

Memorandum of Association.

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ROERICH CULTURAL CENTRE.

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The Hon'ble Justice Mr. P. V. Rajamannar,
9, Victoria Crescent,
Egmore - Madras

Dear Mr. Rajamannar:

As requested by you I am sending a rough draft of work which we intend to do for the proposed cultural centre.

Dr. Roerich has just given me the points which I give below, and his idea is that when we draw up these points for the registration of the proposed cultural center in Bangalore, we should not go into too much detail as that will bind us down.

He however wishes to go into the whole matter as you very kindly said you would help us and I hope you will also consent to be a member of our center.

THE ROERICH CENTRE OF ARTS
BANGALORE

A SOCIETY FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND RESEARCH IN THE ARTS
INCLUDING CINEMATOGRAPHY.

- 1) TO ORGANISE AND HOLD LECTURES, EXHIBITIONS, RECITALS, DEMONSTRATIONS.
- 2) TO CONDUCT AND PROMOTE RESEARCH IN THE ARTS AND ALLIED FIELDS OF CULTURAL ENDEAVOUR
- 3) TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN SUCH BUILDING OR PREMISES AS MAY BE NEEDED TO FOSTER AND HOLD THE ABOVE ENUMERATED ACTIVITIES.
- 4) TO TRAVEL? AND ORGANISE TOURS FOR THE PROMOTION OF BETTER CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESEARCH.
(b) TO GIVE SCHOLARSHIPS, PRIZES AND ENCOURAGEMENTS TO DESERVING ENDEAVOURERS.
- 5) PUBLISH BOOKS, MAGAZINES, ETC.. ETC.,

Yours very sincerely,

DRR

(Devika Rani Roerich)

Devika Rani Roerich,
Imperial Hotel,
New Delhi

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Bangalore -

a Society for the Encouragement
and research in the Arts
including Cinematography

- 1) To Organise and hold Lectures,
Exhibitions, Recitals, demonstrations,
etc. etc.
- 2) To Conduct and Promote (or cause to Promote)
Research in the Art and allied Fields
of Cultural Endeavour.
- 3) To Build and maintain such
buildings and premises as may be
needed to Foster and house the
above enumerated activities.

4) ⁹ ~~The Society~~

To travel, and organise tours
for the promotion of better cultural
understanding and research -

b) To give scholarships, prizes,
and encouragements to deserving
endeavourers,

c) Public lectures, magazines,
etc. etc.

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- 3) The aims and objects of the Society: The primary object of the Society shall be the preservation, study and advancement of the Arts including Literature and Cinematography. To achieve this object the powers and functions of the Society shall inter alia be as follows:-
 - a) Organising Exhibitions, Seminars, Lectures, Recitals and Demonstrations of and on cultural subjects.
 - b) Establishing and maintaining a public library with special emphasis on the arts.
 - c) Opening and maintaining public galleries ~~and~~ of painting and other works of art.
 - d) Providing for and promoting research in the arts and allied fields of cultural endeavour.
 - e) Constructing and maintaining buildings, halls, theatres and premises, which may be necessary to carry out the objects of the Centre.
 - f) Sponsoring and arranging for delegations and tours for the promotion and cultivation of better cultural relations and understanding.
 - g) Publishing books, journals, pamphlets and bulletins dealing with the arts.
 - h) Awarding scholarships and prizes for the encouragement ~~and~~ of deserving students of the arts.
 - i) Producing and presenting films, plays, ballets, dances etc.
 - j) Cooperating with other bodies and institutions interested in cultural endeavour.
 - k) Acquiring and holding property, movable and immovable, in trust for the benefit of the Society and

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and carrying on business with the intention of realising profits thereof ^{to be utilised for} ~~for carrying on~~ the activities of the Society.

4) The management of the affairs of the Society shall be entrusted to a Governing Body consisting of the following members:-

- 1. Dr. Svethoslav Roerich
- 2. Mrs. Devika Rani Roerich
- 3. Dr. P.V. Rajamannar.

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

5) We, the several persons, whose names and addresses are given below, having associated ourselves for the purposes mentioned in this Memorandum of Association do hereby subscribe our names to this Memorandum of Association and we desire that the Society be registered as the Roerich Cultural Centre in accordance with and under the provisions of The Society's Registration Act XXI of 1860.

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Trustees: The property, movable and immovable, belonging to the Society shall vest in two trustees, viz.,

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2. *PMT*

who will hold such office for their lives. Any ~~vacancy~~ vacancy in the office of the two trustees shall be filled up by nomination by the Governing Body.

) The Secretary shall be the principal Executive Officer of the Society and he shall be appointed by the Governing Body for such period and on ~~xxx~~ such terms and conditions as the said Body may determine.

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- b) The Trustees
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) No ~~any~~ person shall be entitled to be admitted as a member of the Society, unless he is nominated by one of the members of the Governing Body and approved by the other members of the said Body.

) A member of the Society shall not be required to pay any subscription, but he will be at liberty to make any donation to the Society.

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