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Constitution

The organization set up in the memory of Mewa Singh Gill (2-12-1924 to 21-06-2004), a prominent lawyer, imaginative poet, seasoned educational administrator and erudite parliamentarian is to be called

Mewa Singh Gill Memorial Foundation.

It is a registered body.

1. Aims and Objects

Consistent with ideals of Mewa Singh Gill, the Foundation will strive for :

- i. assisting needy deserving students in educational pursuits by floating scholarships, awarding incentives in the form of subsidies, medals, etc.,
- ii. campaigning against malpractices harmful to dignity of individual, public morality and general health,
- iii. creating awakening at grass-roots level for child care, women welfare, sanitary living conditions and the uplift of weaker sections of society,
- iv. inculcating healthy competitive spirit among the youth by holding debates, declamation contests, symposiums, extension lectures and sports-cum-cultural meets,
- v. felicitating writers, scientists, artists and social workers within India and abroad, aspiring for excellence in Punjabi culture, literature and the allied fields,
- vi. undertaking other such charitable and social welfare measures according to a situation.

2. Head Office

The Head Office of Foundation will be at Ludhiana, while its branches may be allowed to be opened abroad also.

3. Membership

- i. Every adult citizen of India including the ones of Indian origin, domiciled abroad, having faith in the aims and objects of the Foundation will be eligible to become its member.
- ii. All those who have contributed for starting the Foundation till the date of its registration will be deemed to be the founder members.
- iii. Subsequent membership is open to life members, making a contribution of Rs. 2500.00 only and renewing it regularly by November 30 of next year, by paying an annual fee of Rs. 100.00 only.
- iv. The enrolment of a life member is subject to the approval of Managing Council of Foundation.
- v. Any life member failing to get his membership renewed shall not have the right to vote for election of the Managing Council.
- vi. Any member defaulting for three continuous years shall lose the membership, but he/she remains eligible for fresh enrolment.
- viii. The membership shall stand vacated at the demise of a member or all of them who made a joint contribution.

4. General Body

The General Body of Foundation shall comprise the founder and the life members.

5. Managing Council

The activities of Foundation shall be controlled by its Managing Council which will consist of the following:

Patrons :	5
President :	1
Vice Presidents :	2
General Secretary :	1
Joint Secretary :	1
Finance Secretary :	1
Members :	7

- i. The Managing Council will be elected by the General Body out of its members, in its annual meeting to be held during December.
- ii. The Managing Council shall hold office for two years from January first next. The first election of Managing Council shall be held during December, 2004. Thereafter it shall be biennial.
- iii. For the first ten years only a founder member shall be eligible for seeking election as an office bearer.
- iv. Any vacancy falling in the Managing Council during the term shall be filled by co-option.
- v. No office bearer shall be eligible to hold the same office for more than three consecutive terms.
- vi. The Managing Council may meet once in three months. The President may direct the General Secretary to call a special meeting, if considered necessary.
- vii. The annual meeting of the General Body will be held during December. The President may direct the General Secretary to call a special meeting, if considered necessary.
- viii. 15% strength of the membership of each body will form the quorum for its meeting.

6. Powers

The General Body will approve the budget for the next year and make suggestions about the working of Foundation.

The Managing Council shall execute all the suggestions of General Body in consonance with the aims and objects of Foundation and explore new projects.

The President may nominate committees containing even non-members for assisting the Managing Council.

7. Investments

- i. Subsequent to the registration of Foundation its funds will be invested in the modes specified in the provisions laid down in section 13 (i) (d) read with section 1 (5) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 as amended from time to time.

- ii. No investment shall contravene the provisions of sections 2(15), 11, 12, 13 and 80 of the Income Tax Act, 1961.
- iii. The current funds shall be deposited in a bank approved by the Managing Council.
- iv. The account shall be operated jointly by the President, General Secretary and the Finance Secretary. The cheques will be signed by at least any two of them.
- v. Withdrawals during a year (January 1 to December 31 next) shall not exceed the amount approved by the General Body.
- vi. The accounts of the closing year shall be got properly audited before the approval of the budget for the next year is sought.

8. Dissolution

In the event of winding up of Foundation, the amount available at the time of dissolution shall not be distributed among the members, but passed on to an approved educational institution or trust for continuing with the award of Mewa Singh Gill Memorial Scholarships and subsidies.

9. Amendments

Any amendment in the constitution of Foundation shall be initiated by the Managing Council and is required to be ratified by a majority of the total membership of the General Body and 2/3rd majority of the members present and voting. The dissolution of Foundation shall also be covered by this provision.

10. Miscellaneous

All decisions taken by the present Managing Council up to December 31, 2004, consistent with the aims and objects of Foundation shall be valid.

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