

# PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

# SISIRA JAYAKODY SIYAPATHA FOUNDATION (INCORPORATION)

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to incorporate the Sisira Jayakody Siyapatha Foundation

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### AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SISIRA JAYAKODY SIYAPATHA FOUNDATION

WHEREAS an Society called and known as the "Sisira Preamble Jayakody Siyapatha Foundation" has heretofore been formed in Sri Lanka for the purpose of effectually carrying out its objects and transacting all matters connected with the said Foundation according to the rules agreed to by its members:

AND WHEREAS the said foundation has heretofore successfully carried out and transacted several objects and matters for which it was formed and has applied to be incorporated and it will be for the public advantage to grant 10 such 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 Sisira Jayakody Short title Siyapatha Foundation (Incorporation) Act, No. of 2021.
- 2. From and after the date of commencement of this Act, Incorporation 15 such and so many persons as now are members of the Sisira of the Sisira Jayakody Siyapatha Foundation (hereinafter referred to as the Siyapatha "Foundation") or shall hereafter be admitted as members of the Foundation Corporation hereby constituted, shall be a body corporate, with 20 perpetual succession, under the name and style of the "Sisira Jayakody Siyapatha Foundation" (hereinafter referred to as

objects of the

Corporation

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

alter the same at its pleasure.

the "Corporation") and by that name may sue and be sued with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and to

(a) to conduct various studies, lectures and seminars in order to encourage the self employments;

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- (b) to rehabilitate the religious places which have been not paid attention so far;
- (c) to implement a mobile service programme called "Jana Sahana" with the aim of looking into the matters and solving the various problems faced by people;
- (d) to implement a scholarship programme to the under graduate students and to conduct lectures and seminars for them in order that they are fully prepared to meet the requirements of the job market;
- 10 (e) to grant supports and help for the senior citizens and to implement various assisting programmes on them;
  - (f) to provide necessary trainings assistance and sponsorship for those who are unemployed, with a view of promoting them for self employments;
- (g) to develop relationship with the national and 15 international organisations having the similar objectives; and
- (h) to do all such other acts and things that are necessary for and incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects. 20
- 4. Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other General written law, the Corporation shall have the power to do, Powers of the perform and execute, all such acts and matters as necessary or desirable for the promotion or furtherance of the objects 25 of the Corporation or any one of them, including the power—

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- (a) to raise funds and receive grants, gifts or donations, in cash or kind;
- (b) to acquire, in any manner whatsoever and hold, take or give on lease or hire, rent, sell or otherwise dispose

of, any movable or immovable property and construct, maintain and alter any buildings or works necessary or convenient for the business of the Corporation;

- (c) to make, draw, accept, discount, endorse, negotiate, 5 buy, sell and issue bills of exchange, cheques, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments and to open, operate and close bank accounts and borrow or raise money with or without security;
- (d) to invest any funds not immediately required for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner as the 10 Board of Management may determine;
  - (e) to enter into agreement or contracts with any person, or body of persons whether incorporated in Sri Lanka or abroad or with any Government Department, Corporation, Board, Provincial Council or Local Authority for the achievement of the objects of the Corporation;
  - (f) to determine the fees to be paid in respect of registration of different categories of membership; and
    - (g) 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.
- 25 5. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the Management other provisions of this Act and the rules in force for the time of the affairs being of the Corporation be administered by a Board of Corporation Directors consisting of Chairman, the Secretary, Treasurer and another Eight members elected in accordance with such

30 rules.

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- (2) The Board of Management of the Corporation shall consist of the members of the Board of Directors of the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act.
- (3) A member of the Board of Directors other than the 5 Chairman shall unless he vacates his office earlier by death or resignation, hold office for a period of four years. Where due to death or resignation a vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors a new member shall be appointed to fill such 10 vacancy and such a new member shall hold office for a period of four years.
- **6.** (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to Rules of the time at any general meeting and by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, to make rules, 15 not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, or any other written law, for the admission, withdrawal or expulsion of members, the election of the Board of Management, for the conduct of the duties of the office bearers, agents, officers and servants of the Corporation, for the procedure to be 20 followed in the transaction of business by the Corporation and Board of Management and 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, 25 amended or rescinded.

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

7. (1) The Corporation shall have its own Fund. All Funds of the moneys received by way of gifts, bequest, donation, transfer, 30 subscription, contribution or fees shall be deposited to the credit of the Corporation in one or more Banks as the Board of Management shall determine.

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- (2) There shall be paid out of the fund of the Corporation, all such sums of money as may be required to defray any expenditure incurred by the Corporation in carrying out the objects of the Corporation.
- (3) The moneys and property of the Corporation 5 whosoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects as setforth herein and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise, to any member of the 10 Corporation.
  - 8. (1) The financial year of the Corporation shall be the Accounts and calendar year.

- (2) The Corporation shall cause proper accounts to be kept of income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and 15 all other transactions of the Corporation.
  - (3) The accounts of the Corporation shall be audited by a qualified auditor as may be determined by the Board.

In this section, "Qualified Auditor" means —

- (a) an individual who being a member of the 20 Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, or any other institute established by law, possesses a certificate to practice as Accountant issued by the Council of such institute; or
- 25 (b) a firm of Accountants each of the resident partners of which, being a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka or of any other institute established by law, possesses a certificate to practice as an Accountant issued by the Council of such 30 institute.

9. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to Seal of the any instrument whatsoever, except in the presence of the Chairman and the Secretary 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.

10. All debts and liabilities of the foundation existing Debts due by on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act and payable shall be paid by the Corporation, hereby constituted and all Foundation 10 debts due to, and subscriptions and contributions payable to the foundation on that day shall be paid to the Corporation for the purpose of this Act.

11. The Corporation shall be able and capable in law, Corporation to take and hold any property, movable or immovable, which may hold 15 may become vested in it by virtue of any purchase, grant, property movable and gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise, and all such immovable 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 20 exchange or otherwise dispose of the same.

12. If upon the dissolution of the Corporation there Property remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, remaining on any property whatsoever, such property shall not be distributed dissolution among the members of the Corporation but shall be given or 25 transferred to some other Foundation or Foundations having objects similar to those of the Corporation, and which is, or are, by its rules thereof prohibited from distributing and income

or property among its or their members. Such Foundation or Foundations shall be determined by the Board at or

13. No member of the Corporation shall, for the purpose Limitation of of discharging the debts and liabilities of the Corporation or liabilities of for any other purpose, be liable to make any contribution members exceeding the amount of annual subscription payable by

30 immediately before the dissolution of the Corporation.

35 him to the Corporation.

14. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or Saving of the affect the rights of the Republic or of any body politic or rights of the corporate or of any other person, except such as are others mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from or under 5 them.

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15. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala text Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall to prevail in prevail.

case of inconsistency

