

Republic of the Philippines
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Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. _____



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JURDIN JESUS M. ROMUALDO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to **NITISH GIRDHARI LAL KHEMANI** and providing him all the rights and privileges as well as the duties and the obligations appurtenant thereto under our Constitution and existing laws.

Nitish Girdhari Lal Khemani, an Indian national, who played a pivotal role in the technological advancement of the Province of Camiguin by introducing innovations in smart tourism and digitalization of government processes which significantly contributed to the effective and efficient performance of government operations and uplifting tourism experience.

His expertise in Information Technology has enabled the seamless digitalization of public records and the integration of smart tourism initiatives that resulted to better data management and implementation of key policies for the local government units (LGUs) as well as enhancing the capability of our tourism sector.

For the past ten (10) years, Mr. Khemani has worked closely with numerous local government units (LGUs) in Mindanao to modernize administrative systems, improve data management, and enhance delivery of public service. His unwavering dedication to leveraging technology for governance has set a benchmark for digital transformation particularly in the subject of local government innovation and tourism infrastructure.

In view of Nitish Girdhari Lal Khemani's strong commitment and high regard to the Filipino values and his significant contributions in the area of technological innovation, smart governance, and digital tourism initiatives, we earnestly sought your favorable support and approval of this bill.


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**AN ACT GRANTING FILIPINO CITIZENSHIP TO NITISH GIRDHARI LAL
KHEMANI**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Nitish Girdhari Lal Khemani is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto, under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

SECTION 2. Nitish Girdhari Lal Khemani shall take the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before an officer duly authorized to administer the same. The Oath of Allegiance shall be registered with the Bureau of Immigration.

SECTION 3. Upon the registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration shall issue a Certificate of Naturalization to Nitish Girdhari Lal Khemani who shall thereupon enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

SECTION 4. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,