

**Fourth Session Fourth Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago**



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 12 of 1995

[L.S.]

**AN ACT for the incorporation of the Vishwanath Hindu
Social and Cultural Organisation and for matters
incidental thereto.**

[Assented to 18th July, 1995]

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and Tobago an Organisation known as the Vishwanath Hindu Social and Cultural Organisation: ^{Preamble}

And whereas it is expedient that the Vishwanath Hindu Social and Cultural Organisation be incorporated for the purposes hereinafter set forth:

- Enactment** ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—
- Short title** 1. This Act may be cited as the Vishwanath Hindu Social and Cultural Organisation (Incorporation) Act, 1995.
- Incorporation** 2. The Vishwanath Hindu Social and Cultural Organisation (hereinafter called “the Organisation”) is hereby created a body corporate.
- Aims and objects** 3. The aims and objects of the Organisation are—
- (a) to disseminate and teach the science and philosophy of Sanatan Dharma (Hinduism) and collaborate with and support other religious and social organisations in promoting religious, social and moral discipline in the society;
 - (b) to formulate and implement plans and programmes to facilitate and enhance the teachings of Hindi, Sanskrit and English language as well as for drama and cultural activities;
 - (c) to render selfless service to the poor and needy by making suitable donations;
 - (d) to provide necessary accommodation for and to assist in the support of the aged, disabled and handicapped people in the community;
 - (e) to construct, enlarge, repair and maintain any buildings, temple and other related structures for the use and convenience of the organisation;

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- (f) to establish a suitable library for the Organisation and to make this available to members of the public either free of cost or for the sale of books or other reading materials;
 - (g) to produce (and publish) suitable books, bulletins, leaflets, brochures, or other materials which the Organisation may consider necessary for achieving its aims and objectives;
 - (h) to organize bazaars, raffles, excursions, sales and other similar activities for the purpose of raising funds to assist the Organization financially in implementing its programmes and projects;
 - (i) to promote and improve the intellectual, economic, social and physical well being of the members of the Organisation;
 - (j) to enhance the promotion of Hindu Culture through the observance of all Hindu ceremonies, rites and rituals, festivals and feasts;
 - (k) to work towards the establishment of an environment of lasting love and unity among all people of the national community;
 - (l) to encourage all members of the Organisation to uphold at all times the Rule of Law and Social Justice in the country;
 - (m) to formulate and implement and to assist and support the formulation and implementation of appropriate plans and programmes which will enhance and sustain a quality natural environment of the community in particular and by extension, the country as a whole;

- (n) to develop and implement appropriate and effective programmes and strategies for the prevention of the use of narcotics and for rehabilitation of drug addicts in the community;
- (o) to seek affiliation with local and international Organisations whose objectives are more or less similar to that of the Organisation.

**Powers of the
Organisation**

4. The Organisation shall have power—

- (a) to acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance or however otherwise any real or personal property of any estate or interest therein;
- (b) to accept surrenders or reconveyances and to enter into contracts;
- (c) to sell, exchange, demise, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of and deal with all property which may, for the time being, be vested in it, subject to any restraint, reservation or condition in the document under which it has acquired title;
- (d) to receive or acquire funds from the general public through contributions, covenants, donations and gifts of any kind, bequests, subscriptions or other similar means to enable the Organisation to carry out and achieve all of its objectives;
- (e) to invest any resources of the Organisation in such manner as the Organisation may deem fit, with a view to generating interest or income to be used for the benefit of the Organisation;
- (f) to raise or borrow money on such terms and conditions as may be deemed expedient and to provide security for such borrowing.

5. All real or personal property of whatever nature Transfer and vesting of property now held by or vested in any person for the use and benefit of the Organisation is hereby transferred to and vested in the Organisation.

6. All documents requiring the seal of the Mode of execution of documents Organisation shall be sealed with the common seal of the Organisation in the presence of the President and Secretary for the time being in office or in the event of incapacity or absence from the territory, in the presence of some other person or persons authorised for that purpose by the Organisation who shall both sign every such document, and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said seal was duly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Organisation.

7. (1) The Organisation shall at all times have a Service of documents fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the Organisation and that address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within twenty-eight days of the date of incorporation or the change of address as the case may be.

(2) Every document to be served on the Organisation may be served by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post, to the registered address of the Organisation.

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Organisation liable to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars and to a further fine of ten dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

8. The Organisation may from time to time make Powers to make rules rules for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions.

Saving of State or
other rights

9. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State, or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any persons except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

Passed in the Senate this 13th day of
June, 1995.

N. COX
Clerk of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this 30th day
of June, 1995.

J. SAMPSON
Clerk of the House