or, may be about to be, or, who may have been engaged in any research or in any other occupation which may be considered to be or to have been of value or service in the cause of international relations.
- (l) To examine, watch, promote, support or oppose any legislation or administrative action affecting or likely to affect the attainment of the objects of the Society, and for that purpose to petition Parliament, any legislature, any Government department or any municipal, local or other authority or body.
- (m) To encourage and induce by giving financial aid or otherwise to cultural bodies, associations and institutions of all kinds throughout Goa and outside.
- (n) To establish and maintain research libraries of books, reviews, journals and other publications of all kinds, connected with literary and economic research and to sell or publish books, reviews and other publications bearing on the above matters.
- (o) To hold or associate with, support and attend periodical and other congresses, conferences and public meetings calculated, directly or indirectly, to advance the literary, social and economic research and to issue reports concerning the same.
- (p) To institute public lectures in all parts of Goa and outside by approved persons upon the subject of literary, social and economic research.
- (q) To enlist the co-operation of the public press in all parts of the world.
- (r) To collect and organise the collection of funds by advertisements, lectures, entertainments, appeals to the public, and any other means.

- (s) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any immovable or movable property and any rights or privileges which may be necessary or convenient for any of the purposes of the Society.
 - (t) To sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, enfranchise, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any of the property or rights of the Society as may be deemed expedient.
 - (u) To construct, maintain, pull down, rebuild, add to, alter or improve any houses, buildings, or works necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.
 - (v) To borrow or raise any moneys required for the purpose of the Society on such terms and with or without security as may be determined and to grant or direct to be granted mortgages for securing the same.
 - (w) To admit persons to membership on such terms and conditions and subject to such payments (if any) as may from time to time be determined.
 - (x) To amalgamate with any society, association or institution having objects altogether, or in part, similar to those of the Society.
 - (y) To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of anyone or more of the societies, association and institutions with which the Society is authorised to amalgamate.
 - (z) To transfer all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of the Society to anyone or more of the societies, associations or institutions with which the Society is authorised to amalgamate.
 - (aa) To provide provident fund or a superannuation funds for the servants of the Society, or otherwise to assist any such servants their widows and children out of the moneys of the Society.
 - (bb) To delegate all or any of their powers to the Board, to any sub-committee or subcommittees or to the Director.
 - (cc) To make, and, from time to time repeal or alter regulations as to the management of the Society and the affairs thereof and as to the duties of any officers or servants of the Society and as to the conduct of business by the Board or any sub-committee, or as to any of the matters or things within the powers or under the control of the Board, provided that the same shall not be inconsistent with the Memorandum of Association and these Rules.
 - (dd) To decide any question of doubt or difficulty as to the construction or operation and effect of any of these Rules or the Regulations made by it and the procedure to be adopted in any case of any doubt or difficulty and such decision shall be valid and binding for all purposes.
 - (ee) To alter these rules and regulations.
 - (ff) AND GENERALLY to do all things necessary or expedient for the due conduct of the affairs of the Society not herein otherwise provided for.
7. (i) Without prejudice to the generally of the power under Rule 6 above, the Board shall determine.

- (a) The terms and conditions applicable to the admission of different categories of members.
 - (b) The procedure for electing the Trustees of the Board who are liable to retire.
 - (c) The fees and allowances that may be paid to the Trustees or members of the committees and other special invitees.
 - (d) The preparation and sanction of budget estimates and delegation of powers in regard to sanction of the expenditure, entering into contracts and investments of the funds of the Society.
 - (e) The duties and conduct, salaries and allowances and other conditions of service of officers and other employees of the Society.
 - (f) The establishment and maintenance of provident, superannuation or other benefit funds for officers and other employees of the Society.
 - (g) The nature of courses of study, training and research that are to be taken up and the standards for admission of candidates to the various courses of study.
 - (h) Any other matter which is to be, or, may be provided.
- (ii) The Board shall have the power to make, adopt, amend, alter or rescind the Bye laws as it may find necessary for the management of the affairs of the Society.
8. (i) The Board may by a resolution appoint subcommittee for such purposes and with such powers as it may think fit.
- (ii) The Board may by a resolution delegate to the President, to the Vice President, to the Director or any officer of the Society, such of its powers for the conduct of the affairs of the Society as it may consider necessary or desirable.

MEETING OF THE BOARD/COMMITTEE

9. (i) The Board constituted by it shall meet at least twice a year at such times and at such places as may be determined by the Board.
- (ii) Five Trustees present in person at Meetings of the Board shall constitute the quorum.
- (iii) The quorum for the meeting of any committee constituted by the Board shall be one third of its strength (any fraction contained in that one third being rounded off as one) or two members whichever is higher.
10. A resolution in writing, signed by a majority of the members on the Board, or where the matter concerns any other Committee constituted by the Board, by the majority of the members of such Committee, shall be deemed to be a resolution passed by the Board or the Committee, as the case may be, and shall be deemed to have been passed on the date on which the last signatory affixes his signature to it.

Provided that any resolution passed as aforesaid shall be placed before the next meeting of the Board/Committee, as the case may be.

11. The Board shall have the power to invite any person or persons, not being Trustees of the Board to attend the meetings of the Board, but such invitees shall not have voting rights.

12. DIRECTOR

The executive head of the Centre shall be a Director appointed by the Board on such conditions as may be prescribed from time to time. The Director may be appointed for a period up to five years. He shall be subject to the control and superintendence of the Board.

GENERAL

13. No act or proceeding of the Society or its Board shall be deemed to be invalid by reason merely of any vacancy in, or any defect in the constitution of the Society or the Board, as the case may be.

14.

- (i) The Society shall cause to be maintained such books of accounts and other books in relation to its accounts in such form and in such manner as may, in consultation with the Auditors of the Society, be prescribed.
- (ii) The financial year of the Society shall be from 1st of April of the year to the 31st of March of the following year.
- (iii) The Society shall, as soon as may be, after closing the annual accounts, prepare a statement of accounts, in such form as the Board may, in consultation with the Auditors of the Society, determine.
- (iv) The Accounts of the Society shall be audited by such qualified auditors as the Board may appoint.
- (v) A copy of the annual accounts of the Society together with the audit report thereon and a report of the proceedings on all work undertaken during the year shall be furnished to all the members.
- (vi) The Bank Account(s) of the Centre shall be in the name of The International Centre, Goa which shall be operated by any Trustees or any employee of the Centre empowered by the Board.

SERVICE OF NOTICE

15. (i) A notice may be served upon any Trustees of the Society either personally or through the post in any envelope addressed to such person at his address.

(ii) Any notice so served by post shall be deemed to have been served on the 4th day following that on which the letter, envelope or wrapper containing the same is posted and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the cover containing the same was properly addressed and put into the Post Office.

ALTERATION OR EXTENSION OF THE PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

16. The Society may alter or extend the purpose for which it is established if the Board approves a proposal by not less than 2/3rd majority of the Trustees for such alteration or extension as the case may be.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

17. The rules of the Society may be altered at any time by Resolution passed by majority of members of the Society present at any meeting of the Society which shall have been duly convened for the purpose as per section 12 of the Societies Act 1860.

CHANGE OF NAME

18. The Society may change its name by Resolution passed by majority of the Trustees of the Society present at any meeting of the Society which shall have been duly convened for the purpose.

SUITS BY THE/AGAINST THE SOCIETY

19. For the purpose of Section 6 of the Societies Registration Act 1860 (Act XXI of 1860), the person in whose name the Society may sue or be sued shall be the President of the Society.

DISSOLUTION

20. The dissolution of the Society and adjustment of its affairs shall be in accordance with sections 13 and 14 of the Societies Registration At 1860 (Act XXI of 1860) as amended from time to time or in accordance with the provisions of any other law relating thereto.

We, the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed hereto, being members of the Governing Board of The International Centre, Goa certify the above to be a correct copy of the Rules of the said Society. Signed By :

1. Dr. Gopal Singh Sd/-
Governor, Panaji, Goa 403 001.
2. Smt. Inderjeet Gopal Singh Sd/-
Social worker, Cabo Raj Niwas,
Dona Paula, Goa 403 001.
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