



MMA and Atlanta Marathi Shala

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)



August 2, 2011

BACKGROUND:

A group of volunteers have established and managed Marathi Shala activities in Atlanta since September 2009. The primary objective of Atlanta Marathi Shala is to promote and teach Marathi language and expose students to Marathi culture. For the past two years, Maharashtra Mandal Atlanta (MMA) has provided required support with regards to affiliation with Bruhan Maharashtra Mandal of North America (www.bmmonline.org) and to acquire the curriculum for the Atlanta Marathi Shala. More than forty (40) families who are registered members of MMA are currently benefitting from this initiative.

On July 10, 2011, Atlanta Marathi Shala Teachers group approached the 2011 President and Trustees requesting MMA assistance with the liability insurance to help rent appropriate school or venue to conduct Marathi Shala activities in anticipation of the continued growth in students. On July 13, 2011 a group of MMA team consisting of 2011 MMA President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, and Trustees unanimously decided to extend a conditional support to the Atlanta Marathi Shala request. The decision is in in-line with the MMA Mission and the current by-laws.

To help ensure effective understanding between Atlanta Marathi Shala Committee and MMA, following guidelines are established until further notice and/or any necessary amendments.

GUIDELINES:

- 1) Starting on August 1, 2011, Atlanta Marathi Shala activities will be managed by Atlanta Marathi Shala Committee under the banner of MMA.
- 2) Atlanta Marathi Shala will continue primarily as a self-funded activity as it was from Sep 2009 till date.
- 3) MMA will continue to support on a need basis in identifying and/or securing other available resources and assistance if requested by the Atlanta Marathi Shala committee.
- 4) MMA will provide the required liability insurance for securing appropriate venue for Atlanta Marathi Shala.
- 5) Atlanta Marathi Shala committee will be solely responsible for managing Marathi Shala including but not limited to school Curriculum, Calendar, School Budget, operational decision, collaboration with other Marathi Language schools as well as BMM Marathi Shala Projects.
- 6) Composition of Atlanta Marathi Shala Committee has been defined in the operational guideline document of Atlanta Marathi Shala.
- 7) Atlanta Marathi Shala will be managed and operated by Atlanta Marathi Shala committee and will be supported by volunteers.
- 8) Annually appointed member of Atlanta Marathi Shala Committee to meet with the MMA Trustees and Executive Committee to provide bi-annual updates on a) financial, b) operational and c) any any potential issues impacting the Marathi Shala. This is to ensure the Marathi Shala operation is a sustained activity.



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- 9) MMA Trustees, MMA President and Atlanta Marathi Shala Committee reserve the right to amend these guidelines if necessary. Any amendments will be made at the end of the school year with mutual consent keeping the students in mind.
- 10) Any escalation that cannot be handled by the Atlanta Marathi Shala Committee shall be brought to the attention of the current MMA Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees.
- 11) MMA or Atlanta Marathi Shala Committee reserves the right to opt out of this MoU at the end of school year if it is in their best interest.

This MoU will be in effect irrespective of changes in MMA President, MMA Committee or MMA trustees.

Understood and approved by the following 2011 MMA Team and Atlanta Marathi Shala representatives on August 2, 2011:

MMA President	MMA Vice-president	MMA Treasurer	MMA Secretary
(Ajay Houde)	(Chandan Gokhale)	(Tushar Mirajkar)	(Upendra Kulkarni)

MMA Trustee	MMA Trustee	MMA Trustee
(Nishikant Kadam)	(Nikhil Shirke)	(Vaibhav Sathe)

Atlanta Marathi Shala Committee:

Vrinda Pitre	Anjali Deshpande	Sudarshan Desai	Sukhada Tapshalkar
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Pallavee Amdekar	Surendra Tapshalkar	Vijay Deshpande	Shailendra Pitre.
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