

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF LITHUANIA
AND GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA ON
CO-OPERATION IN THE SPHERES OF CULTURE, SCIENCE AND
EDUCATION**

The Government of the Republic of Lithuania and Government of the Republic of India (hereinafter in the agreement referred to as "Agreeing Parties"),

willing to fortify amicable relations of the both Parties, as well as co-operation in the spheres of culture, arts, education, science, sport, mass media, tourism and youth affairs, and with confidence that better mutual relations of the both Agreeing Parties shall benefit from such co-operation,

have agreed:

Article 1

Following the principles of equal rights and mutual benefit, as well as their respective laws and regulations, the Agreeing Parties have agreed to encourage and support the co-operation of the both Parties' governmental and non-governmental organizations in the spheres of culture, arts, education, science, sport, mass media, tourism and youth affairs.

Article 2

The Agreeing Parties, trying to develop the co-operation of their respective universities, science and technology institutions, shall encourage direct relations between those institutions.

Co-operation in the fields of scientific researches and technologies will be discussed by separate agreements.

Article 3

The Agreeing Parties shall co-operate in the sphere of education and support other country scientists and specialists' participation in the international conferences organised in any of the both Parties.

The Agreeing Parties shall encourage the exchange of history, geography, culture, economic and social development textbooks, as well as other educative material among the both countries, and shall exchange the curricula, educative methods and manuals issued by the both countries' education institutions.

The Agreeing Parties shall encourage pupils' exchanges.

Article 4

The Agreeing Parties shall inform one another about their higher education systems, research and study institutions, possibilities to study and work on probation in their country's higher institutions, as well as shall exchange their higher education specialists. When possible, the Agreeing Parties shall offer scholarships for postgraduate studies (in order to get Master or Doctor's degree) in their country's higher education institutions. Academic exchanges shall take place in accordance with the co-ordinated interstate or interdepartmental co-operation programmes, in which general and financing conditions shall be discussed.

Article 5

The Agreeing Parties shall exchange information and analyse the possibilities to recognise other country's education documents and academic degrees and will sign a separate agreement on this issue.

Article 6

The Agreeing Parties shall develop the translations of books and publications in the subjects of culture, arts, science and technology, as well as the exchanges of libraries and publishing houses.

Article 7

The Agreeing Parties shall encourage the development and co-operation in the spheres of music, theatre, opera, and ballet, and shall support mutual exchanges of troupes and plays.

The Agreeing Parties shall also exchange performers of various music branches, soloists and groups.

Article 8

The Agreeing Parties shall support art propagation and other cultural exhibitions.

Article 9

The Agreeing Parties shall give preference to co-operation in the spheres of cultural heritage, museums and archaeology. The both Parties shall enable other country's people to get access to their libraries and archives in accordance with the laws and regulations effective in that country.

Article 10

The Agreeing Parties shall support co-operation between the cinematography institutions of the both Parties, in order to acquire and exchange films, as well as participate in the international cinema festivals organised in any of the both Parties.

Article 11

The Agreeing Parties shall ensure the protection of other party's copyrights within its territory following the laws and regulations effective in that country.

Article 12

The Agreeing Parties shall encourage and support co-operation and exchanges of the both Parties' youth organisations.

Article 13

This Agreement does not breach any Agreeing Party's rights and duties established by other international agreements.

Article 14

For the execution of this Agreement, respective institutions of the Agreeing Parties shall in separate spheres ratify co-operation programmes, providing specific activities and financing conditions.

Article 15

This Agreement shall come into force on the day, when the both Agreeing Parties inform each other about the fulfilment of their internal procedures, related with its coming into force.

Article 16

The Agreement shall be valid for the period of five years; afterwards it shall be automatically prolonged for further five-year periods, unless any Agreeing Party provides the other Party with a written notice about its intentions to terminate the Agreement. In this case, it would be terminated after the period of six months from the day of the receipt of such notice.

In case of the termination of this Agreement, all the programmes would be further executed till their fulfilment in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

The Agreement may be altered and supplemented only with a written consent of the both Agreeing Parties. Alterations and supplements of the Agreement shall come into force by the same procedure as the Agreement.

This Agreement is made at *NEW DELHI* on this *20* day of *February* in two copies, each of which is made in Lithuanian, Hindi and English languages, all the texts having equal power. If disagreements arise in its interpretation the English text shall prevail.



On behalf of the Government of
the Republic of Lithuania



On behalf of the Government of
the Republic of India