

**CULTURAL AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ITALY
Rome, 9 November 1976**

The Government of the Republic of INDIA

AND

The Government of the Republic of ITALY,

DESIRING to develop cooperation between their two countries in the fields of education, art and culture, sports, public health and mass media and to strengthen their friendly relations,

HAVE AGREED as follows :

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall encourage cooperation in the fields of education, art and culture, sports, public health and mass media.

Article 2

Each Contracting Party shall welcome the establishment in its territory of cultural institutes or friendship associations devoted to educational and cultural pursuits and shall facilitate the working of existing cultural institutions in accordance with its laws and regulations.

Such institutions shall be established in accordance with the conditions agreed upon by the two Contracting Parties.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate and encourage the relations between the Universities of the two countries and the exchange of University professors, school teachers, scientists, researchers and other persons concerned with education, sports, public

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health and mass media, and with the study of each other's history, culture and language as well as the exchange of students and sportsmen.

Article 4

Each Contracting Party shall consider to what extent and on what conditions academic degrees, university and school certificates obtained in the schools and educational institutions of the other Contracting Party can be recognised as equivalent to the corresponding degrees and certificates obtained in its own Schools and educational institutions for academic and professional purposes.

Article 5

Each Contracting Party shall grant scholarships to citizens of the other so that they can carry on their studies or obtain advanced training in its Universities and Institutes of Higher Learning.

The selection of the candidates will be made through a Joint Committee which would include representatives of the other Contracting Party.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall extend all possible facilities to each other in order to propagate in their respective countries a better knowledge of the culture and ways of life of the other Contracting Party and to this end they will encourage :

- (a) the holding of exhibitions, concerts, theatrical and other artistic performances;
- (b) the distribution of books, periodicals, publications and reproductions of works of art;
- (c) the exchange of records, films, radio and television material.

Article 7

Each Contracting Party shall encourage the exchange of materials in the fields of art and culture, education and sports and, as far as possible, exchange of archaeological specimens, museum art objects, etc. They will also provide facilities to acquire copies, photographic or otherwise, of historical records and manuscripts of mutual interest.

Article 8

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate collaboration between the

Organizations and Institutions engaged in the promotion of tourism in the two countries, in accordance with their respective laws and regulations.

Article 9

A Joint Committee, consisting of representatives of both Governments and to which experts may be added, will be set up for the implementation of this Agreement. It will meet in principle every two years alternately in Italy under an Italian Chairman, and in India, under an Indian chairman.

The Joint Committee shall be entrusted with the task of keeping under periodical review the working of the Agreement, advising the two Governments on the detailed manner of carrying it out and formulating exchange programmes, as well as generally advising the Governments concerned as to the manner in which the working of the Agreement may be improved upon.

Article 10

The present Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years. Thereafter, it will be renewable by tacit agreement unless one of the Contracting Parties terminates it by giving notice of at least six months in advance in writing.

The present Agreement shall come into force 60 days after the Parties shall have informed each other that all the requirements provided for by their respective constitutions have been met.

DONE in Rome on November 9th, 1976 corresponding to the Saka Year 18 Kartika, 1898 in two originals in English, Hindi and Italian languages, all the texts being equally authentic, except in case of doubt when the English text shall prevail.

Sd/-
For the Government of the
Republic of India

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For the Government of the
Republic of Italy
