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**SRI BALABHIVURDHI WARDANA SAMITHIYA
(INCORPORATION)**

A

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to incorporate the Sri Balabhivurdhi Wardana Samithiya

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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SRI BALABHIVURDHI WARDANA SAMITHIYA

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

Preamble

AND WHEREAS the said Samithiya 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 Sri Balabhivurdhi Wardana Samithiya (Incorporation) Act, No. of 2021.

Short title

2. From and after the date of commencement of this Act, such and so many persons as now are members of the Sri Balabhivurdhi Wardana Samithiya (hereinafter referred to as “the Samithiya”) 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 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 have, and use a common seal and alter the same at its pleasure.

Incorporation
of the Sri
Balabhivurdhi
Wardana
Samithiya

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

General
objects of the
Corporation

- (a) to establish, equip and maintain a pre-school and a library ;
- (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 ;
 - (d) to establish friendly relations with other Buddhist organizations in Sri Lanka and abroad ;
 - 5 (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 ;
 - 10 (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 ;
 - 15 (g) to collaborate or participate, with any other institution or organisation, whether foreign or local, having objects similar to those of the Corporation ;
 - 20 (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.
- 30 **4.** (1) The management, control and administration of the Corporation shall, subject to the rules of the Corporation, vest in a governing Council (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) consisting of such number of governors elected from among the members in accordance with the rules of the Corporation.

Management
of the affairs
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 schedule hereto.

5 **5.** The Council shall cause to be kept a register of members in which every person who on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act is a member of the Samithiya and every person thereafter duly admitted a member of the Corporation, shall have his name inscribed.

Register of
members

6. Subject to the provisions of this Act, and any other written law, the Corporation shall have the power—

Powers of the
Corporation
to acquire
property,
invest funds
and take
loans &etc

15 (a) to purchase, acquire, rent, construct and otherwise obtain lands or buildings which may be required for the purposes of the Corporation ;

(b) to borrow or raise money for the purposes of the Corporation ;

20 (c) to make, draw, accept, discount, endorse, negotiate, buy, sell and issue bills of exchange, cheques, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments and to open, operate, maintain and close bank accounts ;

25 (d) to invest any funds not immediately required for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner as the Council may think fit ;

(e) 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 ;

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 ;

5 (i) to train personnel in Sri Lanka or abroad for the purpose of the Corporation ; and

(j) to do all other things necessary or expedient for the proper and effective carrying out of the objects of the Corporation.

10 7. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time, at any general meeting and by a majority of not less 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
15 matters :—

Rules of the Corporation

(a) classification of membership, fees payable by each class of member, their admission, withdrawal, expulsion or resignation ;

20 (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 of the various officers, agents and servants of the Corporation ;

25 (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 meetings ;

30 (e) the qualifications and disqualifications of the member thereat ;

(f) the administration and management of the property of the Corporation ; and

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

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 inconsistent with the 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.

8. (1) The Corporation shall have its own fund and all Fund of the
moneys received by way of gift, bequest, donation, Corporation
15 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
20 to defray any expenditure incurred by the Corporation in the
exercise, performance and discharge of its powers, duties and
functions under this Act.

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

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

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
30 shall be paid and discharged by the Corporation and all debts to the
due to and subscriptions and contributions payable to, the Samithiya
the Samithiya on that day shall be paid to the Corporation for
the purposes of this Act.

Corporation
may hold
property
movable and
immovable

Seal of the
Corporation

Limitation of Liability of members

Property
remaining on
dissolution

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15. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or 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 them.

Saving of the rights of the Republic

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

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency

SCHEDULE [Section—4. (2)]

Board of Management	For the year (2002/2003)
Chief Patron (Clergy)	Rev. Panditha Kalugala Soratha Thero, Chief Priest of the Amarapura Ariyawansa Saddhamma Yuknika Maha Nikaya- Chilaw Puttalam Divisions and Aluthkuru Korale South, Incumbant of the Walpola Sri Wimalaratharnaramaya
Chief Patron (Lay)	Mr. G. D. Kulatilleke - Former District Judge
Chairman	Mr. P. R. Gamini Sirisena, B.S.C. J.P. - (Whole Island)
Secretary	Mr. U. D. Jayantha Ranasinghe
Treasurer	Mr. Ananda Tissa Samarasinghe
Chief Organisers	1. Mr. R. D. R. Wijesinghe J.P. 2. Mr. R. Premakumara Sirisena
Deputy Chairmen	1. Mr. Nimal Karunatilleke J.P. 2. Mr. Manjula Dayaratne
Deputy Secretaries	1. Mr. P. C. Dayaratne 2. Mr. Neal Samantha Karunaratne
Deputy Treasurer	Mr. Nalinda Ruwan Indika Gunaratne
Deputy Organisers	1. Mr. H. D. Siriwimal Gunaratne 2. Mr. M. D. M. Jayatissa 3. Mr. R. D. Rohitha Sumanaratne

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Auditor	Mr. A. V. Piyadasa
Propaganda Officer	Mr. Palitha Chandralal Ranamuka, Ayurvedic Physician
Propaganda Officers (Media)	1. Mr. Anura Kulasuriya 2. Mr. Wasantha Ranaweera 3. Mr. Suran Chaturanga 4. Mr. Susantha Nihal
Inspector	Mr. R. D. K. Wimalasiri

