



Kopergaon Taluka Education Society's

# **K. J. Somaiya College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Kopergaon**

**CRITERION- 3**

**RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND EXTENSION**

**Key Indicator- 3.5 Collaboration**

**MoU Documentation**

**with**

**Department of Geography of K. J. Somaiya  
College and S. S. G. M. College, Kopergaon.**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)**

**BETWEEN**



**Department & Research Centre in Geography**

**of**

**Kopergaon Taluks Education Society's**

**K.J. Somaiya College of Arts, Commerce and Science,**

**Mohiniraj Nagar, Kopergaon, Dist-Ahmednagar, Maharashtra-423601**

**&**



**Department of Geography**

**of**

**RayatShikshanSanstha's**

**Shri SadguruGangageer Maharaj Science, Gautam Arts & Sanjivani**

**Commerce College, Kopergaon**

**FOR**

- 1. Faculty Exchange Programme**
- 2. Student Exchange Programme**
- 3. Collaborative Research & Extension Activities**

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This **Memorandum of Understanding** (hereinafter called as the 'MOU') is entered into on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022, for organizing the **Faculty & Student Exchange Programme** as well as **Collaborative Research & Extension Activities**

**Department of Geography, of** Kopargaon Taluka Education Society's, **K.J. SOMAIYA COLLEGE OF ARTS, COMMERCE AND SCIENCE, KOPARGAON**(hereinafter referred as '**DEPT. OF GEOGRAPHY**', the institution which expression, unless excluded by or repugnant to the subject or context shall include its successors – in-office, administrators and assigns).

**AND**

**DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, of** Rayat Shikshan Sanstha's **S. S. G. M COLLEGE, KOPARGAON** (here in after referred to as "Second Party", organization which expression, unless excluded by or repugnant to the subject or context shall include its successors – in-office, administrators and assigns).

(First Party and Second Party are hereinafter jointly referred to as 'Parties' and individually as 'Party')as

**WHEREAS:**

- A) First & Second Parties is a part of educational institute imparting education at undergraduate, postgraduate & Research levels.
- B) DEPT. OF GEOGRAPHY of Both Colleges, believe that collaboration and co-operation between themselves will promote more effective use of each of their resources, and provide each of them with enhanced opportunities.
- C) The Parties intent to cooperate and focus their efforts on cooperation within area of Student & Faculty Exchange, Employment Based Training, Education and providing Collaborative activities for research & extension.
- D) Both Parties, being legal entities in themselves desire to sign this MOU for advancing their mutual interests.

**About K.J.Somaiya College:**

K. J. Somaiya College was established in 1964 by then MLA Late K B. Rohamare and Padmabhushan KJ. Somaiya under the aegis of Kopargaon Taluka Education Society in Kopargaon. It is affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University. College imparts quality UG and PG education in the faculties of Arts, Commerce, Science, Computer Applications, Computer Science and Microbiology College has been reaccruited with "A" grade by NAAC and is ISO 9001-2015 Certified institute. College is the recipient of Best College Award form Savitribai Phule Pune University. College has organized several state, national and international conferences for the faculties and students to upgrade themselves with the changing education system and modern world.

**About Geography Department:**

The Department of Geography, one of the oldest and premier department in the college, has completed 55 years of existence, proving its excellence in the field of Geography and has been scaling heights ever since. The Department of Geography was established in 1969 to carryout undergraduate courses in Geography. Gradually postgraduate courses were introduced and the first batch passed out in 2016. Since then the research activities were incepted that enabled to the Department to produce first Doctoral research work in 2020. Out of significance contribution made by the department in the field of teaching and research the UGC, Govt. of India, New Delhi was pleased to sanctioned Diploma course in Geoinformatics from Aug. 2020. In order to carry out the academic programme some of the important organs of the department functions un-interrupt to strengthen teaching and research. The Department also has a Geographical Research Group to intensify research, to inculcate interest and to develop observational skills in Geography.

The department of Geography has been consistent in organizing and BCUD and College Sponsored National and International Seminars, Webinars and Conferences. The department encourage students to participate in events organized by other colleges and also get involved in activities of social relevance. The Department has a well-equipped laboratory, well-stocked library and Computer Lab with high quality software's for its exclusive use.

**About S. S. G. M. College:**

Shri SadguruGangageer Maharaj Science, Gautam Arts and Sanjeevani Commerce College, Kopargaon, popularly known as S.S.G.M. college, Kopargaon is a degree college in Maharashtra. It was founded by RayatShikshanSanstha and is affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune. The college conducts senior as well as, junior degree programs in Arts, Science, and Commerce as well as in BBA. The college is also running YCMOU center since 1992. The college has well equipped laboratories, big playground with equipped gymnasium and good library facility with reading hall. College is having Ph.D. research center in Chemistry and Commerce. The college is committed to uplift the poor and rural students considering constraint shown by the rural students, the college authorities take almost care and make every possible effort for the academic standard of rural students.

**About Geography Department:**

The Department of Geography was established in June 1971 to carry out undergraduate courses in Geography. Gradually postgraduate courses were introduced and the first batch passed out in July 1993. To impart quality education in Geography to rural and economically weaker students. Department are busy for fulfill the following Goals :To avail the qualitative education in Geography at UG and PG level in rural and semi-urban area. To create interest to opt for Geography as a major subject in higher education. To make the creative and research oriented students. The department of Geography has been consistent in organizing and BCUD and College Sponsored National and International Seminars, Webinars and Conferences. The department encourage students to participate in events organized by other colleges and also get involved in activities of social relevance. The department organizes proper and moderate extra mural activities to seek all round development of the students. The teacher's pay individual attentions and keep vigil over, day to day behavior and academic performance of the students.

**NOW THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL PROMISES SET FORTH IN THIS MOU, THE PARTIES HERE TO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

**CLAUSE 1: CO-OPERATION**

1. Both Parties are united by common interests and objectives, and they shall establish channels of communication and co-operation that will promote and advance their respective operations within the **Institution** and its related wings. The Parties shall keep each other informed of potential opportunities and shall share all information that may be relevant to secure additional opportunities for oneanother.
2. First Party and Second Party co-operation will facilitate effective utilization of the intellectual capabilities of the faculty of First Party providing significant inputs to them in developing entrepreneurial mindset which help student to decided entrepreneurship as a career choice keeping in mind the needs of the educational institute, the SecondParty.
3. The general terms of co-operation shall be governed by this MOU. The Parties shall cooperate with each other and shall, as promptly as is reasonably practical, enter into all relevant agreements, deeds and documents (the 'Definitive Documents') as may be required to give effect to the actions contemplated in terms of this MOU. The term of Definitive Documents shall be mutually decided between the Parties. Along with the Definitive Documents, this MOU shall represent the entire understanding as to the subject matter hereof and shall supersede any prior understanding between the Parties on the subject matter hereof.

**CLAUSE 2: SCOPE OF THE MoU**

1. The budding graduates from the institutions could play a key role in economic development of the country through establishing enterprises. Both parties believe that close co-operation between the two would be of major benefit to the student community to enhance their skills andknowledge.
2. **Curriculum Design:** First Party will give valuable inputs to the Second Party in designing teaching / training methodology and suitably customize the curriculum so that the students fit into the current entrepreneurial scenariomeaningfully.

3. **Entrepreneurship Training & Visits:** Entrepreneurship training followed by industry visits will give an insight in to the latest developments / requirements of startups / enterprise setup. The training and exposure provided to students through this association will build confidence and prepare the students to have a smooth transition from academic to professional career. The First Party will provide its Labs & training halls for the hands-on training of the learners enrolled with the Second Party.
4. **Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme:** Both parties to extend the necessary support to conduct professional and employability awareness programme to the students.
5. Both Parties to obtain all internal approvals, consents and permissions of whatsoever nature required for offering the Programmes on the terms specified herein
6. There is no financial commitment on the part of the **both the parties**, if there is any financial consideration, it will be dealt separately.

### **CLAUSE 3: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

1. Nothing contained in this MOU shall, by express grant, implication, Estoppel or otherwise, create in either Party any right, title, interest, or license in or to the intellectual property (including but not limited to know-how, inventions, patents, copy rights and designs) of the other Party.

### **CLAUSE 4: VALIDITY**

1. This Agreement will be valid until it is expressly terminated by either Party on mutually agreed terms, during which period **DEPT. OF GEOGRAPHY, K. J. SOMAIYA COLLEGE** the First Party, as the case may be, will take effective steps for implementation of this MOU. Any act on the part of **DEPT. OF GEOGRAPHY, S.S.G.M. COLLEGE**, the Second Party after termination of this Agreement by way of communication, correspondence etc., shall not be construed as an extension of this MOU.



2. Both Parties may terminate this MOU upon 30 calendar days' notice in writing. In the event of Termination, both parties have to discharge their obligations.

#### **CLAUSE 5: OBJECT**

Both Geography Departments agree to develop the following collaborative activities in the academic areas of mutual interest, on a basis of equality and reciprocity. The two Geography departments shall seek to promote:

##### **A. Faculty/Staff Exchanges:**

- The exchange of faculty to the mutual benefit of both institutions, Collaboration in teaching, research and development, and consultancy studies in the field of mutual interest,
- The exchange of academic materials and publications, Conducting lectures,
- Undertaking joint research,
- Attachment of staff for purposes of curriculum development and review, attendance of courses, upgrading of teaching and research skills, Participating in seminars, symposiums, and other types of academic discussions,
- Co-supervising post-graduate students,
- Conducting study tours and joint consultancy work.

A specific plan will be worked out for each activity; setting forth detailed arrangements for collaboration will be agreed. Terms and conditions for each visit or an assignment or such exchange, including those concerning salary, travel funding, health insurance, and housing will be worked out between the departments. A separate agreement will be entered into giving such details including term of exchange of any intellectual property.

##### **B. Student Exchange**

**Department of Geography from K. J. Somaiya College of Arts, Commerce & Science and Department of Geography, from S. S. G. M. College, Kopergaon.** agree that student exchange will be guided by principles listed below A home institution refers to the institution where a student is a full-time student, and from where he/she is expected to graduate.

A host institution refers to an institution that receives a student for a brief period of time to undertake a pre-determined programme or research of study from Department of Geography

- Exchange students will be selected by mutual agreement between the home institution and the host institution.
- An exchange student will continue to be treated as full-time student at his/her home institution.
- An exchange student will be considered as full-time "exchange" student at the host institution.
- His/her programme of study at the host institution will be determined by mutual consultation between his/her academic advisor at the home institution and his/her "interim" academic advisor identified by the host institution.
- The host institution will evaluate an exchange student's performance in each course or module, award a letter grade or marks, and issue a letter to that effect. The home institution may award to the exchange student credits earned at a host institution, but only after the home institution has established correspondence between courses taken at the host institution vis-a-vis those offered at the home institution.
- If an exchange student has undertaken research, then the host institution will evaluate the exchange student's performance in the research, and issue a letter to that effect, together with a "report" of the research carried out. If an exchange student has undertaken research, then the home institution will take note of the performance evaluation and the technical report, and take steps in accordance with its own procedures.
- K. J. Somaiya College of Arts, Commerce & Science and S. S. G. M. College, Kopergaon, agree to provide suitable accommodation and living expenses for student exchange.
- To avail travel expenses, students can apply for existing funding programs at their respective home university.
- The exchange students will pay tuition and other fees at their home institution.

### **C. Other Areas:**

- To exchange information on research and educational programs,
- To exchange information on teaching, learning material and other literature relevant to their educational and research programs,
- To jointly organize short-term continuing education programs on topics of mutual interest and to invite each other's faculty to participate therein,
- To organize jointly seminars, conferences, or workshops on topics of mutual interest and to invite each other's faculty to participate therein,
- To propose and engage jointly in research or training programs sponsored by funding agencies, and to invite each other's faculty to participate therein,
- To exchange, on a reciprocal basis, students at Undergraduate, Post Graduate level for limited periods of time for purpose of education.
- To permit students staff to use library or laboratory facilities.

### **CLAUSE 7: LEGAL EFFECT**

Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed as creating any legal relationship between the departments. This Memorandum is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial collaboration.

### **CLAUSE 8: DISPUTE RESOLUTION**


In case, there be a dispute relating to any aspect of academic cooperation, Head, Dept. of Geography, K. J. Somaiya College of Arts, Commerce and Science , Head Dept. of Geography, S. S. G. M. College, Kopargaon will jointly resolve the dispute in a spirit of independence, mutual respect, and shared responsibility.


Department of Geography, K. J. Somaiya College of Arts, Commerce and Science & Department of Geography, S. S. G. M. College, Kopargaon welcome the establishment of this Memorandum for cooperation and jointly agree to the provisions as set out above.

**Date: 11-02-2022**

**Place: Kopargaon**

Signature by:

  
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First Party

Second Party

(K. J. S. College, Kopargaon)

(S.S.G. M. College, Kopargaon)

**AGREED:**

For K.J. Somaiya College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Kopargaon.

For Shri SadguruGangageer Maharaj Science, Gautam Arts and Sanjeevani  
Commerce College, Kopargaon

  
Principal  
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