

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF CULTURE, EDUCATION,
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SPORTS**

Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties"):

- desiring to strengthen and develop the friendly relations between the two countries and their people;

- being convinced that the exchange and the cooperation in the fields of culture, education, science, technology and sports contribute to better mutual knowledge and understanding between the Indian and Croatian people;

- endeavouring to expand their successful and comprehensive cooperation;

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall promote cooperation at all levels of culture, education, science, technology and sports.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall promote the study of the languages, literature, history and civilisation of the country of the other Contracting Party.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties shall encourage:

- a) cooperation in various fields of science, including the exchange of scientists, the implementation of joint research and development projects, the organisation of joint scientific seminars, conferences and other scientific meetings, the exchange of publications and information;
- b) cooperation between higher education institutions, establishing language departments for Hindi and Croatian languages, facilitating exchange of undergraduate and postgraduate students and university professors.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties shall encourage reciprocal recognition of diplomas, certificates, qualifications and academic degrees granted by their educational and higher school institutions and, if deemed necessary, conclude for that purpose a separate agreement or protocols whereby conditions and needs shall be determined under which those documents shall be considered equivalent.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties shall support cooperation in all fields of culture and arts making the public of their countries acquainted with cultural heritage and contemporary achievements of culture of the other Party.

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the cooperation in fields of protection and preservation of cultural heritage.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall encourage direct contacts and exchange between cultural institutions, associations and individuals.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall support the cooperation in the field of mass-media.

Article 8

The Contracting Parties shall encourage cooperation in the field of sports, through sharing of mutual experience and through participation of national teams and individuals in sports events, competitions, etc., organised by their respective countries.

Article 9

The Contracting Parties shall encourage contacts between young people and direct cooperation between youth associations of the two countries.

Article 10

In accordance with binding international conventions and agreements in the field of intellectual property, the Contracting Parties may become, within their respective laws and regulations, joint legal owners of intellectual property rights resulting from the activities arising out of this Agreement.

Subject to prior mutual agreement on all relevant aspects, the Contracting Parties may register intellectual property rights in accordance with their respective intellectual property laws and denote copyrights in accordance with their respective copyrights laws

Article 11

For the purpose of implementation of this Agreement each Contracting Party shall appoint representatives of their competent ministries to meet periodically in Zagreb and New Delhi alternately to conclude programmes of cooperation and exchange for the periods to be agreed upon by the Contracting Parties.

Article 12

The Contracting Parties agree that the present Agreement may anticipate other forms of cooperation not explicitly contained herein but being in consonance with the objectives of this Agreement.

Article 13

This Agreement shall enter into force upon the receipt of the latest notification through the diplomatic channels that the conditions required by the national legislations of each Contracting Party for its entry into force have been fulfilled and shall be provisionally implemented since the day it has been signed.

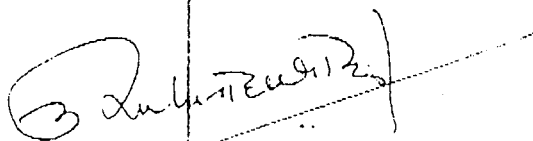
This Agreement shall be concluded for a period of five years and thereafter shall be automatically renewed for successive periods of five years until either Contracting Party informs the other through diplomatic channels about its intention to denounce the Agreement. In such a case the Agreement shall remain in force until the expiry of six months from the date of the receipt of the notice of denunciation.

In case of denunciation of this Agreement its provisions shall continue to apply to any programmes of exchange, agreement or project initiated under this Agreement still in progress until they are completed.

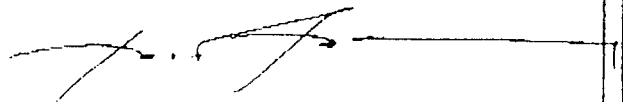
Signed In New Delhi on the 5th day of March 1999 in two originals each in Hindi, English and Croatian, all the texts being equally authentic. However, in case of doubt, the English text shall prevail.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA**



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