

## What is the scope of charitable purpose under Section 20 of the Societies Registration Act of 1860?

Section 20 of Societies Registration Act. This Act followed the queen's proclamation after India's first revolt of 1857; the British wanted to regulate organizations getting together. The Act says societies can be registered for charitable purpose without describing what is charitable. Some examples are:

- societies for the promotion of Science Literature or the fine arts
- for instructional or diffusion of useful knowledge
- diffusion of political education
- foundation or maintenance of libraries or reading rooms for general use
- Public museums and galleries of paintings and other works of art, collection of natural history mechanical and inventions, instruments or designs.

A large gamut of things are covered here. For us it is important because you can set up charitable societies.