

**CULTURAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
BANGLADESH
Dacca, 30 December 1972**

The Government of the Republic of INDIA

AND

The Government of the People's Republic of BANGLADESH

INSPIRED by a common desire to establish and develop closer cultural relations in the spirit of the high ideals of the Constitution of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation, and

DESIROUS OF promoting and developing in every possible manner such relations and understanding between India and Bangladesh, especially in the realm of culture, art and education, including academic activity in the fields of science and technology,

HAVE AGREED TO conclude the following Cultural Agreement and for that purpose, have nominated their respective plenipotentiaries i.e.:

For the Government of
the Republic of India

Shri S. DUTT,
High Commissioner for
India in Bangladesh

For the Government of
the People's Republic
of Bangladesh

Mr. A.S. NOOR MOHAMMAD
Secretary, Ministry of Education,
Cultural Affairs and Sports

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to promote and stimulate

1. Came into force on 7 May 1974.

cooperation between universities, academies, schools and institutions of higher learning, technical, scientific and art institutions, laboratories and research institutions, libraries and museums. To achieve this objective, the Contracting Parties shall encourage in accordance with their respective internal legislation :

- (a) exchange of representatives and delegations in the fields of culture, education, science and arts; and
- (b) exchange of cultural, scientific and educational material, translation and exchange of books, periodicals and other scientific, technical and cultural publications, and as far as possible, exchange of archaeological specimens.

Article II

The Contracting Parties shall encourage

- (a) reciprocal visits of professors and experts for delivering lectures and conducting special courses, and
- (b) reciprocal visits of representatives of literary, scientific, technical, artistic, and journalists' associations and organisations and participation in congresses.

Article III

Each Contracting Party shall grant scholarships to students from the country of the other Party for studies in cultural, technical, educational and scientific fields.

Article IV

Each Contracting Party shall encourage exchange of scientific, technical and art exhibitions.

Article V

Both Contracting Parties shall encourage dissemination of knowledge of each other's culture through radio, press and similar other channels of mass media.

Article VI

Both Contracting Parties shall encourage exchanges in the field of sports and physical education.

Article VII

Both Contracting Parties shall facilitate exchanges in the following fields :

- (a) performances by artistes;
- (b) participation in each other's international film festivals and
- (c) films, documentaries, radio and television programmes and recordings and discs and tapes.

Article VIII

Each Contracting Party shall endeavour to ensure that textbooks and other educational publications prescribed for educational institutions do not contain any error or misrepresentation about the country of the other Party.

Article IX

The Contracting Parties shall offer their good offices to facilitate the mutual recognition by universities and other educational authorities in the two countries of the degrees, diplomas and certificates awarded by them in accordance with the laws prevailing in each country.

Article X

Both Contracting Parties shall facilitate and encourage research and study of the allied traditions in the fields of art, literature and history at universities and institutions of higher learning and through establishment of cultural and educational centres/institutions, subject to the laws of the respective countries.

Article XI

Both Contracting Parties shall encourage tourist visits by each other's nationals to foster greater understanding and friendship between the two countries.

Article XII

Both Contracting Parties shall encourage the publication of books of each other's country especially books in the fields of science, medicine, law and technology.

Article XIII

For the fulfilment of the objective of the present Agreement, a

Joint Commission will be established, in due course, composed of three representatives of each Contracting Party, and will meet at least once in every two years, alternately in New Delhi and Dacca. To the said Joint Commission may be added representatives from the various Ministries concerned with the implementation of the Agreement of the Contracting Party in whose territory the meeting is to be held, as well as the Diplomatic Mission of the other Party.

The Joint Commission will be responsible for :

- (a) keeping under periodical review the working of the Agreement in the two countries;
- (b) advising the two Governments on the detailed manner of carrying out the Agreement;
- (c) formulating cultural, scientific and educational exchange programmes and reviewing their progress;
- (d) recommending to the Party concerned any items of interest to either Party in the fields within the scope of the Agreement; and
- (e) generally advising the two Governments as to the manner in which the working of the Agreement may be improved upon.

Article XIV

The present Agreement shall come into force on the date of exchange of the instruments of ratification, to take place in the city of New Delhi and shall remain in force until the expiry of six months from the date on which one of the Contracting Parties shall give notice in writing of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Plenipotentiaries designated earlier have signed the present Agreement and affixed their seals thereon.

DONE in duplicate at Dacca this thirtieth day of December, 1972 (Corresponding to the ninth day of Pausa of the Saka year 1894) in Hindi, Bengali and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of
the Republic of India

Sd/-

S. DUTT

High Commissioner for
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