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NOTIFICATION.

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No. PAB/Legis:V(24)/2018/1 332. The Balochistan Arts Council Bill (Bill No.24 of 2018) having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan on 28<sup>th</sup> May. 2018 and assented to by the Governor Balochistan, on 13<sup>th</sup> June. 2018 is hereby published as an Act of the Balochistan Provincial Assembly

THE BALOCHISTAN ARTS COUNCIL ACT NO. XIII OF 2018.

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to provide for the establishment of the Balochistan Arts Council to promote the Art and Craft of the people of Balochistan.

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Preamble.

Short title and commencement.

Definitions.

Whereas, it is expedient to provide for the establishment of the Balochistan Art Council for Patronage, promotion and development of art and craft in Balochistan and matters connected or ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

(1) This Act may be called the Balochistan Arts Council Act, 2018.

(2) It extends to the whole of Balochistan except the Tribal Areas.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

in this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context ,-

(a) "Act" means the Balochistan Arts Council Act, 2018;

(b) "Board" means the Board of Governors of the Balochistan Art Council, as constituted under section 8;

(c) "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Board and includes a person deputed by the Chief Minister to perform the functions of the Chairperson when the Board is not existence:

(d) "Committee" means a committee of the Boards constituted under Section 13 of this Act;

(e) "Government" means the Government of Balochistan;

(f) "Convenor" means a Convenor of the Committee:

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Incorporation.

Jurisdiction of  
the Council.

Functions of the  
Council.

(g) "Council" means the Balochistan Art Council;

(h) 'Department' means the Culture, Tourism  
and Archives Department Government of  
Balochistan;

(i) "Endowment Fund" means the Endowment  
Fund established by the Council;

(j) Executive Director' means the Executive  
Director of the Council; and

(k) "Chief Minister" means the Chief Minister of  
Balochistan:

(1) The Council shall be incorporated in  
accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(2) The Council shall be a body corporate having  
perpetual succession and a common seal with  
power to acquire, hold and dispose of movable  
and immovable property and may sue and be  
sued by the said name.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the area of  
jurisdiction of the Council shall be the whole of  
Balochistan.

(2) The Council shall have its headquarter located  
at Quetta.

(3) The Council shall be formed in the Directorate of  
Culture and shall provide all Secretariat facilities  
by the Director Culture.

The Council shall —

(a) develop and maintain facilities for all forms of  
art including performing arts;

(b) provide facilities for art education and  
organize workshops, seminars etc. ;

(c) undertake its own productions or solicit  
Government or markets support through

sponsorship;

(d) institute and confer or, as the case may be,

award fellowships, scholarships, certificates, degrees, diplomas, medals, grants, prizes, gifts, aids, loans, advances and monetary or other benefits to individuals or groups engaged in the promotion, study or research of various art forms;

(e) organize art or cultural fairs, festivals and

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other programmes, cultural events and exhibitions, etc., within country and abroad, on its own or in collaboration with local and foreign bodies;

print. publish, issue books, periodicals, audio, video documentaries, films and publications relating to art and culture;

(g) document performers in various art forms and

organizations engages in artistic activities:

(h) establish museums of musical instruments,

sculptures, Balochistan Archives, — folk heritage, galleries, libraries including audio-visual library; and

implement the provisions of the Dramatic Performances Act, 1876 (XIX of 1876), or any other law in force relating to dramatic performances and musical programmes.

Funds.

Endowment  
Fund Trust.

Board  
Governors.

of

(1) There shall be formed a fund to be known as "The Balochistan Arts council Fund" which shall be vested in the council and shall be utilized by the council to meet its expenditure and charges in connection with its functions under this Act including the payment of salaries etc.

The funds of the council shall Comprise of —

(a) grants from the Federal Government. of  
Provincial Government: 4

(b) contributions and donations from individuals, local governments, corporations and other bodies:

(c) income generated from various activities of the Council like classes, rental charges of facilities, fees of consultancies and services, etc.;

(d) sale proceeds of Council products; and

(e) any other source approved by the Board.

The Council shall manage all existing endowments established by Culture department who create from a trust to be known as the Endowment Fund Trust. The Board shall authorized expenditure out of the capital whereas profit from investment shall be transferred to the annual income of the Council.

(1) The management, overall control and supervision of the affairs of the Council shall vest in a Board of Governors consisting of twelve non official members and six ex-officio members, out of whom at least three shall be renowned cultural activist women.

(2) Non-official members shall be appointed by the Chief Minister for a term of three years, reckoned from the date of appointment, from amongst those who have some accomplishment

in the field of art and interested in the promotion of art and culture. The non-official members may be appointed for two terms only.

(3) The Chief Minister shall be the Chief Patron of

the Council;

(4) The following shall be ex-officio members of the Board:-

(a) Secretary to Government of Balochistan, Culture, Tourism and Archives Department:

(b) Secretary to Government of Balochistan, Finance Department:

(c) Head of the Fine Arts Department, University of the Balochistan, Quetta:

\_ (d) Commissioners of all six divisions:

(e) Six Members of Civil Society (women) of all \_\_\_\_ Six divisions; and

(f) Director Culture, Balochistan Arts Council who shall also be the Secretary of the Board.

(5) The Minister Culture shall be the Chairperson of the Board and in his absence, the Secretary Culture, Tourism and Archives shall act as chairperson.

(6) A non-official member may by writing under his - hand addressed to the Chairperson resign his office. The case to fill this vacancy for the remaining tenure shall be initiated by the Department in accordance with above

section (2).

(7) A non-official member may be removed by 'he Chairperson with approval of the Chief Minister:

if his conduct is prejudicial to the interests of the Council or who is guilty of grave misconduct. and a member so removed shall not be reappointed.

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Functions of the The Board shall —

Board.

Meeting of the

Board.

Absence  
members

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from

Board meetings.

Honorary

capacity of the  
Board members.

Committee  
the Board.

of

(a) act as a resource and provide vision in the  
light of the functions of the Council leaving  
the routine work to the functionaries of the  
Council;

(b) formulate policies to promote art and culture;

(c) approve budget of the Council:

(d) approve development schemes for the  
Council:

(e) frame Standard Operating Procedures  
(SOPs) for various aspects of management of  
the Council such as management of  
endowment, organization of events, operation  
of its institution: and

(f) approve financial and other cases not within  
the competence of the Director Culture or, as  
the case may be, Chairperson.

(1) The Board shall meet once in three months.

(2) The Minister shall preside over all meetings of the Board and, in his absence the Secretary shall preside-over the meetings.

A non-official member shall cease to be a member of the Board if he does not attend three consecutive meetings of the Board unless his absence is intimated to the Chairperson before the meeting and is condoned in writing by him on the basis of grounds of absence being satisfactory.

The Chairperson and all non-official members shall work in an honorary capacity and shall not be paid any remuneration except TA/DA of BPS-20 for out station activities subject to availability of funds for this purpose.

The Board may constitute Committees with a convenor, to which the Board may refer various matters for examination and formulation of recommendations for consideration by the Board. The convenor of the Committee may, with the permission of the Board, co-opt any person whose contribution is required in such matters. The Director

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Director Culture.

Accounts.

Application of  
Government  
rules.

'Power to make

rules.

Power to make  
regulations.

Act to override  
other laws.

Culture shall attach an officer of the Council with  
each Committee.

The Director Culture shall be ex-officio Chief  
Executive of the Council: shall act —

(a) as Secretary to the Board and shall maintain  
record of its proceedings: and

(b) as Senior Purchase Officer for procurement  
of stores in terms of the Balochistan  
Procurement Rules, 2014.

(1) The accounts of the Council shall be operated  
by the Director Culture.

(2) The accounts of the Council shall be audited by  
Auditor General's office as per Government  
procedure.

Pending framing of rules relating to various matters  
of the Council, Government rules on the subject  
shall be applicable to the Council.

Government may make rules to carry out the

purpose of this Act.

The Council may make such regulations as it may deem necessary for carrying the provisions of this Act into effect.

This Act shall have overriding effect and its provisions shall apply notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force.

SHAMS-UD-DIN,  
Secretary.