

Memorandum of Understanding on Cultural Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Maldives

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Maldives hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties:

DESIROUS OF PROMOTING the friendly relations existing between the two countries;

RE-AFFIRMING the need for cultivating and developing closer and stronger cultural relations between their respective peoples;

Have reached the following understanding:

ARTICLE I

The Contracting Parties, in conformity with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), agree to promote cultural cooperation between the two countries on the basis of mutual respect for their sovereignty and in conformity with the laws and regulations in force in each country.

ARTICLE II

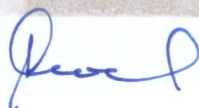
The Contracting Parties shall exchange, information on cultural relations in their countries and international activities organized in both countries as well as encouraging the participation of their representatives in these events.

ARTICLE III

The cultural cooperation between the Contracting Parties shall be effected through separate protocols to be concluded between authorized institutions or bodies of the Contracting Parties and in accordance with the laws and regulations in force from time to time in each country.

Article IV

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate cooperation and exchange of information and experts between National Heritage Ministries and Departments, National Museums, National Libraries, National Archives, National Academies of Research into Heritage, History and Language, National Centers for Arts and Culture of both countries, as well as encouraging the exchange of information and experts in the spheres of common interests.



ARTICLE V

The Contracting Parties shall promote cooperation in the fields of heritage conservation, preservation, archeology, museology, museum management, research into heritage, history and language, archiving, archive management, library sciences and library management.

ARTICLE VI

The Contracting Parties shall promote cooperation in the fields of theatre, visual and performing arts and music as well supporting the exchanging of performing troupes and artists, on a reciprocal basis.

ARTICLE VII

The Contracting Parties shall develop diverse cooperation through the exchange of books, periodicals and other publications on heritage, history, language, arts and culture, as well as encouraging reciprocal participation in book in international book fairs organized in the territory of the respective country in accordance with its legislation.

ARTICLE VIII

The Contracting Parties shall support the exchange of exhibitions in the fields of visual and performing arts, and Traditional and Folk Arts.

ARTICLE IX

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate cooperation in the field of cinema and shall assist in the exchange of films and delegations, through film festivals to be organized in both countries.

ARTICLE X

For the fulfillment of the objectives of the present MoU, a Joint Committee consisting of an equal number of representatives by Contracting Parties shall be established with the responsibility for coordinating all matters relating to, and promoting the above cooperation between the two countries, and the Joint Committee so established shall meet, as agreed upon between the Contracting Parties at the request of either of them alternatively in Malé and New Delhi.

The Joint Committee will be responsible for:-

- (a) Drawing up of an annual program of activities under the MoU
- (b) Drawing under periodical review the working of the MoU in the countries of the Contracting Parties;
- (c) Recommending to the Contracting Party concerned any items of interest to either Contracting Party in any field within the scope of the MoU; and

(d) Generally advising the Governments concerned as to the manner in which the working of the MoU may be improved upon.

ARTICLE XI

The Sending Party will bear the costs of international round trip, transportation as well as the insurance of materials and equipment, and the Receiving Party will bear the costs of lodging, food, domestic transportation of the delegation, equipment and materials, as well as, if necessary, medical assistance. The details shall be worked out on mutually agreed terms.

ARTICLE XII

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation, application or implementation of this MoU shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiations between the Parties.

ARTICLE XIII

This MoU shall enter into force on the date both the Contracting Parties affix their signatures and shall remain in force until either party may terminate this MoU by giving written notice through diplomatic channel to the other Party 6 (six) months in advance.

Unless otherwise expressly stated, the termination of the present MoU shall not be deemed to affect the validity and duration of any joint programs, projects or activities that have been entered into thereunder.

ARTICLE XIV

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Contracting Parties have signed this MoU and have affixed seals thereto

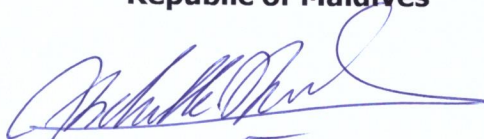
Done at New Delhi on this 17th Day of December in the year of Two Thousand and Eighteen, in two originals in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

**For the Government of the
Republic of India**



Arun Goel
Secretary, Ministry of Culture

**For the Government of the
Republic of Maldives**



Abdulla Shahid
Minister of Foreign Affairs