Cultural Agreement

between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Iceland

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Iceland (hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties"),

Desiring to strengthen the friendly relations between the two countries in the fields of culture and education,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall promote and develop cultural and educational cooperation between the two countries within areas of mutual interest.

Article 2

For the purpose mentioned in article 1 the Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate the exchange of representatives of universities, institutions and organisations in the fields of culture and education as well as in other related areas.

They shall also encourage other arrangements such as scholarships for study and research, organising bilateral workshops/seminars/training programmes, exhibitions, and other mutually agreed forms of co-operation which further the purpose of this Agreement.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties shall jointly take required measures for the implementation of this Agreement.

For this purpose the representatives of the Contracting Parties shall hold meetings in order to work out periodical programmes of co-operation, which specify the scope, subjects and forms of co-operation, general and financial terms and conditions, and to review the implementation of this Agreement. These meetings shall be held alternately in India and Iceland at a place and at a time agreed upon by the Contracting Parties.

Article 4

This Agreement shall enter into force thirty days after the Contracting Parties have notified each other that the constitutional requirements for the entry into force of this Agreement have been complied with.

Article 5

This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years. It shall thereafter be automatically renewed for successive periods of one year at a time unless a notice of termination is given in writing through diplomatic channels by either Contracting Party six

months in advance. Such termination of the Agreement will not affect the collaborative activities already initiated in a programme.

In witness whereof the undersigned representatives, being duly authorised thereto by their Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

Done at Reykjavik on this Mireton day of October 2005 in two originals in the English language. The Contracting Parties will subsequently prepare and exchange through diplomatic channels texts of the Agreement in the Hindi and Icelandic languages. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the Republic of India

For the Government of Iceland