

## Particulars of organization, functions and duties

Indian Institute of Advanced Study is registered under Societies Registration Act (Act XXI of 1860) being an Act for the registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies. The name of the Society shall be the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (hereinafter referred to as the Society). The registered office of the Society shall be situated at Shimla.

### 1. The objects of the Society are:

- (i) To establish, administer and manage the Indian Institute of Advanced Study which shall be a residential centre for free and creative enquiry into fundamental themes and problems of life and thought. The functions of the Institute shall be:
  - (a) to promote creative thought in areas which have deep human significance and to provide an environment suitable for academic research. To undertake, organize, guide and promote advanced research in selected subjects in the Humanities, Indian Culture, Comparative Religion, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and such other areas as the Institute may, from time to time, decide. In selecting these subjects, special attention shall be given to areas of national relevance and wherever possible, before selection appropriate consultations shall be held with concerned Government departments, research organizations etc. An illustrative, but not exhaustive, list indicating the areas of activities, areas of studies and topics for research is given in Appendix I;
  - (b) to provide facilities for advanced consultation and collaboration and exhaustive library and documentation facilities;
  - (c) to provide all facilities including financial assistance for advanced study for teachers and other scholars, for specified periods to be determined in each case;
  - (d) to organize meetings, lectures, symposia and conferences. Every year three seminars will be organized at Shimla, one to expose the outcome of research at the Institute to debate and discussion, another to generate ideas and give directions to the research efforts of the Institute and the third on the theme of National Integration;
  - (e) to organize and conduct refresher courses, summer schools, and such other courses which are considered necessary by the authorities of the Institute;
  - (f) to invite scientists and research scholars from India and abroad to deliver lectures or conduct research, and to pay them such remuneration as may be considered suitable;
  - (g) to start, conduct, print, publish and exhibit any magazines, periodicals, newspapers, books, pamphlets, monographs or posters that may be considered desirable for the promotion of the objects of the Society, Institute will be selective in its publication programme and its publications will be those which will contribute to the development of the identity of the Institute.
  - (h) to make arrangements for pooling the results of research, analyzing and adopting them in terms of their social relevance for the public in general and for children, adolescents and youths in particular;
  - (i) to collaborate with other academic and learned or governmental bodies for the dissemination of knowledge and promotion of the objects of the Society;
  - (j) to institute an award fellowships, scholarships, studentships and loans, monetary

- assistance and prizes in accordance with the rules and Bye-laws;
  - (k) to levy such fees and other charges as may be prescribed by the Rules and Bye-Laws;
  - (l) to establish, maintain and manage halls and hostels for the residence of scholars, and members of the staff; and
  - (m) To create academic, administrative, technical ministerial and such other posts, considered necessary by the Institute and to make appointments thereto in accordance with the provisions of the Rules and Bye-laws.
- (ii) To take over, with the prior approval of the Central Government, any other Institute or Association, having objects wholly or in part similar to those of the Institute;
  - (iii) To make Rules and Bye-laws for the conduct of the affairs of the Society and the Institute and to add, amend, vary or repeal them from time to time;
  - (iv) To obtain or accept grants, subscriptions, donations, gifts, bequests form Governments, Corporations, Trusts or any persons for the purpose of the Society;
  - (v) To maintain a fund to which shall be credited:
    - (a) All moneys provided by Central Government;
    - (b) All fees and other charges received by the Society;
    - (c) All moneys received by the Society by way of grants, gifts, donations, benefactions, bequests or transfers, and
    - (d) All moneys received by the Society in any other manner or from any other sources.
  - (vi) To deposit all moneys credited to the Fund in such banks or to invest in such a manner as the Society may, with the approval of the Central Government, decide;
  - (vii) To draw, make, accept, endorse and discount cheques, notes or other negotiable instruments and for this purposes, to sign, execute and deliver such assurances and deeds as may be necessary for the purposes of the Society;
  - (viii) To pay out of the funds belonging to the Society or out of any particular part of such funds, the expenses incurred by the Society from time to time including all expenses incidental to the formation of the Society and management and administration of any of the foregoing objects including all rents, rates, taxes, outgoings and salaries of the employees;
  - (ix) To maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare an annual statement of accounts including the balance sheets in such form as may be prescribed by the Central Government;
  - (x) To have the accounts of the Society and the Institute audited in such manner as the Central Government may direct and forward annually to the Central Government the accounts of the Society certified by the auditors in the manner that may be prescribed by the Central Government together with the audit report thereon;
  - (xi)
    - (a) To establish and maintain Superannuation Schemes for the benefit of the employees of the Society;
    - (b) To give charitable aid to the teachers, staff and other employees or former employees of the Society or their wives, children or other dependents;
    - (c) To acquire, hold, dispose of and otherwise deal with property in any manner whatsoever for the purposes of the Society, provided that the prior approval of the Central Government is obtained in the case of acquisition or disposal of immovable property;
    - (d) To borrow and raise moneys, with the prior approval of the Central Government, on or without security of any mortgage, charge, hypothecation or pledge over all or any of the immovable properties belonging to the Society or in any other manner whatever for the purposes of the Society;
    - (e) to build, construct and maintain offices, houses, hostels, schools or other buildings, and alter,

- extend, improve, repair, enlarge or modify the same including any existing building and to provide and equip the same with light, water, drainage, furniture, fittings, instruments, apparatus and appliances and other things for the use to which such buildings are to be put or held in connection with the objects of the Society; and
- (f) to construct or otherwise acquire, layout, repair, extend, alter, enlarge, improve and use any land, recreation or playgrounds, parks or any other immovable property belonging to or held by the Society.
- (xii) To constitute committees or sub-committees to carry out the objects of the Society;
- (xiii) To delegate any or all of its powers to the Governing Body or to any of the committees or sub-committees constituted by it; and
- (xiv) To do all such lawful acts and things whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be necessary to further the objects of the Society.
2. (a) All studies and other programmes conducted on behalf of the Society by the Institute or otherwise shall be open to persons of either sex and of whatever race, religion, creed, caste or class and no test or condition shall be imposed as to religious belief or profession in admitting or appointing members, scholars, teachers, workers or in any other connection whatsoever; and
- (b) No benefaction shall be accepted by the Society which, in its opinion, involves conditions or obligations opposed to the spirit and objects of the Society.
3. The Central Government may appoint one or more persons to review the work and progress of the Society and the Institute and to hold enquiries into the affairs thereof and to report thereon, in such manner as the Central Government may stipulate. Upon receipt of any such report, the Central Government may take such action and issue such directions as it may consider necessary in respect of any of the matters dealt in the report and the Society or Institute, as the case may be, shall be bound to comply with such directions.
4. The Central Government may issue such directions to the Society or the Institute as it may consider necessary for the furtherance of the objects of the Society or the Institute and for ensuring their proper and effective functioning.
5. The income and property of the Society howsoever derived shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects thereof as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, subject to such conditions or limitations as the Central Government may, from time to time, impose. No part of the income and property of the Society shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividends, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the persons who are or at any time have been members of the Society or Governing Body or to any of them or to any persons claiming through them or any of them provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment, in good faith, of remuneration to any member thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society or for raveling allowance, halting or other similar charges.
6. The names and addresses and occupations of the first members of the Governing Body of the Society to whom by the rules and regulations of the Society the management of its affairs is entrusted are:

Sl. No.	Name	Address	Status
1.	Shri M.C. Chagla	Minister of Education, Government of India	Chairman
2.	Dr. C D Deshmukh	Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi, Delhi	Vice-Chairman
3.	Professor K.G.Saiyidain	320 D-II, Pandara Road,	Member

		New Delhi	
4.	Dr. V. Raghavan	Professor of Sanskrit, Madras University, Madras.	Member
5.	Dr. Nagendra	Professor and Head of the Department of Hindi, University of Delhi, Delhi	Member
6.	Shri P.N. Kirpal	Secretary (Education), Ministry of Education, Government of India, New-Delhi	Member

7. A copy of the Rules of the Society, certified to be a correct copy by three members of the Governing Body, is filed alongwith the Memorandum of Association.
8. We, the several persons, whose names and addresses are given below, having associated ourselves for the purpose described in this Memorandum of Association do hereby subscribe our names to this Memorandum of Association and set our several respective hands hereunto and form ourselves into a Society Act XXI of 1860 this day of 6<sup>th</sup> October, 1964.

Sl. No.	Name and Address and Occupation of members	Signature of Members	Names, Addresses and occupation of witnesses	Sign. of witnesses
1.	Shri M.C.Chagla, Minister of Education	Sd/- M.C.Chagla	Shri D.K. Hingorani, Deputy Educational Advisor (Ministry of Education)	Sd/- D.K.Hingorani
2.	Dr. D S Kothari Chairman, University Grants Commission	Sd/- D.S.Kothari	-do-	-do-
3.	Dr. C D Deshmukh Vice-Chancellor Delhi University	Sd/- C D Deshmukh	-do-	-do-
4.	Dr. Gopal Singh, Member, Rajya Sabha	Sd/- Gopal Singh	-do-	-do-
5.	Dr. A.C. Joshi Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University	Sd/- A.C. Joshi	-do-	-do-
6.	Dr. P.K. Kelkar, Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur	Sd/- P.K. Kelkar	-do-	-do-

7.	Shri. P.N. Kirpal, Secretary, Ministry of Education	Sd/- PremKirpal	-do-	-do-
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***Appendix-I to Article 3(i)(a) of the Memorandum of Association of the Institute***

**Areas of Activities**

- (a) The areas of investigation should be such as would promote inter-disciplinary research;
- (b) The themes of research should be those for which the initial facilities required are not too costly;
- (c) The areas identified should have deep human significance;
- (d) The principle areas should be those in which scholars of eminence can be attracted in the initial stages, both for the purposes of developing the methodological framework for inter-disciplinary research and for ensuring an acceptable quality in output that will encourage extension of such efforts to more areas in future; provided that in selecting the projects, attention should be given to areas of national relevance and whatever possible, appropriate consultations should be held with Government Departments, research Organizations etc. in determining them. Each of these projects should, however, be for a specified period and under no circumstances, the period of such projects should be extended. At the end of each of these projects, there should be a publication setting out the results.

**Areas of Studies**

- (a) Social, Political and Economic Philosophy;
- (b) Comparative Indian Literature (including Ancient, Medieval, Modern Folk and Tribal);
- (c) Comparative Studies in Philosophy and Religions;
- (d) Development of World-Views;
- (e) Education, Culture, Arts including performing Arts and Crafts;
- (f) Fundamental concepts and Problems of Logic and Mathematics;
- (g) Fundamental Concepts and Problems of Natural and Life Sciences;
- (h) Studies in Environment, Natural and Social;
- (i) Indian Civilization in the context of Asian Neighbours; and
- (j) Problems of Contemporary India in the context of National Integration and Nation-building.

*The following topics may receive special attention:*

- (a) Theme of Indian Unity in Diversity;
- (b) Integrality of Indian Consciousness;
- (c) Philosophy of education in the Indian Perspective;
- (d) Advanced Concepts in Natural Sciences and their Philosophical Implications;
- (e) Indian and Asian Contribution to the Synthesis of Science and Spirituality;
- (f) Indian and Human Unity;
- (g) A Companion to Indian Literature;
- (h) A Comparative Study of Indian Epics; and
- (i) Human environment.

