

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. Name of the Society : FILM CRITICS CIRCLE OF INDIA
2. Address /phone : 1/1439, Fort Cochin,
Cochin – 682 001
0-904 806 0311
3. Area of operation : All India
4. Objects:

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- i. To encourage the production of cinema of high artistic and aesthetic value, chiefly through the institution of the annual FCCI Award.
- ii. To establish a library of regional language screenplays translated into English as well as a variety of Indian languages, and regional language films with subtitles.
- iii. To conduct film appreciation classes for students of cinema, and seminars on film criticism for students of film journalism.
- iv. And to translate into English and publish /disseminate important literature on the history, art, craft, and theories of cinema.



President


Secretary


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5. The names, addresses, designations, and professions of all members of the first Managing Committee of the Society to whom the management of the Society is entrusted.


	Name	Address	Designation	Profession	Signature
1	Premendra Mazumder	G-A. Sagar Apt., 11/1 Nagendra Nath Rd., Kolkata - 700 028	President	Film critic	
2	Bikas Mishra	A-301, Casa Mariana, IC Col., Borivali (W), Bombay - 400 103	Joint Secretary	Film critic	
3	Dalton L.	1/1439, Fort Cochin, Cochin - 682 001	Secretary	Film critic	
4	Ervell Menezes	183 B, Dr. Vaegas Street, Cavel, Bombay - 400 002	Member	Film critic	
5	Saibal Chatterjee	23 T, Parsvanath Estate, Sector Omega-1, Greater Noida-201 308	Member	Film critic	
6	Utpal Borpujari	B-29, Soochana Apts., Plot 15, Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi - 110 096	Member	Film critic	
7	Prem Chand	Mathrubhumi feature desk, Calicut - 673 001	Member	Film critic	


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6. We the following member signatories of the Society jointly declare that we wish to form Society and register the same under the Travancore Cochin Literary Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act XII of 1955, and towards that objective, we have met today, i.e., Dec 25, 2012, and have signed the Memorandum of Association.

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RULES & REGULATIONS

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5. Definition of terms used in bye-laws

In these articles, unless the context requires otherwise:

- a) "Society" shall mean the "FILM CRITICS CIRCLE OF INDIA".
- b) "Committee" shall mean the "managing committee of the Society".

6. Accounting year

Financial year shall mean April 1 to March 31.

7. Membership and procedure for enrolment

- a) Membership is strictly by invitation.
- b) The Society shall, if required, appoint a 'special committee' to review and approve new membership.
- c) Membership may be extended to journalistic and academic film critics; as well as film researchers, historians, and theorists.
- d) Honorary membership may be conferred upon distinguished film critics, researchers, historians, and theorists, including retired veterans.
- e) The admission fee shall be Re. 1/-, payable on approval; and the annual subscription fee shall be Re. 1/-, payable in advance on or before April 18 of each year.

8. Termination of membership

- a) All members are required to abide by the rules and regulations of the Society and pay the stipulated admission and annual subscription fees, failing which they automatically cease to be part of the Society and would be required to apply afresh for admission.
- b) While every member is expected to attend at least one meeting a year, attendance is not compulsory, and failure to attend meetings shall not be a criterion for expulsion.
- c) Personal attacks, both verbal and through writings, against other members are strictly forbidden, and is a primary criterion for expulsion.

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9. Annual General Meeting

- a) The AGM shall be convened in the month of November.
- a) The president, or in their absence, the secretary or joint secretary, in that order, shall determine a suitable date, time, and venue for the AGM, and must intimate all members. The notice must specify that the meeting is an AGM.
- b) The primary purpose of the AGM shall be to confirm the minutes of the previous AGM, to receive reports from the Committee of the transactions of the Society in the preceding financial year, and to elect the new Committee.
- c) Seven members, including at least 3 Committee members, constitute a quorum.

10. Committee: procedure of election, and term

- a) The Committee shall comprise a president, secretary, and joint secretary, and between 4 and 21 ordinary members. If needs be, the Committee, comprising a maximum of 24 members, may include a vice president and a treasurer.
- b) At the first general body meeting following incorporation of the Society, the first Committee shall be dissolved and elections shall be held.
- c) Nominations of candidates for election signed by at least 3 members, along with the signed consent of the candidate, must be handed over to the secretary prior to the meeting.
- d) A candidate may only be nominated for one office or as an ordinary member of the Committee.
- e) Every member is entitled to vote.
- f) Votes shall be handed to the secretary.
- g) In case of an equal number of votes, the president, or, in their absence, the secretary or the joint secretary, in that order, is entitled to a casting vote.
- h) A candidate who has no opposition shall be deemed to be elected.
- i) The members list will be filed with the Registrar within 14 days of the meeting.
- j) Each Committee member shall hold office till the following annual general body meeting, and is eligible for re-election.


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11. Filling of vacancies in Committee

- a) In case of the office of a Committee member becoming vacant, the rest of the Committee members shall immediately appoint a member to fill that office.
- b) In case a general consensus cannot be met, the president shall jointly hold that vacant office. In case of a general consensus not being met and the outgoing Committee member being the president, then the secretary shall jointly hold that vacant office.
- c) All temporary offices shall be held until the following general elections.

12. Powers and duties of the Committee

- a) The president is empowered to negotiate for grants, funds and sponsorships, in addition to presiding over meetings and convening special general body meetings whenever necessary.
- b) The secretary shall keep minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of all meetings; and shall prepare and file with the concerned Registrar of such records, annual or other statements as specified in the Society's Act and Sections /Rules. They shall also collect and receive all monies due, make all payments authorized by, and keep correct accounts showing the financial affairs of, the Society; as well as prepare the annual Balance Sheet and the Statement of Income and Expenditure.
- c) The joint secretary shall assist the secretary in their duties and perform the same in their absence.
- d) The Committee shall maintain proper books of accounts, and an audited Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account signed by at least three Committee members shall be filed every year with the registrar within 21 days of the annual general body meeting
- e) The Committee may appoint, from time to time, 'sub committees', including, if need be, persons other than members of the Committee, to assign duties and functions as it deems fit.
- f) The Committee may appoint delegates to represent the Society, if need be.
- g) The Committee may sanction, from time to time, lectures, workshops, appreciation courses and other programs, in such manner as it deems fit.


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13. Committee meeting

- a) The Committee must meet at least once a year at such places /times as the Committee may determine according to convenience.
- b) The president, secretary or two-thirds of the Committee members shall convene a Committee meeting.
- c) At Committee meetings, the president presides. In the absence of the president, the secretary or joint secretary, in that order, presides. In the absence of the above mentioned office bearers, the members present must choose one of their numbers to preside.
- d) Written notice of each Committee meeting must be given to each Committee member at least a week before the date of the meeting.
- e) Three Committee members constitute a quorum.

14. Special general body meeting

- a) In addition to the annual general body and the Committee meetings, special general body meetings may be convened.
- b) Special general body meetings may be convened for a variety of reasons. This includes addressing problems /solutions, and differences, if any; updating members of the progress of the Society; and altering the Rules and Regulations and/or the Memorandum of Association of the Society.
- c) In case of a written requisition to the president by at least two-thirds of the Committee members or one-fifth of the members, the president or the secretary must convene a special general body meeting within 15 days of the requisition.
- d) In case of the president, or the secretary failing to convene a special general body meeting on requisition that meets the criterion, the requisitionists shall themselves convene a special general body meeting and the procedure, resolutions, and minutes shall be sent to the Committee and the Committee must abide by it.
- e) Five members constitute a quorum.


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15. Funds and income of the Society or its utilisation

- a) The funds of the Society shall be derived from entrance fees, annual subscriptions, donations, and such other sources as the Committee deems fit.
- b) The Society may enter into a sponsorship deal with any corporate body that is not in the business of film financing /production /postproduction /distribution. In case an existing sponsor enters into the business of film financing /production /postproduction /distribution, they automatically cease to be sponsors by that entry.

16. Objectives based provision for expenditure (percentage)

The Society shall approve /sanction expenditure of a budget for the annual general body meeting as well as all special meetings.

17. Provision for loans and deposits

The Society shall not accept loans or deposits.

18. Provision regarding purchase and sale of immovable property

The Society shall not indulge in the purchase or sale of immovable property.

19. Operation of bank accounts and other financial matters

- a) The bankers of the Society shall be the bank/s as decided by the Committee.
- b) All checks, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments must be signed by at least 3 Committee members.

20. Maintenance of register of members

The Society shall maintain a register of all its members.

21. Provision for amendment in Rules and Regulations

- a) The Rules and Regulations of the Society are amendable.
- b) For this, two special general body meetings must be convened, and all members must be intimated at least a week prior to the meeting.
- c) To stand amended, a resolution must be passed and three-fifths (60%) of the members must approve of the changes.
- d) A certified copy of such resolution effecting the amendment shall be filed with the Registrar within 14 days of the meeting.


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22. Provision for altering the Objects

The Objects of the Society are alterable.

- a) For this, two special general body meetings must be convened, and all members must be intimated at least a week prior to the meeting.
- b) To stand amended, a resolution must be passed and three-fifths (60%) of the members must approve of the changes.
- c) A certified copy of such resolution effecting the amendment shall be filed with the Registrar within 14 days of the meeting.


23. Provision for change in the name and Implementation will be according to Travancore Cochin Literary Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act XII of 1955


24. Dissolution of the Society will be according to Section 23 of the Travancore Cochin Literary Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act XII of 1955

- a) The Society shall not be dissolved except by a three-fourths majority vote of the members present, and must include the votes of all Committee members. Furthermore, voting must take place at a general body meeting convened for the same purpose, and the total number of votes cast must be at least three-fourths of the total number of members.
- b) In case of dissolution of the Society, the funds and assets after meeting all liabilities, if any, shall go to another film critics' society and not to any members, according to Sections 23 of the Travancore Cochin Literary Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act XII of 1955.

25. The Society will function according to the Travancore Cochin Literary Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act XII of 1955.

This bye law has been approved by the general body, which met on Dec 25, 2012.


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