

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF SOCIETIES
HYDERABAD

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION
(No. 1158 OF 1983)

I hereby certify that

DECCAN BIRDERS

is this day registered under the Andhra Pradesh
(Telangana Area) Public Societies Registration Act,
1350 Fasli (Act I of 1350 F).

Given under my hand and seal at Hyderabad,
this the *30th* day of *May*, One thousand
nine hundred and eighty three.

Note: “Birdwatchers Society of Andhra Pradesh” has been changed as
“DECCAN BIRDERS” w.e.f. 10-10-2018.

REGISTRAR OF SOCIETIES, HYDERABAD

Sd/-

DECCAN BIRDERS

1. ***Name of the Society:-*** DECCAN BIRDERS.
2. ***Location:*** The principal place of the Society is: 2-B, Atlas Apartments, Road No. 10, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad 500034.
3. ***Aims and Objects:-*** The aims and objects of the Society are as follows:
 - a) To inculcate in the people, especially the youth a spirit of adventure, a love and appreciation of the beauties of nature, especially the avifauna.
 - b) To impress upon the people the role of avifauna in life on earth and the urgent need for their protection and conservation.
 - c) To inculcate in the people a sense of responsibility towards maintaining the environment in a good state and the protection of the other inhabitants of this earth and particularly the avifauna.
 - d) To work for the protection and conservation of bird sanctuaries, parks and habitats generally all over India and particularly in Andhra Pradesh.
 - e) To promote amongst the people, the knowledge of ornithology in all its branches including particularly the study of bird life of the Oriental Regions, particularly India and the adjoining zoo-geographical regions; both alive and otherwise.
 - f) To carry out research in all branches of ornithology and to assist with information and advice as well as financially where possible, other institutions and individual in similar pursuits.
 - g) To provide, equip, maintain and replenish a museum and other repositories for birds, both living and dead, which are suitable and necessary for the study of birds.
 - h) To do all or any of the above mentioned acts solely or with another or others, for joint management or collaboration or affiliation or any other arrangements with societies or persons having similar or allied objects which may further or benefit the objects of this Society.

For Deccan Birders [formerly *Birdwatcher's Society of Andhra Pradesh*]

Sd/-

Pushp Kumar, President.

Sd/-

S. Ashok Kumar, Vice-President.

Sd/-

Ahmed Abdul Aziz, Vice-President.

Sd/-

Siraj A Taher, Honorary Secretary.

Sd/-

T V P Shastri, Honorary Treasurer.

MEMORANDUM OF THE SOCIETY

- Certificate:**
1. Certified that the Society is formed with a no-profit motive and no commercial activity is involved in its working.
 2. Certified that the Society would not engage in agitational activity ventilate grievances.
 3. Certified that the Office Bearers are not paid from the funds of the Society.
- to

Declaration: We the undersigned persons in the memo have formed into an Association (Society) and are responsible to run the affairs of the Society and are desirous of getting the Society registered under the Public Societies Registration Act 1350 F.

Name of the Office Bearer & Son of	Designation of their <i>locus-standi</i> in the Society	Occupation	Address	Signature
1. Pushp Kumar s/o Digamber Pershad	First President of the Society	Govt servant	22-5-820 Charminar East, Hyderabad-2	Sd/-
2. S. Ashok Kumar s/o R Swaminathan	First Vice-President of the Society	Govt servant	10-3-283/5 Humayun Nagar, Hyderabad-28	Sd/-
3. Ahmed Abdul Aziz s/o Ruknuddin Ahmed	First Vice-President of the Society	Retd Army Major	Aziz Bagh, Sultanpura, Hyd-24	Sd/-
4. Siraj Ahmed Taher s/o Basheer Ahmed Taher	First Honorary Secretary of the Society	Business	6-3-249/3 Road No 1, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-34	Sd/-
5. T V P Shastri s/o T V L Narasimham	First Honorary Treasurer of the Society	Bank employee	6-3-609/139 Anandnagar, Khairatabad, Hyd-4	Sd/-

WITNESSES

Name of the person & Son of	Address	Occupation	Signature
1. Aasheesh Pittie s/o Murarilal G Pittie	14-7-370 Begum Bazaar, Hyderabad-12	Business	Sd/-
2. Binod C Choudhury s/o T D Choudhury	Staff Qtrs., Nehru Zoo Park, Miralam Tank Rd, Hyd-264	Government employee	Sd/-

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Deccan Birders here in after referred to as the “Society” shall consist of an unlimited number of members of either sex whose election shall be made by a Committee as constituted under Rule (30), here in after referred to as the “Committee”. Persons who are members of the Society prior to its registration shall continue to be members of the Society so long as they observe and comply with the Rules of the Society. All monies, subscriptions, membership fees, etc., paid by them earlier shall be deemed to have been paid to the Society.

There shall be FIVE classes of members entitled to Vote—Life Members, Annual Members, Corporate Members, Honorary Members and Non-Resident Members. The term “Non-Resident” will mean a person/organisation who/that is not a citizen of India.

2. Every candidate for admission shall be proposed and recommended in writing by one or more members of the Society. This rule is however not for the nomination of Honorary Members to the Society.
3. The admission fee for both Life Members and Annual Members will be determined by the Committee from time to time. No person shall be deemed to be a member until the Admission Fee and other subscription either as Life Member or Annual Member has been paid.

LIFE MEMBERS

4. Life Members are those members who have either on election, or at some later date, contributed to the funds of the Society in one lump sum, an amount as fixed by the Committee from time to time. The annual subscription paid for the current year shall be adjusted against the Life Contribution to be paid by the person.

CORPORATE MEMBERS

5. Scientific Societies, Institutions, Libraries, Clubs, Companies and other corporate bodies, whether resident or non-resident, shall be admissible as Annual members in their corporate capacity only. They cannot be admitted as Life Members, but if they so desire, they may compound their annual subscription for 15 years. The Committee shall fix the Annual subscription for Corporate Membership from time to time.
6. All schools and other educational institutions shall be admitted in their corporate capacity at a reduced rate, which may be fixed by the Committee from time to time.
7. The Corporate body shall authorise an individual to exercise all the rights and privileges of membership and shall furnish to the Society the name and signature of the individual representing it. The Corporate Body or School shall be entitled to change its nomination from time to time by a notice to the Society in writing.
8. The capital obtained from Life Membership contributions and compounded subscriptions may be used as revenue if the situation so demands but preferably be invested in securities or deposits with Scheduled Banks and the interest there on only utilised as revenue.

ANNUAL MEMBERS

9. Annual Members are those persons who on election have paid the entrance fee as mentioned in Rule (3) hereof and the annual subscription as mentioned under Rule (13).
10. If any person elected as a member does not pay the entrance fee and the annual subscription within TWO months from the date of his election, the Committee shall be at liberty to declare such an election as void.

11. Non-residents will be admitted as Life Members only. The admission fee and life subscription of non-resident members, shall be such, as may be fixed by the Committee from time to time.
12. The payment of entrance fee by a member shall be considered as an acceptance by such member of all the Rules, Regulations and Bye-Laws of the Society including the power to alter or vary the same.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

13. The Committee may fix the annual subscription for individuals (Annual Membership) and for students of educational institutions from time to time. The annual subscription received for such Membership shall be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of receipt of payment and shall be payable in advance. No member whose subscription is in arrears may exercise his privileges of membership. Nevertheless, the Committee shall have authority to restore the rights of defaulting members on payment of all arrears.
14. A member shall be advised about the expiration of his/her membership one month in advance, by means of a letter posted to his last known address. A final reminder will be sent in the last month of membership. When any member shall be in arrears of his membership for more than ONE month, his/her name will be removed from the roll of members. The Committee may however restore the name of any person so removed upon such terms as they may think fit.

HONORARY MEMBERS

15. Honorary Members shall be such eminent scientists, ornithologists and other persons who have rendered distinguished service to the Society or the objectives of the Society and shall not exceed FOUR in number at any one time. Candidates for Honorary Membership shall be proposed by a member of the Committee only and shall be elected by a majority of at least 3/4ths of the members of the Committee. Any person so appointed shall be an Honorary Life Member and shall have the rights and privileges of a Life Member as given under the Rules of the Society.

MEMBERS ADDRESSES AND CHANGES

16. Every member shall furnish in writing to the Honorary Secretary his address and any change that may occur later on. The Society shall accept no responsibility for any loss or inconvenience arising through a failure on the part of a member to carry out the provision of this clause.

WITHDRAWAL AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

17. Every member having paid all fees and other monies due by him to the Society shall be at liberty to resign therefrom on giving a notice in writing to the Society.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

18. The Committee may expel any member from membership if he is wilfully disobeying these rules or is guilty of any conduct which in the opinion of the Committee had made him unfit to be a member of the Society. The expulsion shall be by a resolution of the Committee. The member allegedly guilty of misconduct shall be given an opportunity to defend himself. If the Society is not satisfied with his explanation, he can be expelled provided at least 2/3rds of the members present at the meeting vote for his expulsion from the Society. Any member once expelled cannot be re-elected as a member of the Society for at least 3 years from the date of his expulsion from the Society.

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

19. Members whose subscriptions are not in arrears, have a right to vote at all General Meetings of the Society, to propose candidates for election to the Society, to have access to the collections of the Society, to attend meetings of the members and functions, field outings and to introduce visitors to the collection or to any meeting (except the Annual General Meeting), field trips or any other functions of the Society. Any member who is entitled to vote is also entitled to vote by proxy.
20. Members shall have access to the Society's library and may borrow for a stated period, any book except the reference books. The rules for the library and borrowing of books shall be those as framed by the Committee from time to time.
21. One copy of the Society's Newsletter/Journal shall be sent free to every Honorary Member, Life Member and Ordinary Member or Corporate Member whose subscription is not in arrears.

Copies of the Journal/Newsletter may also be sent to all these persons, organisations, institutions etc., as may be thought beneficial and necessary for the benefit of the Society or to the attainment of its objectives. The list of all those who are to receive a free copy of the Newsletter/Journal of the Society will be decided by the Committee from time to time.

22. Members shall have the right to purchase all publications of the Society at such prices as may be fixed from time to time by the Committee.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

23. A General Meeting of the Members of the Society shall be held annually in the month of May or as soon after as may be convenient, on a day to be fixed by the Committee. The AGM shall be competent to receive and to adopt the Annual Report and audited Statement of Accounts of the Society for the year immediately preceding, and to transact any other business which may be brought before it by the Chairman.
24. Notice of time, place, date and the agenda of the AGM shall be communicated to all the Members at least 15 days in advance.
25. The procedure at the AGM after the chair has been occupied shall be as follows:
 - i.) Confirmation of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
 - ii.) Reading of the Annual Report by the Honorary Secretary.
 - iii.) Presentation of the Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the previous year by the Hon. Treasurer.
 - iv.) Appointment of Auditors and fixing of their remuneration.
 - v.) The election of a Committee, if due as provided under Rule (30).
 - vi.) Any other business as may be brought properly before the meeting.

QUORUM

26. No business shall be transacted at any General or Extraordinary General Meeting unless a minimum of 20 members be present at the beginning of the meeting.

In case there is no quorum at any General or Extraordinary General Meeting, the Chairman after calling the meeting to order, shall wait for 5 minutes and adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes, after which the members present shall re-assemble and the members so re-assembled shall constitute the quorum for transacting any business.

27. Subject to the provisions of the Public Societies Registration Act, 1350 F, any question that may arise at any General Meeting shall be decided and determined by vote, each member having one vote and the President or Chairman having a casting vote in

addition to his own vote. The same rule shall apply to any meeting of the Committee of the Society.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

28. The Committee may, whenever they think fit, convene an Extra-ordinary General Meeting to discuss or decide any matter, provided at least 5 other members support the move for such a meeting, for which 15 days' advance notice shall be given to all the members, informing them the details of the agenda and the points to be discussed.

MANAGEMENT OF THE SOCIETY

Executive Committee and Advisers

29. The management of the Society for the present shall be vested in a Committee consisting of (1) One President (2) Two Vice-Presidents, (3) One Honorary Secretary, (4) One Honorary Treasurer, (5) Five elected members who are normally resident in Hyderabad City and (6) One ex-officio member who shall for the time being be the Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.

The term of the Committee shall be for TWO years from the date of appointment or election. Members of the outgoing Committee shall be eligible for re-election in the next term also.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

30. The Committee at the end of every two years get prepared a list of members to be elected as Committee Members for the ensuing term. It shall be open to all the Society members, after obtaining prior consent of the member himself, propose and second in writing, the name of any member, for election to the Committee. A member of the Society, whether an Ordinary Member or a Life Member, will be eligible for election to the Executive Committee of the Society, only if he has been a member of the Society, Ordinary or Life, for a period of at least three years prior to his/her election to the Executive Committee. If the list of proposed candidates is more than that provided for the Committee under Rule (29), an election shall be held for the appointment of the Committee. This election shall be held at the AGM. Notice of the AGM and the elections should be sent in writing to all the members of the Society at least 15 days in advance. The voting shall be by vote of hand or by ballot paper.
31. The Executive Committee after its election, at its first meeting shall elect from amongst themselves the Office Bearers of the Committee as per Rule (29). If any vacancy occurs in the office bearers during their term, then the Committee shall elect another Committee member to the post falling vacant.

VACANCIES

32. Any vacancy occurring in the Committee itself, shall be filled up from amongst the Society members by a consensus of the other Society members. The term of office of a member filling up a vacancy on the Committee shall also end with the term of the Committee itself.
33. The First Committee of the Society after its registration under the Public Societies Registration Act, 1350 F, shall be the same as the office Bearers and Committee Members of the unregistered Society and as per the list annexed to the Memorandum of Association.

DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

Committee Meetings

34. The Committee shall meet at such times as shall be called for by the President or in his absence by one of the Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer. Sufficient notice shall be sent to every member of the Committee of any such meeting.

Quorum

35. There shall be a quorum of at least Four (4) members of the Committee at any meeting.

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

36. A 7 days prior notice of any Committee meeting shall be given in writing by the Hon. Secretary to each member of the Committee and the notice shall specify the date, place, time and nature of business to be transacted at the meeting.

Decision by Majority

37. Each and every question brought before the Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of equality of votes, the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his own.

Execution of contracts etc.

38. The President, Vice-President or the Hon. Secretary, upon the direction of the majority of those present at any meeting of the Committee at which a minimum of six members of the Committee are present, shall be competent to sign on behalf of the Society any contracts, deeds, pleadings or/and any other document relating to the affairs of the Committee or the Society and not being inconsistent either with the objectives or the Rules and Regulations of Society.

Sub-Committees

39. The Committee may appoint sub-committee/s for any purpose connected with the affairs of the Society. The Committee shall be competent to co-opt suitable persons on any sub-committee whenever they feel it is necessary.

Bye-Laws

40. The Committee from time to time may frame Bye-Laws for regulating the conduct and management of their business or of the meetings or functions of any sub-committee appointed by them or for the internal management of the Society. However, no such bye-law shall be inconsistent with the objects of the Society or with these Rules and Regulations. All such bye-laws shall be passed only with a majority of at least 2/3rds of the Committee Members and shall be binding until revoked, as if they were contained in these Rules and Regulations.

OTHER POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

41. The Committee shall have the powers to nominate and appoint members and to receive and recover from them in aid of the objects of the Society.
42. To engage or remunerate experts and other staff for any or all the objects of the Society and to do and make all other acts necessary and convenient for the purpose of the Society including the taking of land or building on lease.
43. To borrow or raise money in such manner as the Society may think fit so as to attain in the best possible manner the objectives of the Society.
44. To lend, invest or otherwise employ monies belonging to or entrusted to the Society upon securities on such terms as may be thought proper and beneficial for the Society and in such manner as the Society may think fit and to deposit money with bankers,

both in current accounts, savings account or term deposits, and use the profits for the attainments of the aims and objects of the Society.

45. The Committee in addition to the powers and the authorities already conferred upon it may exercise all such powers and may do all such things that are not contained here specifically and those that may be conferred upon it by the Society at any of the General Meetings. These acts and things shall however be subject to the Public Societies Registration Act, 1350 F, these rules and regulations and any that may be enacted by the Society at any of the General Meetings and the aims and objects of the Society as contained in the Memorandum of Association.

PATRONS

46. Any prominent Indian, otherwise eligible to be admitted as a member of the Society may be invited at the discretion of the Committee, to accept the office of the Patron of the Society. For the present there shall be only One Patron of the Society.
47. Persons having accepted the office of the Patron of the Society prior to its registration shall remain patrons of the Society after registration, unless they themselves shall otherwise determine.

BENEFACTOR

48. Any member of the Society or any other person who is not a member, and subscribes to it a sum of not less than Rs.50,000/- for its funds, to be used to furthering or fostering the objects or purposes of the Society, shall be termed as a 'Benefactor' and shall become a Life Member if not already so.

THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

49. The President or in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside at all meetings of the Society or of the Committee and regulate all proceedings and execute or see to the execution of the Rules, Regulations, Bye-Laws, or Orders of the Committee. In the absence of both the President or the Vice-Presidents, a Chairman shall be appointed from amongst the Committee members present or from amongst any other member of the Society present at that meeting and shall be so for this one particular meeting only. Such a Chairman shall have all the powers, privileges and authority of the President of the Society himself.

HONORARY TREASURER AND THE ACCOUNTS

50. The Hon. Treasurer shall demand and receive for the use of the Society, all monies due or payable to the Society and shall keep full and particular accounts of all the sums so received. He shall from time to time invest the funds of the Society as may be directed by the Committee. An account or accounts shall be opened in the name of the Society with such bankers as may be appointed by the Committee and the Hon. Treasurer shall have powers to operate such accounts jointly with the Hon. Secretary. No payment shall be made by the Hon. Treasurer unless authorised in writing by the Hon. Secretary, or in his absence by a member of the Committee.

The Hon. Treasurer shall leave with the Hon. Secretary a sum of monies, as decided by the Committee from time to time, for emergency expenses.

51. The particulars of all sums of monies received and disbursed shall be maintained by the Hon. Treasurer and these shall be open to inspection of every member at a convenient time after the member has given due notice.
52. The financial year of the Society shall be from the 1st of April to the 31st of March and all accounts shall be made up that date and shall be audited by an appointed auditor.

53. The Hon. Treasurer shall make a report to the Society at the AGM and present the Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the preceding year.

HONORARY SECRETARY

54. The Hon. Secretary shall be responsible for the overall administration and correspondence of the Society and may delegate to any Committee member or to other member of the Society, such duties and responsibilities as may be necessary from time to time. The powers so delegated by the Hon. Secretary shall be in accordance with the objectives of the Society and subject to these Rules and Regulations, Bye-Laws of the Society and the Orders that may be passed by the Committee from time to time.

He shall have the power and authority to spend upto Rs. 1,000/- for emergency expenses, subject to a report to be submitted to the Committee later.

55. He shall operate all Bank Accounts of the Society jointly with the Hon. Secretary as given under Rule (50), and sign all cheques and other documents necessary for the operation of the Bank Accounts.
56. The Society shall sue and be sued in the name of the Honorary Secretary by designation.

FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY

57. The funds of the Society shall be spent only for the attainment of the aims and objects as contained in the Memorandum of Association and no part or portion of the funds thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to any of its members through any means.

The funds of the Society shall be invested in accordance with the proviso of Sec. 11 (5) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES

58. These Rules and Regulations may be amended or repealed and new Rules made, provided that the change, amendment, repeal is not inconsistent with or totally against the Aims and Objectives of the Society as contained in the Memorandum of Association at the time of Registration.

The aforementioned change, amendment, repeal shall be effective provided:

- i.) Sufficient notice as per Rules is given and put to vote either during Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.
 - ii.) That 2/3rds of the members present at the meeting agree to adopt the same, and
 - iii.) Any amendment to the Memorandum or the Rules and Regulations governing the Society should be with the approval of the Commissioner of Income Tax, Andhra Pradesh.
59. Any change or amendment in the Aims and Objects of the Society as contained in the Memorandum of Association shall have to be voted and passed by at least 3/4ths of the members present during the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting as the case may be.

Provided however that the change, amendment or, repeal is not inconsistent with or totally against the aims and objects of the Society as contained in the Memorandum of Association at the time of registration.

REFERENDUM

60. The Committee shall have the sole discretion and power to call for a referendum instead of a General Meeting on any issue that may affect all the members of the

Society and on which the opinion of all the Society members is considered desirable before taking a decision.

The referendum may be obtained from the members of the Society by circulation of letters also.

INTERPRETATION

61. All matters relating to the interpretation of these Rules and Regulations, any of the Bye-Laws, Orders of the Committee and on any question not provided for in these Rules, shall be interpreted as per the decision of the Committee and shall be final and binding on all the members of the Society and also on any other, unless over-ruled at a General Meeting of the Society.

WINDING UP

62. In case the Society has to be wound up, the property and funds of the Society shall be transferred or paid to some other Society or institution with similar aims and objects and which is registered under section 12A of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

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