

*MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(Department of Social Justice and Empowerment)*

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 19th November, 2015

F. No. 19022/11/2015-VI (E).— Whereas the people of India, having solemnly resolved to secure to all its citizens Justice, Liberty, Equality and to promote Fraternity among all, adopted, enacted and gave to themselves the Constitution of India in the Constituent Assembly on the 26th day of November, 1949 ;

And whereas the Drafting Committee of the Constituent Assembly, under the Chairmanship of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, provided its invaluable services in drafting the Constitution of India and the nation is celebrating the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in recognition of his contribution to building modern India;

*Now, therefore, the Government of India has decided to celebrate the 26th day of the November of every year as the “**CONSTITUTION DAY**” to promote constitutional values among citizens.*

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Need for national-pledge festival

A journalist turned lawyer has given an emotional call in his book 'MY CALL' mooted an idea of a National Pledge festival as a sharp weapon against corruption and terrorism. It will usher in a defining moment as this will be the biggest ever event in the country's history to unite people emotionally.

The 129 page book is authored by Biraja Mahapatra, who runs a civil society Build India Group of like-minded lawyers and journalists.

He said while several countries had their own national pledges, India did not have one. The pledge in his book reads "We the people of India today do pledge ourselves to the service of our nation with honesty, sincerity and commitment, keeping our nation's interest paramount in all that we think, do or say for the greater glory of this land." The national festival has to be secular festival but it has to be observed religiously. Let the pledge be translated

Pankaj Kumar

in all Indian languages. Let it adorn the porch of every household like a solemn pendent on the appointed day. Mahapatra regretted that the present generation lacked the love for their country which the earlier one had.

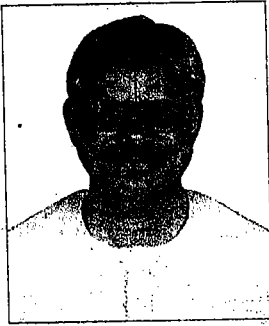
To moot the diminishing trend of 'love for the country', he suggested that there should be a day when the population of the country comes together, takes a pledge and pays tributes to the nation. Mahapatra said the day would raise the confidence level of every child. The feeling 'country above self' should also be inculcated right from the childhood.

The book said that prior to 1947 India was a mosaic of over 500 states and was never a united country because of enslavement for over a thousand years,

emotional integration had taken a back seat and nothing had been done so far to unite people emotionally.

The book makes an emotive appeal to the Indians, saying "The modicum of such festival can be left open to the opinion of the people. Claiming that the need for the pledge festival was widely appreciated by people, he said that this pledge is working. In fact his group had taken this pledge for the first time on third Saturday of January this year and was repeated in a public school in the East Delhi on January 25 and also in some private organization later. To a question whether he expected the whole country to participate in the Pledge festival, Mahapatra said "Look, every time students and lawyers have taken the lead in bringing about any change in the society. Today lawyers across the country and students can join the movement. Once this is done there would be no looking back."

THE BIG MAGIC



We have to unite: not for shouting, not for condemning and definitely not for destroying but for building, creating hope and for solidifying the existing good will among Indians. Easiest and most economical way as BUILD INDIA GROUP has found by holding a National Pledge

Festival. If it happens on the same day it will focus the attention of everyone and so third Saturday is chosen! So this year 19th January 2013 is the chosen day. Venue: Anywhere in India! When the future citizens of India are involved, the future of the movement is ensured and brightness is no more a distant dream but a nearby reality!

When I received a mail from Biraja Mahapatra and subsequently the pamphlets and wonderful translation of the pledge in all Indian languages I understood that this is not one of those short-lived gimmicks by a power hungry person. Here the power is with the people and precisely with children as to how to celebrate the festival.. The Pledge is made common. But the way it is going to be displayed is innovative. My children made a placard with each letter of NATIONAL PLEDGE DAY and they held it in front of them when the whole assembly of children of Angel Matriculation Higher Secondary School and Aravindar High School in Thiruvallur District of Tamil Nadu, took the pledge last year. Year before last all students of Park Matriculation Higher Secondary School, T Nagar, signed a long sheet of paper collecting the signatures of their class mates and their parents also. They did not spare the relatives who visited their homes. They read out to them the pledge and asked them to sign. They collected a whooping 3500 signatures.

We believe in unity in diversity and so no slogan will be against any group or religion or region or language. We respect our beliefs and that does not give us a license to hate others' beliefs. We, the organizers carefully avoid any negativity. Negativity only breeds contempt. Positive thoughts will take wings and spread everywhere like gentle breeze. That is why the pledge is in

all languages! Let us build India in 'BIG' way!

P J Naidu

Coordinator in Tamil Nadu

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(Mr Naidu is a social activist and educator. He is the editor-in-chief of JSSW)

AS ONE BIG NATION FIRM AND BOLD

Tender plants, nurtured by caring gardeners in the most conducive environs;

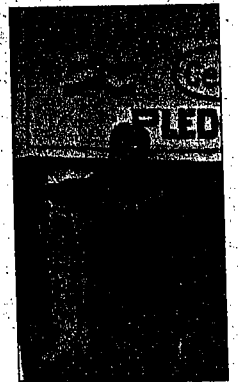
Soft clay moulded by careful potters into beautiful forms n' shapes foretell how they'll be in days to come.....

"let us make our national integration -our religion Similar is the case with tender human minds & young impressionable brains brought up in a healthy and positive society with great values inculcated at home n' school to groom them into the MOST COMPASSIONATE PATRIOTS.

Build India Group does it through its PLEDGE FESTIVAL a very powerful tool to achieve this sublime objective and to create a unifying 'SYNERGY' among our young generation.

It fills in them a unique sense of pride for being 'INDIAN' - Panjabi, Gujarati, Marathi, North, South, West all get pale in the radiant glow of ONENESS, proclaiming from one end of the nation to the extreme next, their solidarity towards Mother India.

Far from the National Capital, in a remote corner of Chhattisgarh, I, at Hirni the Ultra Tech Cement Location, can feel the remarkable influence of the PLEDGE FESTIVAL on not only the students & teachers of Private & Govt. Schools but on the parents & residents too. They're full of praise for such ventures which are undoubtedly 'need of the hour' and can



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ensure a better, brighter & safer INDIA in the hands of tomorrow's citizens.

My teachers n' me have witnessed tremendous Zeal & Zest among the entire teaching fraternity of the nearby areas to celebrate 'Pledge Festival' through a host of activities such as – slogans, posters, rallies & thus sending the noble message far n' wide.

Pledge Festival 2013, just around the corner, Let's all take a solemn oath to make 'National Integration our Religion Supreme' and take pride in the Oneness of this Vast Nation. Let's sing in unison:

Different hues & different shades,
Diverse are our levels n' grades.
Each one of us owns a free spirit,
Rainbow colours of power n' grit.
But at heart we feel resolved,
As One BIG nation firm and bold.

(Ms. Bushra Rani, Principal
The ABPS, Hirmi, Chattishgarh. A well known educator and motivator who has spread concept of pledge festival to various parts of Hirmi and adjoining areas of Chattisgarh)

I WILL BE A GOOD CITIZEN, AS I HAVE SAID THIS IN WRITING

It was on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations on January 25, 2008, my management wanted me to do something different.

The book MY CALL by Mr Biraja Mahapatra was yet to hit the stands. Mr Mahapatra was struggling as to what could be the impact of the pledge he had written in the last page of his book MY CALL. His friend Mr Gautam Basu, who had edited the work, was telling time and again, the pledge was amazing and bound to be electrifying.



Mr Mahapatra himself was saying the pledge alone would mean nothing. There had to be something more in the form of some festival so that the recipient of the message must internalize it. Since I had liked the pledge written by him in the book MY CALL, I thought I should make use of it in my school.

Few moments before the flag hoisting on January 25, 2008, I asked my teachers to write down the pledge in English on a huge board. In the presence of the guests all students and teachers recited the pledge in unison. Rendition gave us goose bumps. We thought we should continue with it. Since then we have been continuing with the pledge festival and making it more and more colourful.

Come December, my teachers ask me if we are to prepare students for the integrity building exercise. Scores of parents come to the school to understand about integrity building exercise. We encourage students to do the exercise and their idea of the nation comes out through their creative imagination. All my students are participating in this exercise with enthusiasm.

I have come across instances from my students saying "I will be a good citizen. It is because I have said this in writing".

(Mrs Pradosh Kumari Devi, Principal,
City Prince Public School, New Delhi.
Mrs Pradosh is the first among the educators to get the field test done and helped in giving a shape to the activities of the Build India Group)

IT HAPPENED IN MY SCHOOL

I am a primary school head mistress at Sarangadharapur Nodal U P School in Odisha's Nayagarh district. I had requested Mr Biraja Mahapatra to suggest if we could organize something in the line of Pledge festival on August 15, 2012. Mr Mahapatra suggested in the following lines. "Ask all your students to bring a placard on nationalism as the theme each on the occasion of Independence



Day. They can carry it during the morning procession on August 15. Display all placards in your campus after the morning procession is over so that the ambience of your school will get charged. Please ask them to carry pledge in their own handwriting and that they should recite in unison following flag hoisting and recitation of national anthem. They should also put their signatures on the pledge-sheet of affirmation”

“We did follow the instructions. Five of my students carried a sapling each being inspired by a slogan in a placard which read – plant a tree if you love your country. The same were planted in my school campus.



Getting motivated all other students carried a plant each on the following day. All saplings were planted. My children started writing poetry and stories on nationalism as the theme. They are looking more disciplined and promising. This is magic. It is spreading to so many other schools. Over 20 educational institutions of nearby areas are joining us in the pledge festival on Jan 19. I wish BIG endeavour all success.”

Sabita Dash, Head Mistress, Sarangadharpur Nodal Primary school, Sarangadharpur, Nayagarh, Odisha. (As told to Prof. Ranjan Mohapatra)



Touching commitments of generation Y

- Mala Sood



Many people feel they can change the world and better it for future generations. They try all sorts of ways to change and only few accomplish their goals. I think the youth of today brimming with vigour, zest, zeal and energy can certainly bring a desirable change in today's society and can accomplish their goals by this Pledge Festival thereby winning the hearts

of the millions of Indians.

While we may look at our country with our coloured eyes and feel proud that our country has a rich legacy of ancient past, a dark shadow has developed making an uncomfortable present and hence making our bright future blurred. If every youth are in a position to look dispassionately without pride or prejudice into the country's present state, they will be aware that it is the right moment to jump and act as a responsible citizen.

The children of our school have proved highly valiant and intelligent when the occasion demanded and such effective

endeavours have truly invoked in them the spirit of nationalism and integrity. The sensitivity, dedication and a sense of pride towards the nation aroused through the written commitments will definitely take India on the way to development as an enlightened society. I think our children should not lag behind in matters of nation's concern which is the need of the hour.

The nationalistic ambience which is created by the Write-Recite-Commit technique is indeed overwhelming and instills a moment of pride in every child's mind. I have firm belief that this small act initiated by the Build India Group but enormously humble can work wonders and can definitely bring a radical change in today's society. Students commitment in their writings today will surely turn into actions in fighting against evils such as corruption and terrorism.

We wish to groom our students in their thoughts, words and actions to do something for the nation's benefit. Our children would be catalyst for change and would definitely wake up the nation's conscience by raising their voices of grave concerns.

Principal, AG DAV Centenary Public School,
Model Town, Delhi

THE 'BIG' WAY

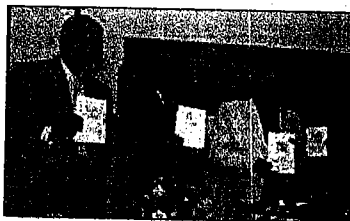
September 2006 : Lawyers Shanmuga Patro, Kiran Kumar Patra, Nishant Datta, journalists Sudha Passi, Gautam Basu and Avtar Nehru met in Delhi High Court to discuss about the issues relating to corruption and terrorism on the call of Advocate Biraja Mahapatra. The organization was initially named as Hate Corruption Campaign and then changed its name to Build India Group as the idea was to get into a character building exercise rather than jumping with slogans. The Book 'My Call', completed on August 14, 2007, by President, Biraja Mahapatra is in fact the vision document for a nation wide movement to promote love for the country and unleash sense of hatred against terrorism and corruption. Pledge first drafted in English was a part of the book. Ms. Sudha Passi then suggested "let us say the pledge on the third Saturday."

Jan 19, 2008 : Pledge was first taken by nine persons at Bajriath School on old Mathura Road near Ashram, Delhi at 10 am following a bell. Those who participated were: Biraja Mahapatra, Nishant Datta, Utpal Borpujari, Sudha Passi, Kiran Patra, Nabajyoti Das, Rakesh Mukhija, Shanmuga Patro and Prasanta Varma. Mahapatra suggested that the pledge day should not be date-specific and it should be day-specific so that it would not coincide with any one's birthday. (One of the core members who did not come amusingly thought it was Biraja Mahapatra's birth day). Mahapatra suggested since as per BIG philosophy, country's interest being paramount, no individual can be above the country. It was also resolved that the annual pledge festival should happen across the country on the third Saturday of January every year though there would not be any bar for saying the pledge any day in the morning assemblies, Independence Day or Republic Day celebrations.

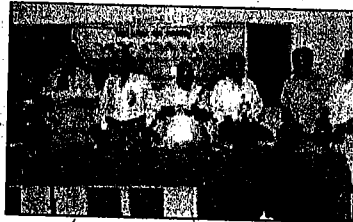
Jan 25, 2008 : City Prince Public School at Khichripur in East Delhi first did a field test to see the effect of pledge. Its principal Mrs. Pradosh and the teaching staff and students read the pledge in English along with national anthem immediately after the flag hoisting. It was an electrifying moment in the school. Pledge was appreciated by all including the guest speakers, teachers and the students.

Feb 16, 2008 : The Book 'MY CALL' by Biraja Mahapatra got released. Mr. M N Krishnamani, then President of Supreme Court Bar Association

was the chief guest. Former Vice President of India, late Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, who was to release the book, could not attend the programme on account of his brother's death.

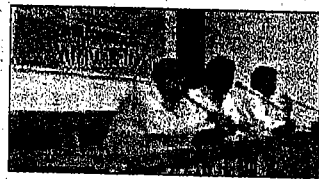


June 12, 2008 : Hating politics is a crime against democracy and creating a pressure group for introducing politics as a subject of management right from the school level, form a major of the Build India Group activity.. This was put to deliberation by



Bhubaneswar based NGO Development Task Force at Red Cross Bhawan on June 20, 2008. It was deliberated upon by prominent Writer Abani Baral, Writer Dash Benhur, Professor R K Mohanty, Economist Ambika Nanda, Asst. Professor Dr. Manas Nanda, BJD leader Priyadarshi Mishra and. The Book My Call was also read there.

August 2008 : A discussion forum on the google group came as a great help as friends from various walks of life participated in healthy discussions. Sr. Journalist C S Raj Narain continued to write his inspiring write ups for its greater outreach. All through the year several sessions on Build India Group workshops were conducted. Realizing the BIG dream number of occasions. Meetings were held at Indian Law Institute, India International Centre, and at the Delhi High Court. It was decided at the meeting at India International Centre in September 2008 that pledge festival should be an annual event and pledge in several languages should be put to test across the country. Dr. Umakant Mishra, Dr. Surat Singh and R K Handoo, Advocates extended their support in BIG workshops.



January 3, 2009 : Software Engineer Vandana Arya got the award 'Ace Of The Wase' from Wipro Academy of Software excellence by reciting the pledge in English in Bangalore. She reported that over 4000 students in the gathering felt inspired at the programme.. She went on to win the talent hunt as Vandana Arya - Miss Ace of Wase, 2009.

January 17, 2009 : Pledge festival was organized at the Hindi Bhawan, Rouse Avenue, New Delhi. Delhi High Court Bar Association President K C Mittal, Secretary D K Sharma, Senior Advocate A S Chandhiok, economist and author Sanjeev Sanyal and Delhi University Distance Learning Department Director Mrs Savita Datta were guests on the occasion. Our Livewire Rajeev Saxena, Advocate came into the picture from this day onwards to become one of the leading cause promoters. Pledge festival was organized at City Prince Public School, Khichdipur in East Delhi, Mrs



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Bhasin, Sh Ram Jethmalani, Sh Govind Mishra MP, Sh Ashok Tandon and Sr Advocate Mr K K Sharma reached a consensus that politics is citizens' responsibility and that this has to be respected as a subject of management.

January 16, 2011: Sh Salman Khurshid, then Union Minister for Corporate Affairs, Delhi High Court Judge Justice Kailash Gambhir, then Delhi Law Minister Mangatram Singhal, Additional Solicitor General Rakesh Khanna, Supreme Court Bar Association President P H Parekh and



Delhi High Court Bar Association Secretary D K Sharma joined as guests and supported the move. The festival was marked with a graffiti around the hall and pledge in 15 languages. The programme was marked by performance of Abhoy Goel, Harjot Kaur and other artists under the guidance of Gazal Master Jey Kesharwani and singer- Advocate Megna Sankhla presenting cultural programme on nationalism as the theme. This programme happened at several places across the country including Mahavir Public School, St Prayag Public School, Mata Shiv Devi Public School and City Prince Public School in Delhi, DAV Schools at Bhubaneswar, several educational institutions in Hirmi, Chattishgarh Madhya Pradesh.

April 9, 2011: Feeling motivated, AGDAV school gave it a new dimension adding cultural events on nationalism as the theme and the programme was attended by among others BIG President Biraja Mahapatra, Campaign Committee Chairman Rajeev Saxena, executives S K Rout, Nabajyoti Das, Manoj Sharma and A K Sood. This was a thrilling experience for all those who attended the programme as they were seated with rapt attention for about three hours.

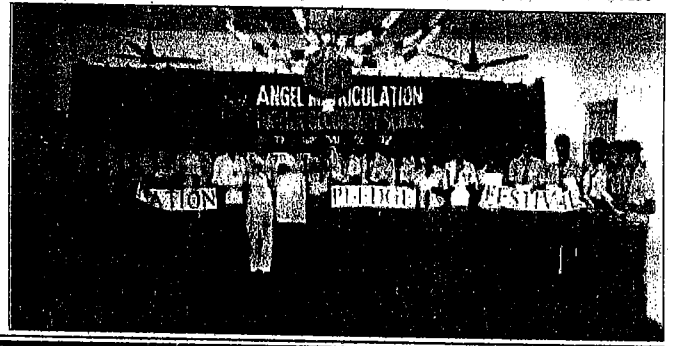


Several rounds of discussion with heads of various educational institutions across the country reached out to over 100 educational institutions who opted to hold programme on the line of Build India Group activities. Many of them sought permission if this could be held on Independence Day Celebrations. Since ours is an integrity building exercise, they were advised to hold programmes with a rider that the programme must not hurt any one's socio, cultural and religious sentiments.

January 21, 2012: Gandhi Darshan sponsored the pledge festival and the organizers of Build India Group collected a massive 12000 colourful posters which came in the integrity building exercise. Many of these posters were displayed on a graffiti and the show was a huge attraction. Integrity Building exercise involves students prepare placards and posters on the theme of nationalism; write in their own handwriting the pledge in the mother tongue and affirming the same after recitation in unison. This simple method clicked. The schools who joined as cause partners were A G DAV School, MBDAV School, Apeeje School, City Prince Public



School, Sun Valley International, Vaishali and Kalka Public School. They also presented their cultural programme at the Gandhi Darshan. Grand Daughter of Mahatma Gandhi, Mrs Tara Gandhi, who is also Vice Chairman Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, had inaugurated the programme and the function was attended by Justice Kailash Gambhir as the Chief Guest. Senior Advocate Rakesh Khanna, Prof Ramesh Chandra, then Vice Chancellor, Mewar University, Chairman of Mewar University Ashok Ghadia, Chairman of Sun Valley International were among the prominent guests. School heads Mr Mala Sood of A G DAV School, Preity Goel of Sun Valley International, S L Arya from M B DAV Public School, Mrs Pradosh of City Prince Public School were felic-



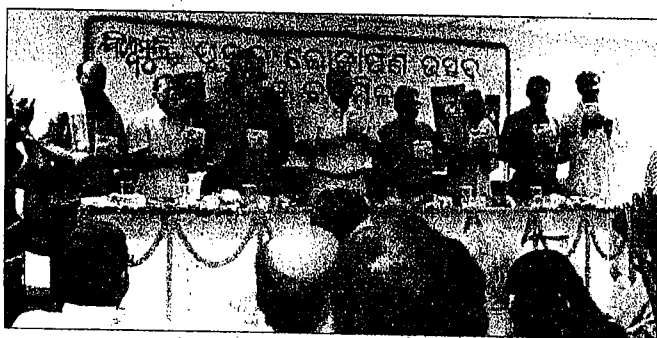
ited on this occasion. Mr Venkatraman, advocate, got released a CD on the BIG events so far and so also its philosophy. Pledge festival was celebrated across the country at more than 100 institutions including Mewar University, Makhanlal Chatturvedi University of Mass Communication and also some primary schools in Odisha, Chattish Garh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand. BIG activities were also supported by National Foundation for Communal Harmony.

In Madras educator and activist P J Naidu made it more innovative. Students of Angel Matriculation Higher Secondary School and Aravindar High School in Thiruvallur District of Tamil Nadu held pledge festival and prepared placard with each letter of NATIONAL PLEDGE DAY. All students of Park Matriculation Higher Secondary School, T Nagar, signed a long sheet of paper collecting the signatures of their class mates and their parents also. They did not spare the relatives who visited their homes. They read out to them the pledge and asked them to sign. They collected a whopping 3500 signatures.

Jan 31, 2012: Mr Promod Chawla, NNFI trust, held a get together at his residence to encourage the BIG functionaries if the programme could happen in all educational institutions in Delhi. Sh Anant Trivedi suggested if there could be a Delhi Pilot, the day will not be far away when this programme could be a nation wide event.

Mar 17, 2012: BIG leaders and patrons had a meeting at the Civil Services Officers hostel to decide about the next course of action and they decided to work on the Delhi Pilot of the programme and time to time meet under the Chairmanship of Advocate Dr Surat Singh. The programme was attended by among others former Delhi Chief Secretary P P Chauhan, Diplomat Amarendra Khatua, North India U CO Bank had Narendra Mohanty, Sr Advocates Rakesh Khanna, Upamanyu Hazarika, CSR Vision Editor Prof Ranjan Mohapatra, former CAT Bar Association President A K Behera among others.

Jun 14, 2012: Our President Biraja Mahapatra came out with another work on the philosophy of the Build India Group in



Odia titled Atanka ku Uttara (Answer to Terrorism) and the same was released at Bhubaneswar by Justice A K Patnaik, judge of Supreme Court.

On that very day, Dr Surat Singh, AGDAV Principal Mrs

Mala Sood, BIG core members Nabajyoti Das, Pankaj Sukhija, and Shanmuga Patro had met Delhi Chief Minister Smt Sheila Dixit who evinced interest and suggested if this could be done in all educational institutions in Delhi. A little more leg work may see this gala event in the next year.

August 15, 2012: A primary school, Sarangadharpur Nodal Primary School, in Odisha's Nayagarh District celebrated Independence Day involving the BIG idea. Students were asked to prepare placards on nationalism as the theme. They carried these placards during the morning procession on August 15, 2012. One such placard read "plant a sapling, if you love your country". Five of the students had carried a plant each for plantation on that day. The chief guest motivated the children saying "this is true demonstration of love for the country". The next all other 111 students carried a plant each and all these saplings were planted in the campus the next day. A beaming headmistress Sabita Kumari Das tells over phone "look this is how children are internalizing the message".

November 2012: BIG activist Pankaj Sukhija came out with a colourful pamphlet for distribution among educational institutions. These pamphlets are under circulation in various educational institutions. Until preparation of this write up/compilation, we have received communication from over 100 institutions that they were preparing for the pledge festival. Prominent among them are : Ravenshaw University, F M University, Berhampur University, KIIT University, Makhanlal Chatturvedi University, Mewar University, Venkateswar University, Ramjas College from Delhi, Bhavan's college from Mumbai among others. The BIG members have not collected money from outsiders to hold this programme. Though this is a registered organization, the members spent money from their own pockets and simplified the event so that it could be done at any part of the country. We have been emphasizing on a simple technique- WRITE- RECITE AND COMMIT. Students and youth in their respective states can write the pledge in their own mother tongue, recite the same in unison and affirm the same with a signature on the sheet of paper on which the pledge is written. This worked wonders. We will take it to the next high. At least we will involve all Delhi students this year. Hope we get your cooperation and support.

Compilation from Build India Group records:
Rakesh Chitkara & Ashwini K. Dubey Advocates



(Rakesh Chitkara & Ashwini K. Dubey Advocates are BIG motivators)

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION
UNDER SOCIETIES REGISTRATION ACT OF XXI, 1860

Registration No. S/ 62309 /2008

I hereby certify that Build India
Group

located at 245, Pocket 1, DDA Flats
Sector 23, Dwarka Delhi

_____ has been registered* under
SOCIETIES REGISTRATION ACT OF 1860.

Given under my hand at Delhi on this 27 day of
May Two Thousand Eight.

Fee of Rs. 50/- Paid

Balwant Singh
(BALWANT SINGH)

REGISTRAR OF SOCIETIES
GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
DELHI



Registrar of Societies

* This document certifies registration under the Society Registration Act, 1860. However, any Govt. department or any other association/person may kindly make necessary verification (on their own) of the assets and liabilities of the society before entering into any contract/assignment with them.

No clearance for this name under the Emblem & Name (Pro) Act, 1950 was issued by competent Authority with letter F.N. 23/74/2008-1P dt 30.4.2008.

BUILD INDIA GROUP



BIG

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. **Name of the Society:**

The name of the Society shall be 'Build India Group' hereinafter referred to as 'BIG'.

2. **Registered Office:**

The office of the Society 'BIG' shall remain in Delhi and at present it is at the following address:

245, Pocket 1, DDA Flats, Sector 23, Dwarka, Delhi

3. **Area of Operation:**

At present in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

4. **Aims & Objects:**

The aims and objects for which the Society 'BIG' is established are as under:

BRIEF BACK GROUND :

The BIG was formed in the later part of 2006 when eight members time and again discussed various issues including corruption and terrorism plaguing India. The main founder behind the team suggested that a national pledge as a ritual in unison by people of all faiths across the country could be the greatest possible solution to effectively deal with the problems including corruption and terrorism, that India is facing today. It was suggested that the Pledge would also inculcate a sense of being an Indian in every one's mind and thus promote Indian-ness among the people. It was unanimously agreed that this is a workable proposal as India, after sixty years of independence, does not have its National Pledge nor even a National Festival, which is being celebrated by peoples of all faiths across the country except for January 26 and August 15 functions, which have been reduced to almost like official do's..

The founders also agreed that they would work towards establishing an Institution of Politics to generate and send to the field of politics able and qualified leaders for effective functioning of our democracy. Since the team decided that for having such salutary objective in mind the Members are required to be from a very well organized group to work in the right direction. Hence, it was decided that the core group will be the main policy making body and its decision shall be final. Keeping in view of the aforesaid background it has been decided that the aims and objectives of the society shall be as under :

4.1.

- a) to inculcate a sense of being an Indian in every individual mind and working towards strengthening unity and integrity of the country by shaping up individual characters through a pledge asking each and every individual to reaffirm his or her love and loyalty to the nation and ultimately working towards a "National Pledge Festival".
- b) to create a sense of hatred against corruption and terrorism in the form of a mass movement on the sole principle :- "love nation- hate corruption".
- c) to establish and manage an Institution aiming at creating efficient political leadership and management in India to ensure good governance.
- d) to work towards other causes and on such other areas of national importance, including environment.

4.2. To take all steps which are necessary for the fulfillment of the aforesaid objects.

5. CONDITIONS:

- a) All the incomes, earnings, moveable / immovable properties of the Society shall be solely utilized and applied towards the promotion of its Aims and Objects, only as set forth in the Memorandum of the Association and no profit

thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, profits or in any manner whatsoever to the present or the past members of the society. No members of the Society shall have any personal claim on any moveable or immovable properties of the Society or make any profits, whatsoever, by virtue of his membership.

- b) The Society by its constitution is required to apply the profits, if any, or other income in promoting its aims and objects.
- c) If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Society there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities and property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Core Group members of the Society, but shall be given or transferred to some other Institution having objects similar to the objects of the present Society to be determined by the Core Group members of the Society at or before the time of dissolution.

6. GOVERNING BODY:

The names, addresses, occupations and designations of the present Governing Body members unanimously elected, to whom the management and affairs of the Society has been entrusted, as required under the provisions of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 as applicable to the NCT of Delhi, are as under:

Sr. No.	Name & Address	Occupation	Designation	Signature
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7. **DESIROUS PERSONS:**

We, the undersigned are desirous of forming a Society namey "Build India Group" In short 'BIG' under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 as applicable to the NCT of Delhi, in pursuance of this Memorandum of the Association of the Society.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS (BYE-LAWS)

1. **NAME** of the Society – BUILD INDIA GROUP in short known as 'BIG'.

2. **INTERPRETATION :**

In these Rules & Regulations unless there be anything in the subject or context inconsistent therewith:

- a) The 'Society' means BUILD INDIA GROUP.
- b) The Core Group Members means the existing members of the core team comprising nine members. The Core Group is also the Governing body for all practical purposes for any decisions in the Society.
- c) The 'Members' means the members of the Society to be selected by the Core Group, as may be declared from time to time.
- d) The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Joint Secretary Treasurer and Coordinator and Executive Members means those respective office-bearers for the time being of the Society.
- e) The 'Annual General Meeting' and a 'Special General Meeting' in short 'AGM' and 'SPG' respectively means such general meetings of the Society as are convened and held only under the rules of the Society in force.
- f) The 'Meeting' means all meetings other than Annual and Special General Meeting of the Society.

- g) A 'Resolution' means a Resolution of the Society duly passed and adopted.
- h) The Seal and 'emblem' means the seal and emblem of the Society.
- i) 'Year' means the official year of the Society as may be determined by the Governing Body from time to time.

3. **MEMBERSHIP:**

i) **Core Group Members** : The nine members forming the present body are the core group members. The core team is the apex body to deal with all aspects of the organization and to formulate policies. All its decisions shall be final and binding on all the members and branches / committees of the organization. The core group members shall continue to remain as life members until death. However, if any body wishes to withdraw himself as a life member, he may specifically record the reasons for the decision and submit the same to the core group. If any body undertakes any action, which is contrary to the Constitution, Policies, Ideals and spirit of the organization, his association with the core group may be dispensed with by a majority resolution of at least six members for a specific time frame and could be extended from time to time. No member from the core team is to be dropped unless there is some serious allegation involving moral turpitude against him or her or found to be working against the interest of the organisation. The decision of the core team in this regard shall be final. The core group shall make all possible efforts to make the organization a self-sustained one. The Core Group shall determine powers and functions of the Administrative Committee, which shall be carried out by such committee in addition to its statutory duties. Further, the Core Group acting on its own, or based on proposals received through the General Secretary shall formulate, review and abolish policies for betterment of BIG. In the event of failure of core group members in participating in the proceedings of the Organisation for five consecutive meetings, the President in consultation with the other attending core group members shall be at liberty to reconstitute the core group, but he can do so only in the rarest of the rare situation.

ii. **Primary members:-** Any person who has attained age of 18 years, signs the prescribed membership form and pledges and offers to work in furtherance of the activities of the BIG, undertakes to abide by the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of the BIG and

pays an annual membership fee of Rs. 300/- shall be eligible to become a primary member

iii. **Active members:-** Any person who having been enrolled as member, devotes at least five hours a week in furtherance of the objectives of the BIG for a minimum period of six months and is confirmed thereafter as an active member by the Administrative Committee of BIG shall become an active member. Any primary member having been declared disqualified as a primary member for non payment of Annual fees cannot be considered for distinction as an Active Member.

iv. **Institutional Members:-** Institutions engaged in social welfare or constructive work which agree to collaborate with and associate themselves in the work of the BIG and pay an annual membership fee of Rs. 5000/- shall be eligible for enrolment as Institutional Members.

The Core Group can introduce other category of members viz., Corporate, Institutional members etc. as the need may arise from time to time, on terms and conditions to be specified for each category. The subscription as enumerated for members of various categories may be hiked or reduced in accordance the core committee decision and such decision shall be final.

v. **DISQUALIFICATIONS:** No person or organization shall be admitted as, or continue to remain a member who engages or professes faith in corruption and/or communal hatred or has connection with any organization countenancing such activities. The Core Group decision in this regard shall be final.

4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

The Governing Body (Core Group) of the Society shall have the powers to suspend / expel / terminate a member(s), from the membership of the above Society, on the following grounds: -

- a) On death;
- b) On written resignation;
- c) If found guilty by means of anti propaganda of the aims and objects of the Society;
- d) If adjudged by any court of law to be a criminal offender;

- e) If found to be involved in any anti-social activities;
- f) If fails to pay the subscription or contribution for two consecutive years;
- g) If disregards Rules and Regulations or disobey the decisions of the Governing Body.

NOTE: The decision of the Governing Body (Core Group) regarding the termination of any member from its membership of the Society shall be final and binding and to be communicated to the member concerned at his address available with the Society by UPC / Registered AD / Courier / E-Mail (if available).

5. RIGHTS OF MEMBERS:

All members of the Society shall be entitled to participate in meetings, seminars, symposia, discussions, awareness/ academic functions and other lawful gatherings, called / arranged by the Society.

- i) The Members of the society shall be free to participate in the process of being considered to be appointed by the Governing Body as Office-Bearers and Members of various committees and sub committee for looking after the various functions connected with the running of the Society.
- ii) To receive a copy of the Annual Report of the Society and other information about the program organized by the Society from time to time.
- iii) To have personal access to the library of the Society and receive / issue books, manuscripts, journals from the library subject to the regulations as may be prescribed by the Society.

6. **DUTIES OF MEMBERS:**

All members of the Society shall. -

- a) attend the general body meetings regularly.
- b) Give the necessary information to the Society, pertaining to any matter, which is necessary to be known by the Society.
- c) Not indulge in activities, which are prejudicial to the aims and objects and/or the rules and regulations of the Society.

7. **GOVERNING BODY:**

- i. The Society will be governed by a Governing Body, which shall consist of at least two members of the core group including the President and Vice President of the Core Group. The total number of Members of the Governing Body shall not be more than fifteen and not less than seven members. The term of the Governing Body will be for a period of five years.

The Life Members of the Society through secret ballot shall elect the second and subsequent Governing Body.

- ii. A member or an office-bearer of the Governing Body may resign by making a request addressed to the President of the Governing Body in that respect in writing before the expiry of his term.
- iii. A member who is an un-discharged insolvent or who has been convicted of any offence in connection with the formation, management or of the affairs of the Society or of any offence involving moral turpitude shall not be entitled to be a member or office hearer of the Governing Body.

- iv. In case of any vacancy in the Governing Body including the office-bearer, caused by the removal or disqualification under these rules or by death or by resignation of any member or office bearer during his term as a member or office bearer another member or office bearer may be appointed in his place and such appointed member or office bearer shall hold the office only for the un-expired period of the said member's or office bearer term. Members of the Governing Body shall be eligible for re-election or re-nomination.

8. **FUNCTION & POWERS OF GOVERNING BODY:**

The Governing Body shall have all such powers and shall perform all such duties and functions as are necessary or proper for the achievement or the furtherance of the objects of the Society. Governing Body shall be responsible for the management and administration of all affairs of the Society and is also authorised to appoint any office bearer / executive member to look after any particular activity or to look after day-to-day activities of the Society. The Governing Body shall also prepare projects and programmes. The Governing Body shall have the powers as are the powers of the Society, mentioned in the memorandum of the Society and in these rules and regulations.

9. **MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY:**

A. The Governing Body shall meet as and when a meeting is convened by the President or is requisitioned by at least three Core Group members of the Body provided that it shall meet at least once in six calendar months.

The Body shall function notwithstanding any vacancy and no act or proceedings of the Body shall be invalidated merely by reason of the

existence of a vacancy or vacancies of its members or of any defect in the appointment of any its Members.

The Body shall take decisions by a vote of two-third majority. A resolution signed by majority of the members of the Body, after circulation amongst all the Members for the time being shall be as effective and binding as a resolution passed at a meeting of the Governing Body of Society.

- a) The quorum for the meeting of the Governing Body shall be six members present in person and voting.
- b) Three days notice shall be displayed on the notice boards of the Society or circulated through other mode(s) of communication with agenda / reasons. However, this provision shall not preclude the Chairman from calling an emergent meeting without any notice in appropriate circumstances, which circumstances shall be recorded in writing at the beginning of such emergent meeting.
- c) If within half an hour of the time appointed for a meeting a quorum is not constituted, the meeting shall stand adjourned for one hour at the same time and place, and if at time of said reconvening of the meeting the meeting the prescribed quorum is not constituted the members present shall constitute the quorum.

B. The Governing Body shall be empowered with any, every and all functions pertaining to the administration, control and management of the Society and will decide on all matters. More particularly, the Governing Body acting collectively shall have power to:-

- a) Represent the Society.

- b) Acquire and transfer property; movable, immovable or both, assume obligation and conclude agreements of any nature. All properties movable and immovable, of the Society shall vest in the Society and all documents relating thereto shall be in the custody of the Governing Body and/or in the locker in Banks operated by any two Members.
- c) Appoint the personnel of the Society, determine their remuneration, salaries and other service conditions and also to terminate their services or otherwise and take disciplinary action as necessary. The Governing Body may remove any person from Body or membership of the Society if the person does not function in the interest of the society.
- d) Open and operate bank accounts in any Bank, withdraw or invest or borrow funds, issue, accept, sign, endorse and deliver cheques, drafts, letter of credit and in general any other negotiable instruments. Persons to be authorised by the Governing Body as and when opened shall operate such banking account or accounts.
- e) Determine and incur expenses, administer the finances of the Society and to raise, receive and accept funds, subscription, donations and money and all kinds of gifts and charities, if deemed appropriate and in the interest of the society without in any manner affecting the independence in functioning and administration of the Society.
- f) Decide on the establishment of branch offices of the Society.
- g) Exercise control over and maintain the books of account, funds of the Society, prepare and submit it to the General Meeting the annual report, the balance sheet, income and expenditure account of the Society.

- h) Frame bye-laws relating to the internal administration of the Society.
- i) Decide on any, every and all matters pertaining to or in connection with the administration of the Society and the successful pursuance of aims and objects.
- j) To make arrangement with other bodies for organising and publishing regular bulletin, journals or other publications and to hold and organise classes, lectures, meetings etc. under the supervision and guidance of the Governing Body.
- k) To appoint Committees and sub-committees, which may include non-members and to assign and delegate to such sub-committees such powers, duties and functions and subject to such conditions as may be deemed fit by the Body.

C. The President shall preside over and direct the meetings of Governing Body. But in if any meeting the President is not available to preside within 30 minutes of the time fixed for the meeting, the Vice-President shall deemed to be the Chairman of the meeting. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, unless otherwise resolved in advance, the meeting shall be adjourned.

10. **DELEGATION OF AUTHORITIES AND CONSTITUTION OF SUB-COMMITTEES:**

The Governing Body may delegate any of its powers and function referred to in rules to a sub-committee of two or more persons appointed from amongst the members of the Society, if necessary. In each of such sub committee, the General Secretary of the Governing Body shall always remain ex-officio member. The recommendations of the Committee will be sent to the Governing Body for final approval, which may pass appropriate orders thereon.

11. **GENERAL BODY MEETINGS:**

A. The General Body of the Society will consist of core group and active members only. The General Body shall be the supreme authority of the Society in respect of all its activities and more particularly to decide on:

- a) Amendments and/or additions to the memorandum of the Society and these rules.
- b) Selection or nomination of members of the Governing Body after the expiry of the term of the First Governing Body.
- c) Approval with or without amendments of the annual report, the Annual Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure etc.
- d) Dissolution of the Society and disposal of funds upon dissolution as mentioned.
- e) To appoint auditors and fix their remunerations.

B. The Annual General Meeting shall be convened by the Governing Body regularly once a year within the three months following the end of the Society's accounting year provided that for any reason if it be not practicable to convene the Annual General Meeting within the aforesaid period, the Governing Body shall have power to extend the date of such Annual General Meeting for a further period not exceeding three months but not more than 15 months shall elapse between the two Annual General Meetings.

C. The notice for the General Meeting shall be delivered through ordinary post or any other suitable mode of communication to the members of the Society, at least 10 days period to the date of the meeting and at least 5 days in advance in case of an adjourned meeting. The notice shall also be served through display

on the notice board and on the official website of the society. The notice shall indicate the place, date and time, as well as the items of agenda of the Meeting.

D. The General Meeting whether Annual shall not discuss or decide on any matter not included in the agenda.

E. The quorum for the General Body Meeting shall be $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of the Life membership strength. In the event such quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting the General Meeting shall stand adjourned for one hour at the same place and at such adjourned meeting the members present shall constitute a quorum.

F. The decision of the General Body Meeting including the selection or nomination of the members of the Governing Body shall be final.

G. The General Body meeting shall be presided over by the President and in his absence by the Vice-President. The decision of the General Body Meeting shall be recorded in minutes, entered in a book maintained for the purpose duly signed by the President of the meeting.

12. **PRESIDENT:**

The President shall have following powers:-

- a) The President shall guide and supervise the various activities of the Society. He shall preside over the Governing Body and at the Annual General Meetings and other meetings.
- b) The President in case of emergency may exercise all the powers and perform all the functions required to be exercised and performed under the Rules and Regulations by the Governing Body, provided always that any such action taken by the President shall be placed before the Governing Body in the next

meeting immediately following the exercise of such powers and function by the President for ratification thereof.

13. **VICE PRESIDENT:**

In the absence of President, the Vice President shall have the same powers of President of the society.

14. **GENERAL SECRETARY:**

The Secretary shall be in-charge of all executive work of the Society. He shall carry on the administrative work of the Society. He shall keep records of the affairs of the Society and issue calls for various meetings. He will act under the guidance, supervision and advice from the President and the Governing Body. He will prepare proceedings of the meeting and get them approved by the President.

15. **JOINT SECRETARIES:**

In the absence of Secretary, the Joint Secretaries shall have same powers of the Secretary (jointly), if so authorised by the Secretary.

16. **TREASURER:**

All funds of Society shall remain under the care and management of Treasurer. Treasurer shall maintain the account of all money, which is received and/or paid by him on behalf of the Society. Treasurer shall make disbursement in accordance with the directions of Governing Body.

17. **ASSISTANT TREASURER:**

In the absence of Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer shall have same powers of the Treasurer, if so authorised by the Treasurer.

18. **AUDIT:**

At each Annual General Meeting a Chartered Accountant shall be appointed to carry out audit of the society. The auditor shall submit a report on the Income &

Expenditure and Balance Sheet of the Society presented by the Governing Body. The minutes of the meeting of the Governing Body and of the General meeting, books of accounts, the correspondence and in general, all records of the Society as well as any data required for the carrying on of the audit shall, upon a requisition by the auditor, be submitted to them by the Treasurer/ General Secretary.

19. FINANCIAL YEAR:

The Financial year of the Society shall commence on the 1st day of April and end with the 31st day of March according to English Calendar year.

20. INVESTMENT:

The funds of Society, which may require investment shall be invested as may be decided by the Governing Body from time to time which is permissible for investments as charitable institutions under the Provisions of Income Tax Act.

21. SUITS & PROCEEDINGS:

The Society may sue or be sued in the name of the President / General Secretary as per Section 6 of Societies Registration Act 1860. An Officer of the Society authorised by the Governing Body shall execute all contracts on behalf of the Society.

22. APPROPRIATION OF PROFITS:

All income and property of the Society shall be utilised solely towards the maintenance of the Society and not paid directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus or profit to any member.

23. INDEMNITY:

Every member of the Governing Body or any subcommittee, Auditor and other officer or servant of the Society shall be indemnified against all liabilities arising out of acts and things done by him/him in performance of his duties by way of damages or otherwise, and all losses, charges and expenses which he may incur or any act or deed done by him as such member, auditor, officer or servant in any way or about the discharge of his duties. However, the decision of the Governing Body in such matter shall be final.

24. **AMENDMENT:**

Any amendment in memorandum and the Rules and Regulations shall be made after being passed by the General Body Meeting of the Society in accordance with the provisions of the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The Society shall have the powers to make and from time to time repeal, alter, amend or vary its rules and regulations for the administration and management of the affairs of the Society and for the furtherance of the objects as per procedures under Section 12/12A of the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

25. **DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY:**

The Society may be dissolved in accordance with the provisions of the Societies Registration Act for time being in force. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Society there remains profit after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities and property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society, but shall be given or transferred to some other Institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Society to be determined by the members of the Society at or before the time of dissolution.

26. **APPLICATION OF THE ACT:**

All the provisions of the Societies Registration Act, 1860, as applicable to State of Delhi shall be applicable to this Society.

27. **ESSENTIAL CERTIFICATE:**

Certified that this is a true copy of the Rules and Regulations (Bye-laws) of BUILD INDIA GROUP.

For BUILD INDIA GROUP
Authorized Signatory

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Vice President

Joint Secretary

Asst. Treasurer

Secretary
Coordination

Member Executive

Member Executive

For BUILD INDIA GROUP

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