

Fundraising and Donation Acceptance Policy DEVI Sansthan, Lucknow

1. Purpose

This policy provides guidelines for fundraising and donation acceptance at DEVI Sansthan, ensuring compliance with Indian tax laws, the **Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA)**, and other relevant regulations. The policy ensures ethical fundraising practices, transparency, and accountability in handling donations.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all fundraising activities, donations (domestic and foreign), sponsorships, and grants received by DEVI Sansthan from individuals, corporations, foundations, and government agencies.

3. Principles of Fundraising

- Fundraising efforts shall align with the mission and values of DEVI Sansthan.
- All fundraising activities shall adhere to **Indian Income Tax Act, FCRA**, and other applicable laws.
- Transparency and integrity shall be maintained in soliciting and utilizing funds.
- Donations shall not be accepted from sources that conflict with the organization's ethical and legal standards.

4. Fundraising Methods

DEVI Sansthan may raise funds through:

- **Individual Donations:** Contributions from well-wishers, alumni, and the general public.
- **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Funding:** Contributions from Indian corporates as per Section 135 of the **Companies Act, 2013**.
- **Institutional Grants:** Funding from trusts, foundations, and development agencies.
- **Government Grants:** Funds provided by central, state, or local government bodies.
- **Foreign Contributions:** Donations from international donors, only through the registered FCRA account.



- **Crowdfunding and Online Campaigns:** Digital platforms to raise funds from the public.
- **Events and Sponsorships:** Fundraising through charity events, sponsorships, and auctions.

5. Donation Acceptance Criteria

- Donations must comply with applicable laws, including **Income Tax Act, 1961**, and **FCRA, 2010** (for foreign donations).
- Anonymous donations above ₹10,000 will not be accepted unless donor details are provided for compliance.
- Donations must align with DEVI Sansthan's mission and should not come with conditions that contradict organizational goals.
- The organization reserves the right to decline donations from sources linked to unethical activities, political affiliations, or activities harmful to society.

6. Compliance with Indian Tax Laws & FCRA

Domestic Donations

- DEVI Sansthan is registered under **Section 12A and 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961**, making domestic donations eligible for tax benefits.
- PAN details must be collected for donations exceeding ₹2,000 to ensure compliance.
- Acknowledgment receipts shall be issued to all donors for transparency.

Foreign Contributions

- Foreign donations shall be accepted **only through the designated FCRA bank account**, as per **FCRA, 2010**.
- Donors must comply with FCRA regulations, and contributions must be reported in the **FC-4 returned** annually to the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Quarterly disclosures of foreign donations shall be made on DEVI Sansthan's website for transparency.
- No foreign donation shall be accepted from banned entities or politically affiliated groups.

7. Utilization and Reporting of Funds

- Funds shall be used strictly for the designated programs and purposes.



- Separate accounts shall be maintained for domestic and foreign contributions.
- Annual financial statements, including utilization certificates, shall be prepared and audited.
- Reports on fund utilization shall be shared with donors, regulators, and stakeholders as per compliance norms.

8. Donor Recognition and Stewardship

- Donors shall be acknowledged through personalized communication, reports, and appreciation events.
- Privacy of donors shall be respected, and personal information shall not be shared without consent.
- Any donor requesting anonymity shall be accommodated, provided it does not violate compliance norms.

9. Ethical Considerations and Conflict of Interest

- Staff, Board members, and volunteers involved in fundraising must disclose any personal interests in fundraising activities.
- No commissions shall be paid for securing donations.
- Donors shall not influence organizational decisions in exchange for funding.

10. Review and Amendments

- This policy shall be reviewed every **two years** or as per regulatory updates.
- Amendments require approval from the **Governing Board**.

Approved by: Governing Board of DEVI sansthan



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