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SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF  
SRI LANKA**

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**RUHUNU AWAKENING ORGANIZATION  
(INCORPORATION)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to incorporate the Ruhunu Awakening Organization**

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*Ruhunu Awakening Organization  
(Incorporation)*

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE RUHUNU AWAKENING ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS an organization called and known as the  
“Ruhunu Awakening” Organization has heretofore been  
created for the purpose of effectually carrying out and  
transacting all objects and matters connected with the said  
5 Organization according to the rules agreed to by its members:

Preamble

AND WHEREAS the said Organization 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  
10 grant the application:

Be it heretofore enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic  
Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Ruhunu Awakening  
Organization (Incorporation) Act, No. of 2021.

Short title

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

Incorporation  
of the  
Ruhunu  
Awakening  
Organization

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

General  
objects of the  
Corporation

(a) to grant aid and support physically and qualitatively  
to relevant institutions in order to facilitate school  
30 children and university students to carry out their  
studies effectively;

(b) to identify inborn talents of students and youths at the rural, district and provincial levels in the fields of sports, literary and arts and to inspire them to harness their inborn talents through the provision of the required infrastructure facilities for this purpose;

(c) to provide for displaying and evaluating skills of school children and university students and to confer awards and certificates to children with talents in order to promote their cultural skills;

(d) to implement special training programmes which will enable the creation of a young generation who appreciate and practice values, norms and ethics;

(e) to implement practical programmes for promoting physical capabilities of student population through sanitation and health programmes and sports cum physical exercise programmes;

(f) to organize and operate educational tours, shramadana campaigns and workshops in order to inculcate feelings on Sri Lankan heritage, environment, wildlife, population and patriotism;

(g) to provide assistance and to encourage forming scouts groups and platoons in schools;

(h) to extend support to services rendered by senior citizens organizations and to encourage such organizations;

(i) to encourage farmers engaged in traditional and export agricultural activities and to carry out various awareness programmes for them;

(j) to take action to provide required assistance and support and training to unemployed youths in order to enable them to engage in self employment activities;

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- (k) to work in collaboration with local and foreign organizations with objectives similar to those of the Corporation;
- 5 (l) to offer guidance for the conduct of academic lectures, seminars, conferences relevant to the intellectual development of the people and to organize exhibitions, educational and propaganda activities for this purpose;
- 10 (m) to do all such other acts, matters and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objectives of the Corporation.

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

- (a) open, operate and close bank accounts;
- 15 (b) borrow or raise money with or without security and to receive or collect grants and donations;
- (c) invest any funds of the Corporation which are not immediately required for the purpose of the Corporation in a way that may be determined by the Committee of Management;
- 20 (d) purchase, acquire, give on lease or hire, sell or otherwise obtain any movable or immovable property which may be required for the purpose of the Corporation and which may lawfully be acquired for those purposes and to deal with or dispose of the same, as it may deem expedient with a view to promoting the objects of the Corporation;
- 25 (e) appoint, employ and dismiss the employees required for the carrying out of the objects of the Corporation and pay them such remuneration as may be determined by the Corporation;
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5 (f) enter into, perform or carry out, whether directly or through any officer or agent authorized in that behalf by the Corporation, all such contracts or agreements as may be necessary for the attainment of the objects or the exercise of the powers of the Corporation; and

10 (g) appoint advisory councils, committees or sub-committees as and when necessary to carry out any functions of the Corporation as may be determined by the Committee of Management:

15 Provided that the Corporation shall obtain prior written approval of the Department of External Resources of the Ministry of the Minister assigned the subject of Finance in respect of all foreign grants, gifts or donations.

5. (1) The management of the affairs of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules of the Corporation, be administered by Committee of Management consisting of not more than six office bearers inclusive of the Chairman / Managing Director, Secretary, Treasurer and such number of members as may be provided or in rules and elected in accordance therewith.

(2) No act or proceeding of the Committee of Management shall be deemed to be invalid by reason only of the existence  
25 of a vacancy among its members or any defect on the election or nomination of a member thereof.

(3) The first Committee of Management shall consist of the members of the Committee of Management holding office on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act and shall continue to hold office until a new Committee of Management is elected in accordance with the rules made under section 6 of this Act.

6. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time, at any general meeting by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present to make rules not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, or any other written law, on all or any of the following matters:—

Rules of the  
Corporation

- (a) the classification of members and the admission, withdrawal or expulsion of members;
- (b) the election of the office-bearers, the registration from, vacation of or removal from office of office-bearers and their powers, conduct and duties;
- (c) the election of the members of the Committee of Management and its powers, duties and conduct and the terms of office of members of the Committee of Management;
- (d) the powers, duties, functions and conduct of the officers, agents and servants of the Corporation;
- (e) the procedure to be observed at and the summoning and holding of meetings of the Committee of Management, the times, places, notices and agenda of such meetings, the quorum thereof and the conduct of business thereat;
- (f) the administration and management of the property of the Corporation, the custody of its funds, and the maintenance and audit of its accounts; and
- (g) the management of the affairs of the Corporation, and the accomplishment of its objects.

(2) Any rule made by the Corporation may be amended, altered, added or rescinded at a like meeting and in like manner as a rule made under subsection (1).

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

Register of  
the Members  
of the  
Corporation

Corporation  
may hold  
movable and  
immovable,  
property

Fund of the Corporation

(3) There shall be paid out of the Fund all sums of money to defray any expenditure incurred by the Corporation in the exercise, performance and discharge of its powers, duties and functions under this Act.

Debts due by  
and payable  
to the  
Organization

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11. No member of the Corporation shall for purpose of discharging the debts and liabilities of the Corporation or for any other purpose, be liable to make any contribution exceeding the amount due from such member as  
5 membership fees.

Limitation of  
liability of  
members

12. (1) The Corporation shall cause proper accounts to be kept of its income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and all other transactions of the Corporation.

Accounts and  
Audit

(2) The accounts of the Corporation shall be audited by  
10 a qualified auditor.

(3) In this section, “qualified auditor” means —

(a) an individual who, being a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, or of any other institute established by law,  
15 possesses a certificate to practice as an Accountant, issued by the Council of such institute; or

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

25 13. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of the President and the Secretary or two other members of the Corporation as may be decided by the committee of Management who shall sign their names to the instrument  
30 in token of their presence and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

Seal of the  
Corporation



- 14.** If upon the dissolution of the Corporation, there remains any property whatsoever, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, such property shall not be distributed among the members of the Corporation, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution having objects similar to those of the Corporation, and which, is or are by its rules prohibited from distributing any income or property among its or their members. Such institution or institutions may be determined by the members of the Committee of Management on or before the dissolution of the Corporation.
- Property  
remaining on  
dissolution
- 15.** Nothing contained in this Act shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic or of any body politic, or corporate or of any other person except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from or under them.
- Savings of  
the rights of  
the Republic  
and others
- 16.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.
- Sinhala text  
to prevail in  
case of  
inconsistency

