

**CULTURAL AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE  
OF QATAR  
Doha, 4 June 1980**

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Prompted by the common desire to establish and develop closer relations between them in the fields of art, culture and education including academic activities in the spheres of science, technology, sports, public health and information media,

The Government of the Republic of INDIA,

AND

The Government of the State of QATAR,

AGREED to sign the following Agreement :

*Article 1*

The two Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate as follows :

- (a) exchange of professors and experts to deliver lectures and organise educational courses and special syllabi;
- (b) exchange of visits of the representatives of educational institutions and literary, artistic, sports, and journalistic organisations and participation in conferences, debates and seminars in these fields;
- (c) exchange and translation of books, periodicals, and publications in the fields of culture, science, education and sports;
- (d) exchange of the visits of archaeologists between the two countries to gain experience and knowledge in the fields of excavations, their maintenance, protection and display, as well as to exchange samples.

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1. Came into force on 18 April 1982.

*Article 2*

Each of the two Contracting Parties will make endeavours to extend facilities and scholarships to the students and educationists of the other Party desirous of pursuing their studies in the institutes of higher education and research laboratories.

*Article 3*

The two Contracting Parties will exchange information and consider the possibilities of the syllabi of the universities and institutions of higher education in order to arrive at the equivalence of the degrees and educational certificates granted by the institutions of the two Parties.

*Article 4*

Each of the two Parties will make endeavours to introduce various aspects of the life style of the other Party and its culture through the media of radio, televisions and press.

*Article 5*

Each of the two Parties shall facilitate and strengthen the following :

- (a) exchange of art and other exhibitions;
- (b) exchange of radio and televisions programmes as well as recorded tapes and gramophone discs;
- (c) exchange of expertise in the field of cinema and participation in film festivals organised by the other Party.

*Article 6*

Each of the two Parties shall endeavour to familiarise, to the extent possible, its people with the civilisation and cultural heritage of the other Party though its text books.

Each of the two Parties shall, to the extent possible, do everything in order to ensure that the foreign text books used in their educational institutions are free from errors and distortions, particularly in regard to history and geography, regarding the other Party.

*Article 7*

Each of the two Parties shall encourage establishment of cultural institutions and cultural objectives for the other Party in accordance with the laws and regulations of each state and its general policy.

This shall be done after obtaining prior approval of the Government of other Party.

### *Article 8*

In order to realise the objectives of this Agreement, a Joint Committee of the two Contracting Parties shall be set up, members of which shall be appointed by the two Governments on equal basis. The Committee shall meet, with the agreement of the two Parties, alternately in New Delhi where one of the Indians shall preside over it, and in Doha to be presided over by one of the Qataris.

Experts from any of the two States can join the Committee as advisers. The Committee shall periodically review the extent of progress in regard to the implementation of this Agreement and shall submit its suggestions conducive to the effective implementation of the Agreement.

### *Article 9*

This Agreement is subject to ratification. Thereafter it shall be effective from the date of the Exchange of the Instruments of Ratification.

### *Article 10*

This Agreement shall be effective for a period of five years, automatically renewable for a similar or more periods if one of the Parties did not intimate the other Party in writing expressing its desire to terminate it. The intimation shall be given at least six months before the expiry of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been signed by the duly authorised representatives of the two Governments.

DONE this day the fourth of June, 1980, in the city of Doha in two copies each in Hindi, Arabic and English, each text being equally valid and in case of difference of opinion English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the  
Republic of India

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ROMESH BHANDARI  
Secretary for Foreign Affairs

For the Government of the  
State of Qatar

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MOHAMED BIN HAMAD AL-THANI  
Minister of Education