

PREAMBLE

Limca Book of Records ('LBR'), as a record-keeping publication, has been compiling records since 1987 and has seen over 30 editions. It is India's first and longest continuously published book of records.

It is, however, a private book, run and managed by a private organization with no public funding whatsoever. The retail price is also subsidized by the owner Coca-Cola India Private Limited ('CCIPL'). The *LBR* also accepts absolutely no funding or payment or any other charges from record applicants or record holders for entries or for claims processing or for publication acceptance.

Consequently, it is important to understand that all decisions are taken by applying a set of standards that are specific and stringent, but equally are subjective, and based on what the editors and staff of *LBR*, and Consultants ('LBR Team') think are most suitable for the book. And that decision is solely *LBR*'s, and *LBR* is not answerable to or the decision is not affected by any other individual, entity, or by what another entity (including other record books), may do or accept.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. *LBR* is a catalogue of achievements made by Indians. It catalogues unique milestones and landmarks including, but not limited to, firsts, bests, mosts, inventions, discoveries, and honours and awards received by Indians at home or abroad in all fields – both human and natural – that can be qualified in superlatives and that conform to the prevailing editorial policy in force during any year.

While this is primarily a catalogue of superlatives and achievements, it is also a book of records, and a work of reference, and therefore in the spirit of empirical record keeping, it will record other milestones that may not always be celebratory or laudatory and may even be negative but are notable and are records, such as 'longest trial in a court of law' or records pertaining to disasters or crime. Any such record is a statement of fact on record, and is not meant to downplay any entity, nor encourage anyone to attempt to beat such records. *LBR* does not solicit or accept claims for negative records.

LBR encompasses an extensive range of information and is thus divided into chapters and record categories. Prospective entries under these chapters and categories may include, but are not limited to, any of the following headings: a record, a quantifiable skill, a superlative or historical landmark/phenomenon/man-made or natural event/process/structure considered as remarkable as a record by the *LBR* Team

2. Anyone with a reasonable claim for a record may write to *LBR* for possible inclusion (subject to acceptance under *LBR* criteria).

3. Entry into *LBR* and attempt of any record are subject to compliance with the general Terms and Conditions (the 'Terms') as well as the specific rules and guidelines applicable to each type of record attempt or claim (the 'Attempt'). Where pre-existing terms are not there to cover a particular record or claim, a relevant policy shall be decided by the *LBR* Team and that shall be binding. Earlier policies and parameters go under continuous review and modifications, and the *LBR* Team is not bound to any previously existing parameters.

4. Individuals or groups interested in attempting to set or break a record must understand and accept *LBR*'s general policy, study the Terms and the specific Rules and Guidelines applicable to the Attempt, and sign the Disclaimer and Indemnity Form (available before the

commencement of any Attempt) in order to be considered for inclusion in *LBR*. Records already set and sent for inclusion ex post facto are also bound by all these Rules and Guidelines; acceptance of all Terms and Conditions is a necessary qualifier to any record being accepted.

5. All Terms, Rules, and Guidelines apply to a person/persons making a record Attempt ('Applicant'/'Applicants') who send an Application(s) to *LBR* as well as any and every person/persons ('Participant'/'Participants') part of such an Attempt (for example, in an Attempt by a group or organization).

6. *LBR* is owned by CCIPL, which reserves the right to modify these Terms and any other Rules and Guidelines established in relation to an Attempt or general policy. CCIPL does not implement or involve itself in editorial policy and does not process submissions. *LBR* is collated and published by publishers Hachette Book Publishing India Pvt. Ltd/ Hachette India, who will process the entries, make all decisions on acceptance and inclusion, and publish the book autonomously as is required for an independent book of records. Publication dates and content design are decided and implemented in conjunction with CCIPL.

All such modifications of the Terms and Conditions, and policy, will be updated on the webpage: <https://www.hachetteindia.com/home/rulesandguidelines> (for the latest Rules and Guidelines, and updates), and anyone attempting to enter their record in *LBR* must review the Terms and the corresponding rules for each Attempt regularly to remain informed of any changes or modifications therein.

7. *LBR* and its representatives do NOT charge any fee or accept any money for the application, review, processing, or acceptance of records [please see clauses III.(A)18 and III.(A)19 of 'General Guidelines' pertaining to certificates and discount on sale of copies to Applicants].

NOTE: *LBR* emphasizes safety and compliance very clearly in all its guidelines. No record application is reviewed or even considered without all due process being completed in an approved submission including all safety checks and regulatory compliance (the onus of listing and procuring which lies on the Applicant(s)) being certified by the authorities in question (see also Section VIII Safety Precautions).

II. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. To be eligible for consideration by the *LBR* Team for a successful Attempt, 'Applicant(s)' must fulfil the following conditions:

- The Applicant should be a resident Indian or non-resident Indian (NRI)/overseas citizen of India (OCI)/Person of Indian Origin (PIO) (at least one grandparent should be Indian), and must submit ID and residence proofs and other documents as required by law to establish this.
- The Applicant must have read and consented to the Terms, the specific Rules and Guidelines applicable to the Attempt, and must have signed and submitted the Disclaimer and Indemnity Form before undertaking the Attempt.

2. The Attempt must be corroborated by a valid proof of age, i.e., above 18 years:

- The Applicant must be above eighteen (18) years of age.
- The Applicant must have carefully read and consented to the

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Terms, and the specific Rules and Guidelines set down for the Attempt. Before engaging in the Attempt, the Applicant must have submitted the Disclaimer and Indemnity Form as well as a Certificate of Medical Fitness (with the medical practitioner's registration number mentioned on it) to attempt any physical feat or one involving mental exertion, or one deemed so by the *LBR* Team.

NOTE: The *LBR* Team may still include records related to official sports events (associated with only officially recognized national or international bodies like BCCI, IOA, ICC, FIFA, etc.), and medical science (like heaviest baby, lightest baby, etc., where the minor is not an active participant or being exhorted to perform or create a record that is beyond a minor's normal capability). Further, the *LBR* Team may choose to include certain records from the public domain, which may have the involvement of a minor. All these exceptions are subject to the sole discretion and decision of the *LBR* Team.

3. The onus and responsibility of being compliant in the particular context of a record claim lies with the Applicant, and a submission to *LBR* means that all laws, rules, regulations, permissions, and necessary approvals from the right authority have been taken. For example, a driving record means that the Applicant has the necessary and valid driving licence; or a structure erected means that the Applicants have got the necessary approvals including but not limited to all safety clearances needed (structural, mechanical, electrical, fire, etc.) or an event held means that the necessary law and order permissions, etc., have been taken. *LBR* accepts no responsibility for damage or harm to public property that may result from necessary clearances and approvals not being taken and reserves the right to prosecute Applicants found in breach of such safety standards. Above all, safety of people attending or in the vicinity is paramount.

III. GENERAL GUIDELINES

A. GENERAL

1. Standard norms and rules should be adhered to while setting national and world records. In some cases there may be additional event-specific norms that need to be observed.

2. The onus of proving a record claim rests on the Applicant. The claim, signed by the Applicant, should be backed by adequate and satisfactory documents without which it will not be accepted. Materials submitted as supporting evidence, such as press clippings, audio/video tapes, flash/pen drives, CDs, DVDs, hard drives, and photographs, become the property of the publisher, Hachette Book Publishing India Pvt. Ltd/Hachette India and the Copyright Owner, CCIPL, and only copies should be submitted with the originals kept safe by the claimant for Life after the claim has been accepted (see also Section V [Evidence]). Forms such as the Application Form duly signed by the Applicant and validating/witnessing authorities as indicated by the *LBR* Team and/or the Rules and Guidelines need to be submitted in the original (hard copy) and a copy retained by the Applicant(s) for Life after the claim has been accepted. *LBR* does not take any responsibility for lost material(s) if the record is questioned, disputed, or objected to by any person. In case of a query or objection raised, the responsibility of providing the evidence again for reverification (see also Reverification of Evidence clause V.13) and all expenditures therein lies with the Applicant.

3. It is not necessary or binding for someone from *LBR* to be present at the recordmaking event, but proper authentication of the same must be ensured. Authentication should be by someone who is competent and in a responsible position, such as a gazetted officer, district magistrate, or principal of a government school/college, unless specified otherwise.

4. The Applicant(s) must update themselves with the latest record before making any Attempt to break it. Potential record-breakers should inform *LBR* at least 30 days in advance about the record Attempt details and procedure in order to avoid disqualification on technicalities.

5. Confirmations from Consultants are not to be treated as final. The final confirmations are only issued post ratification by the *LBR* Editorial Team. Applicants are advised to check the existing record with the *LBR* Team just before their Attempts as well, so that they may be intimated of any updates.

6. While breaking an existing record, the Applicant(s) must follow the rules, technical specifications, and set precedents. For example, if the needle-threading record specifies a no. 13 needle, no other needle may be used.

7. Records should be absolute and not technical offshoots. For example, if one is setting a typing record, it is assumed that it is normal typing. One-finger or two-finger typing will not be registered as separate records. Records have to be quantifiable and comparable, and overly specific variables may not be considered.

8. While *LBR* does accept new categories, these will have to be of high interest value and have definable and comparable parameters, and these are entirely subject to the *LBR* Team's decision. For example, even if no record exists, a 'two-hour marathon for guitar playing' will not be accepted because in this case, while doing an activity continuously for two hours maybe impressive, but does not necessarily qualify as a record with definable universal parameters.

9. Not every record set by women is eligible for entry as the sub-category 'First woman to...'.

10. Collections should have a basic 'standard'. Limited numbers of obscure articles may not be accepted unless of exceptional interest value, and that acceptance shall be the sole decision of the *LBR* Team.

11. For distance records, only basic types of vehicles are recognized: four-wheelers and plus, two-wheelers, geared bicycles, gearless bicycles, tandem bicycles, and electric vehicles. Cross-country or intra-country motoring/cycling or other vehicular records must get prior clearance from the *LBR* Team for inclusion. In speed-related records, vehicles may be categorized according to engine capacity: up to 150 cc, 151–450 cc, and over 450 cc.

12. Before attempting any driving record, Applicants have to submit a copy of the following document/documents, as applicable, attested by a gazetted officer or notary public: their valid driving licence/earlier experience certificate in case of motor sport or bicycling record; pilot's licence/aero-sports course certificate/earlier experience certificate in case of aero-sports record; mountaineering/mountain sports course certificate/earlier experience certificate in case of a mountain sports record; and water sports course certificate/

earlier experience certificate in case of a water sports record to the *LBR* office for prior approval.

13. All claimants must send in supporting photographs for their Claim to the *LBR* Team. These should be clear, and should clearly demonstrate the record. No tampering or enhancement of pictures should be done. In physical evidence with documents or photographs, these should not be stapled to the entry. Detachable clips should be used. In cases where applicable and as indicated by the *LBR* Team, time- and date-stamped video recordings of the Attempt must be provided.

14. Attempts that may result in physical harm, such as 'hitting head against a wall', or mental/emotional duress for the Applicant, such as 'isolating oneself for 100 days', will not be considered, and are entirely left to the decision of the *LBR* Team.

15. Any record in the book may be reconsidered or dropped without prior intimation.

16. Certificates issued are valid only as on or for the date or period specified and will be considered ended if surpassed by a new record, and/or change in criteria, measuring methods, or if disputed and found to be erroneous on reverification (see clause V.13). *LBR* is not bound to report an update to previous record holders.

17. For reasons of space or any other reasons, a confirmed entry may at times need to be dropped at the time of going to press. The *LBR* Team reserves the right to do so and may inform the Applicant of the change in status but is not bound to do so.

18. Record holders within India or with a postal delivery address within India are entitled to ONE complimentary copy of their certificate postage free, if eligible. Other modes of despatch may be chargeable. Further copies of certificates need to be ordered by writing to the *LBR* Team and on payment (including GST) as indicated. Record holders outside India are entitled to ONE complimentary copy of their certificate but will need to pay courier and/or postal charges (including applicable taxes/surcharges). Requests for reissue of older certificates issued in previous years are considered on a case-by-case basis and such certificates are reissued on payment within reasonable time as per printing schedules, provided the record is accessible in *LBR*'s archived editions.

19. Record holders are not entitled to any remuneration or free copies of *Limca Book of Records*. They may, however, avail a 30 per cent discount on the declared MRP/cover price of the book by writing to the *LBR* Team and following the payment process.

20. If new record holders do not receive their certificate within two months after the release of the book, they should contact the *LBR* office.

21. The *LBR* Team reserves the sole right to decide on the suitability of all records for inclusion in the book. The Team's decision on all such matters is final. Any attempt to browbeat or threaten the *LBR* Team or representatives shall result in instant disqualification.

22. OBJECTIONS/DISCREPANCIES

- a. Any typographical error or inaccuracy in the statement of a record or certificate should be pointed out by the record

holder immediately.

- b. Objections raised by any person regarding any published entry shall be entertained only within a period of three (3) years from the date of publication or acceptance/certification of a record/entry. However, discrepancies identified by the *LBR* Team suo moto shall be addressed regardless of passage of time. Applicants must note that, in accordance with the prevailing laws, there is no limitation in respect of criminal liability should it arise. Falsification of evidence is a criminal activity.

B. CHAPTERS AND CATEGORIES

LBR reserves the right to include or exclude any chapter or category, or section or record category as otherwise listed below and is under no obligation to publish all or any of the listed chapters or categories in *LBR* or any of its publications.

The list provided here is only for illustrative and explanatory reasons, and for the clarity of persons seeking to engage in an Attempt. Further, the following list consists only of chapters and categories that have been published in current and previous editions and is non-exhaustive. *LBR* may, at its sole discretion, include additional chapters or categories, delete a chapter or category, or even merge two or more chapters or categories as the *LBR* Team deems appropriate. Any such addition, deletion, or merging of chapters or categories creates no obligation on the part of *LBR* Team and/or CCIPL to inform any person making an Attempt of such addition, deletion, or merger. Records after acceptance may also be changed or deleted if suitable circumstances warrant it, and this also shall be the sole decision of the *LBR* Team. Further, the guidelines mentioned here, pertaining to *LBR* chapters and their respective categories, are generic guidelines and in no way represent an exhaustive list for the record claim to be accepted. Specific guidelines for individual record claims will be shared on email by the *LBR* Team.

1. THE HUMAN STORY

This chapter contains records, talents, and information, and includes, but is not limited to, unique achievements, uncommon talents, collections, community development initiatives, and other human feats. Applicants under this category are required to not break any laws, and must sign and submit the Disclaimer and Indemnity Form, Self-Declaration of Medical Fitness and Certificate of Medical Fitness, as applicable, at least one month prior to the Attempt. *LBR* prohibits and will not accept any Attempt that is likely to cause harm or be of nuisance to the general public, or is likely to cause unnecessary waste of essential goods or resources such as food items, or is likely to harm the environment; and of course possible physical, mental, or emotional harm to oneself.

- a. Records involving alcohol consumption as an event or performance measure will not be considered.
- d. For the section on Online feats, *LBR* will accept both single and multiple sessions for a single event. The number of platforms will not be a parameter.
- c. *LBR* does not have categories related to religious traditions and ceremonies, unless they form general records.
- d. Records indicating or involving harm to physical or mental health, such as 'maximum blood donated in a day', or 'starving for the most number of days', or 'isolating oneself for the longest period' will not be considered.
- e. For collection claims, minor changes like changes in colour and/or slight tweaks will be considered as duplicated, and will not be counted separately.

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- f. For claims related to 'smallest/largest/biggest' forms of an object, the form has to closely resemble the original object as a replica, and creative representations will not be accepted from both functionality and outer look and feel perspectives.
- g. For claims under 'Physical Feats', the gendered categories are not applicable anymore. All attempts are comparable.

2. STRUCTURES

This chapter contains records related to general, modern, residential, religious, mechanical and historical structures, bridges, dams and flyovers, and various other specialized structures.

- a. There are no set parameters of the claim regarding fastest construction as each construction would have multiple aspects of difference and the *LBR* Team does not wish to encourage the fastest construction of public services or private buildings.
- b. Any structure should have the necessary permissions, and structural safety certified and the Applicant should confirm such certification.

3. AGRICULTURE

This chapter contains records and information, and it may include, but shall not be limited to, topics such as agricultural crops, farm machinery, milk and milk products, poultry, animal sciences, fisheries, agricultural research, and awards. Specific rules are to be complied with for Attempts under this chapter.

4. EDUCATION

This chapter contains records and information related to literacy, schools, higher education, archives, libraries, museums, and quizzes. *LBR* has discontinued the 'youngest' category as a record claim. Record claims with qualifications beyond postgraduation are considered. Record claims pertaining to online courses, or qualifications based on the University Grants Commission–National Eligibility Test (UGC–NET), or publication of research papers will not be considered.

5. PERFORMING ARTS

This chapter contains records related to talent and information in the fields of dance, music, and theatre (including but not limited to puppetry and other local theatre types depending on parameters), and dance drama and dance–martial arts crossovers. The records are further divided into marathon events or group events. All Attempts under this chapter are required to follow the specific rules for both types of events as provided by the *LBR* Team. Record claims pertaining to fastest performances will not be considered.

6. VISUAL ARTS

This chapter contains records and information related to cinema, photography, painting, and some categories of drawing and cartooning. The records related to national and regional commercial and art cinema is based on information collected from the National Film Archive of India (NFAI), public domain, magazines, and national newspapers. The records about box-office collection are obtained from the website www.boxofficeindia.com, the standard source in India for collecting such details, or similar sources.

- a. Individual record claims for cinema may be submitted for consideration under this chapter, subject to compliance with the basic criteria laid down:
 - i. The film should have been cleared by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) and given a censor certificate.

- ii. Certification requirements for over-the-top (OTT) content/ films/drama series will be decided on a case-by-case basis and as per the laws of the land.
- iii. The film should be screened at film festivals or at public theatres/auditoriums.

- b. Information related to painting and photography is collected from newspapers, magazines, the Internet, and any other verified source. Individual record claims may be submitted for consideration under this chapter, subject to compliance with the basic criteria laid down:

- i. No miniature paintings in any medium are considered in this chapter currently. They may be eligible for entry in the Human Story chapter depending on parameters.
- ii. All rangoli, alpna and kolam records have been categorized under one category of 'Traditional floor art'.
- iii. Considering that art is a subjective concept, the *LBR* Team reserves the final decision regarding the artwork so produced. Random repetition of patterns, block colour patches, strokes of paint, or smearing paint randomly on the canvas would lead to the rejection of the claim. Similarly, geometric shapes, haphazard lines, and arbitrary usage of colour would also lead to rejection. The artwork so produced should have a coherent sense of pattern, colour, and tone. It should depict a certain level of skill and creation of aesthetics. For photography claims, repetitive, fragmented, and haphazard images would not be considered. The images should have a coherent sense of posture, alignment, and lighting.
- iv. The largest art competition would be a single-day category following the rules of continuous events and being a maximum of 12 hours.
- v. Portrait categories: A portrait should have only a single person in the painting/mosaic. A portrait is considered to be a drawing/painting of the head and shoulder of a person for the purposes of record claims.
- vi. Origami claims have been sorted into the following categories:
 - 1. Largest origami mosaic – solo/group
 - 2. Single-item origami (single sheet, single item): A) Tallest/Longest; B) Widest
 - 3. Multiple-item origami (multiple sheets, multiple items): A) Tallest – solo/group; B) Widest – solo/group
 - 4. Marathon origami (single day, single venue) – solo
 - 5. Most towel origami made – solo/group – in 1 hour
- vii. Claims regarding pencil carvings (graphite) have been sorted into the following categories:
 - 1. Largest collection of carved pencils
 - 2. Most pencil carvings done – single day
 - 3. Most pencil carvings done – 1 hour
 - 4. Smallest pencil carving

7. LITERATURE

This chapter contains records and information from the field of literature. Applicants willing to undertake an Attempt under this chapter must ensure compliance with the basic criteria laid down:

- a. Only published works will be considered unless the work created is an art installation or superlative, or an artefact.
- b. No long ghazals/poems, rewriting of religious texts, or anthologies will be considered.
- c. A work infringing copyright or violative of any other prevailing laws will not be considered.

- d. General category claims: Book(s) self-published or published by a publishing house should be available for purchase at bookshops or on a recognized online platform. Sales records must be certified by publishers who have audited accounts, or by Nielsen BookScan.

8. MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

This chapter contains records and information related to the broad fields of (a) media and (b) communications, and may be divided into six sections: (i) print, (ii) radio, (iii) television, (iv) post and philately, (v) telecom, and (vi) Internet, social media and applications (apps). Applicants wishing to undertake an Attempt under this chapter must ensure compliance with the specific guidelines provided by the LBR Team.

9. GOVERNMENT

This chapter contains information and records. This category may include, but shall not be limited to, such subjects as nationhood, parties, elections, the Parliament, states, administration, government officials, civics, judiciary, and law and order.

10. DEFENCE AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

This chapter contains records and information pertaining to all the branches of the armed or paramilitary forces and related military records. This chapter does not accept entries unless routed through the appropriate defence authority/organization with the understanding that no official secrets, or confidential information, are being revealed in the process. An independent entry by current or former defence personnel should be accompanied with a self-declaration that no official secrets or confidential information is being revealed. The chapter is otherwise compiled by the LBR Team from news sources originating with government ministries and information sources such as the official websites of the Indian Navy, the Indian Army, the Indian Air Force, and the Coast Guard of India as well as the Press Information Bureau, Government of India.

11. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

This chapter contains absolute records like oldest planetarium and first nuclear reactor along with discoveries and records in, but not limited to, mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, engineering, environmental sciences, computers, information technology, and space technology. All Attempts under this chapter are required to follow the specific rules for both types of events as provided by the LBR Team. For a new invention to be considered as a record, it must be patented with a recognized national/international body. This chapter also includes records and relevant information compiled by the LBR Team.

12. MEDICAL SCIENCES

This chapter contains records and information from the field of medical sciences such as medical breakthroughs, medical camps, 'firsts', and in selective medical procedures, medical devices, and equipment.

Claims are acceptable only from registered medical practitioners and related to government-approved medical practices and institutions, such as those affiliated to the Indian Medical Association, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and any others as deemed eligible by the LBR Team.

The LBR Team will reject any Attempts that may potentially or otherwise harm or endanger persons/patients, e.g., speed-related records, such as 'most kidneys transplanted in a day' or 'most LASIK

surgeries performed in a day', whether at a medical centre or in camps, charitable or otherwise.

LBR may accept camp-related statistics that turn out to be records, but may not process or encourage any camps set up to create records, especially speed-related medical science Attempts because such Attempts may jeopardize patient safety and health.

For all surgery-related claims, only successful surgery applications will be accepted, where the patient has not died on the operation table.

13. THE NATURAL WORLD

This chapter contains information and records, and the entries are compiled from multiple and deemed verified reports in magazines, newspapers, and Internet resources available to LBR on topics including, but not limited to, geographical features, flora, fauna, environment, and conservation. Information related to flora and fauna is verified with nature conservation authorities, well-known wildlife institutions, government websites, and relevant international websites.

All claims related to rainwater harvesting and pollution control are counterchecked with government sources and/or authoritative expert bodies. Gardening records relating to non-agricultural production and claims, such as largest pumpkin, will require scale-comparative photographs as well as other indicated documentation.

14. TRANSPORT

This chapter contains records and information, and the sections under this chapter include road, rail and metro, water, and air transport. Applicants who claim records under any of these sections shall provide evidence of the same, including authentication documents as required by the LBR Team.

15. BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

This chapter contains records and information, and the sections under this chapter may include, but shall not be limited to, the economy, financial institutions, financial instruments, banking, industries and companies, workforce, housing and real estate, and advertising.

Applicants who claim records under any of these sections shall provide proof of the same, including authentication letters from independent observers including at least one expert in the field. Industry company data must be from authentic authorized bodies such as the Registrar of Companies and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), or in the case of own company figures, audited figures must be submitted.

- a. Claims for 'highest/lowest' sale of product(s) are not accepted.

16. ADVENTURE

This chapter may be divided into various sections, including but not limited to, aero-sports, mountaineering, road expeditions, water sports, marathons (those not classified internationally as athletics track and field events), and other adventure activities. A person undertaking an Attempt under this category may seek the LBR Team's guidance/assistance for specific guidelines. Potential Applicants are advised to note that such guidelines or safety advice provided by the LBR Team shall merely be explanatory and non-exhaustive, and will not create any responsibilities or liabilities whatsoever on behalf of the LBR Team and/or CCIPL.

- a. For all claims related to Ironman triathlon, LBR refers to the International Triathlon Union and the Indian Triathlon Federation.

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- b. For swimming records, only solo as well as up to three-person relay crossings (each covering at least 10 km) will be considered. For marathon swimming – with permitted breaks – breaks of only 1.5 minutes will be allowed for each completed hour. Exceptions may be made for para swimmers or extremely remarkable records, subject to the discretion and decision of the *LBR* Team.
- c. A minimum altitude of 6,000 m is required to review any mountaineering claim. Claims regarding Mt Kilimanjaro (5,895 m) will not be considered in accordance with this limit. All mountaineering claims must be verified by the Indian Mountaineering Foundation or a similar credible international body.
- d. There are separate categories for women in solo attempts and group attempts where Applicants and, if present, Participants are women.
- e. Our categories for expedition records for two-wheelers will now be subdivided as:
 - i. Up to 150 cc
 - ii. 151 to 450 cc
 - iii. Over 450 cc
- f. Adventure/Marathon and Endurance Claims:
 - i. A detailed logbook must be maintained with entries in chronological order. All entries in this logbook must be witnessed and authenticated by reputed individuals/competent authorities (a gazetted officer, district magistrate, or principal of a government school/college, unless specified otherwise). A sample sheet will be given by the *LBR* Team on request. Emphasis will be on events that highlight special skills.
 - ii. In cases where applicable and as indicated by the *LBR* Team, time- and date-stamped videos of the Attempt must be provided.
 - iii. All adventure/endurance events come under two categories.
 - 1. Marathon: A five-minute break for rest after every completed hour is allowed as per prevailing international norms. These breaks may be accumulated during the course of the Attempt, but not at the beginning or end (e.g., a 15-minute break may be taken after 3 hours of non-stop action, but finishing the Attempt 15 minutes before the completion of the Attempt cannot be adjusted as break time and will not be added to the tally). The logbook must clearly indicate the rest breaks.
 - 2. Normal: Breaks permitted as and when necessary.
NOTE: For marathon attempts, any claimant(s) not using the permissible breaks will still be compared with the claimant(s) using them. All attempts under the marathon categories are comparable regardless of utilizing the permitted breaks or not.
 - iv. Attempts jeopardizing individual or public safety and public property are not encouraged.
 - v. All adventure feats/stunts/sports, etc., require prior written approval from authorities concerned.

17. SPORTS

The Sports chapter of the *LBR* primarily contains records and sports-related statistics and information. It is prepared by independent Consultants, who are well-established journalists and/or authorities in particular sports. The Consultants in conjunction with the *LBR*

Team are the final authority on all records under this chapter. In cases where an uncommon sport is involved, the decisions will be made in consultation with an expert in the field.

IV. PROCEDURE FOR RECORD ATTEMPTS

- 1. *LBR* recognizes two types of Attempts by individuals or groups:
 - a. an Attempt to break a previously existing record; and
 - b. an Attempt to set a new record.
- 2. The following procedure must be followed by any person willing to undertake an Attempt to be considered for entry in *LBR*. An application by the person attempting the record should be either emailed to lbr.entries@hachetteindia.com or couriered/mailed by registered post (see clause IV.3: Application Procedure).
 - a. Such application should contain details regarding the unique achievement, or proposal to set a record, for the consideration of the *LBR* Team, along with the complete address and contact number of the person attempting the same, at least one (1) month before the Attempt in order to avoid disqualification on technicalities. For specific requirements in the procedure for an Attempt, please refer to Section III of these Rules and Guidelines/Terms.
 - b. The person undertaking the Attempt must approach the *LBR* Team regarding the proper procedure and information or documents required for consideration of a successful Attempt.
 - c. On completion of an Attempt, the Applicant must provide the *LBR* Team detailed and accurate documentation, as required by the *LBR* Team, and these will then be scrutinized by the *LBR* Team.
 - d. All entries to an edition are confirmed only after the deadline, i.e., the last date for submission of entries. Any Application made after such a date may be considered for a subsequent edition of *LBR*.
 - e. On confirmation of an entry, a certificate shall be mailed to the Applicant who carried out the successful Attempt. Such certificates shall be sent after the particular edition for which the Attempt has been considered is printed or released.
 - f. For all Attempts to be undertaken, the person undertaking such an Attempt must sign and submit the Disclaimer and Indemnity Form and Certificate of Medical Fitness (in hard copy), as and when required, to the *LBR* Team, prior to the Attempt. The acceptance of any application for entry in *LBR* shall be conditional on the signing of and adherence to the Disclaimer and Indemnity Form, the Terms, and any other specific rules and guidelines established by *LBR* in relation to a particular category of Attempt.

The following rules will apply to Disclaimer Forms:

- i. Disclaimer Forms should have only one party mentioned, i.e., the record claimant. The second party is not applicable. The Disclaimer Forms should have one primary signatory whether it is a team of two or a group application. That signatory should confirm that he/she is authorized to represent the group and all communications with *LBR* will be with this one primary signatory.
- ii. Applicants may choose to get the form notarized instead

of adding witnesses. Or witnesses can be used, but verification from the notary holds more value.

- iii. Disclaimer Forms have to be on a stamp paper of minimum value of ₹10.

3. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- a. All applications must be sent to the following address:
Limca Book of Records (Editorial), Hachette Book Publishing India Pvt. Ltd, 4th/5th Floors, Corporate Centre, Plot No. 94, Sector 44, Gurugram 122003, Haryana, India.
Ph: +91 22 35305621, Fax: +91 124 4148900
Email: lbr.entries@hachetteindia.com
Hachette Book Publishing India Pvt. Ltd is a company incorporated under the Indian Companies Act, 1956, with CIN U22222DL2007PTC164081.
- b. *LBR's* primary mode of communication is email (and only via its formal email IDs), which is both retrievable and transparent as well as a formal record. No Attempt should be made based on phone or other verbal conversations, or communication on social media/messaging platforms.
- c. There is no need for personal visits to the *LBR* office to hand over record-related applications, documentation, or evidence, and in case the Applicant does visit personally, the application and requisite documents may be handed over at the reception. *LBR* staff may not be available for personal meetings. Since all claim formats devised are such that they need written submission, everything should be clear from written communication.
- d. Submissions must be in English since *LBR* is currently published in the English language (submissions in other languages shall be accepted, but they should be accompanied with an English translation).
- e. The primary application shall consist of the following:
 - i. Name of the Applicant
 - ii. Date of birth of the Applicant
 - iii. Complete postal address of the Applicant
 - iv. Contact details (phone number and email ID) of the Applicant
 - v. Description of the record the Applicant wishes to apply for; and event plan
 - vi. Confirmation of acceptance of *LBR* procedures, Terms, and Rules and Guidelines via a formal statement on email or signed hard copy
- f. These applications shall be perused by the *LBR* Team, and further correspondence shall take place between the Applicant and the *LBR* Team member concerned, from the assigned chapter/section.
- g. On acceptance of the initial application, the general guidelines and record-specific guidelines shall be emailed or couriered to the Applicant by the *LBR* Team along with the procedure and documentation required.
- h. On receipt of the correspondence from a member of the *LBR* Team, the Applicant shall send the following documents (in both soft and hard copies) to the addresses mentioned in clause IV.3(a) above:
 - i. A covering letter stating the Attempt details
 - ii. A signed copy of the Disclaimer and Indemnity Form sent to the Applicant
 - iii. A self-attested copy of the Applicant's government-approved identity proof (such as passport, voter ID card,

PAN card, Aadhaar, etc.)

- iv. A self-attested copy of the Applicant's government-approved age proof (such as passport, birth certificate, ration card, etc.) together with the 'Required Documents' as indicated by the *LBR* Team.
- i. On authentication and verification of the Required Documents, the Applicant shall obtain a confirmation from the *LBR* Team to proceed with the Attempt.
- j. After completing the Attempt in accordance with the provisions of Sections III and IV, and collecting evidence of the Attempt in accordance with the provisions of Section V, the Applicant shall send the following to claim a record (the 'Claim'):
 - i. Details of the supposed record, duly authenticated by gazetted officers, or relevant public authorities, or relevant authorities in charge, or other competent authorities. Such authentication must be on the basis of personal verification of every detail of the Claim.
 - ii. Material evidence of the event, consisting of all the evidence collected by the Applicant during the Attempt. All CDs/DVDs, flash/pen drives, and other data storage media/devices sent to the *LBR* Team, as part of the application process, should have the Applicant's name and the record category written legibly on it.
 - iii. Accompanying clearances, permissions and safety certifications as required.
- k. Only a claim that is complete and successfully submitted shall be considered for entry in the *LBR*.
- l. The application procedure should be completed within the last date of submission. Entries submitted after the deadline may be considered for the subsequent edition unless extension was granted in writing or on email for extenuating circumstances, or at the discretion of the *LBR* Team.
- m. In addition to the aforementioned rules, specific requirements provided under the relevant categories must be fulfilled.

V. EVIDENCE

1. The onus of proving a record is on the Applicant. The Claim, signed by the Applicant, should be backed by adequate and satisfactory documentation without which it will not be accepted by the *LBR* Team.
2. The Applicant must, as part of the verification process, submit all supporting documents including at least two authentication letters (originals), verified, stamped, and signed by gazetted officers, preferably on their letter heads, photographs (or CD/DVD/flash/pen drive containing still photos), personal details of the Applicant, including residential address and contact details, along with a covering letter, without which the Claim will not be considered for entry.
3. Outside of moral and creative ownership rights, which will vest in the creator/artist/author, etc., the assigned copyright/publishing rights and any other intellectual property rights in and to any such material evidence shall, to the extent permitted by law, be waived unconditionally by the Applicant and transferred to *LBR* and CCIPL by the submission.

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4. The evidence must only be sent after the Required Documents, as indicated by the Rules and Guidelines, have been verified (with copies/scans as stipulated) and the primary application has been duly confirmed and evidence asked for by the *LBR* Team.

5. Only the Claim may be supplemented by evidence of the record with the following to be submitted on the currently prevailing and commonly available and accessible data storage media from where it is easily retrievable, such as a flash/pen drive or hard drive, with the onus of providing a back-up copy/original being on the Applicant:

- a. Press clippings of local, national or international newspapers, or press cuttings, or news reports in an electronic form, furnishing direct evidence of the record; or
- b. Audio recordings from radio, or any such fact of record which could be heard, furnishing direct evidence of the record; or
- c. Direct evidence/audio-visual recording of the record; or
- d. Any other fact of record that may be in audio, visual, or audio-visual format, furnishing direct evidence of the record; or
- e. Photographs of any such fact of record documented by photographs furnishing direct evidence of the record. (It is advisable to submit high-resolution photographs only, that are pictures 1,500 pixels wide for horizontal images and 1,500 pixels high for vertical images, of 1 Mb or more.)
- f. Safety certifications, age proofs, doctor's certificates, etc. where needed.

6. If any of the evidence mentioned above is in a local language, it must be sent along with a copy of an English translation of the said document attested by a gazetted officer/notary public.

7. The evidence must be clear, distinct, and unambiguous.

8. *LBR* reserves the right to refuse the Claim if evidence sufficient to prove the record act beyond reasonable doubt is not furnished, or if safety-related documentation is unsatisfactory, or for any other reason whatsoever at *LBR*'s discretion.

9. The material evidence provided by the Applicant shall NOT be returned. The Applicant is advised to keep all original evidence along with copies (and kept safe so as to be produced in the event of a dispute or reverification).

10. In case of records where giant structures are put in place or super-sized objects are involved, the measurements shall be taken in the presence of appropriate observers and authenticators, such as gazetted officers, a principal of a government school/college, an engineering expert, or others as approved by the *LBR* Team. Structural safety certification must be provided along with the evidence.

11. Originals must not be sent, unless specifically requested by *LBR* for scrutiny. *LBR* will not keep copies longer than twelve (12) months after acceptance of the Claim, but record holders should keep their evidence to be produced for disputes for life (see below V.13: Reverification of Evidence). Evidence and documents of rejected claims will not be kept with *LBR* and will be destroyed within 7 (seven) days of the rejection mail date informing the Applicant of the decision (unless the Applicant has specified that they will pick up the submission themselves or at their cost). It is reiterated that *LBR* should be sent only copies and *LBR* does not take responsibility for safekeeping of documents.

12. All records and evidence are accepted in good faith and normal

deep scrutiny. Any submission of fake evidence shall be met with a charge of cheating and other offences as mentioned in the Indian Penal Code and other applicable laws. Similarly, incomplete evidence or improper certification for any record shall see rejection, and if discovered later, may see cancellation of the record and prosecution where applicable.

13. REVERIFICATION OF EVIDENCE

- a. In case a discrepancy in the record comes to light, as pointed out by any person/group or independently detected by the *LBR* Team, the onus of providing the evidence again for reverification of the record entry lies entirely with the record holder. If, in the opinion of the *LBR* Team, the discrepancy, irrespective of the reason for its coming to light, is genuine, it shall be communicated to the record holder and evidence sought for reverification. In the meantime, the record will be frozen/suspended and the certificate considered withdrawn until the evidence is reverified by a panel consisting of an *LBR* Team member and a legal consultant. Announcement of such a frozen/suspended record will appear only on the *LBR* website publicly and nowhere else. Subsequent to reverification, the record may either be restored, amended, or struck off completely.
- b. *LBR* will not keep any data or records longer than one year (12 months) from acceptance in writing. In the event of any objection or discrepancy needing reverification (see sub-clause [a] above), the record holder must keep all supporting evidence safe and readily accessible.
- c. In all matters pertaining to reverification of records/evidence, the *LBR*'s decision shall be final and binding

VI. ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

1. Each Attempt must be categorized within one of the chapters or categories listed under Sections II and III.B. However, *LBR* reserves the right, to be exercised at its sole and absolute discretion, to accept applications for Attempts.

2. Records must be absolute and not technical offshoots, and they must be quantifiable, comparable, and measurable. Records should be significant in achievement and not frivolous.

3. No Claim shall be considered valid unless it is sent, along with the required evidence, in the manner prescribed in Sections IV and V.

4. *LBR* reserves the right to publish or delete any chapter, section, category, or record in the present or any future edition of *LBR*, without any notice to the Applicants. *LBR* is under no obligation to inform record holders when a record may be dropped. Such decisions shall be the sole prerogative of the *LBR* Team in the larger continuing interests of the book.

5. Records shall be considered for publishing only on the grounds of their interest value and general public acceptance.

6. Further, no entries in violation of any law, rule, regulation, guideline, or any other statutory instrument shall be accepted. No record or feat attempted shall endanger anyone or any property, and if after acceptance a record is found to have caused damage of any sort

to the public or individual persons (for example, a building collapse by structural weakness or illness from some food item made, etc.), then such record may be cancelled. However, *LBR* reserves the right to include public domain records of harmful/criminal nature (for example, the first plane crash or the youngest serial killer). This in no way is to be seen as an encouragement to make such records and will not be accepted in a pre-attempt application.

7. Entries for the new edition of *LBR* will be confirmed only after the annual deadline, which is usually 31 May.

8. In all matters pertaining to the *Limca Book of Records*, the *LBR* Team's and/or CCIPL's decision shall be final and binding.

9. Record claims are accepted in good faith and may be considered records and published in the book as such unless disproved with appropriate evidence.

10. It should be borne in mind, that *LBR* by its rejecting a Claim is not stating that the Claim may not be a record, or that the achievement, if any, is belittled. It is merely stating that for its purposes and within the framework of the book, as run by its editorial policy, it does not consider the Claim suitable to feature.

11. Harassment of staff, including overt or covert threats, including threats of legal process for rejecting a Claim, or for any other reason whatsoever, or defaming *LBR* or the *LBR* Team on public platforms will not be acceptable and will be met with all the measures under law. Any such behaviour will also result in automatic disqualification of the Claim.

12. Similarly, due process and timelines shall be followed as has been communicated by the *LBR* team. Attempts to browbeat staff, or bring pressure to bear, including citing official/government/ministry 'priority', may result in rejection of the record. *LBR* does not have a fast-track system either on payment or from any either reason.

VII. STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

1. It is mandatory for Applicants to abide by all local, state, and national laws, rules, and regulations applicable in relation to the Attempt. *LBR* expressly prohibits any Attempt that involves violation of any local, state, or national laws, rules, or regulations. Applicants are under an obligation to ensure that all activities related to the Attempt are neither unlawful, nor against public decency and morality.

Applicants must note that *LBR* strongly discourages Attempts that are likely to offend the sentiments of any community. *LBR* also discourages Attempts that may cause harm to the public or animals, or cause any damage to the environment, and Applicants are requested to refrain from making such Attempts. Applicants shall bear sole responsibility for any consequences arising out of any non-compliance with any applicable laws, rules, or regulations insofar as they relate to the Attempt. *LBR* shall not be liable for any harm caused to the public or the environment in the course of the Attempt, and *LBR* shall not be responsible for any non-compliance with any applicable local, state, national, or international laws, rules, and regulations insofar as they relate to the Attempt.

2. With the submission of any Claim, a record holder agrees to abide by the Terms and Conditions, and Rules and Guidelines, in full and in

thereby covenanting that the submission is true with no falsifying of evidence or no mala fide intent of any sort whatsoever.

VIII. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. The Applicant is requested to take all reasonable safety precautions prior to the Attempt including, but not limited to, the testing of all equipment used for the Attempt, the utilization of prescribed safety equipment in relation to the Attempt, the presence of requisite medical personnel and treatment facilities, and any applicable safety permits required under local, state, or national laws, rules, and regulations.

2. The Applicant understands that the Attempt may be dangerous to them, other Participants, and spectators, and that they must identify such risks, with the help of professional advice, such as the risk of accident, illness, paralysis, injury, loss, or death that may be caused by negligence, forces of nature, or other agencies, known and unknown. The Applicant knowingly and freely assumes all such risks, both known and unknown, and assumes full personal responsibility for the Attempt and its consequences.

3. The Applicant shall bear sole responsibility for taking all such safety precautions and acknowledge that CCIPL, the *LBR* Team, and/or their respective directors, publishers, editors, officers, appointed representatives, Consultants, or agents shall not, in any manner whatsoever, be responsible for making any safety arrangements for the Attempt.

4. Safety certifications as stated above in various sections – are an absolute necessity.

IX. PUBLICITY

1. The Applicants undertake and irrevocably and unconditionally permit CCIPL and *LBR* to cover any Attempt through various media including newspapers, radio, television (news and other channels), Internet, mobile apps, social media, etc., and shall not raise any objection, protest, or demur whatsoever to such coverage or in this regard. Whilst *LBR* shall make all reasonable efforts, there is no obligation on the part of *LBR* to air or otherwise engage in publicizing any Attempt. The Applicants must, at the request of CCIPL/*LBR*, participate in all promotional activity (such as publicity and photography) in relation to a successful Attempt, free of charge, and consent to CCIPL and *LBR* using their name and image in all promotional materials, free of charge, should CCIPL/*LBR* Team wish to do so as mentioned under Section X below.

2. In the case of publicity-related interview and other occasions/opportunities and/or events where the participation or presence of the Applicant may be required, the *LBR*/CC IPL Team will contact the Applicant(s) in writing/on email for their consent and willingness for such an interview and/or event.

3. No applicant should issue any press release or make any statements pertaining to *LBR* or the record until such statement has been approved in writing by the *LBR* Team.

4. No unauthorized use of logo or brand names for own publicity or publicizing/displaying record should occur.

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X. LICENCE TO USE NAME, IMAGE, LIKENESS, RECORD

Applicants hereby grant in perpetuity to CCIPL and *LBR*, their authorized agents, successors, and assigns, the worldwide licence to use the name, image, likeness, pictures, video recordings, audio recordings, etc., of the Applicants in relation to any Attempts undertaken by the Applicants (the 'Licensed Property'). Applicants agree and grant to CCIPL and Hachette Book Publishing India Pvt. Ltd/Hachette India a waiver of their privacy and personality rights, and grant the right to use any element of the Licensed Property for any purpose in connection with *LBR* including, but not limited to, the publication and distribution of *LBR*, the promotion of *LBR*, CCIPL, and any of its divisions or products, and the filing of copyright, trademark, and other similar registrations in relation to *LBR* that involve the Licensed Property. All material(s) submitted in connection with a potential entry in *LBR* (whether in written, audio, electronic, or visual form, or a combination of these) or any photographs, video and/or film footage, and/or audio recording taken of Applicants are assigned to *LBR* and CCIPL upon submission and become the property of *LBR* and CCIPL exclusively. *LBR* and CCIPL may use the material(s) in any medium in any reasonable manner they deem fit. Copyright in any such material(s) remains the sole property of *LBR* and CCIPL.

NOTE: Contributions: All *LBR* records and/or information if featured in our book and/or database are copyright *LBR*. *LBR* is also a fact book and therefore has facts that may be available in public domain or provided by experts/consultants/reader-contributors. Such contributions from consultants and or volunteers (which are also facts and/or public domain information) may be acknowledged once in an edition if so contracted or committed but shall have no subsequent continued acknowledgement after the first use.

XI. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The name 'Limca' and the 'Limca' logo are registered trademarks of The Coca-Cola Company, USA, and should not be used for any publicity in relation to an Attempt, or after a Claim has been accepted, without the express permission of CCIPL. All rights, titles, and interests including, but not limited to, the Intellectual Property Rights, in *LBR* and in any and all entries received, shall vest solely and exclusively in CCIPL at all times. CCIPL or any person or entity permitted by CCIPL in this regard shall be entitled to use any information in connection with the entry in any media for future promotional, marketing, publicity, and any other purpose, without any permission and/or payment to the Applicant.

XII. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ASSOCIATED COSTS AND INSURANCE

The Applicant understands and acknowledges that all expenses incurred in relation to the Attempt shall be borne solely by the Applicant. CCIPL and/or *LBR* Team shall in no manner be responsible for reimbursing any expenses incurred in the course of the Attempt, or even in the event that the Applicant is successful at the Attempt. CCIPL/*LBR* Team shall not be responsible for providing any kind of

insurance in relation to any Attempt, and shall not be responsible for any emergency medical expenses or any subsequent medical expenses in the event of any incident/accident, illness, or incapacity arising out of the Attempt.

XIII. WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY

1. Applicants acknowledge and consent on behalf of themselves, their heirs, successors, assignees, personal representatives, and next of kin, to WAIVE ALL CLAIMS AND RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS the *LBR* Team, Hachette Book Publishing India Pvt. Ltd/Hachette India and all its employees, directors, parent or affiliate organizations, Consultants, representatives, partners, CCIPL, its directors, publishers, editors, officers, employees and representatives, and its partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising agencies, agents, and their respective directors, officers, employees, and representatives (the 'Released Parties'), with respect to any and all injury, disability, paralysis, death, or loss or damage to person, property, or reputations, arising out of the Attempt, to the fullest extent permitted by law. The Applicants agree to indemnify and hold the Released Parties harmless from all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, or expenses (including but not limited to reasonable legal fees and other litigation costs and expenses) incurred by any of the Released Parties as a result of any claims or suits that any Applicant(s) (or anyone claiming by, under, or through such Applicant(s)) may bring against any of the Released Parties to recover any losses, liabilities, costs, damages, or expenses that may arise during or result from the Attempt in any way.

2. Further,

- a. *LBR* retains an indemnity for human error or typographical error, and the right to revise a record because of that; and the right to withdraw or modify a certificate because of such error lies with the narration of the certificate. Any such correction shall also be duly corrected by the Applicant including to any areas the Applicant may have sent publicity information.
- b. The right to suspend records/certification on receipt of disputes or objections lies with the *LBR* Editorial Team. In such cases the record verification will be revisited, and the Claimant of the record must provide reverification (see Clause V.13) and, if necessary, further detailing to answer such objections. If the Claimant is not able to furnish a copy of the evidence as per the original claim, the record and certification may be cancelled.
- c. The principle of acceptance is basic verification and acceptance in good faith, so records should be clear and detailed. *LBR* reserves the right to do forensic examination or reopen a record case later if found to be suspect.
- d. Faking of records and evidence and misrepresenting safety or other regulatory certifications is a criminal offence and shall be dealt with strictly under the prevailing laws. The Application/Claim/Record shall be cancelled and the Applicant/record holder shall be immediately blacklisted and no further applications/claims from them shall be entertained; and the rights to legal prosecution shall be reserved.
- e. For records involving mass participation/huge numbers, for example, 'most people at a concert' or 'most vehicles in a rally', the simple principle of sequentially numbered badges should be there with a logbook of a unique identifier (licence/registration number, individual ID card, or any similar clearly visible device).

- f. *LBR* is a private body and its editorial criteria solely belongs to it alone and its decisions shall be the ones solely binding on any record.

XIV. SEVERABILITY

Each of the provisions contained in these Terms/Rules and Guidelines is considered to be reasonable by CCIPL, *LBR*, and the Applicants, and each clause, subclause, paragraph, and sub-paragraph shall be construed as independent of any other provision. If any provision of these Terms/Rules and Guidelines proves to be invalid, void, or illegal, it shall not in any way affect, impair, or invalidate any other provision, and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

XV. DISPUTE

The courts of competent jurisdiction at Delhi shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine any and all disputes arising out of, or in connection with, any Attempt undertaken or entry made for the purpose of *LBR*. Further, all issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation, and enforceability of these Terms/Rules and Guidelines, or the rights and obligations of the Applicants and/or CCIPL and/or partners of *LBR*, shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of India.

Note: For general queries and/or specific guidelines pertaining to specific Claims/Records, all Applicants are requested to contact the *LBR* Team by email at lbr.entries@hachetteindia.com.

APPENDIX 1

The clauses below are subject to ongoing review and modifications, and Applicants may check this section from time to time to update themselves on categories that may have been discontinued, modified, or changed.

1. SPECIAL NOTE FOR PROSPECTIVE ATTEMPTS

- a. There are categories in the book, marked with a single asterisks, indicating that they are one-time categories. These categories will not be carried forward into our subsequent editions and are not contestable.
- b. Additional pointers to remember before sending the documentation or Claims:
 - i. Applicants should not send any documents unless requested by the *LBR* Team, post-approval.
 - ii. Applicants should not send any documentation if their event has not been approved for consideration by the *LBR* Team.
 - iii. Documents received by *LBR* for events that are not pre-approved (in writing or on email) will not be reviewed by the *LBR* Team.

2. A NOTE FOR PAST, PRESENT, AND POTENTIAL RECORD HOLDERS

- a. The name Limca and the Limca logo are registered trademarks of The Coca-Cola Company, USA, and should not be used for publicity when a record is being attempted or after the Claim has been accepted, without written permission of the publisher.

- b. When records are being attempted, it is not obligatory for the *LBR* Team to provide invigilators. However, where possible they may do so.
- c. All Attempts at breaking old records and setting new ones are undertaken entirely at the risk of the Applicant. Neither the *LBR* Team nor CCIPL can be held responsible by the Applicant/ person undertaking an Attempt or any third party for any liability that may arise out of such an Attempt.
- d. Applicants may use the name '*Limca Book of Records*' while attempting the record as long as:
 - i. they do not use the logo of the *Limca Book of Records* or Limca brand or any Licensed Property of CCIPL;
 - ii. they do not receive or give money in the execution of such an Attempt using *LBR* as a party or implied party or endorser; and
 - iii. they do not offer Participants/partners any kind of inducement using *LBR* as a party. This is strictly prohibited and will result in the Applicant's name being blacklisted and rejected for any future application/attempts.
- e. The *LBR* Team reserves the complete and incontestable right to decide which chapters, sections, photographs, categories, and records to publish or delete in future editions. *LBR* will not consider record Attempts by minors (excluding exceptions, please refer II.2.) or any Attempt that is potentially dangerous or violates a law.
- f. *LBR* strives to be completely authentic. However, it sometimes happens that an earlier record may come to light or be applied for after the book is released. In such cases corrections/ updates will be carried out in the next edition or as deemed fit by the *LBR* Team.
- g. Records that are 'firsts' are not entitled to perpetuity and can be dropped from the book without any prior intimation.
- h. For reasons of space or any other reasons whatsoever, a confirmed Claim may also be dropped. *LBR* Team members may inform the Applicant of the change in status but are not bound to do so. Such decisions are the sole prerogative of the *LBR* Team in the larger continuing interests of the book.
- i. The record holders are not entitled to any prize money, gift(s) or free copies of *Limca Book of Records*.
- j. In case the record is subjected to reverification, the onus to prove the same is on the Applicant. So the Applicant must retain copies of documentary, images, audio, and video evidence with them should such a situation arise. The *Limca Book of Records* holds the right to revoke any record that fails reverification and to cancel the issued certificate.
- k. In all matters pertaining to *Limca Book of Records*, the *LBR* Team's decision is final.

3. DISCONTINUED CATEGORIES

- a. A few categories have been discontinued and will not be featured in any subsequent editions. The website is updated regularly regarding such categories.
- b. Most surgeries/medical procedures within a time duration: The category for most surgeries/medical procedures has been discontinued as the quality of the procedure may be compromised during such claims.
- c. Tractor service camps: The category for most tractors serviced has been discontinued, as such claims are difficult to monitor and make it an industry-specific claim.
- d. Largest blood/organ donation drives.
- e. Wrist cracking/wrist rotation.

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- f. Most couplets written.
- g. Holding most burning candles in the mouth.
- h. Fastest yoga asanas.
- i. Collection of error coins.
- j. Longest interview.
- k. Limbo skating.
- l. One-hand claps.
- m. Most postcards sent in a day – solo/group – single/multiple venues.
- n. Largest packers and movers of household goods.
- o. Most people screened/diagnosed – single/multiple venues.
- p. Largest anthology
- q. Collections for '786' notes.
- r. Fastest construction of structures.
- s. Longest preservation of food items/articles.
- t. Claims related to number of research papers written or published.
- u. Collections based on alphabetical order (A–Z).
- v. Longest lesson.
- w. Most varieties (of any dish).
- x. Largest doodle art – solo/group.
- y. Lowest to highest value collections.
- z. Longest distance covered barefoot.

4. WHY WAS YOUR RECORD REJECTED?

Unfortunately, many applications are rejected. The following are the general reasons that lead to the rejection of applications:

- a. Not accepted the Terms and Conditions and/or Rules and Guidelines; and/or submission of incomplete form.
- b. Insufficient documentation: The details provided do not suffice for verification purposes.
- c. Not met criteria/ ineligible: For record purposes, *LBR* has certain criteria and set categories. For instance, in physical feats it has categories for 1 minute or 1 hour claims. Any claim that does not follow the format (for example, most push-ups in 40 seconds) shall not be accepted. Claims involving minors or jeopardizing safety of minors and/or others in any way will not be accepted (please see clause II.2.).
- d. Specific titles: Usually, *LBR* measures record titles by one single parameter so that anybody can attempt and break/surpass that record. If the record claim is too specific or has multiple variables, the *LBR* Team would not consider such claims. For example, 'most push-ups in one minute' would be considered whereas 'most push-ups done in 1 (one) minute by a teacher' shall not be accepted.
- e. Inappropriate/Offensive: *LBR* does not accept or encourage inappropriate or offensive claims.
- f. Claims involving alcohol/smoking/substance usage: *LBR* does not encourage or accept claims involving alcohol, smoking, or substance use.
- g. Animal welfare: Any claim that is not in accordance with animal rights laws or involves any mistreatment of animals is neither encouraged nor accepted in *LBR*.
- h. Personality-related claims: Claims related to famous personalities, such as 'most people dressed as' or 'most times performing as' will only be considered for internationally recognized, iconic, and universally acknowledged personalities. The *LBR* Team reserves the right of discretion in any such claim.
- i. Record claims involving wastage of food/medical supplies, for example, artworks made with fresh food materials

would not be considered.

- j. Environmentally harmful claims: *LBR* does not support any claim that may have any sort of adverse effect on the environment.
- k. Fastest musicians: *LBR* does not consider claims such as fastest guitarist, fastest piano player, etc., as it is not possible to judge the quality of music produced in such claims.
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