MASTERCHEF INDIA (2025)

"MasterChef India – 2025" (hereinafter referred to as "Show" and/or "Program" and/or "Contest") is organized and conducted by Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited (formerly known as Sony Pictures Networks India Private Limited) ("The Company", "CMEPL"). The Show will be telecasted on the Company's channel "Sony Entertainment Television" ("SET"/ "Channel") and hosted on the Sony LIV App ("App"). The Show will be governed by the rules and regulations stated hereunder ("Rules" and/or "Rules and Regulations"). The Company reserves the right to modify these Rules and Regulations without any prior notice. The Participant(s) are advised to access, view, and keep themselves informed of these Rules and Regulations from time to time. If the Participant(s) do not agree with any of the Rules and any amendments thereto, the Participant(s) must not participate in the auditions of the Show.

These Terms and Conditions shall be irrevocably binding on each Participant(s) (including Contestant(s)voluntarily participating in the Contest. The participation by the Participant(s) in the Contest in the manner as detailed below shall be deemed to be their absolute agreement to the Terms and Conditions, Terms of Use and Privacy Policy of the Company as prescribed by the Company from time to time. The Contest shall be governed by the Terms and Conditions stated herein below and all Participant(s) are requested herein unconditionally accept and agree to comply with and abide by the same.

The Privacy Policy, Terms of Use and User Generated Content are incorporated herein by reference and are simultaneously available www.sonyliv.com. By proceeding further, the Participant(s) are representing to the Company that the Participant(s) participation in the Auditions is in compliance with all laws applicable on the Participant(s) and the Participant(s) are not in any manner prohibited from participating herein by any law.

These Terms and Conditions shall be irrevocably binding on each Participant voluntarily participating in the Auditions. The Participant(s) act of voluntary participating in the Auditions in the manner as detailed below shall be deemed to be The Participant(s) absolute agreement to the Rules and Regulations, Terms of Use, Privacy Policy and User Generated Content of the Company as prescribed from time to time (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Terms and Conditions"). If the Participant(s) do not agree to be bound or cannot comply with any of the Terms and Conditions, please do not continue and the Company will not consider such participation as valid. The Participant(s) failure to accept these Terms and Conditions including the Privacy Policy or Terms of Use or User Generated Content shall disqualify the Participant(s) participation in the Auditions. The Auditions shall be governed by the Terms and Conditions stated herein below and all Participant(s) are requested herein unconditionally accept and agree to comply with and abide by the same.

1. **DEFINITIONS**

- 1) "Show Management" Organizers of the Show including the Producer, Company or its respective assignees and affiliates.
- 2) "Participant(s)" or "Duo(s)" shall mean any pair of individuals i.e. a team comprising of two (2) individuals who appear for the audition of the Show together as a pair and complete the registration process (as described herein below) and are eligible to participate in the auditions as per Rules and Regulations defined below. The Participant(s) shall only be eligible to audition for the Show if (i) each individual who is part of the Duo is above eighteen (18) years of age as on October 01, 2025 (ii) is a citizen of India who is residing in India (iii) is related to each other by blood or marriage and has the necessary document proof (as described below in clause 3.c.) to furnish at the Auditions (iv) the Duo is of sound mind and health (v) the Participants do not have any criminal conviction (vi) the Participants do not have any disability by way of any existing arrangement or contractual obligation which prevents them from participating in the Show or any other event of similar nature organized by the Show Management (vii) enters the Show in accordance with the Rules and Regulations as stated in this document. For avoidance of doubt, the employees of the Company, of the Producer, of the advertising agency, of the process advisors and process auditors, of the agents, of the process partners and any other person associated with the Show or the Company which has been appointed from time to time, employees of the sponsors and members of their immediate family, persons other than Indian nationals, or Indian nationals living outside India, or those who do not qualify under the definition of resident of

India as per the Income Tax Act, 1961 or those persons who have participated and made it to any televised rounds of any previous seasons of the Show or any other show of similar nature are ineligible to enter the Contest and will not qualify as a Participant.

- 3) "Contestant(s)" or "Jodi(s)" shall mean the Top 12 Duo(s) selected to appear on the Show upon clearing the Bootcamp Round and the Qualifier Rounds.
- **4)** "Audition" shall mean different levels of the selection process which the Participant(s) need to clear for participating in the Show.
- 5) "Audition Period" shall mean the Audition period for the Auditions which shall start from October 30, 2025 and will end on November 23, 2025. The Show Management, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to modify the dates as required, without giving any notice to the effect.
- 6) "Qualifier Rounds" shall mean and includes Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 respectively.
- 7) "Level 1" shall include Auditions conducted across cities and dates decided by the Company, however audition dates may be revised, or the auditions may be suspended as per the discretion of the Show Management.
- 8) "Level 2" shall include Auditions conducted across cities viz. Delhi, Kolkata, and Mumbai as per Schedule I (as mentioned below under clause 61) to shortlist Participant(s) for Level 3 from each city as per the discretion of the Show Management.
- 9) "Level 3" shall include the participation of the Top 60 Duos shortlisted from Level 2 wherein the Auditions will be conducted in Mumbai and televised for on-air display on the Channel. The audition dates may be revised as per the discretion of the Show Management.
- **10) "Bootcamp Round"** shall mean and include the culinary performance of the Top 24 Duos shortlisted from Level 3. The Top 12 Duos will be selected basis their performance in the Bootcamp Round to participate as Contestants and mark the beginning of the Show.
- 11) "Publicity Rights" shall mean the right to use the Contestant(s)/ Participant's name, likeness, recipe, picture, video, or the content of his/her participation.
- 12) "Exploitation/Exploit" shall mean the exploitation of the Intellectual Property and the Materials (as defined herein) including along with its cognate forms and grammatical variations, means and includes the exploitation, use, alteration, broadcast, rebroadcast, communication, encryption, transmission, translation adaptation, publication, cutting, editing, and packaging of the Intellectual Property vested in the Materials, either in whole or in part, in any form/format or language, as may be decided by Company in its sole discretion and shall include incorporation of the Materials including performances in the Program or any audio visual recording or sound recording or as may be decided by Company in its sole discretion as well as the conversion of the Materials from one form/format to another and in relation to the Materials, making of a Cinematograph Film or Sound Recording, Communication to the Public, Broadcast, Performance in Public, adaptation, reprography, reproduction, distribution, sale, commercial rental, assignment, licensing, merchandising rights, remakes, sequels, prequels, versions, translations, dubbing and/or subtitling in any all languages/dialects in the world, converting the Materials for theatrical exploitation, including but not limited to the broadcasting thereof by any form of radio, internet and any and all form of television including but not limited to terrestrial, satellite, direct to home, cable, IPTV, any form of video on demand (including but not limited to Pay-per-View, NVOD, SVOD, PVOD, FVOD made available for being seen or heard or delivered or exploited through wire or wireless including but not limited to internet, websites including but not limited to social networking websites, blogs, internet or mobile streaming or download services (whether free, pay or subscription based) computing and networking devices, mobile /telecommunication system based platforms, mobile TV, theatrical or non-theatrical or any other means whether now known or existing or in commercial use or hereinafter invented or developed in the future in and to the Intellectual Property and all elements thereof. The capitalized terms 'Broadcast', 'Communication to the Public', 'Cinematograph Film', 'Performance /Perform in Public', 'Sound Recording', 'Visual Recording' shall have the same meanings as defined in the Indian Copyright Act, 1957 as amended from time to time and all analogous rights subsisting under the laws of each and every jurisdiction throughout the world.

- 13) "Intellectual Property" means and includes all performances, performers' rights, publicity rights, brands, rights if any vested in the Participant(s) relating to or in the Footage (as defined herein) owned by the Company, concepts, confidential information, copyrights, databases, designs, formulae, franchises, goodwill, know-how, licenses, 'look and feel', permits, proprietary information and knowledge, scripts (and their sound recordings), segments, set designs, service marks, technology, titles, trademarks, trade names, trade secrets, format rights, and all other allied, ancillary and subsidiary rights in any and all media whether now known or subsequently invented, as well as all other intellectual property as is commonly understood and recognized as such by applicable law, (past, current or future) industry usage, or otherwise.
- 14) "Personal Data" The term 'Personal Data' shall mean and include but is not limited to the name, phone number, photo identity documents such as passport, driving license, PAN, Aadhaar, document for age verification such as birth certificate, ration card, voter identity card or and other information as may be required for the purposes of the Show, pertaining to the identity of the Participant (s)
- **15)** "**Producer**" shall mean "Endemol India Private Limited", the producers of the Program engaged by the Company for organizing the Auditions and producing the Program in the manner as decided by the Company at its sole discretion.
- **16) "Panel" or "Judge(s)"** shall mean representatives of the Company and/ or food/culinary expert/taster(s) appointed and finalized by the Company and /or the Channel at its sole discretion

2. PRINCIPAL RULES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SHOW

- 1. The contest is open for all Participants as defined hereinabove in this document.
- 2. The Auditions will be conducted offline/on-ground and interested participants are required to be present at the Audition venue on the dates intimated to them. On reaching the Audition venue, the Participants will be required to submit a fully filled registration form and furnish certain basic details such as:
 - 1) Name
 - 2) Gender
 - 3) Education Qualification
 - 4) Profession
 - 5) Current and Permanent address
 - 6) Relationship between both the Participants
 - 7) Mobile Number
 - 8) Alternate mobile number
 - 9) Date of birth
 - 10) State
 - 11) City
 - 12) Details of the pre-cooked dish prepared by the Participant (including a description of the dish, list of ingredients used and its recipe etc.)
- 3. In order to confirm the eligibility of the Participant(s), the Participant(s) are mandatorily required to carry the following documents in their original form at the Audition venue and submit scanned copies of the same. The Company has the right at any time to seek proof of identity and/or eligibility of the Participant(s). Failure to provide such proof within a reasonable time could result in disqualification from the Show. If the Participant(s) are found to be ineligible, or if they have not complied with these Rules and Regulations, then such Participant(s) will be disqualified. Participants are required to see below the requirement of the documents for verification ("Documents"):
 - a) For valid name proof (any one of the following):
 - 1. PAN Card along with Birth certificate
 - 2. Passport
 - 3. Voter ID or
 - 4. Driver's License
 - 5. UID / Aadhar card
 - b) For Valid address proof (any one of the following):
 - 1. Landline Phone / Electricity Bill
 - 2. Passport
 - 3. Voter ID

- 4. Driver's License or
- 5. Ration card
- 6. UID / Aadhar card
- c) For proof of relationship:
 - 1. UID / Aadhar card
 - 2. Birth Certificate
 - 3. Marriage Certificate

(The Auditionee will need to carry the original document and 2 attested photocopies of each document. All the above-mentioned documents must be in English or Hindi only. Submission of the aforesaid documents does not imply that the Participant has been selected for further participation in the Audition or any part of the Show)

- 4. The Documents provided should be clear, readable scanned copies and any failure to provide the same can lead to disqualification. The Company reserves the right to disqualify any Participant(s) from the Show or the Audition, in its sole discretion, if the Company is not satisfied with the documents submitted by the Participant(s) or the Participant(s) at any stage is unable to supply any of the documents required by the Show Management/ the Company or the Participant(s) supplies unclear, inaccurate, incomplete, or misleading personal details and/or information.
- 5. Participant(s) are required to adhere to the verification process of the Company at the designated location. Successful verification of the Documents is mandatory for the Participants to progress further towards the Qualifier Rounds of the Audition. The Company reserves the right to ask the Participant to re-submit any of the above-mentioned document proof at any stage of the Show.
- 6. In case the said Participant(s) are unable to furnish the original document(s) or to verify the eligibility details and also submit self-affirmed photocopy of the same, the said Participant(s) shall be disqualified by the Company. For the purposes of this Contest, the self-attested copy of these Terms and Conditions, signature/self-attestation of the required documentation by the Participants and the Registration Form duly submitted by the Participant(s) at the Audition venue shall be considered a complete entry ("Entry"). Participant(s) represent and undertake that all Personal Data, documentation, contents of the Registration Form provided by them at the time of registration at the Audition venue is true, correct, accurate and original. Any incomplete Entry and /or any Entry with incorrect format, additional and/or inadequate information will be considered invalid and will be disqualified from participating in the Contest. The Channel / Company shall be free at any point of time to contact and / or communicate with the Participant(s) for availing any additional information and/or to verify any details as provided in relation to Contest and/or the Entry and the Participant(s) shall unconditionally facilitate the same.
- 7. On completion of the registration the Participant in any stage of the audition(s) of the show titled "MasterChef", by virtue, the Participant accepts and agrees to the following Rules and Regulations to enable the Participant to participate in the Auditions in addition to the Terms & Conditions put on the Website (i.e., www.sonyliv.com) and further to be bound by any decisions made by the Organizers.
- 8. The Participant hereby agrees and confirms that even if the Participant is selected for the Auditions and/or the Show, the Participant shall not have any right to claim any benefit/demand/consideration/monies from the Company or the Show Management, in addition and/or in exchange of the selection.

Any incomplete, erroneous, or unclear information, shall be considered invalid and deemed null and void and the Entry of such Participant will not be considered.

- 9. By participating in the Audition and/or the Show, the Participant(s) agrees to be bound by any decisions made by the Show Management in its sole discretion, including any interpretations of the Rules and Regulations.
- 10. The shortlisting process followed for MasterChef India 2025 comprises of 3 (three) Qualifier Rounds viz. Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3. The Participant(s) will have to perform and pass through a series of tasks to qualify for each consequent level in relation to their cooking skills, including any and all technical tasks related to cooking in addition to cooking and preparing an original dish. Any and all dishes that are required to be prepared by the Participant(s)/ Duo(s) shall be prepared without the help or assistance of

any other person. For further clarity, only the 2 Participant(s) who have registered as a Duo will prepare all the dishes across all the Qualifier Rounds.

- 11. This pre-cooked dish prepared by the Participant(s) shall be evaluated by the Panel. It is further clarified that the dishes prepared by the Participant during the Qualifier Rounds shall be judged based on predefined evaluation parameters such as personality, food story, and the dish (flavors, presentation, skill, concept, and other cuisine's knowledge) and/or any other criteria as set out by the Panel and/or the Company. The decisions of the Panel will be final and binding on all Participant(s).
- 12. If the Participant(s) fails to attend any of the Qualifier Rounds / Audition at the venue on the date and time as informed by the Show Management and/or it's representatives for any reason whatsoever, the entry of the Participant(s) will be invalid, and such Participant(s) shall be disqualified. No disputes in this regard will be entertained.
- 13. The Company shall select the Top 12 Contestant(s) participating in the Show from amongst the Participant(s) selected for the Bootcamp Round.
- 14. The Auditions for the Show shall be conducted at the Audition Venue in the manner mentioned below:

A. Level 1:

- 1. The two Participant(s) comprising a team are required to get a single pre-cooked dish (edible item, vegetarian and/or non-vegetarian) at the Audition venue for Level 1 of the Audition process for the Show i.e., 'MasterChef India 2025'. For the purposes of the Contest/Auditions, it is further clarified that such dish shall be required to be prepared and brought by the Participant(s) as part of the Auditions, shall be prepared and cooked by them together without any help and/or influence of any other person. The authenticity of the pre-cooked dish shall be verified by the Panel while tasting through a question-and-answer session with the Participant(s).
- 2. It will solely be the responsibility of the Participant(s) to ensure that they package the pre-cooked dish well such that there is no spillage/ spoilage etc., that causes any damage to consumption. The Participants additionally warrant that the food articles prepared do not contain any non-edible substances and are safe and/or health-wise fit for consumption by humans. It should also be understood that it will be the responsibility of the Participant(s) to correctly disclose the list of ingredients used to prepare the dish to identify food allergies, and/or any related necessary disclosures which would ensure that the dish is safe for consumption. The Company shall not be held responsible to make any arrangements to ensure that the food is stored at designated temperatures and will solely be the responsibility of the Participant(s) to select dishes appropriately. Any Participant(s)/Duo(s) who fails to disclose the information as indicated above may be disqualified at the Show Management's discretion.
- 3. Based on the evaluations made by the Panel, the top Participant(s) shall be shortlisted for Level 2 as per the discretion of the Company and /or the Panel. Selected Participants(s) shall be required to be present at any one of the auditions held at Kolkata/ Delhi/ Mumbai on the day and time specified by the Company, in accordance with the Participants'/ Duos' preferences. Further, all costs and expenses towards travel and stay of the Participant(s) towards participating in this level shall be borne by the Participant(s) without any recourse to the Company.

B. Level 2:

- 4. Shortlisted Participant(s) of Level 1 will be required to be present for Level 2 which will be held in Delhi, Kolkata, and Mumbai, on dates, timings, and venues specified under Schedule 1 clause 61 and the Participant(s) agree to travel, stay, etc. entirely at their own expense.
- 5. This level will comprise of a Personal Interview (PI) and a live cooking round. The shortlisted Participant(s) at this level would be required to cook a dish in the presence of the Panel and the same shall be evaluated by the Panel. The live cooking round will be followed by a PI round conducted by the Panel.

C. Level 3:

- 6. The Top 60 Participant(s)/ Duo(s) shortlisted from Level 2 shall be required to cook / present the dish to the show judges in Mumbai on date and time specified by the Show Management. At this Level, the audition will be recorded and televised by the Company for on-air display on the Channel.
- 7. Participant(s) advancing to Level 3 will be required to furnish mandatory documents as required to verify the personal details provided in the previous rounds. Each of the selected Participant(s) shall be required to furnish the necessary documentation (as stated in the above) in original to confirm the eligibility details, etc. In case any Participant(s) is unable to furnish the original document(s) to verify the eligibility details and also submit self-affirmed photocopy of the same, then such Participant(s) shall be disqualified

by the Show Management. For further clarification, all the individuals selected to participate in Level 3 will be required to furnish the required Documents. In case one of the Participants from a Duo fails to provide the required Documents, both the Participants comprising that Duo will be disqualified from further participation in the Show.

- 8. Basis the cooking skills/ talent presented by the Duo(s) and their respective evaluation by the show judges in Level 3, the Company will select the Top 24 Duo(s) to participate in the Bootcamp Round.
- 9. The process by which the shortlisted Participants are informed of their selection will be updated by the Company by the way of updating these Rules and Regulations. The Participants are advised to regularly access, view, and keep themselves informed of these Rules and Regulations.
- 10. The Show Management reserves the right to, at its sole discretion, withdraw or amend or add to the list of Participants appearing on the Show at its discretion. At all times, Participants must agree that the decisions of the Show Management shall be final and binding on themselves and they shall not have any claim against such decisions taken by the Show Management in respect of the Audition and the Show.

3. Other Conditions

- 1. Participants will be allowed to audition only once, in any city, any re-entry would be automatically disqualified unless approved by Show Management. At all times, Participants must agree that the decisions of the Organizers shall be final and binding on themselves and the Participant(s) shall not have any claim against such decisions taken by the Organizers in respect of the Audition and/or the Show. Participants registering as a Duo at Level 1 Auditions will be considered as final and will not be allowed to change their partner at any further levels of the Qualifier Rounds and/ or Bootcamp Round and/ or the Show.
- 2. The Company reserves unconditional right to disqualify any Participant on any grounds as deemed fit for the successful execution of the Show.
- 3. It is a condition of entry and participation in the Show that the Participant(s) agree and sign up or acknowledge the participant release form and any other documents as requested by the Company/Producer and abide by the terms of such participant release form and the Terms and Conditions as devised from time to time by the Company including but not by way of limitation of these Rules & Regulations. Participants shall sign and execute all documents and agreements as required by the Organizers to enable the Participants to participate in the Audition and/or the Show.
- 4. The Participant(s) agrees that he/she has not been convicted or is otherwise involved in any criminal offence and/or is not under inquiry or trial by the police or judiciary which has not been disclosed to the Company in writing and that the Participant(s) is/are not required to be present before any authority including police or any court of law during the shooting dates/or any other dates as informed by the Company and has no other disability which would prevent his/her participation in the Show or any other incidental event conducted by the Show Management.
- 5. The Participant(s) acknowledge that he/ she has voluntarily chosen to participate in the Show at his/ her free will and is willing to bear all risks, costs, and consequences arising from such participation. It is a condition of entry and participation in the Show that:
 - a) the Participant does not have any valid and existing contractual, commercial, sponsorship agreement (including but not restricted to merchandising contracts and /or any other event of similar nature), and /or
 - b) the Participant does not have any other arrangements for e.g., with a management company or an individual to act as the Participant's manager in respect of his/her culinary abilities or the products thereof or in respect of his/her name, likeness, image, or biography.

The Participant hereby acknowledges the aforementioned and accepts that he/she will not be involved in any activity or arrangement which might be in breach of the release form and/or the Terms and Conditions and/or Rules and Regulations or otherwise prevent the participants from participating in the Show or the broadcast, promotion, exploitation, or sponsorship thereof.

6. Participant(s) should participate on their own and not on behalf of anyone else.

- 7. Employees, officers, directors, agents, and promoters including their immediate family members; of the Company and its affiliates across the globe, representatives of the sponsors, representatives of the Producer, representatives of the advertising agency appointed for the Show, representatives of the process advisors of the Show and representatives of the evaluators of the Show and their contract employees/ staff, partners, their affiliates, subsidiaries, group companies in India are not eligible to participate in the Show.
- 8. Participant(s) hereby represent and warrant that Participant(s) are not under any disability, restriction, or any kind of prohibition, which shall prevent Participant from performing or adhering to any of the Rules and Regulations herein and have not entered into and shall not enter into any agreement that may violate the Rules and Regulations herein.
- 9. If at any point in time during the Audition, any subsequent rounds of audition and/or the Show, it comes to the Company's knowledge that the Participant has become medically/ mentally/ physically unfit to continue with the participation in the Audition and/or the Show, then the Company or the Show Management reserves all the rights to disqualify /eliminate the Participant and their partner i.e. the Duo from the next round of Audition or Show and/or at any point in time, without any liability to the Participant.
 - 19. By registering for the Show, the Participant(s) represents that he/she is medically fit and do not have present or past psychological ailments at the time of Audition, any subsequent rounds of Audition and/or during the Show. If in the past he/she has had any psychological ailments or have been under medication for any psychological anxiety, hypertension, depression, or any other medical problems, the same shall be disclosed to the Show Management in writing along with a copy of the certificate from a qualified medical practitioner declaring him/her to be fit for participation in the Show. However, in the event such medical condition renders the Participant(s) unfit for participation in the Show, then the Show Management shall have the right to disqualify such Participant(s) and their partner i.e. the Duo from further participation. If such Participant(s) has won any prize money before any such disability, then the same shall be paid to the Participant(s) in accordance with the process communicated by the Show Management.
- 10. The Company may, at its discretion, contact the Participant(s), if required, for any clarifications needed for the information provided in the registration.
- 11. In case there is any mismatch of Participant(s) details in any round of the Show, the Participant(s) along with their partner i.e. the Duo together may be disqualified from further participation in the Show, if Participant is unable to resolve discrepancies.
- 12. On successful registration using their mobile number, it is assumed that the person has provided permission to send SMS to or call him/her, whether or not such a sender is registered on the National Do Not Call registry. The Company/ Producer may, at their discretion contact the Participants, if required, for any clarifications needed for the information provided in the registration form.
- 13. None of the Participants shall, without the prior written approval of the Company, speak to the press or any other media or any third person, nor give any interviews or comments relating to the Auditions or any aspect of the Show/Program or write blogs, post any messages in social networking or any site including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. The Participant(s) shall not disclose any information whatsoever relating to the Company/Producer to any other party. Violation of this clause shall immediately disqualify the Participant's from further participation in the Show.
- 14. On request of the Company, the Participant(s) shall make arrangements for the Company to have access to his / her residence, workplace, favorite hangouts, pets, etc. and obtain necessary permissions from his / her parents, siblings, friends, and colleagues to be photographed, interviewed and to record or click their photographs, videos etc. if this is a creative requirement of the Show.

- 15. Whilst the Company shall make all reasonable endeavors to (i) enable Participants(s) to proceed with the Show (ii) to contact all Participants(s) at each relevant juncture of the Show, the Company does not guarantee thereof and shall in its sole discretion be entitled to proceed with the next entitled and eligible Participant(s) under these Rules, in case it is unable to successfully contact and communicate with any Participant(s).
- 16. In consideration for participating in the Show, the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR, including but not limited to trademark, copyright, design, patent, etc.) arising out of and in connection with Show including but not limited to any communications, photos, text, video, images, the performance of the Participant and other material created by any Participant in relation to the Show ("Material") shall be a work for hire owned by the Company and/or its assignees and if not deemed a work for hire shall hereby be assigned upon creation to the Company, without any further documentation and the Company is hereby permitted to use it as per its sole discretion and without any further reference, permission or consent from the Participant or the Company. Participant hereby assigns any and all rights that the Participant may have or acquire in the material and all benefits and/or rights resulting therefrom to the Company without additional compensation. Participant hereby agrees to execute such assignments and other documents as the Company may consider appropriate to vest all right, title and interest therein to the Company. All such assignments of rights shall be perpetual, irrevocable, and universal and shall not lapse, even if the Company fails at any time to commercially exploit any such Material. Any assignment of copyright hereunder includes all rights of paternity, integrity, disclosure and withdrawal and any other rights that may be known as or referred to as 'Moral Rights'. For avoidance of doubt the Company wishes to clarify that any and all kind of developments, material, creations, created or provided or developed by the Participant during the call for entries and/or during the course of the Show shall be solely and exclusively owned by the Company. Participants shall be completely responsible for handling any infringement or alleged infringement and shall indemnify the Show Management, the Company, or their respective parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, employees, process advisors and process auditors, contractors and agents, sponsors, partners, third party associates from any claims (in India or abroad), arising out of or in connection with losses, costs, damages, expenses from infringement or alleged infringement by any content, or the defense of a claim or any costs payable thereof.
 - 17. The Participant by participating in the Contest automatically grant Show Management, the Company a royalty-free, irrevocable, universal, transferable, non-exclusive right and license to use and display such entry for participation, and the Show, and any intellectual property rights in the Material and in relation to and arising out of such participation in the Show and images or footage thereof which shall include trade publications, press releases, electronic posting to the Web Page, or any other website, "Sony Entertainment Television" web site, channel, electronic hyperlinks to the Web Page and any display format selected by the Company during or after the Show or use by the Company as they deem fit and mutually agreed between them, without any further documentation, permission or consent of the Participant. For avoidance of doubt the Company and Show Management wish to clarify that though the Show Management and the Company have a license to use and display such entry for participation, and the Show, and any intellectual property rights in the Content and in relation to and arising out of such participation in the Show (as stated in detail above) the intellectual property rights in the materials and any developments, creations supplementary and ancillary thereto shall always be owned by the Company. The Participant agrees, confirms, and warrants that he/she shall have no right, title, interest, or other claim whatsoever over his/her performance/work/photos submitted or created during the Show and the copyright in the same shall vest with the Company in perpetuity for the entire world.
- 18. By entering into the Show and/or accepting the prizes, the Participant (individually) waives all copyrights, rights of publicity and any related rights and consents to the Company's right to picture, tape or portray him/her as a Show winner, and to exhibit this material in any and all media now existing or hereinafter created, including without limitation television, film, radio and print media, without any compensation whatsoever for advertising and publicity purposes, except where prohibited by law. The Participants including the Contestant(s) also consents to the Company's right to use Participants (his/her name), picture or the content of his/her participation i.e., Publicity Rights. The Company can allow its agencies to exercise/exploit the Publicity Rights in conjunction with the Company.

- 19. Participants agree to participate in the Audition and the Show at their own will and the Show Management, the Company are not in any way obligated or liable for any loss or costs that the Participant may suffer or incur and nothing is payable to the Participant for participating in the Audition or the Show or the events following the Show broadcast.
- 20. The Show Management cannot and shall not be accountable / liable to the Participant(s)/ Contestant(s) for any disruptions / stoppages / interruptions or cancellation of the Show. Further, neither the Show Management, the Company nor its contractors will be held responsible for matters out of its control and for Force Majeure (as defined below) reasons. Efforts will be made to adhere to the defined timelines. However, the defined timelines are subject to change based on circumstances. It is expressly provided that Show Management reserves the right to change the dates and timelines at its sole discretion.
- 21. If the operation of the Show (including without limitation the operation of the telephone system); the recording; broadcast of any/all of the Shows is prevented by an war, industrial action, flood or any Act of God, or applicable law or any Act of God or any act beyond the reasonable control of man ("Force Majeure"), the Company may at its sole discretion cancel all or any part of the Show and/or participation of a Contestant(s) forthwith and such decision by the Company shall be final and binding.
- 22. The Show Management reserves the right to, at its sole discretion, withdraw or amend or add to these Rules / format of the Show at any time, with prospective or retrospective effect, and the Show Management does not take responsibility for any loss or damage that any Participant may suffer as a result of participating or attempting to participate in the Show, the Show being withdrawn, or the Rules / format being amended.
- 23. The Company nor any of its affiliates or group companies shall be liable for any damage or loss (including but not limited to indirect, punitive or consequential loss) arising from personal injury or death, or loss of, or damage to property, which is suffered or sustained by the Participants/ Contestants in connection with the participation herein or any aspect of the Show and further neither the Company nor any of its affiliates or group companies shall be responsible for any consumer grievances with respect the participation for the Show.
- 24. The Company shall not be responsible or liable in any manner whatsoever for any incident, accident that may occur during the course of the Participant's travel to or from the venue of the Auditions or the Show.
- 25. Using of false names/ identities, illegal/false mobile numbers, fake email addresses and/or any other illegal means either online or in hard copies shall be considered as suppression of facts and the Participant/s shall be disqualified and penalized for the same in any manner as the Company may deem fit.
- 26. Participants found indulging in any malpractices including but not limited to cheating, misrepresentation, providing false information shall be disqualified from the on-going Show and strict legal action may be taken by the Company against such Participant(s).
- 27. In the event any Participant(s)/ Contestant(s) (including winner) is found to be in violation of any rules of the Show or is found to be involved in any form of fraud, misrepresentation, dishonesty during the Show, the Show Management reserves the right to initiate legal proceedings against such Participant(s)/ Contestant(s) (including winner) and take any other action in its sole discretion including but not limited to recovering the prize money or any expenses it may have incurred towards such person.
- 28. The decision of the Company on all matters, queries, or disputes, concerning the Show including the selection of Participants for the Auditions, the number of rounds of Auditions conducted, the criteria for selection for further rounds of Auditions and the Rules and Regulations shall be final and binding and no correspondence shall be entertained in this regard.
- 29. All information provided in connection with the Show is provided "as- is" without warranty of any kind (with respect to the authenticity of information) Show Management makes no representations and

disclaims all express, implied, and statutory warranties of any kind to the Participant(s)/ Show Player(s)and/or any third party including, without limitation, warranties as to accuracy, timelines, completeness, or fitness for any particular purpose.

- 30. With respect to the prize money, any withholding requirements will be complied with. Taxation of any proceeds should be discussed with your tax advisor. Taxes on the prizes are the sole responsibility of the prize winners.
- 31. The Participant agrees that participation in any stage of the Show (including audition) does not entitle him/her for participation in subsequent stage. The Company reserves its right to disqualify and/or exclude, in its sole and absolute discretion, any Participant from any stage of the Show without assigning any reason, therefore.
- 32. The Participant specifically agrees, allows, grants and permits the Company or any party authorized by it to record (audio-video/audio or video) the participation process/performance at Show, including but not limited to the performance and any interaction of the Participant with the Company or fellow Participant or any judges and/or representative of the Company, if any, of the Participant(s) rendered during entire Show or any related series of video recordings which have been shot during the Show on film, tape or digital or other electronic media and includes recording of any personal questions or conversations relating to the personal lives of the Participants ("Footage") and agrees that the Footage may be used by the Company as it deems fit anywhere in the world at any time now or in the future, including but not limited for promotion of the Show. For the avoidance of doubt, all rights in the Footage vests exclusively with the Company worldwide in perpetuity and the Company is entitled to exploit the same in any manner it may deem fit.
- 33. The Participant agrees that they are in no way connected to the Show Management, channel, its subsidiary or affiliates or any Group Companies. Participation by anyone shall be rejected, if it is found that the Participant is related to the Show Management in any way as mentioned herein above.
- 34. Participants shall not offer any bribe or make any gesture towards any ground management team to get any favors. Any such acts shall eliminate the Participant from the Show. Any fraud in respect to entry forms or tampering of audition process will attract legal action and disqualification from the Show.
- 35. Participant agrees to follow all directions/rules and regulations framed or given by the Company from time to time in connection with the audition and the Show. The Participant agrees that his/her participation is of voluntary in nature and by his/her own risk and will have no claim against the Company on any account whatsoever. The Company shall not be responsible for any damage, loss, or any form of physical or mental harm or injury caused to him/her.
- 36. For the purpose of participation, all expenses if any, including travelling and lodging cost and any other expense incurred otherwise towards participation shall be borne by the Participant. This clause is applicable to the Participant or anybody accompanying him/her as well.
- 37. Company shall not be responsible to the winner for cancellation, discontinuance and/or postponement of the Audition or the Show. The Participant(s) agrees and undertakes that he/she is not entitled to any cash equivalent or alternatives for participation in the Show.
- 38. The contest may be discontinued or terminated by the Company at any point of time without assigning any reason thereof.
- 39. The Company reserves the right to modify the Rules and/or the Terms and Conditions from time to time without any prior/public notice.
- 40. The Participant undertakes to provide and/or execute any documents as may be deemed necessary by the Company to effectively carry out his/her obligations under the Contest and/or Terms and Conditions.

- 41. The Participant will have to sign the appearance release form, non-disclosure agreement and/or such other documents as required by the Company in order to Audition and participate in the Show.
- 42. Company shall not be responsible in any circumstances for the non-fulfilment of commitments/obligations of any third party.
- 43. All the decisions of the Company shall be final and binding. No disputes regarding the participations/selection/rejection/broadcast or rights of the Participant will be entertained at any point of time. Decisions of the Company and/or the Producers shall be final and binding on the Participant(s).
- 44. The Participant(s) shall hold harmless and indemnify, the Company, its affiliates, its group companies, their employees, officers, directors or any other person from and against any injury/damage/harm/loss/death/ mental or emotional trauma or lost opportunity suffered by the Participant(s) in connection with the participation, Audition and/or the Show and also to the extent possible under law, waives all rights to file in person/ through any family member and/or third party any applications, criminal and/or civil proceedings in any courts or forum in India to claim any damages or reliefs.
- 45. The Participants shall indemnify and hold the Company harmless, its group companies, affiliates and subsidiaries and their respective officers, directors, and employees, against any loss that may occur to them due to non-adherence of these Rules and the other Terms and Conditions as contemplated herein to be complied by each Participant.
- 46. The Company, shall be under no liability whatsoever to the Participants, in respect of any loss, damage suffered by the Participant arising from or pursuant to the Show or for any and all loss, damage, cost, expense or injury to life or property sustained by the Participant at any stage of the Show whether or not caused (1) by the Participant's participation in the Show, or being selected or disqualified including loss of opportunity, loss of earnings, employment or otherwise caused to the Participant and arising as a result of his/her participation in the Show, if selected; (2) as a result of the decisions of the Company; (3) as a result of any comment, remark, judgment, view, criticism, critique, opinion and/or observation made and/or passed by the Company; (4) by any printing, typographical or technological errors in any materials associated with the Show and/or (5) while travelling for the purpose of the Show. Notwithstanding the generality of the foregoing, the Company expressly excludes liability for all direct, indirect, and consequential loss or damage, including but not limited to loss or damage to property or for loss of profit, business, revenue, goodwill, or anticipated savings pursuant to participation in the Activity. In no event will the measure of damages include, nor will the Company be liable for, any amounts for indirect, incidental, consequential, or punitive damages of any party, including third parties, or for damages attributable to the Participant or circumstances beyond the Company's reasonable control.
- 47. All rights in respect of this Rules and Regulations are reserved by the Show Management and are subject to change from time to time, without any prior intimation by the Show Management by way of publishing the same on its Website. Participants, if any, agrees that they would abide by the same.
- 48. The Auditions will be conducted based on the below mentioned schedule ("**Schedule I**"). The Company reserves the sole right to revise the dates and the cities under Schedule 1

Date	Name of the City
15 & 16 November, 2025	Delhi
18 & 19 November, 2025	Kolkata
22 & 23 November, 2025	Mumbai

4. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. By choosing to participate in the Show and by sending entries in any of the aforesaid manner shall be considered as acceptance of these Rules and Regulations.

- 2. These Terms and Condition including the Rules & Regulations may be subject to amendment from time to time and as such participation in the Show would be considered acceptance of the Terms and Conditions or any amendment thereof.
- 3. There is no levy of an entry fee for participation in the Show. Any person who claims to be from the Company and asks the Participant(s) for paying an entry fee for participation in the Show is defrauding the Participant(s) and he/she should report this to the local police immediately. There are also no lotteries, prize monies, cash prizes etc. distributed by the Company or the Show. The only way to participate in the Show is in the manner detailed above and prize monies are awarded only to the winners selected from the Show Player(s). Any person who claims to be from the Company and offers any lotteries, prize monies, cash prizes etc. to anyone is defrauding the person and he/she should report this to the local police immediately.
- 4. An Entry is not transferable.
- 5. Registration to the Auditions for the Show does not guarantee the selection of the Participant(s) to proceed with the Show. Registration also does not entitle any Participant(s) to a prize or award. If at any time, including after disbursement of prize, any information submitted by the Participant(s) is found to be incorrect, false, or otherwise misrepresented or misleading, the Participant(s) shall be liable to refund all amounts received from the Company.
- 6. The Company also reserves the right to disqualify a Participant in case a discrepancy is found to exist in the information furnished/provided/stated by the Participant during the conversation with the Company or any of the Company's sub-contractors and vendors in the Show, and/or the information stated in the documents furnished by the Participant.
- 7. The Company and/or the Producer and/or Judges of the Show reserve the right with respect to the decisions of the selection and/ or the elimination of the Participant and the selection and/ or the elimination shall be final and binding on all the Participant(s) and in no event shall the Participants dispute such decision(s).
- 8. The Company and/or the Channel reserve the right in its sole and absolute discretion to amend, alter, modify, change, vary or terminate the Show, format any Rules & Regulations mentioned and accordingly the rules for registration, process of Audition, Participant(s) eligible for Qualifying Rounds, Rules and Regulations, and/or the Show at any time, at its sole discretion, during the Audition Period or otherwise without giving any prior notice to the Participant(s) and it shall be the sole responsibility of the Participant(s) to check the Rules and Regulations from time to time. The Participant(s) by participating in the Audition process agrees to such Rules and Regulations including any amendment thereof.
- 9. The Participant(s) hereby acknowledges that he/she has voluntarily chosen to participate in the Show at his/ her free-will and is willing to bear all risk, costs & consequences arising from such participation in the Show. It is a condition of entry and participation in the Show that the Participant(s) has not entered into any contractual, commercial, sponsorship agreement (including but not limited to recording, performing and/or merchandising contracts) or other arrangement for example with a management company or an individual to act as the Participant's manager in respect of his/her culinary or performing abilities or the products thereof or in respect of his/her name, likeness, image or biography which might be in breach of the Rules & Regulations or otherwise prevent the Participant(s) from participating in the Show or the broadcast, promotion, exploitation or sponsorship thereof.
- 10. The Participant(s) hereby represents that he/she has not been accused or convicted or is otherwise involved in any criminal offence (including but not limited to acts of moral turpitude and harassment) and/or is not under inquiry or trial by the police or judiciary which has not been disclosed to the Company in writing. That the Participant(s) is /are not required to be present before any authority including police or any court of law during the shooting dates informed by the Company and has no other disability which would prevent his/her participation in the Audition or the Show (if selected).

- 11. The Company reserves the right to suspend any of the Participant(s) in case it has reasonable grounds to conclude that the individual(s) have been alleged in any public domain and/or social media websites for any misconduct, sexual harassment, physical abuse, coercion in any form, criminal cases or any other reasons which may be tantamount to general misconduct.
- 12. The Participant shall ensure that the acts/ performance in the Audition supportings shall in no manner infringe any rights including the copyright of a third person/party. In the event of any violation to the aforementioned, the Participant along with his/ her partner i.e. the Duo shall be disqualified from the Auditions, immediately, without any prior notice of the same and the Participant shall solely be liable for any and all action arising therefrom and shall also be liable to indemnify the Company, its affiliates/group companies/employees, the Producer, agents, representatives, etc. against any and all losses, claims including third party claims, disputes, disruption, demands, actions, damages, liabilities, etc.
- 13. Participant(s) will not be confirmed as Contestant(s) of the Show if they are suffering from any kind of ill health, medical problems (viz.: heart ailment, blood pressure ailment, final stages of pregnancy, COVID-19 etc.). It is the responsibility of the Participant(s) to be medically fit for participation. Nevertheless, the final decision regarding their participation in the studio part of the Show rests entirely with the Show Management.
- 14. The Company reserves the right to include without limitation any additional round /level, theme / feature such as a wild card entry, judges, round, etc. in the Auditions and/or the Show, any subsequent Audition process, and/or between any round/phase of the Audition, subsequent Audition including introducing any wild card entry in the Show that may include any person as a wild card entrant/participant in the Audition / Show at any time during any stage of the Show. The Company reserves all rights to increase or decrease the number of rounds/levels of the Auditions/ subsequent rounds of Audition at any time at its sole discretion and the Participant shall not have any right to object against the same and any such changes shall be deemed to be binding on all the Participants.
- 15. During the Audition period, the Participant shall keep the Company, or the Show Management informed of any events which relate to COVID 19 or any other such situation that is not existing or reasonably foreseeable at the date of Audition, and which will materially and adversely affect Participant's ability to perform or participate in subsequent rounds of the Show.
- 16. If, as a result of the global COVID 19 virus situation, Participant's performance is rendered impossible or impracticable, then the Company at its sole discretion may decide to either disqualify the Participant or allow performance post recovery.
- 17. The Participant hereby undertake to sign any and all such documents, as may be required by the Company to enable the Participant to participate in the Show including but not limited any declarations and undertaking as may be required with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the shoot of the Show, the Participant hereby agrees to abide by all rules, regulations, guidelines, Government orders and any and all instructions issued by the Company with respect to the shoot of the Show.
- 18. If at any time, including after disbursement of prize, any information submitted by the Participant(s) is found to be incorrect, false, or otherwise misrepresented or misleading, the Participant(s) shall be liable to refund all amounts received from the Company.
- 19. Personal interview, which is to be conducted post completion of Audition will also be conducted online through tools/ Apps/ Software as informed by the Company or the Show Management for time to time.
- 20. Reasonable attempts shall be made by the Company or the Show Management to contact shortlisted participants through the contact details provided during the Registration and/ or in any other manner as deemed fit by the Company/ Producers/ Organizers and/or representative of the Company/ Producers/ Organizers. The Company/ Producers/ Organizers does not accept any responsibility for any incorrect and/or incomplete contact details provided and/or delay in receipt of contact details and/or non-receipt

- of contact details. The Company or the Show Management shall at its own discretion make or refuse to make additional attempts to contact any participant.
- 21. In case of any scheduled interview with the Company and/or Channel representatives and/or Judges via appropriate tools/Apps/links etc. only the authorized parties (including Judges, Participants, Contestant(s), the Company and/or Channel representatives) will be allowed to enter the Participants to the meeting room. The Company will have the final right to refuse registration/ eligibility at their sole discretion
- 22. The Company/ Producers/ Organizers reserve the right to record the personal interview as part of the selection process and for future reference. However, the Participant cannot record the personal interview. In the event of any unforeseen loss of recordings, the Company may, at its own discretion, request Participants to appear for a repeat personal interview session. The Company reserves the right to increase/ decrease/ alter the number of Participant(s)/ Contestant(s) at any point.
- 23. The Participant(s) shall at all times keep confidential the selection process and all details regarding the Show including Audition and personal interview which he/she might be informed of or which he/she might learn or come to know of as a Participant(s) or as a shortlisted potential candidate. If any Participant is found to indulge in any malpractice or in sharing any information w.r.t the Audition & selection process will be disqualified from the Show immediately.
- 24. The decision of the Company in connection with Audition including but not limited to short listing the Participant(s) / Contestant(s) will be final & binding and is non-contestable. In case of any dispute or difference in respect of this Audition, the decision of the Company shall be final & binding on all concerned.
- 25. Further, the Company and/or the Channel and/or judges shall be entitled to, at its discretion, any time during the telecast of the Show, to re-introduce the eliminated Contestant(s)/ Participant(s) and/or re-introduce fresh individuals/Contestant(s)/ Participants during any stage of the Show.
- 26. The Company reserves the right to terminate and/or postpone the Show without giving any prior notice to the Participant(s). Such decisions shall be final and binding on the Participant(s) and the same shall not be disputed and/or challenged in a court of law.
- 27. The Company reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to disqualify any Participant who may be responsible or who tampers with the Entry(ies), Auditions process and to cancel, modify or terminate the Audition or any part of the Audition/Show. Further, the Company reserves the right to take legal action against such Participant/person / party who has committed a breach under the Cyber laws (Information Technology Act, 2000 and all its amendments thereof) and/or any other laws as may be applicable from time to time and the Company shall be entitled to such remedies in law as applicable.
- 28. The Company and its sub contractors shall not be responsible for any delay in receipt or non-receipt or incomplete receipt of the Audition supportings / other details of the Participant. The Company shall not be responsible for any technical difficulties or data corruption that may arise during recording/upload of the Audition supportings/content. Further, the Company shall not be responsible and/or liable in any manner whatsoever in case the Participants are unable to register their entry and participate in the Auditions due to failure on part of the internet service provider, facility provider, etc.
- 29. Participant(s) shall not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the Participant accounts, servers or networks connected to the Company services by any means including but not limited to disrupt the Company services by uploading content which contains software viruses, or any other computer code, files or programs designed to interrupt, destroy, or limit the functionality of any computer resource. Participant(s) agree not to disrupt, overburden, or aid or assist in the disruption or overburdening of any computer or server used to offer or support the Company or the Company services. Participant(s) shall not attempt to transmit content regarding services, products, surveys, contests, pyramid schemes, spam, unsolicited advertising, or promotional materials, and/or chain letters.

- 30. The Company reserves the right to disqualify the Participant(s) in case a discrepancy is found to exist in the information provided by the Participant and/or the Company has sufficient reason to believe there is breach of any of these Rules & Regulations by the Participant and/or any technical errors which in the opinion of the Company render the Audition invalid, at any point in time during the Audition Period or otherwise. The Company has the right to substitute an alternative Audition method at its absolute discretion.
- 31. The Company shall not be responsible for any break or disconnection or disruption and/or liable in any manner whatsoever for any network problem, unclear network, disruption in the network, connection failure, electricity failure, internet service provider, facility provider, or due to capacity constraints or any other reason whatsoever irrespective of the network being used. In addition, the Company shall not be responsible and liable in any manner whatsoever in the event of any failure in the auditioning process including without but not limited to telecom failure, session failure, logging failure, closing or any other difficulties of such nature due to which the Participant(s) is charged by the telecom operator and/ or is unable to participate.
- 32. While all attempts will be made to protect the auditioning data from loss and/or corruption, Participant(s) hereby agree and acknowledge that all systems are prone to failure and hacking attempts. In the event of any data loss, the Company shall make reasonable endeavors and may disqualify all the Auditions received or conduct a re-audition or continue with whatever data available in the manner it deems fit. The Company will not be responsible for any damage resulting from the loss of data or action taken by the Company on account of the same. The Company shall not be responsible for making good any loss or dissatisfaction suffered by the Participant(s) on account of such loss.
- 33. The Company, its affiliates, process evaluators and process auditors, contractors, partners and promotion and advertising agencies are not responsible for technical, hardware, software, or other communications malfunctions, errors or failures of any kind, lost or unavailable network connections, Web-site, Internet, or ISP availability, unauthorized human intervention, traffic congestion, incomplete or inaccurate capture of information (regardless of cause) or failed, incomplete, garbled, jumbled or delayed computer transmissions which may include any injury or damage to Participant(s) or any other person's computer or mobile device relating to or resulting from participating in or downloading any materials. The Company and its affiliates are not responsible for lost, late, illegible, incomplete, invalid, unintelligible, technically corrupted or misdirected videos, which will be disqualified. Show Management shall attempt to use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure the security and accuracy of all videos (provided, however, that Participants acknowledge and agree that such methodologies are not infallible, and that the organizers make no guarantee as to their effectiveness).
- 34. Participant(s) hereby acknowledges and agrees that the relationship between the Participant(s) and the Company is not fiduciary, or other special relationships.
- 35. By participating in the Audition process, it is deemed that the Participant(s) have read, understood, accepted, and agreed to abide with all the Rules & Regulations of Audition as mentioned herein and is unconditionally bound by the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy of the Company as uploaded on the website www.sonyliv.com.
- 36. The Company shall endeavor to make all reasonably practicable arrangements to ensure uptime of systems, back-up of data, server capacity and prevent other technical impediments, but can make no guarantee thereof and shall not in any manner be responsible for any technical problem with the internet and by participating in the present Audition process, the Participant(s) hereby agrees not to hold the Company liable for any such technical problem or shall have any claim in this regard.
- 37. The Company shall not be answerable to any person with regards to any Audition process including but not limited to the selection or elimination or disqualification of any Participant etc.
- 38. The Rules & Regulations of and in relation to the Audition as stated herein, is an electronic record in terms of Information Technology Act, 2000 ("Act") and rules thereunder as applicable and the amended

provisions pertaining to electronic records in various statutes as amended by the Information Technology (Amendment) Act, 2008. This electronic record is generated by a computer system and does not require any physical or digital signatures.

- 39. The Show Management reserves the right, in its sole discretion, at any time and at any stage of the judging process, to reject or disqualify any Participant who is deemed ineligible or for any reason that the Show Management feels is necessary and/or appropriate, including without limitation, if that Participant has not complied with these Rules of the Show, the Show Management determines he/she is attempting to undermine the legitimate operation of the Show by cheating, deception, or any other unfair practices or intending to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other Participant or the Show Management, the selection panel, jury or has interfered, in Show Management's sole opinion, with the proper conduct of the Show.
- 40. Participants who do not comply with these Rules & Regulations will be disqualified and their entries may not be counted.
- 41. The Company reserves the right to disqualify Audition or suspend Audition if it has reasonable grounds to suspect that fraudulent activity has occurred or if it considers there has been any attempt to rig/manipulate the Audition. the Company and/or Channel has the right to substitute an alternative Audition method at its absolute discretion.
- 42. Participant(s) shall not offer any bribe or make any requests to any members of the Company to get any favors. Any such acts shall eliminate the Participant from the Show. Any fraud in respect to entries or tampering of the Audition process will attract legal action and disqualification from the Show.
- 43. None of the Participant(s) shall, without the prior written approval of the Company, speak to the press or any other media or any third person, nor give any interviews or comments relating to the Auditions or any aspect of the Show or write blogs, post any messages in social networking or any site. The Participant(s) shall not disclose any information whatsoever relating to the Company/Producer to any other party. Violation of this clause shall immediately disqualify the Participant's prospects of further participation.
- 44. As part of Participant' contribution to the Show, the Company may request Participant(s) to participate in any online/interactive activity relating to the Show including without limitation recordings of webcasts, interviews, and participation in so-called 'chat-rooms'. The Participant(s) hereby agree to participate in any and all such marketing and promotional activities, as required by the Company and/or the Producer.
- 45. Taking part in the registration process shall be deemed to be accepted by the Participant to receive promotional messages from the Company or any third party so authorized by the Company.
- 46. Auditions will be subject to such timing stipulations and requirements as may be determined by the Company and the Company makes no representations, warranties nor provides any undertaking to any of the Participant(s) that any or all of the Participant(s) will be able to take part in Audition.
- 47. The Company shall not be liable nor responsible for any damages, losses, costs, expenses or otherwise suffered by any of the Participant(s) in the event that the Company is not able to permit the Participant(s) to take part in the Audition or Show in accordance with any of the foregoing provisions.
- 48. The Company shall not entertain any request by the Participant(s) for change in the dates and time of Audition.
- 49. The Company may in its sole discretion exclude a Participant from participating in the Audition of the Show which may include without limitation (i) circumstances which, in the Company's view, renders the Participant unfit to participate therein; (ii) inability to produce documentation specified by the Company proving the identity of the Participant; (iii) any other reason that, at the discretion of

Company, would adversely impact the Company, Channel or Show.

- 50. At no point of time will the Company/Producer be obliged to notify unsuccessful Participants of its decision.
- 51. The Company will have no liability to a Participant(s) who is unable to attend or take part in the Show for whatever reason and the Company shall be entitled to disqualify the Participant(s), replace any such Participant(s) from the Show at any time, at the discretion of the Company
- 52. In the event that there is a tie between two (or more) Participant(s), the Company shall be entitled to determine in its absolute discretion which Participant(s) is eliminated and/or which Participant(s) goes through to the next round (as appropriate) and for this purpose it shall be entitled to make such arrangements or request such further rounds from the Participant(s) as it in its absolute discretion deems necessary. No enquiries, appeals, verbal or written, shall be entertained in this regard.
- 53. In the event of any fault, misunderstanding or dispute concerning any part of the Show, and/or the operation of the telephone system, Auditions, Call-backs, the selection of Participant(s) at any stage, the decision of the Company shall be final and binding on all Participant(s). The Company / Producer of the Show is empowered to take a decision on any case or instances not covered by the present Rules and Regulations.
- 54. The Company has the right at any time to terminate the Show without any prior intimation or notice to the public and also the Company is not obligated in any manner whatsoever to compensate any person or persons who have participated and/or who are participating in the Show and/or accommodate any person or persons who have been selected in the Show for the Program.
- 55. The Participant specifically agree not to file in person / through any family member and / or any third party any applications, criminal and/ or civil proceeding in any courts or forum in India against CMEPL/ Producer and/or their directors, employees, officers, affiliates, or subsidiaries to claim any damages or relief of any nature in any manner in connection with the Audition.
- 56. In the event, the Participant is found to be causing any disturbance or disruption before, during or after the Audition then the Company or the Show Management shall have the right to immediately remove or disqualify the Participant
- 57. The Participant(s) shall comply with all the applicable laws of India. The Participant(s) shall also comply with the Rules and Regulations including the Terms and Conditions.
- 58. If any provision of these Rules & Regulations is held by any court or other competent authority to be void or unenforceable in whole or part, the other provisions of these Rules & Regulations and the remainder of the affected provisions shall continue to be valid.
- 59. These Rules & Regulations and the Competition shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of India and the Participant(s) submit irrevocably to the jurisdiction of the Courts in Mumbai.

5. Intellectual Property Rights

- 1. The Participant(s) hereby agree and irrevocably acknowledge that the Company shall have the sole and exclusive right including but not limited to intellectual property rights (copyrights and trademarks) and other proprietary rights in and to the Show, the Participant's (including any of his/her companions) appearance and participation on the Show, the Publicity Rights and all the components of the Show in any manner whatsoever.
- 2. All the intellectual property rights with respect to the Participant(s), in respect of the performance of the Participant(s) either in the Auditions or in the Show including but not limited to the copyright, rights of publicity, moral rights and any related rights shall stand waived, and Participant(s) hereby agree not to claim or enforce any of the aforementioned rights in any court, tribunal or any other forum whether in

India or anywhere else. Participant(s) also consent to the Company's right to reproduce his/her picture, or the recording provided by the Participant(s) or portray the Participant(s) in any and all media now existing or hereinafter created, including without limitation television, film, radio and print media, without any compensation whatsoever for advertising and publicity purposes of the Show or any other Show of the Company, except were prohibited by law. The Participant(s) also consents to the Company's right to use Participant(s) name, or picture, or the content of his/her Auditions without any further permission or compensation for such use in any and all media now known or in commercial use or developed based on media now known or in commercial use. The Participant(s) grants the Company irrevocable consent in perpetuity to the use of the sound recordings, photographs, video tape, and illustrations taken during or in connection with the Auditions, in any and all applications including but not limited to advertising, commercials, promotion, stories, text, articles, illustrations, copy and commercial exploitation, in any and all media forms, including but not limited to radio, broadcast and television, newspapers and magazines at any time without the Participant(s) further knowledge or consent.

- 3. The Participant(s) hereby agree and consent to the collection, recording, processing, and storing of their the personal interviews during the Audition round or any other stages of Audition or any stage of the Show. Further, any Materials including any photographs, videos, etc. submitted to the Company or recorded by the Company during the Audition or registration procedure or any other stages of Audition or any stage of the Show shall on submission / creation become the property of the Company and shall be available to the Company for exploitation throughout the world in perpetuity. The Participant(s) hereby waives off all the rights that they may have with respect to such Materials. The Participant(s) shall ensure that the photos or videos submitted by them in any public domain, or their performances shall not be obscene, vulgar, defaming, denigrating women, or children, hurting religious sentiments, depicting violence or shall not infringe the rights of a third person. In the event of any violation, the Participant(s) shall immediately be disqualified from taking part in the Auditions/Show or any further rounds of participation and such Participant(s) shall solely remain liable for any action (criminal/civil) arising therefrom.
- 4. The Participant(s) hereby grant to the Company and its affiliates/ group companies, the unfettered right to exploit exclusively and in perpetuity, the content and/ or recording, and its derivatives thereof and/or any part thereof, through any and all means including but not limited to the right to use Participant's including sobriquet, photographs, images, likeness, audio visual, videos, Audition supporting's, recording, etc. provided/ submitted by the Participant to CMEPL and/or recorded by CMEPL or the Show Management during the Auditions or subsequent Audition rounds or the Show through all media including without limitation television, radio, print, mobile, internet, websites, mobile applications and/or any such media, technology in existence, whether now known and/or devised in the future, from time to time, for unlimited transmission in perpetuity for the territory as CMEPL may deem fit.
- 5. Participant(s) undertake that the Participant(s) shall not violate the rights of any third party including but not limited to privacy rights, copyrights, trademark or any other intellectual rights; shall not upload, store, collect, transmit or cause the upload, storage, collection, transmission, of any information through the website(s) which violates any applicable laws, including, inter alia, belonging to another person; or is harmful, harassing, blasphemous, defamatory, obscene, invasive of other's privacy, pedophilic, libelous, hateful, or racially, ethnically objectionable, disparaging, harms minors in any way, violates any law for the time being in force.
- 6. Company shall keep all the information collected from the Participant(s) including videos submitted and interviews conducted confidential and shall use the same for the purpose of inviting the Participant(s), if selected.
- 7. The Participant shall ensure that the acts/ performance in the Audition supporting's shall in no manner infringe any rights including the copyright of a third person/party. In the event of any violation to the aforementioned, the Participant shall be disqualified from the Auditions, immediately, without any prior notice of the same and the Participant shall solely be liable for any and all action arising therefrom and shall also be liable to indemnify the Company, its affiliates/group companies/employees, the

Producer, agents, representatives, etc. against any and all losses, claims including third party claims, disputes, disruption, demands, actions, damages, liabilities, etc.

- 8. Participant hereby grant to the Company and its affiliates/ group companies, the unfettered right to exploit exclusively and in perpetuity, the content and/ or recording, and its derivatives thereof and/or any part thereof, through any and all means including but not limited to the right to use Participant's name including sobriquet, photographs, images, likeness, audio visual, videos, Audition supporting's, recording, etc. provided/ submitted by the Participant to the Company and/or recorded by the Company or the Show Management during the Auditions or subsequent Auditions or the Show, any content available and/or uploaded by the Participant(s) on any of their social media accounts, through all media including without limitation television, radio, print, mobile, internet, websites, mobile applications and/or any such media, technology in existence, whether now known and/or devised in the future, from time to time, for unlimited transmission in perpetuity for the territory as the Company may deem fit.
- 9. The decision of the Company in connection with Audition including but not limited to short listing the Participants will be final & binding and is non-contestable. In case of any dispute or difference in respect of this Audition, the decision of the Company shall be final & binding on all concerned.

6. Personal Data

- 1. The Participant(s) acknowledges that the Company will need to collect the Personal Data of the Participant for the purpose of the Show. By choosing to participate in the Show, the Participant(s) explicitly consents to the collection, storage, use, disclosure, processing and transfer of the Personal Data of the Participant, which may be collected and processed by the Company for the purposes of this Show. Any information shared by the Participant(s) with the Company shall be handled by the Company in terms of the privacy policy of the Company available at https://www.sonyliv.com/privacy-policy.
- 2. All Personal Data and information requested by and supplied to the Company by each Participant(s), must be truthful, accurate and in no way misleading. The Company reserves the right to disqualify any Participant(s) from the Show in its sole discretion, should the Participant(s) at any stage supply untruthful, inaccurate or misleading personal details and/or information or fails to supply verifiable Personal Data.
- 3. The Company shall collect, process, storage, use, disclosure, transfer, of Personal Data in compliance with all applicable laws including the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 (read with the related rules, as and when notified), the Information Technology Act, 2000 and the Information Technology (Reasonable Security Practices and Procedures and Sensitive Personal Data or Information) Rules, 2011. The Participant(s), hereby agree and acknowledge that the collection and processing of the Personal Data by the Company is for a lawful purpose and is necessary for facilitating the Participant's participation in the Show. The Personal Data shared by the Participant(s) shall be retained by the Company till the Show winners are declared, prizes are disbursed and the promotions with respect to the Show winners are completed. All Personal Data shall be purged from the Company servers and information base once the Show and related activities are concluded, unless the Company obtains separate consent from the Participant(s) for retention for longer durations.
- 4. For the purposes of the Show, the Company may contract with the service providers to perform functions or services on its behalf. Such a service provider may have limited access to the Personal Data needed to perform their functions but shall be restricted from using such Personal Data for purposes other than providing services to the Company. Such service providers shall be subject to the same level of privacy protection as is required by the applicable laws. The Participant(s) hereby agree that they shall not file any claim against the Company for collection, processing or sharing such Personal Data. In addition to these the Company's Privacy Policy and these Terms and Conditions, participation in the Show and the collection and processing of Personal Data of the Participant(s) shall also be subject to the privacy policies and terms and conditions of such third-party service providers as may be engaged by the Company. The Participant(s) are advised to familiarize themselves with the terms and conditions and policies of such third parties.

- 5. The Company may also deal with any Personal Data, that it receives from Participant(s) or otherwise collects, holds, uses and processes in the following manner: a) Company may disclose Personal Data, if any, to governmental agencies and regulators (e.g., tax authorities), social organizations (e.g., the social security administration), human resources benefits providers (e.g., health insurers), external advisors (e.g., lawyers, accountants, and auditors), courts and other tribunals, and government authorities, to the extent required or permitted by applicable legal obligations upon prior written approval from the Company. b) The level of data protection using technical, managerial, operational and physical security control measures by the Company shall be such as to be in compliance with all applicable laws.
- 6. The Participant(s) can opt-out of processing of their Personal Data, at any time, by writing to the Company on livsupport@sonyliv.com. It is advised the Participant(s) to identify themselves correctly before submitting any such requests, to enable the Company to resolve the concerns in a timely manner. The Participant(s) understand that the collection and processing of their Personal Data is imperative for their participation in the Show. Therefore, in the event the Participant(s), withdraws their consent for collection and/or processing of the Participant's Personal Data, the Participant shall not be entitled to participate in the Show any further. The Participant(s) agree that by accepting the Terms and Conditions, the Participant(s) also agree to not raise any claims against the Company in this regard.
- 7. In case Participant(s) have any concerns with the collection and processing of their Personal Data, Participant(s) can write to the Company on livsupport@sonyliv.com. It is advised the Participant(s) to identify themselves correctly before submitting any such requests, to enable the Company to resolve the concerns in a timely manner. The Company may decline to process requests that are unreasonably repetitive or systematic, requiring disproportionate technical effort, jeopardizing the privacy of others, or would be extremely impractical or for which access is not otherwise required.
- 8. The Participants agree that by accepting these Terms and Conditions, the Participants also agree to not raise any claims against the Company in regard to the Company's collection, use, processing or storage of the Participant's Personal Data. The Company also reserves the right to require the Participant to verify their Personal Data, at any time. Veracity of the Personal Data submitted by the Participant shall be a pre-condition for the Participant to be eligible to be declared as a Show winner.

7. Indemnities

- 1. The Participant(s) and their legal heirs hereby shall hold harmless and indemnify the Show Management, the Company, affiliates, group companies, partners, sponsors, process advisors and evaluators, process partners, its agents, representatives, its employees, officers, and directors. contractors, partners or other persons used by them in relation to this Show and hold them harmless against any loss, claim, demands, costs, damages, judgments, expenses or liability (including legal costs) arising out of or in connection with any or all claims, that may be brought against the Company, Show Management, or by any third party in connection with (i) the Participant's participation in the Show, winning the Show, or (ii) awarding or the use or misuse of any prize or (iii) any misrepresentation or negligence by the Participant or (iv) any inaccurate information provided by the Participant; and shall reimburse the Company, and/or the Show Management for any loss, costs, expense, or damage to which said indemnity applies.
- 2. Any conflict related to various provisions and interpretation of these Rules will be addressed by the Show Management. The decisions of the Show Management shall be final and binding.
- 3. If Participants are unclear as to these Rules or any element of the Audition process, they can write in with their questions, concerns, or queries to livsupport@sonyliv.com. The Company shall make efforts to respond to the e-mail on a best-effort basis, however, shall not be held responsible if no response is received. In case no response is received, the same shall not be used as a ground to extend timelines for any category.

8. Disclaimers

- 1. The Show Management has no obligation to screen information submitted and is not responsible for monitoring information submitted, to prevent violation of intellectual property ownership rights, or violations of any law, rule, or regulation.
- 2. The Participant and/or the Contestant(s) of the Show agree that he/she shall hold harmless the Channel, Company, its employees, officers, sub-contractors or any other person in connection with the prize won by him/her and/or in relation to the Show/Program including but not limited to the procedure in the Show, any third party claims including but not limited to any claims of infringement of any third party rights and shall also not file in person/ through any family member and/or third party any applications, criminal and/or civil proceedings in any courts or forum in India against sponsor and/or the Channel/Company/Producer to claim any damages or reliefs.
- 3. Participation in this Show and the Audition process is free of cost and all Participant(s) are requested to exercise caution against any person/ entity that demands money or its equivalent for the purpose of participation. The Show Management abhors such practices and disclaims all responsibility for the same. The Show Management shall not be liable to any Participant for any amount paid in this regard.
- 4. The Company shall not be under any obligation to Participant and shall have no obligation or rights in relation to the Show and shall have no claims whatsoever against the Company relating to the selection process, gratification, or the running of the Show.
- 5. The Company shall not be responsible for any errors or omissions in the Rules & Regulations contained herein. All information provided is provided "As is" without warranty of any kind. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Company disclaims all warranties, express or implied, including, but not limited to, implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose and non-infringement in respect of the ShowApp. Without limiting the foregoing, the Company specifically disclaim any warranty (a) that the App will be uninterrupted or error-free, (b) that defects will be corrected, (c) that there are no viruses or other harmful components that exist on the App (d) regarding the security of information submitted, and (e) regarding correctness, accuracy, or reliability
- 6. The Company / Producer or any of its affiliates will not be liable for any loss of earnings, employment or otherwise caused to the Participant(s) and arising as a result of his/her participation in the Audition or the Show Part, if selected.
- 7. Apart from the entitlement to be part of the Show, the Participant or his / her legal heirs will have no other rights or claims against the Company or the Producers. For the sake of clarity, it is stated that the Participant(s) of the Audition or the Show shall not be paid any consideration.
- 8. Company / Producer and its sub contractors shall not be held responsible or accountable to any of the Participant, for any loss, injury or any other liability which may arise, enroute while attending the Studio Part / Show / Shoot or while participating in the Show and for which the Participant will be required to sign an indemnity in favor of the Company. The Participant agree to release, discharge, and covenant, not to sue the Company or any of its associate agencies and each of their respective officers, directors, agents, representatives and employees, and/or any other agencies or individuals connected with the Competition in any manner, from any and all claims, actions, damages, liabilities,

losses, costs, and expenses, in any way arising out of or resulting from the Participant involvement in the selection process.

9. Limitation of Liability and Remedies

- 1. The Show Management reserves the right, in its sole discretion, at any time and at any stage of the judging process, to reject or disqualify any Participant who is deemed ineligible or for any reason that the Show Management feels is necessary and/or appropriate, including without limitation, if that Participant has not complied with these Rules of the Show, the Show Management determines he/she is attempting to undermine the legitimate operation of the Show by cheating, deception, or any other unfair practices or intending to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other Participant or the Show Management, the selection panel, jury or has interfered, in Show Management's sole opinion, with the proper conduct of the Show.
- 2. Participants, users and/or any party that accesses the App, agrees that neither the Company nor any third party content or service providers involved in the Show will be liable to Participant for any loss or damages, either actual or consequential, arising out of or relating to these Rules, Participant's use or inability to use the App, or to Participant's reliance upon information obtained from or through the App, participation in the program, travel, or use or misuse of any prize. In particular, neither the Company nor its third party or service providers will have liability for any consequential, indirect, punitive, special or incidental damages, whether foreseeable or unforeseeable (including, but not limited to, claims for defamation, errors, loss of data, or interruption in availability of data), arising out of or relating to the awards, terms of use, visitor's use or inability to use the App, to visitor's reliance upon information obtained from or through the App, participation in the Show, travel, or use or misuse of any prize, whether based in contract, tort, statutory or otherwise.
- 3. The Company, the Producer, Judges, the host, the advertising agencies, the sub-contractors used by Company for the Show, and any person or entity connected with the production (including the format owners and the broadcasters of the Show), administration or judging of the Auditions, the Show (the "Relevant Parties") shall be under no liability whatsoever to the Participant(s), in respect of any loss, damage suffered by the Participants arising from or pursuant to the Show or for any and all loss, damage, cost, expense or injury to life or property sustained by the Participant(s) at any stage of the Competition and during production thereof whether or not caused by (1) the administration (including scheduling) of the Show including any failure of transportation or inability for any reason to appear for the Audition/before the judges; (2) the Participant's or any third party's participation in the Audition, or being selected or disqualified; (3) as a result of the decisions of the judges or Company; (4) as a result of any comment, remark, judgment, view, criticism, critique, opinion and/or observation made and/or passed by the host and/or Company; and/or (5) any printing, typographical or technological errors in any materials associated with the Competition. Notwithstanding the generality of the foregoing, the Relevant Parties expressly exclude liability for all direct, indirect, and consequential loss or damage, including but not limited to loss or damage to property or for loss of profit, business, revenue, goodwill, or anticipated savings pursuant to the Show. In no event will the measure of damages include, nor will the Relevant Parties be liable for, any amounts for indirect, incidental, consequential, or punitive damages of any party, including third parties; or for damages attributable to the

Participation(s); or circumstances beyond the Relevant Parties including the Producer's reasonable control.

- 4. The Participant(s) to the extent permissible in law, shall not in any circumstances make any claims against the Company, the Producers, their divisions, their subsidiaries, their employees, their respective agents and representatives, directors and its affiliates arising out of or relating to any and all costs, injuries, for any kind of losses, damages, costs or injuries of any kind, including due to any problems caused by technical disruption and/or failure, server problems or any other difficulties.
- 5. The Participant(s) specifically agrees and acknowledges that any disputes or claims shall be resolved individually, and the Participant agrees to not file by resort to any form of class action and/ or through any family member and/or third-party applications, criminal and/ or civil proceedings in any courts or forums against the Company and/ or the Producer, their directors, employees, officers, affiliates, or subsidiaries to claim any damages. Under no circumstances will the Company and/or the Company entities be liable for any consequential, indirect, special punitive, or incidental damages or lost profits, whether direct or indirect, arising in any way whether in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise.
- 6. By participating in the Audition, to the extent permissible under law it shall be construed that the Participant(s) has hereby expressly or irrevocably waived his/her right to raise any dispute with regard to the Show or attempt to restrain or injunct or enjoin, the development, production, or exploitation of the Show and/or the continuance of the Audition.

The Rules and Regulations have been originally written in English and translated in Hindi. In case of any conflict in the interpretation of the clauses between the Hindi and English rules and regulations, the interpretation of the English rules and regulations shall prevail.