

SCIENCE CITY
(National Council of Science Museums)
J.B.S. Haldane Avenue, Kolkata – 700 046

**TERMS & CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT FOR USE OF CONVENTION CENTRE
FACILITIES / OPEN EXHIBITION GROUND IN SCIENCE CITY, KOLKATA**

Purpose for allotment of Convention Centre facilities of Science City

Science City's Convention Centre is permitted for all conventions, annual general meetings of corporate bodies, cultural programmes, seminars, training programmes, trade exhibitions, annual programmes of local schools and various functions & award ceremonies of State & Central Governments and media channels.

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Please Note:-The booking will be confirmed only after receiving 'No Objection Certificate' from the Office of **The Joint Commissioner of Police (Hqrs.), Kolkata Police** well in advance from the date of programme due to security reasons.

1. The convention centre facilities/open exhibition ground can be used only on payment in advance within the stipulated date indicated in the letter of booking of prescribed service & maintenance charges and security deposit of convention centre/open exhibition ground in full and for the purpose for which it has been booked.
2. The convention centre facilities, comprising Grand Theatre, Mini Auditorium and eight Seminar Halls and open exhibition ground are available for use only by scientific, cultural and other organisations of repute. Convention Centre facilities can also be use for holding meetings, seminars on science, art or culture; for holding press conference, annual general meetings of companies/commercial organisations or other business houses; for holding buyer-seller meets, launching/promoting various products; for programmes related to performing arts viz. Music, dance, ballet, orchestra, film, theatre, yatra, magic show, puppet show, mime etc.
3. Convention Centre is not available for social (private use) programmes such as marriage, reception, birth day celebration or similar activities, or for political meetings. Science City authorities reserve the right to refuse or cancel permission for use of the facilities by any organisation without assigning any reason.
4. Necessary permission from **Agriculture Income Tax Office, Amusement Tax Office of KMC and other statutory authorities, viz. Indian Performing Right Society, Phonographic Performance Limited etc.** for holding the programme in convention centre shall be obtained by the party and must be submitted to Science City, Kolkata seven days before the date of the programme and shall keep Science City indemnified against any loss, compensation, damages sustained due to non-compliance of such statutory requirements by the party. **In the event of non-receipt of required permission/clearances, Science City reserves the right to cancel the allotment of booking and in such case the maintenance & service charges deposited with Science City shall stands forfeited.**
5. Entry of participants/audience/invitees to the convention centre facilities shall be strictly restricted to its optimum capacity.
6. The maximum sitting capacity of Main Auditorium, Mini Auditorium and Seminar Halls are 2232, 392 and 524 (all seminar halls together) respectively.
7. No food or drink is allowed inside any of the auditoria or seminar halls. Tea/coffee/cold drinks/snacks can be served only from the nearby Kiosks or in the foyer of the Seminar Hall. Catering/vending of food or hot and cold beverages is allowed only in certain earmarked areas. Liquor/Alcohol is not allowed to be served or consumed inside Science City campus.

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8. Lighting of fire on the stage of the auditoria and seminar halls or using any chemicals which may cause fire, smoke or high intensity sound is strictly prohibited and no equipment required for such usage shall be used on the stage unless prior permission in writing is obtained from the competent authority of Science City, Kolkata.
9. No additional light fittings or sound reinforcement system over and above those already existing in the set up of the convention centre can be used unless prior permission in writing is obtained from the competent authority of Science City. In case of any requirement of additional facilities like additional lighting arrangement, sound systems etc. concerned officer of Science City may be contacted well in advance but not less than seven days prior to the date on which the programme in convention centre is scheduled. Copies of work order (if any) awarded to agencies for carrying out additional works with proposed safety protection must be submitted to Science City at least three days before the date of the programme.
10. No equipment, control system etc. belonging to Science City should be handled by anyone other than the personnel deployed by Science City for this purpose. However, if handling of lighting or audio control system by the authorized representative of the organization is absolutely essential for a particular programme, it can be allowed only with prior permission of the competent authority of Science City.
11. Any loss or damage caused for mishandling of the furniture, equipment, fittings, lighting/audio systems, Stage etc. shall be fully and financially compensated to Science City. The technical & financial assessment of such damage/destruction to the property of Science City by the authority of Science City shall be final and binding on the organizer of the event/programmes and in case of loss or damage, the Security deposit amount will be refunded after adjustment of loss or damage.
12. Possession of the auditoria/seminar halls to the organizer will be given only half an hour before the start of the booking time and it must be vacated within half an hour after end of the booking time, failing which the proportionate service and maintenance charges shall be deducted from the security deposit for extra period of use at the appropriate rate.
13. Booking time cannot be extended unless; prior permission is obtained from the authorized official of Science City on duty. However, extension may not be possible due to logistic problems unless it is requisitioned in advance in writing, not less than one hour prior to the end of scheduled booking time.
14. Any unforeseen disruption of electric supply or failure of air-conditioning system or malfunctioning of any equipment or services which is beyond the reasonable control of Science City shall not confer the party any right to get refund of service charges or any compensation or damages whatsoever. **In case of any temporary disruption of CESC's power supply, utmost effort will be made to supply power through the standby generator for operating the lighting and sound system only. No air-conditioning facility can be provided during load shedding or during the period of power disruption.**
15. No banners/posters shall be displayed at places other than those earmarked for this purpose. However if additional banners/posters/gates/standees are required to be displayed/erected in places other than earmarked places, these will be charged extra as per approved rates of Science City. **The content of the branding/banners/advertisement materials shall require approval by Science City authorities well in advance before display. It is needless to mention that branding of tobacco products and alcohol including surrogate advertisements etc. is prohibited inside the Science City campus being a prime public place.**
16. Seat nos. **D 23 to D 32** in Main Auditorium and **C 16 to C 20** in Mini Auditorium are reserved exclusively for Science City.
17. For security reasons no baggage or eatables are allowed inside the auditoria and seminar halls.
18. Usage of Plastic and Polythene bags inside the convention centre is strictly prohibited and the same should be mentioned on tickets/Invitation cards for the show.

19. Postponement/Preponement i.e. changes of date of confirmed booking subject to availability of date & time will be allowed for one occasion only without any extra charges **for the same facility only provided such request for postponement is received atleast 30 days prior to date of booking.** However if it is for more than one occasion the previous booking will be treated as cancelled and the new date shall be treated as fresh booking **and cancellation charges as applicable, shall be levied.**
20. For cancellation of confirmed booking of convention centre facilities/open exhibition ground after paying advance service and maintenance charges, appropriate amount shall be refunded by Science City to the person/agency concerned within a fortnight, after deducting cancellation charges as detailed below:
- i) For cancellation of confirmed booking not less than 30 days prior to the date of use of convention centre facilities/open exhibition ground – **10% of total charges shall be deducted as a cancellation charges alongwith service tax on estimated Service and Maintenance charges as applicable.**
 - ii) For cancellation of confirmed booking more than 15 days but less than 30 days prior to the date of use – **50% of total charges shall be deducted as a cancellation charges alongwith service tax on estimated Service and Maintenance charges as applicable.**
 - iii) For cancellation of confirmed booking more than 2 days but less than 15 days prior to the date of use – **80% of total charges shall be deducted as a cancellation charges alongwith service tax on estimated Service and Maintenance charges as applicable.**
 - iv) For cancellation of confirmed booking less than 2 days prior to the date of use – **100% of total charges shall be deducted as a cancellation charges alongwith service tax on estimated Service and Maintenance charges as applicable.**
- *21. Service Tax : Service Tax for estimated amount or Final bill once deposited to Science City shall be remitted by Science City to the Service tax authority and shall under no circumstances refunded due to cancellation/curtailment or postponement/ preponement of the programme.**
22. Service and maintenance charges for use of convention centre facilities/open exhibition ground in full must be deposited through draft/cash within the specified date indicated in the letter of booking in favour of Science City, Kolkata, failing which booking shall be treated as cancelled.
23. All the materials/boxes/baggage etc. if brought at site for programmes are subject to screening and checking by security deployed by Science City and signed copy of the respective challans are to be submitted to Security Department of Science City. The counter signed challans will be treated as Gate pass after the programme. No materials whatsoever shall be allowed to be kept inside the premises of Science City, Kolkata after the programme. The Science City shall not be responsible for any unclaimed items after the programme.
24. Photo Identity Cards have to be issued to personnel who would be working on behalf of the organizers of the event/programme. Such personnel have to be authorized by the organisers and a list of the personnel so authorized with all details has to be submitted to Science City at least seven days before the programme.
25. No infringement of any copyright is permitted. Any infringement shall be at the sole risk of the organizer, Science City is not aware, nor has any reasonable ground for believing that any violation of any copy right shall be made. The organizer shall keep Science City safe, harmless and indemnified in this regard.
- 26. It may please be noted that the terms and conditions for use of Convention Centre facility in Science City Kolkata may be revised from time to time and the same will be applicable to the organisers as well. In case of revision of service and maintenance charges and imposition of any statutory taxes by the Central/State Government, organisers are liable to pay the difference based on the rates prevailing at the time of actual use of Convention Centre facilities by the organisers.**
- 27. Payment for booking : As stipulated in the communication sent by Science City.**

I have read, understood and accepted the above terms & conditions.

Date:-

Place:-

Signature of authorized person of the

Organizer of the event with rubber stamp

