

**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF**   
**SRI LANKA**

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**SRI BALABHIVURDHI WARDANA SAMITHIYA (INCORPORATION)**

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**BILL**

**to incorporate the Sri Balabhivurdhi Wardana Samithiya**

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*Presented by the Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, M. P.*   
*for Matara District on 24th of February, 2021*

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AN ACTTOINCORPORATETHE SRI BALABHIVURDHI WARDANA SAMITHIYA

WHEREAS an Association called and known as the Preamble Sri Balabhivurdhi Wardana Samithiya has heretofore been   
 established at Walpola in Sri Lanka for the puropse of   
 effectually carrying out its objects and transacting all matters   
5 connected with the said Samithiya according to the rules   
 agreed to by its members:

AND WHEREAS the said Samithiya has heretofore suecessfully carried out and transacted the several objects and matters for which it was established, and has applied to 10 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 :—

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| 15 | **1.** | This Act may be cited as the Sri Balabhivurdhi | Short title |
| Wardana Samithiya (Incorporation) Act, No. of 2021. | |
| 20 | Incorporation |
| **2.** | From and after the date of commencement of this Act, |
| such and so many persons as now are members of the | | of the Sri |
| Balabhivurdhi |
| Sri Balabhivurdhi Wardana Samithiya (hereinafter referred | |
| Wardana |
| to as “the Samithiya”) or shall hereafter be admitted members | |
| Samithiya |
| of the Corporation hereby constituted, shall be a body | |
| corporate (hereinafter referred to as “the Corporation”) with | |

perpetual succession under the name and style of “the Sri Balabhivurdhi Wardana Samithiya”, and by that name may sue and be sued in all courts, with full power and authority to

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| 25 | have, and use a common seal and alter the same at its pleasure. | | General |
| **3.** | The general objects for which the Corporation is |
| constituted are hereby declared to be— | | objects of the |
| Corporation |
| (*a*) | to establish, equip and maintain a pre-school and a |

library ;

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| 30 | (*b*) | to engage in the dissemination of the Dhamma, |
| internationally ; |

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(*c*) to preserve and disseminate the Buddhist

Philosophy and the Buddhist way of life ;

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| 5 | (*d*) | to establish friendly relations with other Buddhist | Management |
| organizations in Sri Lanka and abroad ; | |
| (*e*) | to assist financially by granting scholarships or |
| otherwise the voluntary workers and others who are | |
| engaged in the attainment of the objects of the | |
| Corporation ; | |
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| (*f*) | to established and maintain libraries, to subscribe |
| for and issue books, journals, souvenirs and | |
| periodicals and to provide such other services as | |
| may be deemed desirable for attaining the objects | |
| of the Corporation ; | |
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| (*g*) | to collaborate or participate, with any other |
| institution or organisation, whether foreign or local, | |
| 20 | having objects similar to those of the Corporation ; | |
| (*h*) | to sponsor and conduct conferences, seminars, |
| workshops, group studies and lectures in Sri Lanka | |
| and elsewhere in furtherance of the objects of the | |
| Corporation ; | |
| 25 | (*i*) | to print, publish and distribute books, journals, |
| leaflets, newspapers and magazines which the | |
| Corporation may consider desirable for the | |
| promotion and advancement of its objects ; and | |
| (*j*) | to do such other acts, deeds and things as may be |
| necessary, incidental or conducive to the | |
| accomplishment of all or any of the objects of the | |
| Corporation. | |
| **4.** | (1) The management, control and administration of |
| 30 | the Corporation shall, subject to the rules of the Corporation, | | of the affairs |
| vest in a governing Council (hereinafter referred to as “the | | of the |
| Corporation |
| Council”) consisting of such number of governors elected | |
| from among the members in accordance with the rules of the | |

Corporation.

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(2) The first Council of the Corporation shall be the governing council of the Corporation holding office on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act, and consisting of the members whose names are specified in the

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| 5 | schedule hereto. | | Register of |
| **5.** | The Council shall cause to be kept a register of |
| members in which every person who on the day preceding | | members |

the date of commencement of this Act is a member of the Samithiya and every person thereafter duly admitted a

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| 10 | member of the Corporation, shall have his name inscribed. | | Powers of the |
| **6.** | Subject to the provisions of this Act, and any other |
| 15 | written law, the Corporation shall have the power— | | Corporation |
| to acquire |
| (*a*) | to purchase, acquire, rent, construct and otherwise | property, |
| invest funds |
| obtain lands or buildings which may be required for | |
| and take |
| the purposes of the Corporation ; | | loans &etc |
| (*b*) | to borrow or raise money for the purposes of the |

Corporation ;

(*c*) to make, draw, accept, discount, endorse, negotiate,   
 buy, sell and issue bills of exchange, cheques,

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| 20 | promissory notes and other negotiable instruments and to open, operate, maintain and close bank |

accounts ;

(*d*) to invest any funds not immediately required for   
 the purposes of the Corporation in such manner as

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| 25 | (*e*) | the Council may think fit ; |
| to solicit and receive subscriptions, grants, donations |

and gifts of all kinds ;

(*f*) to enter into agreements or contracts with any person   
 company or body of persons ;

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| 30 | (*g*) | to undertake, accept, execute, perform and |
| administer any lawful trusts and conditions affecting |

any real or personal property ;

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(*h*) to appoint, employ, dismiss or terminate the services

of officers and servants of the Corporation, and to

pay them such salaries, allowances and gratuities as

may be determined by the Corporation ;

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| 5 | (*i*) | to train personnel in Sri Lanka or abroad for the | Rules of the |
| purpose of the Corporation ; and | |
| (*j*) | to do all other things necessary or expedient for the |
| 10 | proper and effective carrying out of the objects of | |
| the Corporation. | |
| **7.** | (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to |
| 15 | time, at any general meeting and by a majority of not less | | Corporation |
| than two thirds of the members present and voting, to make | |
| rules, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, and | |
| any other written law for all or any of the following | |
| matters :— | |
| 20 | (*a*) | classification of membership, fees payable by each |
| class of member, their admission, withdrawal, | |
| expulsion or resignation ; | |
| (*b*) | election of the Council, or vocation of, or removal |
| from office as office bearers and powers, duties and | |
| conduct of the Council ; | |
| (*c*) | appointment, powers, duties, functions and conduct |
| 25 | of the various officers, agents and servants of the | |
| Corporation ; | |
| (*d*) | the procedure to be observed at and the |
| summoning and holding of meetings of the Council, | |
| the Corporation or any sub-committee, thereof | |
| filling of vacancies, notices and agenda of such | |
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| meetings ; | |
| (*e*) | the quilifications and disqualifications of the |
| member thereat ; | |
| (*f*) | the administration and management of the property |

of the Corporation ; and

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(*g*) generally for the management of the affairs of the   
 Corporation and the accomplishment of its   
 objects.

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| 5 | (2) The rules of the Foundation in force on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act shall, in so |

far as they are not inconsistant with this provisions of this Act or other written law be deemed to be the rules of the Corporation and may be amended, altered, added to or rescinded at a like meeting and in like manner as a rule made 10 under sub-section (1) of this section.

(3) the members of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules of the Corporation.

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| 15 | **8.** | (1) The Corporation shall have its own fund and all | Fund of the |
| moneys received by way of gift, bequest, donation, | | Corporation |
| subscription, contribution fees or grants for and on account | |
| of the Corporation shall be deposited to the credit of the | |

Corporation in one or more banks as the Council shall determine.

(2) There shall be paid out of the fund all sums of money

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| 20 | to defray any expenditure incurred by the Corporation in the exercise, performance and discharge of its powers, duties and |

functions under this Act.

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| 25 | **9.** | (1) The Council shall cause proper accounts to be | Accounts and |
| kept of all the moneys received and expended by the | | Audits |
| Corporation. | |

(2) The accounts of the Corporation shall be examined and audited at least once in every year.

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| 30 | **10.** | All debts and liabilities of the Samithiya existing | Debts due by |
| on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act, | | and payable |
| to the |
| shall be paid and discharged by the Corporation and all debts | |
| Samithiya |
| due to and subscriptions and contributions payable to, the | |

Samithiya on that day shall be paid to the Corporation for the purposes of this Act.

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| 5 | **11.** | The Corporation shall be able and capable in law to | Corporation |
| acquire and hold any property, movable or immovable, upon | | may hold |
| property |
| or by virtue of any instrument of purchase, grant, gift or lease, | |
| movable and |
| or upon or by virtue of any testamentary disposition or | | immovable |
| otherwise, and all such property shall be held by the | |

Corporation for the purposes of this Act and subject to the rules for the time being of the Corporation, or otherwise for the purposes of and upon the trusts in and subject to the conditions in the relative instrument of disposition with full

10 power (subject always to the provisions of any written law relating to trusts and of the relative instrument or disposition) to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of, encumber or charge the same.

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| 15 | **12.** | The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to | Seal of the |
| any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of a | | Corporation |

member of the Council and the secretary or such other person duly authorised by the Council who shall sign their names on the instrument in token of their presence, and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as

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| 20 | a witness. | | Limitation of |
| **13.** | No member of the Corporation shall, for the purpose |
| 25 | of discharging the debts and liabilities of the Corporation, or | | Liability of |
| members |
| for any other purpose, be liable to make any contribution | |
| exceeding the amount of such membership fees as may be | |
| due from him to the Corporation. | | Property |
| **14.** | If upon the dissolution of the Corporation there |
| remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities | | remaining on |
| dissolution |
| any property whatsoever, such property shall not be | |

distributed among the members of the Corporation, but shall 30 be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to those of the corporation, and which is or are by the rules prohibited from distributing any income or property among its or their members.

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| **15.** | Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or | Saving of the rights of the Republic |
| affect the rights of the Republic, or 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

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| 5 | them. | | | Sinhala text |
| **16.** | In the event of any inconsistency between the | |
| Sinhala and the Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall | | | to prevail in |
| case of |
| prevail. | | |
| inconsistency |
| SCHEDULE | | [Section—4. (2) ] |

Board of Management   
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Chief Patron (Lay)

For the year (2002/2003)

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Propaganda Officers   
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 2. Mr. Wasantha Ranaweera   
 3. Mr. Suran Chaturanga   
 4. Mr. Susantha Nihal

Inspector Mr. R. D. K. Wimalasiri

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