



Open-ended Working Group on Ageing
for the purpose of strengthening the protection
of the human rights of older persons



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**Application Form for Accreditation to the Open-ended Working Group
on Ageing (OEWGA)**

Name of the Organisation: The Centre for Gerontological Studies
(CGS), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India

a. The purpose of the organization;

The Centre for Gerontological Studies (CGS), Thiruvananthapuram was established in 1983 by some forward looking social scientists from universities in **five** South Indian States as an international centre for inter-disciplinary studies on aging. The major objectives of the Centre are to

- (a) organize, promote and execute programmes of study and research on aging and generate knowledge that is socially relevant,
- (b) examine government policies, programmes and legislations that have gerontological bearing and prepare reports that may be useful for policy makers and programme planners,
- (c) organize and conduct seminars, workshops, symposia and study groups on major issues of population aging,
- (d) publish research papers, research reports and a journal on gerontology,
- (e) develop a library and documentation centre on gerontology in India and
- (f) collaborate with government, centres of learning and research and other non government organizations in promoting knowledge regarding aging and programmes for the old.

b. Information as to the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the human rights of older persons;

Centre for Gerontological Studies, a voluntary organization of Kerala, has been championing the cause of older people in the areas of policy making, providing quality service, conducting research and organising seminars and conferences on the issues of aging at national and international levels. Drawing inspiration from UN World Assembly on Ageing in Vienna in 1982, it was established in the year 1983 to ensure the wellbeing of the elderly. Centre for Gerontological Studies has become a unique International Centre of its kind for interdisciplinary studies and research on Ageing. Besides effectively involving the community in their programmes, the Centre also assisted in formulation of the State Policy and Plan of Action for the Elderly in the States of Kerala and Goa. In addition, the Centre has also been taking up various other activities such as advocacy, training, consultancy and promotional work on ageing.

CGS always addressed itself to the critical areas and issues in aging and to the causes and concerns of the vulnerable elderly - whether they are widows or the abused and abandoned or the oldest old - which have not usually attracted the attention of those who are working in the field either at the academic level or at the professional-practical and policy making level.

FEW PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES :

- **National Seminar on Empowerment of Women with Focus on Old Women - 1998** The Government of India Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD), Dept. of Women and Child Development sponsored this National Seminar on Empowerment of Women with special focus on elderly women, in 1988.
- **First National Seminar on Widowhood in India with focus on Elderly Widows 2002** It was funded by ICSSR. The seminar attracted much attention at the all India level and especially from the National Women's Commission and delegates from several State Women's Commissions, and women leaders and intellectuals from both academic and professional fields from all parts of India attended the Seminar. Selected papers of this seminar have been published under the title ***Widowhood in Modern India (2006)***

- **First National Seminar on Abuse of the Elderly in India. 2004** The seminar was funded by ICSSR, among others. This was the first seminar on elder abuse at the all India level and naturally evoked much attention from all parts of India. In fact, the enthusiasm generated by this Seminar was responsible for CGS to decide on undertaking a research study on the same title.
- **Sandoz Foundation for Gerontological Research, Basel, Switzerland** asked CGS to make a ***Study on Healthy Aging and Independence in Later Life***. This was a major study and was conducted in four places each (rural and urban) in two Indian States – Tamilnadu and Kerala - by teams of medical doctors and social scientists. This study brought the Centre on the world map of gerontological institutions.
- Organized Fifth **International Conference on “Elder Dignity and Abuse”** at Thiruvananthapuram, India, on the 14th, 15th and 16th of March, 2014.
- **Government of India Studies-** The Centre has taken up quite a number of studies from the Government of India Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJ&E). Most important studies - The Study of the Old Old and Oldest Old(2006), Study on Problems and Needs of Widows: A Study in Kerala ,Study on “Inter-generational Integration – A Society for All Ages” and a study on the Problems and Needs of Adolescents (2009)
- **Training Programme** At the instance of the National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), New Delhi, CGS organized a One Month Certificate Course in Basic Issues in Geriatric Care during February-March 2007 for Supervisors of Old Age Homes. 25 participants of whom 21 were women attended the course.
- Government of Kerala Dept. of Social Justice has authorised the Centre for Gerontological Studies (CGS), Thiruvananthapuram to conduct **one month training programme in basic issues in geriatric care to supervisory cadre officers in old age homes in the State** The programme was scheduled from **January 5 to February 4, 2015** at Loyola College, Thiruvananthapuram.
- Government of Kerala Dept. of Social Justice has authorised the Centre for Gerontological Studies (CGS), Thiruvananthapuram to conduct **One month Training course on Geriatric Home Nursing to women** .The programme was scheduled from 29th Sept. 2014 to 27th Oct.2014 at Loyola College, Thiruvananthapuram.

c. Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international level;

For outstanding contributions to ageing, the Government of India conferred its highest award, the **Vayoshreshtha Samman**, to the Centre in 2009. The citation giving award recognizes that CGS is a unique International Centre for Inter disciplinary studies and research on ageing,

d. Copies of the annual or other reports of the organization with financial statements, and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions;

d(i) Annual Report for the Year 2014

CENTRE FOR GERONTOLOGICAL STUDIES

TC 3/46, Columbia Villa, Kesavadasapuram, Trivandrum, 695 004

**Annual Report for the year ending March 2014
(Abridged)**

1. International Conference on Elder Dignity and Abuse, Thiruvananthapuram March 14-16, 2014

A major event of this year is the organization of this conference. Finding that there is urgent need to highlight a major problem faced by the elderly the world over and to alert nations and international organisations on this crying problems CGS decided to organised this conference. Delegates from all over the world participated in this conference. The Conference was supported by UNFPA and the Government of Kerala, among others. The major recommendations of the conference have been sent to all significant agencies for information and possible action.

2. Research

The Centre undertook a research study for the Kerala Institute of Labour and Employment (KILE) under the Government of Kerala Department of Labour to find out the sustainability of the Government's three prestigious self employment programmes for unemployed men and women in the state. These programmes were SARANYA for widows and unmarried women, KESRU unemployed young men and women and Job Clubs for promising

unemployed young entrepreneurs. The study is in progress. It is hoped that the Project Director will be able to submit the study report to government by October 2014.

As in previous years, the Centre faculty continued their research activities on various subjects relating to ageing. Dr. John Kattakayam completed a study on *Feminization of Ageing* for the University Grants Commission.

3. Women's Unit

The Women's Unit has been very active in its various programmes of empowerment. Among other things, the Unit arranged debates and symposia on contemporary problems of women and alerted government and other agencies about them.

4. Elder Empowerment Programme

The Centre continued its elder empowerment programme by inducting more Residents' Associations and older people's associations working in the city of Thiruvananthapuram. CGS helped these associations with advice and assistance on their various programmes.

5. Helpline and Counseling

The Helpline and Counseling Programme were continued during this year. Due to funding problem, the Centre's activity in this field was very much restricted. Even so, it extended service to a large number of clients who included not only the old but also younger generation who had problems in caring the old.

6. Advocacy

The Centre's advocacy role included sending submissions to the major political parties of India to put attention on including the cause of senior citizens in their Election Manifestos.

7. Consultancy

A variety of persons – research scholars, faculty members, newspaper editors, TV personnel and government officials - approached CGS for consultancy services on ageing issues.

8. Networking

The Centre continued its effective networking with similar networks in India and abroad. The major network links of CGS were IFA, INEAP, INIA and Global Alliance for Rights of Older Persons.

9. Other activities

Dr. PKB Nayar, Chairman of the Centre, is a Member of the Organising Committee of the 12th Global meeting of International Federation on Ageing for its 12th Global Conference to be held in June 2014.

Dr. Nayar participated in the second Global Conference of Gerontology and Geriatrics in Bangalore in October 2014 and the International Initiative on Ageing organized by IFA in Istanbul, Turkey in October 2014. He presented a paper there on Multiservice Community Centre which is began by CGS.

Dr. John Kattakayam, Director of the Centre participated in the International Initiative on Ageing in Istanbul and presented two papers at it sessions.

He also attended the International conference of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics held in Seoul, S. Korea in 2013. He presented a paper at one of its major sessions.

10. Meetings

During this year CGS held 8 meetings of the Executive Committee and four meetings of the Governing Body of the Centre. The Executive Committee meetings discussed, among other things, the planning and organization of the International Conference on Elder Dignity and Abuse and also the Research Study on Sustainability of Self-Employment Programmes.. The first meeting of the Governing Body reviewed and approved the accounts of the previous year and chalked out the programmes for the current year. The second and subsequent meetings reviewed the ongoing programmes with special reference to the International Conference, conducted in March 2014.

d(ii) Financial Statement for the Year 2014

CENTRE FOR GERONTOLOGICAL STUDIES, TRIVANDRUM

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2014

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Capital Fund		Fixed Assets	
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	725,175.34	Furniture & Fixings:	13,282.00
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income	384,572.50	Balance as per last Balance Sheet	87,759.00
		add: Addition during the year	99,138.00
Advances from Donors:		Less: Depreciation for the year	5,593.00
Advances from Chairman:	890,743.01	Trams Buses:	
add: Resolutions during the year	100,000.00	At cost during the year	13,000.00
Advances from Others:	500,000.00	Less: Depreciation for the year	275.00
add: Received during the year	15,000.00	Computers:	
Sundry Creditors:		At cost during the year	34,000.00
		Less: Depreciation for the year	10,200.00
		Current Assets:	
		Cash in hand	4,500.19
		Catholic Syrian Bank Ltd.	14,214.53
TOTAL	158,502.73	TOTAL	158,502.73

Notes:-

- 1) Mercantile system of accounting has been followed and income is recognized on accrual basis.
- 2) Depreciation has been provided on Written Down Value method at the rates prescribed under the Income Tax Rules, 1962.
- 3) Fixed assets are shown on historical cost basis.



As per our report of even date attached

For PHILIP & MATTHEW
Chartered Accountants

[Signature]
R. G. Mathew, Partner
22, 1st Floor, The Plaza,
First Regd. No. 400/2014

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d (iii) list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions

- Received Rs 7.5 lakhs from the Kerala State Government to International Conference on the theme Elder Dignity and Abuse in March 2014
- The Government of Kerala Dept. of Social Justice has authorised the Centre for Gerontological Studies (CGS), Thiruvananthapuram and sanctioned Rs 5 lakhs to conduct One month Training course on Geriatric Home Nursing to women from 29th Sept. 2014 to 27th Oct.2014 at Thiruvananthapuram.
- Government of Kerala Dept. of Social Justice has authorised the Centre for Gerontological Studies (CGS), Thiruvananthapuram and sanctioned Rs.10 lakhs to conduct one month training programme in basic issues in geriatric care to supervisory cadre officers in old age homes in the State from January 5 to February 4, 2015 at Thiruvananthapuram.
- First International Workshop on Human Rights of Older Persons in the Asia Pacific Region with Focus on Health and Wellbeing was held in June 2012 and Rs.5 lakhs was sanctioned by the Government of Kerala.

e. A list of members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality;

The members of the executive body are nominated .The current office bearers of the Centre are

Nationality INDIA

Prof. (Dr.) P.K.B. Nayar (Chairman)

Prof. (Dr.) John Kattakayam (Director)

Dr. Sobha B Nair (Member-Secretary)

Dr.L Dharabhai (Member)

Prof.S. Irudhaya Rajan (Member)

Prof.Sonny Jose (Member)

Prof.Thomas Mathews(Member)

Prof. Jose Mohan(Member)

Prof. Gracy K Mathew(Member)

G.C.Goplala Pillai(Member)

Dr.N.Sivaraman (Member)

NATIONALITY –OTHER COUNTRIES

Prof. Phoebelibeig (Member, Los Angels)

Prof. Gloria Gutman (Member Canada)

f. A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution;

The Centre has an Executive Council, Governing Body and an International Advisory Council, a Governing Body and an International Advisory Committee. It is on several networks- national and international.

g. A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization.

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സംരക്ഷിത രജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ ചെയ്യുന്നതും സംബന്ധിച്ച
സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റ്

1955-ലെ 12-ആം രജിസ്ട്രേഷനുകൾ-കൊച്ചി സംസ്ഥാനം, താഴെപ്പറയുന്ന രജിസ്ട്രേഷനുകൾ

ക്രമ നമ്പർ. 187/83 വർഷം. 1983

1955-ലെ 12-ആം തീരുമാനങ്ങൾ-കൊച്ചി സംസ്ഥാനം, ഗവൺമെന്റ്, ധർമ്മശാലകൾ രജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ ആക്ട് നമ്പർ 12/1955-ലെ
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Signature
REGISTRAR OF SOCIETIES



CPPT.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF SOCIETIES

The Travancore-Cochin Literary, Scientific
and Charitable Societies Registration Act 12 of 1955

Serial No. 187/83 Year 1983

I hereby certify that the Centre for Gerontological Studies
has this day been registered under the Travancore-Cochin Literary,
Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act 12 of 1955.

Given under my hand this day, Fourth April Nineteen Eighty-
three.

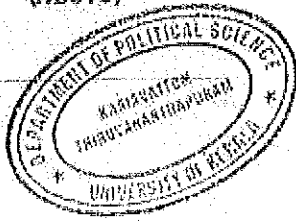
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REGISTRAR OF SOCIETIES

True English translation of the REGISTRATION
CERTIFICATE in Malayalam (Above)

True Copy
DR. SHAJI VARKKI
Signature

Attested by:



Reader and Head
Department of Political Science
University of Kerala, Kariavattom,
Thiruvananthapuram

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(Registration No. 187 of 1983)

Member, Committee for International Cooperation in National
Research in Demography (CICRED) Paris.

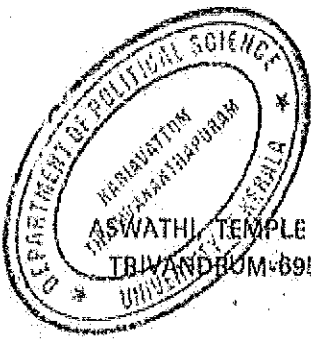
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(Registered under the Travancore-Cochin
Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies
Registration Act XII of 1955)

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DR. SHAJI VARKEY

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CENTRE FOR GERONTOLOGICAL STUDIES

TRIVANDRUM

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

PRELIMINARY

1. The name of the Society shall be "Centre for Gerontological Studies".
2. The principal office of the Society shall be at Trivandrum in the State of Kerala.

OBJECTIVES

The Centre shall have the following main objectives :

1. To organise, promote and execute programmes of study and research on aging and generate knowledge that is socially relevant;
2. To examine government policies, programmes and legislations that have gerontological bearing and prepare reports that may be useful for policy makers and programme planners;
3. To organise and conduct seminars, workshops, symposia and study groups on major issues of population aging;
4. To publish research papers, research reports and a journal on gerontology;
5. To develop a library and documentation centre on gerontology in India;
6. To collaborate with government, centres of learning and research and other non government organisations in promoting knowledge regarding aging and programmes for the old;

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7. To do all such things and perform all such acts as are necessary and appropriate for the achievement of any or all of the above objectives; and
8. To acquire, hold and receive property of any kind, to construct and maintain buildings including the right to alter and improve them and to equip them suitably, to manage, sell, and transfer any kind of property belonging to the Centre, to enter into contracts for and in connection with any of the purposes of the Centre and on its behalf and to raise moneys and funds in manner as may be deemed fit for and on behalf of the Centre.

We the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed hereto, are desirous of forming ourselves into a Society under the Travancore-Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act XII of 1955 in pursuance of this Memorandum of Association wherewith is filed a copy certified in the manner prescribed by the said Act of the Rules and Regulations of the Society.

1. Dr. P. K. B. Nayar
Professor and Head, Department of Sociology
University of Kerala, Kariavattom P. O.
Trivandrum, Kerala
2. Dr. K. Chandrasekharaiah
Professor and Head, Department of Sociology
Karnataka University
Dharwar, Karnataka
3. Dr. M. G. Kulkarni
Professor and Head, Department of Sociology
Marathwada, University
Aurangabad, Maharashtra
4. Dr. D. Sundaram
Professor and Head, Department of Sociology
University of Madras
Madras, Tamilnadu

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XI. DISSOLUTION

In case of dissolution of the Centre in accordance with the provisions of the Travancore-Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act of 1955 after meeting all the debts, the property and all assets of the Centre shall be given to some other charitable association with similar objectives registered under this Act or to the Government as decided by the Governing Body.

XII. AMENDMENT

The Memorandum of Association of the Centre and these Rules and Regulations and the bye-laws hereafter made by the Centre may from time to time be varied, [added to or revoked by a majority of not less than three-fourth of the members present at a general meeting of the General Body called for the purpose of such variations, additions or revocations, provided that in the case of any alteration, addition or abridgement of the purpose of the Centre or its amalgamation with another such centre, the provisions of the Act shall apply.

We the undermentioned members of the Governing Body of the Centre for Gerontological Studies certify that the above is a true copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Centre at this first day of January, One thousand Nine hundred and Eightythree.

- 1. Dr. P. K. B. Nayar *Chairman*
- 2. Dr. K. Chandrasekharaiah *Member, Governing Body*
- 3. Dr. M. G. Kulkarni *do*
- 4. Dr. D. Sundaram *do*
- 5. Dr. A. Sathyanarayana Murthy *do*
- 6. Dr. G. Narayana Pillai *do*
- 7. Dr. R. Santhakumari *do*
- 8. Dr. Jacob John Kattakayam *do*
- 9. Ms. Sobha B. Nair *do*

True Copy
 R. SHADI VARKEY *[Signature]*
 Reader and Head
 Department of Political Science
 University of Kerala, Kariavattom
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