



(Registration No. S/1L/75084 of 2010 under WB Societies Registration Act, 1961)

CONSENT LETTER

Subject - Community Consent for Nomination of Sheherwali Cuisine to UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the Murshidabad Heritage Development Society.

We hereby formally express our collective consent, on behalf of the Murshidabad Heritage Development Society and the participating Sheherwali community members, for the nomination of *Sheherwali Cuisine* to the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List.

This consent reflects the shared will and active participation of community stakeholders, including traditional practitioners, family custodians of recipes, cultural representatives, and associated Jain groups in and around Murshidabad and Bengal. The community recognizes Sheherwali cuisine as an integral part of its cultural identity, heritage, and living traditions, preserved and transmitted across generations.

The participating communities fully support this nomination and affirm their commitment to safeguarding, promoting, and perpetuating the knowledge systems, culinary practices, and cultural values associated with Sheherwali cuisine. They acknowledge the importance of wider recognition and believe that UNESCO inscription will contribute meaningfully to the preservation and continuity of this unique heritage.

We confirm that this nomination has been undertaken with the free, prior, and informed consent of the concerned communities, and that they will continue to play a central role in all future safeguarding and promotional initiatives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,

Shri Pradip Chopra,
President
Murshidabad Heritage Development Society