

**CULTURAL AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
AND POPULAR REPUBLIC
OF ALGERIA**

Algiers, 1 June 1976

The Government of the Republic of INDIA

AND

The Government of the Democratic and Popular Republic of
ALGERIA,

INSPIRED BY a common desire to establish and develop closer
cultural relations,

AND DESIROUS of promoting and developing in every possible
manner such relations in the fields of culture, art, education including
academic activity in the field of science and technology, sports, public
health and mass media, with due regard to their sovereign equality
and to the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of the
other country,

HAVE DECIDED to conclude an Agreement on Cultural Cooperation
and

HAVE AGREED on the following :

Article I

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate and encourage cooperation
between the two countries in the fields of education including academic
activity in the field of science and technology, art and culture, mass
media and sports in order to contribute to a better knowledge of their
respective cultures and their intellectual activities.

1. Came into force on 14 December 1976.

Article II

Each of the Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate :

1. Exchange :
 - (i) of visits of specialists, professors for delivering lectures and conducting special courses;
 - (ii) of books, publications and other materials in the fields of education, art and culture and translation of literary and other publications of each other's country;
 - (iii) of artistes and performing groups;
 - (iv) of art exhibitions.
2. Collaboration between educational and cultural organisations of each other's country;
3. Cooperation between Youth organizations;
4. Participation of the representatives of the other country in conferences, symposia and seminars in the field of education, art and culture held in each of the two countries.

Article III

Each of the Contracting Parties shall endeavour to provide facilities and scholarships for study and specialization to the nationals of the other country in its institutions of higher and specialized education. The beneficiaries of scholarships shall be selected by competent authorities of the two Governments and shall be governed by the regulations in force of the host country.

Article IV

The Contracting Parties shall encourage cooperation in the fields of radio, television, press and films.

Details of such cooperation shall be worked out through a special protocol between the concerned organizations of the two countries.

Article V

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate in the spirit of the present Agreement, cooperation between their national organizations dealing with cultural activities.

Article VI

The Contracting Parties shall examine all the possibilities for mutual recognition and equivalence of degrees, diplomas and certificates awarded by the universities and other educational institutions in the two countries in accordance with the laws prevailing in each other's country.

Article VII

Each of the Contracting Parties shall encourage and support, to the extent possible, the study of history, culture and languages of the other country.

Article VIII

Each Contracting Party shall facilitate, to the extent possible, the inclusion of exact and precise information about the civilization of the other country in the text books of history and geography prescribed in the educational institutions.

Each Contracting Party shall consider any suggestion made by the other Contracting Party trying to rectify errors of facts or of judgement which such text books may contain.

Article IX

Each of the Contracting Parties undertakes to promote an adequate and effective protection of the rights of authors and other copyright proprietors of literary, scientific and artistic works of the other country, in accordance with the laws in force in their respective countries.

Article X

Each Contracting Party shall facilitate the setting up by the other Contracting Party or by the two Parties in its territory, of cultural institutes or friendship associations devoted to educational and cultural pursuits in accordance with its laws, regulations and general policy in this regard.

It is understood by both the Contracting Parties that a prior clearance of the Government concerned would be obtained before any such institutions are established in pursuance of this Agreement.

Article XI

The Contracting Parties shall promote mutual collaboration in the field of public health and examine the possibilities of exchange of experience and information.

Details of cooperation shall be worked out through a Special Protocol.

Article XII

For the implementation of the present Agreement, a Joint Committee shall be set up. This Committee shall comprise an equal number of representatives from both the countries and it shall meet atleast once in every two years, alternately at Algiers and New Delhi.

The Joint Committee shall be responsible for keeping under periodical review the working of the Agreement in the two countries and formulating educational and cultural exchange programmes. It shall advise the Governments concerned as to the manner in which the working of the agreement could be improved upon.

Article XIII

Any difference arising from the interpretation of this Agreement shall be settled through diplomatic channels.

Article XIV

The present Agreement shall be subject to approval by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their procedures. It shall come into force on the date of exchange of diplomatic notes concerning such approval.

The present Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years. It shall be automatically renewed thereafter for every subsequent five year period, unless either of the Contracting Parties give at least six months notice in writing to the other Party of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the representatives of the two countries duly authorised by their respective Governments have signed this agreement and affixed thereto their seals.

DONE (in duplicate) at Algiers on this the 11th day of Jyaistha 1898 (Saka) corresponding to the 3rd day of Jumada 1396 (H) and the 1st day of June 1976 (A.D) in Hindi, Arabic, English and French Languages, the four texts being equally authentic.

Sd/-

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