
Second Session Fourth Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 7 of 1993

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the incorporation of SWAHA and matters
incidental thereto

[Assented to 15th April, 1993]

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and Preamble
Tobago an Organisation known as the Gyaan Deepak
Kirtan Mandali:

And whereas it is expedient that the Gyaan Deepak Kirtan Mandali be incorporated under the name SWAHA 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 SWAHA (Incorporation) Act, 1993.
- Incorporation 2. SWAHA (hereinafter called “the Organisation”) is hereby created a body corporate.
- Aims and objects 3. The aims and objects of the Organisation are—
- (a) to encourage and promote the study, practice and teachings of the Hindu religious scriptures in Trinidad and Tobago;
 - (b) to establish and facilitate the establishment of institutions of learning for the teaching of Hindi, English, Hindu Theology, the cultural art forms and other subjects, both spiritual and temporal;
 - (c) to undertake the publication of books, periodicals, magazines, religious literature, and to produce audio-visual materials and computer-based materials for the promotion and propagation of the Hindu religion and culture;
 - (d) to organise and hold conventions, conferences, seminars and lectures for the promotion, understanding and propagation of the Hindu religion and Hindi and English languages;
 - (e) to honour persons and institutions, making outstanding contributions to religion and country;

- (f) to assist in the provision of facilities and services such as libraries, reading rooms, publishing houses, scholarship funds and lectures for the advancement of education;
- (g) to assist in the development of concern for the environment by public education of relevant Hindu Value systems;
- (h) to encourage the involvement in the community by all citizens;
- (i) to document, publish and store information for public use on the Hindu presence in Trinidad and Tobago and to maintain archives relating to same;
- (j) to foster among all members of the Hindu religion, spiritual, social, educational, recreational and economic activities;
- (k) to establish and assist in the establishment of educational, charitable and welfare institutions to serve the public of Trinidad and Tobago;
- (l) to do all such other things as are necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

4. The Organisation shall have power—

Powers of the
Organisation

- (a) to establish a Dharma Mandal (Theological Board) which shall have responsibility for determining policies of the Organisation;
- (b) to acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance, lease or howsoever otherwise any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein;
- (c) to accept surrenders or reconveyances and to enter into contracts;

- (d) 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 contained in the document under which it has acquired title thereto;
- (e) to obtain and accept subscriptions, donations, grants, gifts, including personal and real property and other bequests from individuals, firms and other institutions;
- (f) to ordain, licence and otherwise qualify Pundits and provide credentials for same, according to the Jagat Guru Shankacharya traditions.

Transfer and vesting of property

5. All real or personal 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.

Mode of execution of documents

6. All documents requiring the seal of the Organisation shall be sealed with the common seal of the Organisation in the presence of the Spiritual Head or the Deputy Spiritual Head and the Secretary General or in the event of incapacity, in the presence of some other person or persons authorized for that purpose by the Organisation who shall both sign every such document, and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the seal was duly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Organisation.

Service of documents

7. (1) The Organisation shall at all times have a 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 (28) 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) Failing 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 Power to make rules rules for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions and may amend such rules.

9. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to Saving of State and other rights affect the rights of the State or of 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.

Passed in the Senate this 9th day of March, 1993.

R. CUMBERBATCH
Acting Clerk of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this 19th day of March, 1993.

N. COX
Acting Clerk of the House