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with

**Department of Geography of K. J. Somaiya
College and New Arts, Commerce & Science
College, Parner.**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)
for
COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH TECHNOLOGY TRANSFORMATION
BETWEEN TWO INSTITUTES



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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This **Memorandum of Understanding** (hereinafter called as the 'MOU') is entered into on this the 23rd day of August 2022, for organizing the **Collaborative Research & Extension Activities** between **Department & Research Centre in Geography, of Kopargaon Taluka Education Society's, K.J. Somaiya College of Arts, Commerce And Science, Kopargaon** (hereinafter referred as '**Department & Research Centre in 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 & Research Centre in Geography, of Ahmednagar Jilha Maratha Vidya Prasarak Samaj, New Arts, Commerce and Science College Parner (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 K. J. 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 reaccredited 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 was 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.

The Department also has a Geographical Research Group to intensify research, to inculcate interest and to develop observational skills in Geography. The meetings are held regularly every month. Teachers and students participate in these meetings. It is a forum for research students to present their doctoral works, the research papers and their findings and to defend it. Thorough discussions also take place. The Department has maintained an exalted academic profile which is clearly reflected in the outstanding academic performance of the students. The Department has adopted a targeted skill oriented educational approach, where a student is trained in his/her naturally inclined field of interest and equipped with the skills set that would help in future. It aims to impart practical education to develop professional skills among the students. Several educational, research & public service facilities are housed within the department that provide exciting opportunities for a combination of theoretical and practical work.



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About New Arts, Commerce & Science College, Parner:

New Arts, Commerce and Science College, Parner is one of the active educational institute established in the rural area of Ahmednagar district in the form of Arts and Commerce faculties since 1977 and extended in 1992 in the form of Science faculty. It is affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune and functioning by the principle of participatory management in order to reach to the weaker sections of society. The college is recognized by UGC under Section 2(f) and 12(B), UGC Act 1956. It has competent and experienced teaching staff, state-of-art infrastructure, well equipped and recognized laboratories including computer labs, modern language laboratory, virtual classroom, rich central and departmental libraries, spacious reading halls, beautiful campus, hostels, guest house, well developed botanical garden, cactus garden and playgrounds. It provides quality education to the socio-economically deprived sections of society in the form 32 programmes including vocational education to satisfy the learning desires of students. The college started BVoc programmes through UGC-NSQF scheme. College participated in NIRF, ARIIA, and earned ISO 9001:2015 Certification in 2020 for 3 years. The college has 99 faculties; out of them 29 are PhD and 35 non-teaching staff. NAAC has accredited our college with “A” grade in its 3rd Cycle with 3.07 CGPA. College is identified as DST-FIST and RUSA sponsored college. The college has figured in rank band of 101-150 in the NIRF rankings 2017 released in 2017 by National Institutional Ranking Framework, Ministry of Human Resource Development and GoI. College has been recognized by 51 awards including Best Principal (2018) and Best College Award (2018) of university. The faculties are motivated by the history and thoughts of the parent institute and contributing for the continuation of education of wards of poor families along with the academic responsibilities. The college is progressing in research along with the academics and faculties have achieved excellent publications and patents. Alumni of the college have excelled, achieved 95 ranks and offering their services to various leading organizations in the capacity of prominent leaders.

About Geography Department:

Department of Geography has been established since the inception of this college in July 1977. It offers Geography at a special level for graduate degree since 1993, for postgraduate degree since 2010 and for PhD research degree since 2021-22. The department has developed a well-equipped laboratory with modern instruments. Department has a very good track record of the academic results. The department is having a highly qualified and well experienced staff.



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 one another.
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 Second Party.
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 and knowledge.
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 scenario meaningfully.
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, Estoppels 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. & Research Center in 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. and Research Center in Geography, New Arts, Commerce & Science College, Parner**, 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 research 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 & Research Collaboration :

- 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 & Research Collaboration:

Dept. & Research Centre of Geogaphy from K. J. Somaiya College of Arts, Commerce & Science and Dept. & Research Centre of Geography, from New Arts, Commerce & Science College, Parner. 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.

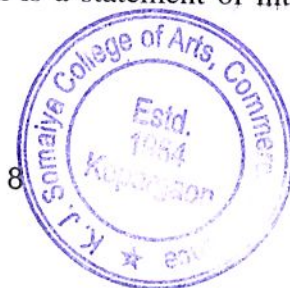
- If an exchange student has undertaken research, then the host institution will evaluate the exchange student's performance in the research, and issue a letter to that effect, together with a "report" of the research carried out. If an exchange student has undertaken research, then the home institution 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 New Arts, Commerce & Science, Parner 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 and Research 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, New Arts, Commerce & Science College, Parner 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 Dept. of Geography, New Arts, Commerce & Science College, Parner welcome the establishment of this Memorandum for cooperation and jointly agree to the provisions as set out above.

Date: 23/08/2022

Place: Kopergaon

Signature by:



Coordinator
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DEPT. OF GEOGRAPHY

First Party
(K. J. S. College, Kopergaon)

DEPT. OF GEOGRAPHY

Second Party
(New Arts, Commerce & Science College, Parner)

AGREED:

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

For New Arts, Commerce & Science College, Parner



Principal
K. J. Somaiya College,
Kopergaon.



Authorized Signatory

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