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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE JAFFNA DIVINE LIFE SOCIETY.

WHEREAS a Society called and known as “The Jaffna Divine Life Society” has heretofore been established in Jaffna for the purpose of effectually carrying out and transacting all objects and matters connected with the said Society according to the rules and by-laws agreed to by its members :

Preamble.

And whereas the said Society has heretofore successfully carried out and transacted the several objects and matters for which it was established, and has applied to be incorporated and it will be for the public advantage to grant the application :

BE it therefore enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Jaffna Divine Life Society (Incorporation) Act, No. 7 of 1983.

Short title.

2. From and after the date of commencement of this Act, such and so many persons as now are members of the Jaffna Divine Life Society (hereinafter referred to as “the Society”), or shall hereafter be admitted members of the Corporation hereby constituted, shall be a body corporate (hereinafter referred to as “the Corporation”) with perpetual succession under the style and name of “The Jaffna Divine Life Society”, and by that name shall and may sue and be sued in all courts, with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and alter the same at its pleasure.

Incorporation of the Jaffna Divine Life Society.

3. The general objects for which the Corporation is constituted are hereby declared to be—

General objects of the Corporation.

(a) to disseminate spiritual knowledge—

- (i) by publishing books, pamphlets, magazines and other periodicals ;
- (ii) by conducting religious discourses, conferences, seminars and retreats ;
- (iii) by establishing centres or branch societies for Yogi physical training and moral and spiritual Sadhanas to enable participants to achieve spiritual regeneration through Pooja

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Worship, Bhakthi, Gnana, Karma and Hatha Yoga with systematic training in Asanas, Pranayama and other activities ;

(iv) by spreading the Sanathana Dharma teachings of Rishis, Saints, Prophets and Yogis ;

(v) by opening and maintaining libraries and reading rooms ;

(vi) by practising service, love, giving, purification, meditation and realization ;

(b) to establish, maintain or provide assistance to religious schools, hostels, boarding houses, orphanages and madams ;

(c) to promote universal brotherhood, irrespective of caste, creed, race or religion ;

(d) to render selfless service to the Mahatmas and Bhakthas, the sick and poor ;

(e) to establish and maintain homes for the aged, destitute persons and orphans ; and

(f) to do all such acts as may be deemed necessary and conducive to the spiritual advancement of mankind.

General powers of Corporation.

4. Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other written law, the Corporation shall have the power to do, perform and execute all such acts, matters, and things whatsoever, as are necessary or desirable for the promotion or furtherance of the objects of the Corporation or any one of them including the power to open, operate and close bank accounts, to borrow or raise moneys with or without security, to receive or collect grants and donations, to invest its funds, and to engage, employ and dismiss personnel required for the carrying out of the objects of the Corporation.

Executive Committee.

5. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall be administered by an Executive Committee consisting of—

(a) the office-bearers comprising the President, the five Vice-Presidents, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Assistant Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, and the Honorary Assistant Treasurer ; and

(b) twenty other members, to be elected in accordance with the rules for the time being in force of the Corporation ; and

(c) the Honorary Patrons, *ex officio*.

(2) The first Executive Committee of the Corporation shall be the members of the Executive Committee of the Society holding office at the time of the coming into operation of this Act.

(3) The first Executive Committee shall include the following office-bearers :

- (1) Mr. Sinnadurai Kanagaratnam—Honorary President,
- (2) Mrs. Kamalasanani Soorasangaran—Vice-President,
- (3) Mr. Kandiah Kanagarajah—Vice-President,
- (4) Miss Ramapillai Sivamalar—Vice-President,
- (5) Dr. K. Sivagnanratnam—Vice-President,
- (6) Mr. Elayathamby Vaithialingam—Secretary,
- (7) Mrs. Gnanasoundary Kanagalingam—Treasurer.

6. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time, at any general meeting of the members and by the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting, to make rules not inconsistent with this Act, for the admission, withdrawal, or expulsion of members, for the classification of members and of their entitlement to vote at meetings, for the conduct of the duties of the Executive Committee and of the various officers, agents and servants of the Corporation, for the procedure to be followed in the transaction of business, and otherwise, generally for the management of the affairs of the Corporation and the accomplishment of its objects. Such rules when made may, at a like meeting, and in like manner be altered, added to, amended, or rescinded.

Rules of
the
Corporation.

(2) All members of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation.

7. All debts and liabilities of the Society existing at the time of the coming into operation of this Act shall be paid by the Corporation hereby constituted and all debts due to and subscriptions and contributions payable to the Society shall be paid to the Corporation for the purposes of this Act.

Debts due
by and
payable
to the
Society.

8. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of at least two members of the Executive Committee who shall sign their names to the instrument in token of their presence, and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

How seal
of the
Corporation
is to be
affixed.

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Corporation
may hold
property
movable
and
immovable.

9. The Corporation shall be able and capable in law to take and hold any property, movable or immovable, which may become vested in it by virtue of any purchase, grant, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise and all such property shall be held by the Corporation for the purposes of this Act and subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, with full power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same.

Saving of the
rights of the
Republic
and others.

10. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic, of any body politic or corporate or of any other persons, except such as are mentioned in this Act, and those claiming by, from or under them.

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