MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

(Registration under Societies Registration Act. XXI of 1860)

1.	Name of the Society	: **"BODOLAND GI PRODUCTS & HANDLOOM CENTRE TRUST"**
2.	Date of Establishment	: **16 th December , 2024**
3.	Office Address	: **Nangalbhanga Nearest Rowmari Bathou . Thansali Dist. Chirang, BTC**
4.	Area of Operation	: **All over India**

5. **AIMS & OBJECTIVE** for which the Trust is founded are:-

WHEREAS the Author, being desirous of promoting and developing Bodo GI (Geographical Indication) tagged products and handloom items, has decided to establish a Trust known as the "**BODOLAND GI PRODUCTS & HANDLOOM CENTRE TRUST"** (hereinafter referred to as "the Trust"). The Trust is envisioned as a platform to preserve and promote the rich cultural heritage of the Bodo community by facilitating the production, marketing, and global recognition of Bodo GI-Tagged products and traditional handloom crafts. Recognizing the critical need to support local artisans, enhance their livelihoods, and create sustainable economic opportunities, the Author aims to establish an institution that not only safeguards traditional practices but also integrates innovation and modernity to meet contemporary market demands. Furthermore, the Trust shall strive to foster collaborations with governmental and non-governmental organizations to provide technical, financial, and infrastructural support, ensuring the long-term growth and success of Bodo GI-Tagged products

(a) To identify, preserve, and promote Geographical Indication (GI) products of Bodoland and surrounding regions.

(b) To provide technical and financial assistance to local artisans engaged in the creation of GI-certified products.

(c) To establish and manage handloom centers to support traditional weaving and other indigenous crafts.

(d) To conduct exhibitions, fairs, and events showcasing Bodoland GI products, both nationally and internationally.

(e) To create sustainable livelihood opportunities for tribal artisans and weavers by facilitating training, capacity building, and skill enhancement programs.

(f) To provide access to raw materials, tools, and modern techniques while preserving traditional knowledge and methods.

(g) To organize workshops, seminars, and awareness programs for promoting Bodoland's cultural heritage, traditional crafts, and GI products..

(h) To assist underprivileged tribal families during natural calamities by providing relief materials, temporary accommodations, and other necessary support.

(i) To establish and support orphanages, schools, and training centers to provide education and vocational skills to underprivileged children and youth.

(j) To visit and support orphanages, old age homes, and other welfare institutions by providing meals, necessities, and emotional support

(k) To empower women in tribal areas by promoting their active participation in handloom and handicraft industries.

(l) To provide employment opportunities for youth through skill development programs related to handloom, handicrafts, and the marketing of GI products.

(m) To work in collaboration with other charitable trusts, government bodies, NGOs, and private organizations to promote the objectives of the Trust.

(n) To facilitate partnerships for funding, training, and marketing Bodoland GI products on larger platforms.

(o) To promote the use of traditional tribal musical instruments, attire, and crafts through cultural events, internships, and training programs.

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(q) To establish marketing platforms, e-commerce portals, and retail outlets for Bodoland GI products and handloom goods.

(r) To undertake any other activity necessary to achieve the above objectives.

(s) The Trust may do all other acts and things that are conducive or helpful to the advancement and fulfilment of the purpose of the Trust.

(t) Supporting sustainable farming practices, improving market access, and empowering local farmers.

(u) Preserve traditional agricultural knowledge, encourage organic and eco-friendly cultivation, and facilitate value addition through research, training, and infrastructure development.

(v) To create economic opportunities for farmers by establishing strong supply chains, certification programs, and branding initiatives that highlight the uniqueness and authenticity of Bodoland's GI-tagged agricultural products.

The Trustees shall have full power and absolute authority to add or introduce additional specific objectives, provided such objectives are not inconsistent with the existing objects and purposes set forth herein. Any newly added objectives, as determined by the Trustees, shall be considered as incorporated into and form part of the objects of this Trust.

WHEREAS the individuals named below are hereby appointed as trustees to hold the aforementioned property in trust for the purposes outlined in this Trust Deed .

Designation	Name	Details
Chairperson/ Founder T	Mr. Ganesh Daimary S/o- Late Bhaben Daimary	Vill- Nathkuchi (Kachibari) Goreswar. P.O: Tengajhar, Dist. Tamulpur, BTI Assam Pin- 781364
Chief Executive Office (CEO)	Mrs. Ranjila Mohilary D/o- Moran Mohilary	Vill- Deborbil. P.O- Amteka. Dist- Chirang Pin- 783393 BTR
Secretary	Mr. Lio Basumatary S/o Biresh Basumatary	Vill- No-1 Khagrabari,Dadgari Hatisar,Chirang Pin- 783375
Secretary	Mr. Pulak Ch. Basumatary S/o- Phukan Ch. Basumatary	Kajalgaon, Sidli Chirang,Pin- 783385 BTR
Treasurer	Mrs Swapna Mayee Mushahary D/o- Upendra Mushahary	Vill- Kukurmari, P.O- Dhaligaon Dist. Chirang
Trustee	Mr. Dwikhang Basumatari S/o- Biren Basumatary	Town – 37 Chapaguri PT-II P.O.- Dhaligaon D Chirang BTR
Trustee/ Legal Advisor Adminstative Officer	Mr. Phungkha Basumatary Mohen Basumatary	Vill- Malivita Part, Amguri, Dist. Chirang Pin-
Trustee	Mr. Ranendra Brahma S/o- Kanteswar Brahma	Vill- Deborbil P.O- Amteka , PS- Amguri Dist. Chirang, Pin- 783393
Member Trustee	Mr. Millan Borgoyary Prasanta Borgayary	Vill – Boro Salangi P.O – Amteka Bazar Dist. Chirang, Pin- 783393
Member Trustee	Mr. Pabila Brahma	Gwjwnphuri, Dhaligaon , Chirang
Member Trustee	Mr. Satyen Islary S/o- Bishwanath Islary	Town – 37 Chapaguri PT-II P.O.- Dhaligaon D Chirang BTR

5. THE ASSETS AND THE FUNDS OF THE TRUST CONSISTS OF :

(a) The amount Transferred by the Author as mentioned above, towards the Corpus fund of the Trust.

(b) The immovable properties and other assets transferred by Author as mentioned above.

(c) Any cash, kind, properties, movable and immovable that may be acquired by purchase or otherwise or all manner of rights, title or interest in or over any property movable or immovable.

(d) All additions and accretions to the Trust properties and the income there from.

(e) All donations, gifts, legacies or grants, in cash or kind accepted by the Trustees upon Trust. The properties of the Trust shall be utilized for the objects set forth herein above and subject to the provisions and conditions herein mentioned

The Trustees may accept donations, grants, subscriptions, aids or contributions from any person, Government, Local authorities or any other charitable institutions, in cash or in kind including immovable property without any encumbrance, but the Trustees shall not accept any receipt with any condition or terms inconsistent with the objects of the Trust. While applying such receipts to the objects, the Trustees shall respect the directions, if any, by the granter. Any receipt with specific direction to treat the same as part of the corpus of the Trust or separate fund shall be funded accordingly.

6. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The number of Trustees including the Author of the Trustees shall not be less than _________ and not more than .... persons. The Board of Trustees shall nominate and invite person/persons to be the other trustees for such period, as they may deem fit and proper.

The Board of Trustees shall have the power to increase the total number of Trustees up to the maximum number stated above and fix their term as per provisions contained herein.

7. TERM OF OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES:

These Trustees shall hold office for such duration as may be specified by the board of trustees.

8. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(a) Any, Person who stands committed to the objects of the Trust and who wishes to contribute substantially towards its advancement, may with his/her consent be appointed as Trustee of the Trust by the Board of Trustees with the consent of 2/3rd (two-third) of the Trustees present and voting in a meeting.
(b) Any vacancy caused by the death of any one of the Founder Trustees, or any vacancy caused by the resignation of any of the Trustees, may be filled up by co-option by the Board of Trustees.
(c) Upon every appointment and reappointment being made under this clause,every Trustee so appointed as aforesaid shall have the same rights and privileges and shall be subject to the same obligations and duties as the then existing Trustees as fully and effectually as if he or she had been hereby constituted a Trustee.
(d) Any illegality in the appointment of Trustees or their proceedings shall not invalidate any prior act or decision of the Board of Trustees.

CHAIRPERSON

The Author, **Mr. Ganesh Daimary**, shall serve as the first Chairperson of the **"Bodoland GI Products and Handloom Centre Trust"**(hereinafter referred to as the "Trust"). The Chairperson shall hold office for a term of 5 Years and may be reappointed for subsequent terms as determined by the Board of Trustees.

The Chairperson is typically the highest-ranking member of the board of trustees. They lead board meetings and ensure that the board functions effectively.

The Chairperson can only be removed from office by a resolution of the Board of Trustees with 3/4th (three-fourth) of Trustees present and voting in a meeting.

On his death or removal or in the event the Chairperson chooses to retire and/or relinquish his office earlier, the remaining Trustees shall elect one of the then Trustees as Chairperson.

9. MANAGING TRUSTEE

Managing Trustee, also referred to as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), shall be the head of the Executive Board.

The Managing Trustee may or may not be a member of the Board of Trustees.

The Managing Trustee shall be responsible for:
(a) Overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Trust and implementing the decisions made by the Board of Trustees.
(b) Leading the Executive Board and ensuring the Trust's objectives are effectively pursued.
(c) Acting as the principal point of contact between the Executive Board and the Board of Trustees.
(d) Managing the Trust's businesses, including the production, promotion, and marketing of Bodo GI-tagged products.
(e) Representing the Trust in all external matters, including governmental and non-governmental collaborations, as authorized by the Board of Trustees.

The Managing Trustee shall report to the Board of Trustees and provide regular updates on the Trust's operations, financial performance, and strategic initiatives.

The tenure, remuneration (if any), and specific responsibilities of the Managing Trustee shall be determined by the Board of Trustees through a resolution.

10. TERMINATION OF OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES:

Trustee shall cease to hold office:

i) if he dies,

ii) if he resigns,

iii) if he is adjudged insolvent or found guilty of an offence involving moral turpitude.

iv) if he is found to have acted against the interest of the Trust.

v) Upon expiry of the period up to which the Board of trustees have nominated the trustee.

11. Vacancies

A vacancy in the office of a Trustee may arise due to:

Resignation submitted in writing to the Board of Trustees.

Death or incapacitation.

Removal due to misconduct, conflict of interest, or failure to fulfill duties as determined by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Trustees.

12. DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Board of Trustees hereby delegates the authority to the Executive Board, which shall be headed by the **Managing Trustee (CEO)**, to operate and manage the businesses and activities of the Trust. The Executive Board shall:

1. Be responsible for the implementation of policies and decisions made by the Board of Trustees.
2. Oversee the production, marketing, and distribution of Bodo GI-tagged products.
3. Ensure the financial sustainability of the Trust's ventures.
4. Maintain regular communication with the Board of Trustees regarding progress, challenges, and opportunities.
5. Exercise such powers as are necessary to achieve the objectives of the Trust, subject to the overall supervision and control of the Board of Trustees.

13. ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST:

The administration of the Trust shall vest with the Board of Trustees and Executive board which consists of:

14. BOARD OF TRUSTEES :

1. Chairperson.
2. Chief Executive Officer(CEO)
3. Treasurer
4. Trustee (s)
5. Member

15. EXECUTIVE BOARD :

1. Chairperson.
2. Managing Trustee (CEO)
3. Manager(s)

16. POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE TRUSTEES:

(a) All property of the Trust Movable or Immovable or of any other kind, shall vest in trust, the trustees shall manage the whole property and affairs of the trust and shall have all powers, duties and functions necessary proper and incidental to the promotion and carrying out of the objects of the trust.

(b) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the trustees shall for the purposes of this trust have the following powers, duties and functions:

(i) To acquire by Gift, Grant, Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or otherwise, land buildings, or other immovable properties and also any Movable Property.

(ii) To accept gifts, donations, endowment and contributions for the Trust and shall l treated as the income of the Trust.

(iii) (a) To raise loans, to receive monies, securities or other movable property (behalf of the Trust.

(b) To accept any trust, trust fund or endowment so long as the provisions of su(Trust or endowment are in consonance with the objects of this Trust.

(iv) (a) To enter into contracts, or engagements on behalf of the Trust.

(b) To consider such proposals submitted by Sub -committee appointed by this tru and allocate such funds if necessary as deemed necessary for the implementation of tl programs.

(v) To make, sign and execute all such documents instruments, as may be necessary (proper for carrying on the management of the properties and affairs of the Trust.

(vi) To invest such monies and such funds of the trust and to vary the investment : and when it may seem necessary or proper provided that such investments shall l made only upon immovable properties or upon securities as the board of trustee m: deem fit, under section 20 of the Indian Trust Act, 1882.

(vii) To sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any immovable property of the tru provided all the trustees unanimously resolve that it is in the interest of the trust to (so to sell or lease, mortgage or otherwise dispose of any movable and immovab properties of the Trust.

(viii) To appoint a Committee/Committees of management for such terms and wi such powers as may be specified from time to time, for carrying on the routi management of the affairs of the Trust.

(ix) To appoint such employees on such terms and conditions as the Trustees m: deem fit for carrying out the work of the trust and exercise control all such employe including the power of suspension, dismissal and removal.

(x) To delegate to the Managing Trustee or any appointed committee such powe duties and functions as are vested in the Trustees.

(xi) To frame Bye-Laws and such other regulations as are required for achieving i objectives.

17. EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS :

All Deeds, Documents etc. shall be executed by Board of Trustees jointly representing the Trust.

18. MEETINGS OF THE TRUST BOARD:

a) The Board of Trustee shall at its annual General Meeting, consider and approve the annual accounts, budget, proposal, annual report and matters brought before it by any trustee.

b) In addition to the annual general meeting, the Board may meet from time to time. The meeting shall be convened by the Chairperson

c) The Board shall transact any business that may be specified in the AGENDA or otherwise agreed by the Board of Trustees.

d) A Total of seven members five from the Board of Trustees and two from the Executive Board shall constitute the QUORUM.

e) The Chairperson shall preside over the Board Meetings including the Annual General Meeting. If the Chairperson is not present within half an hour of time for which the meeting has been convened, he/she can delegate his/her power to a Trustee.

f) Every decision taken by the Board of Trustees shall be by a simple majority of the members present and voting. In the event of equal division of votes, the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees shall have a casting vote in addition to his/her vote as trustee.

g) Any resolution in writing signed by the entire trustees shall be binding on the Board as though it has been passed at the meeting of the Board of Trustees.

h) The Chairperson may invite others interested in the work of the Trust to attend the meetings of the Board, but they shall not be entitled to vote thereof.

19. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT:

a) The trustees shall maintain true and correct accounts of all Trust monies and of all the income and investments and all the outgoing expenses.

b) The financial year of the Trust shall be from 1st April to ending 31st March of the following year.

c) The Trustees shall each year issue a report setting out the accounts showing the income and expenditure of the Trust for the preceding year not later than six months from the end of the preceding year of accounts.

d) The accounts of the Trust shall be audited every year by a Chartered Accountant who may be appointed for the purpose by the Board of Trustees and the audited statement of accounts together with Auditors report shall be laid before the Board of Trustees for approval.

e) This Trust complies with INDIAN TRUST ACT 1882. This Trust shall apply to the Commissioner of Income Tax to get it registered for U/S 12 A & 80G as per Income Tax Act, 1961.

20. BANK ACCOUNT :

(i) The Board of Trustees may open such Bank Accounts or Accounts in any of the Banks in the name of **"BODOLAND GI PRODUCTS & HANDLOOM CENTRE TRUST"** such accounts shall be jointly operated by the Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

(ii) The trust may open Bank Account/s in the name of institution/organisation founded by the Trust. Such Bank Accounts shall be operated by such persons as authorised by the board of trustees from time to time.

21. POWER TO ALTER RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The Board of Trustees shall have full power and authority to make, alter and rescind rules and regulations for the management and administration of the Trust, Any amendment to the Trust Deed will be carried out only with the approval of the Commissioner of Income Tax.

22. APPLICATION OF INCOME AND TRUST FUND :

The Board of Trustees shall be empowered to invest the funds Such of the Trust in movable or immovable properties, In manner as they deem fit for the purpose of the objects of the Trust provided that such investments shall be in accordance with the provision of Section 1 3(0) read with Section11(5) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 as well as of any other law for the time being in force as are applicable to charitable Trusts/ Trust.

23. REMUNERATION OF THE TRUSTEES:

The Trustees are not entitled for any remuneration but they shall however be entitled to receive out of pocket expenses incurred by them in the course of discharging the functions of the Trust. Further the Income and funds of the Trust will be solely utilized towards the objects and no portion of it will be utilized for payments/ remuneration to Trustees by way of profits, interests, dividend or otherwise.

24. INDEMNITY:

Every Trustee shall be indemnified out of the fund in respect of any loss arising from or contingent upon any investment made out of the monies of the Trust unless such loss shall have been occasioned by own negligence and also every Trustee shall be indemnified out of the Trust against all proceedings, suits, claims, costs, damages and expenses occasioned by any claim in (connection with the matters or affairs relating to the trust created by these presents or in the exercise of powers or discretion vested in them by virtue of these presents.

25. IRREVOCABILITY:

The Trust is irrevocable.

26. ACTIVITIES OF THE TRUST :

The activities of the Trust shall be only within India and its Union Territories and shall not be extended anywhere outside India.

27. DISSOLUTION :

On dissolution of the Trust, the net assets of the Trust shall be transferred to an association of persons to the Trust or society having similar objects of this Trust.

28. PROCEEDING OF THE TRUST :

Any defect in the constitution of the Trust shall not invalidate its proceedings.

29. RESIDUARY :

For matters not provided for in these presents, the provisions of the Indian Trust Act and the Income Tax Act, 1961 and rules made there under will apply accordingly.

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IN WITHNESS WHEREOF THE AUTHOR OF THE RUST HAS SET HIS DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 ABOVE HAND AND SIGN ON THIS WRITTEN IN THE PRESENCE OF SIGNATURE OF FOUNDER/MANAGING

SIGNATURE OF FOUNDER/
MANAGING

Ramica Mahilary

MANAGING TRUSTEE (CEO)
BODOLAND GI PRODUCTS &
HANDLOOM CENTRE TRUST