
Fourth Session Third Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 6 of 1990

[L.S.]

**AN ACT for the incorporation of Hindi Nidhi—The
Hindi Foundation of Trinidad and Tobago**

[Assented to 23rd April, 1990]

**WHEREAS Hindi is a powerful world language occupying
third place in the languages of the world and enjoying
an abundance of rich literature in all disciplines.**

And whereas Hindi has a long tradition in Trinidad and Tobago not limited to the practice of religion but also important in the promotion of the art forms, radio, television and cinema and in the enrichment of social and cultural practices.

And whereas Hindi is currently undergoing a healthy regeneration in the society:

And whereas since 1986 there has been established in Trinidad and Tobago a language organisation known as Hindi Nidhi—The Hindi Foundation of Trinidad and Tobago.

And whereas it is expedient that the said Organisation should 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 Hindi Nidhi—The Hindi Foundation of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act, 1990.
Incorporation	2. Hindi Nidhi—The Hindi Foundation of Trinidad and Tobago (hereinafter called “the Foundation”) is hereby created a body corporate.
Aims and objects	<p>3. The aims and objects of the Foundation are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to promote the study, practice, teaching and development of the Hindi language in Trinidad and Tobago and for matters incidental thereto; (b) to teach and promote the teaching of the Hindi language at a national level; (c) to provide, promote and facilitate the establishment of schools, classes and other facilities for the teaching of the Hindi language; (d) to design, monitor and develop curricula for the teaching of the Hindi language at primary, secondary and tertiary levels; (e) to undertake the publication of books, magazines, periodicals, journals and newspapers and to produce audio-visual

materials for the promotion of teaching and propagation of the Hindi language and of education generally;

- (f) to organise and hold conventions, conferences, seminars and lectures for the promotion and propagation of the Hindi language;
 - (g) to establish, equip, maintain, manage and operate libraries and reading rooms for the promotion and propagation of the Hindi language;
 - (h) to establish and administer examination councils and other administrative committees as the case may be and award in its own right or jointly with any other national, international, or other body diplomas, certificates and other evidence of knowledge of the Hindi language or of such other subject as the Foundation may from time to time offer;
 - (i) to award certificates of distinction to institutions or persons making outstanding contributions in the field in which the Foundation is concerned;
 - (j) to foster mutual appreciation and understanding of the Hindi language among all citizens of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago;
 - (k) to mobilise support nationally and internationally for the promotion and propagation of the Hindi language;
 - (l) to liaise with all organisations or bodies having the same or like objectives as the Foundation;
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- (m) to obtain and accept subscriptions, donations, grants, gifts and other bequests from individuals, firms and other institutions, to endow chairs, arrange exchange programmes and to award scholarships prizes and other incentives for furthering all or any of the objectives of the Foundation;
- (n) generally to do all such things as are necessary, incidental, ancillary or conducive to or convenient for the efficient discharge of its functions.

Transfer and
Vesting of
property

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

Mode of execution
of documents

5. All documents requiring the seal of the Foundation shall be sealed with the common seal of the Foundation in the presence of the President and General Secretary for the time being in office (or in the event of incapacity by some other person or persons authorised for that purpose by the Foundation) who both shall 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 Foundation.

Service of
documents

6. (1) The Foundation shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the Foundation and such 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) All documents to be served on the Foundation may be served by leaving the same at or by sending the same by registered post to the registered address of the Foundation.

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Foundation 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.

7. The Foundation may from time to time make rules and regulations for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions with power to vary or revoke such rules and regulations.

Power to make
rules

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

Saving of State or
other rights

Passed in the Senate this 23rd day of January, 1990.

J. SAMPSON
Acting Clerk of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this 23rd day of March, 1990.

R. CUMBERBATCH
Acting Clerk of the House