

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAME
IN THE FIELD OF ARCHIVES

The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of Suriname (hereinafter referred to as "Parties"), referring to the Cultural Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Suriname signed in Paramaribo on September 22nd, 1982,

Desirous to strengthen and develop traditional relations and friendship, and recognizing the need to promote cooperation in the preservation and management of cultural heritage in the countries,

Referring to the Agreed Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the Joint Commission signed on April 28th, 2017 in the Republic of Suriname between the Governments of the Republic of India and Suriname,

Have agreed upon the following Memorandum of Understanding in the field of Archives for the years 2018-2023:

1. The Parties will share working experience and information between archival institutions in areas of professional interest, and facilitate exchange of experts for study of archival systems on reciprocal basis and on mutually agreed terms;
2. The Parties will provide copies of documents of each other's interest (microfilm, digital or hard copy) in accordance with rules and regulations in the two countries;

3. The National Archives of India will provide training facilities to officials and students of Suriname in the courses run by the School of Archival Studies;
4. The Parties will examine the feasibility of organizing joint exhibitions, on Indo - Suriname relations as per prescribed modalities and agreement;
5. The Parties will provide facilities to research scholars from respective countries in accordance with rules and regulations;
6. Cooperation in the fields laid down in this Memorandum will not interfere with other forms of possible cooperation according to agreement by the Parties;
7. Implementation of the activities or programmes under this Memorandum will be stipulated in separate executive programmes arranged between the Parties. Such executive programmes will cover detailed specification of the respective activities or programmes including objectives, procedures, and financial arrangement;
8. Whenever deemed necessary and by mutual consent, the Parties may request support from third parties to finance the activities/ programmes as mentioned in the executive programme;
9. The National Archives of India will facilitate and coordinate collaboration activities with State Archives for implementation of the items under the Memorandum;
10. The implementation of the activities or programmes under this Memorandum will be assessed annually;
11. Any amendment in the Memorandum will be subject to approval by both the Parties;
12. This Memorandum is not an international contract and does not create the rights and obligations regulated by international law;

13. Duration of the Memorandum:

- a. This Memorandum shall be in force for a period of five years, unless either of the Parties have expressed their intention to terminate the Memorandum, the same may continue for another five years;
 - b. Six months before termination of the Memorandum either Party will inform the other if one of them wants to terminate the Memorandum.
14. Any differences or disputes between the Parties which arise regarding the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum will be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation based on the principles of mutual respect and understanding;
15. The various provisions of the Memorandum shall be governed by the following conditions:

A. Exchange of experts:

1. The sending side shall meet the international return air fare of the experts;
2. The receiving side shall meet all local expenses towards board, lodging, per diem allowances and local travel;
3. The receiving side shall ensure suitable medical care for visiting experts.

B. Exhibitions:

Conditions governing exhibitions will apply on case to case basis through specific Agreements to be signed by the institutions involved;

C. Training

Training in various courses run by the School of Archival Studies, National Archives of India, will be imparted free of cost but all expenses towards air fare, board and lodging of the candidates will have to be met by the sponsoring side;

16. For the implementation of this Memorandum, the Government of the Republic of India has designated the National Archives of India and the Government of the Republic of Suriname has designated the National Archives of Suriname;

17. The Memorandum will come into force on the date of its signature.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments have signed this Memorandum

Signed in duplicate at Paramaribo on this 19th day of June in the year of two thousand and eighteen in the Hindi and English languages.

**For the Ministry of Culture of
the Republic of India**



**Pritam Singh
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**For the Ministry of Home Affairs of
the Republic of Suriname**



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