

# **National Religious and Educational Parity Authority**

## **For Transparent and Neutral Governance**

### **Executive Summary**

The National Religious and Educational Parity Authority is proposed as an independent constitutional mechanism to bring uniform transparency, financial neutrality, and governance parity across religious and educational institutions in India. The proposal responds to long standing concerns around uneven regulatory frameworks, financial imbalances, and lack of consistent oversight.

The framework operates within the constitutional structure, respecting protections such as Article 30, while introducing a neutral system for data visibility, financial accountability, and institutional monitoring. It does not alter ownership, rights, or autonomy of any community or institution.

It also recognizes the importance of alignment between legislative intent and administrative implementation, and addresses this through transparency rather than intervention.

The authority is conceived as a non intrusive, data driven institutional mechanism that strengthens trust and ensures uniform accountability.

### **Abstract**

This proposal presents the National Religious and Educational Parity Authority as an independent constitutional mechanism to ensure parity, transparency, and neutrality in governance of religious and educational institutions in India. It strengthens alignment between policy intent and implementation through structured oversight while preserving constitutional protections.

### **1. Introduction and The Challenge**

India's framework for managing religious and educational institutions has evolved unevenly, creating perceptions of imbalance in oversight, funding, and autonomy. There is scope for improved harmonization in implementation across policy areas.

Existing mechanisms are fragmented and lack a unified transparency framework, leading to gaps in accountability and public understanding.

There is a need for an independent mechanism ensuring parity while respecting constitutional protections.

### **2. The Proposed Solution NREPA**

The authority is an independent constitutional body ensuring transparency, financial neutrality, and data based accountability without interfering in religious practices or rights.

It will have a five member independent structure, secure funding, and operate under constitutional provisions.

### **3. Key Functions**

Educational parity through direct reimbursement systems ensuring financial balance.

Transparent land registry using digital tools to ensure clarity and protection.

Rehabilitation support through structured and monitored frameworks.

Public dashboards to ensure transparency and reduce misinformation.

Support policy clarity through data driven reporting and monitoring.

#### **4. Constitutional Viability**

The authority operates within the constitutional framework, remains religion neutral, and strengthens existing protections without altering institutional ownership.

#### **5. Implementation Timeline**

Year 1 Establishment and registry development.

Year 2 Implementation and audits.

Year 3 Pilot projects and dashboard launch.

#### **Closing Note**

This proposal is respectfully submitted to contribute constructively to policy discussions and strengthen institutional trust through transparent governance.

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