



This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered under the New Education Policy 2020 Awareness Programs, as an initiative of the Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (Empowered

Autonomous), Department of Geography and Shivaji University Kolhapur, Department of Geography to establish academic linkages between both Departments.

Among

Vivekanand College, Kolhapur (Empowered Autonomous) the First Party

Shivaji University, Kolhapur, represented as the Second Party

The Second party will be referred to as 'Partner institutes' and both parties shall be jointly referred to as 'Parties'.

Recognizing the India's dream to be a global superpower in the coming decades depends primarily on enhancing the skills of its human resources to meet global demands and increasing innovations and start-ups to fuel the economy. The roles that the universities, colleges and other educational institutions have to play is crucial in this context

Realising that alone, each Party will require investment of considerable amount of its resources for the developmental activities. However, being a developing country, it would be in the best interest to maximise the utilization of existing resources available with the Universities/ academic institutions by sharing the same, through academic collaboration and cooperation amongst them, for augmenting the human resources.

Therefore, the Parties witnesseth as under, which defines the framework for the cooperation of the Partner institutes in the following sections -

- 1. The Parties are agreeing to partner with the purpose of enhancing the mutual growth and creating awareness regarding New Education Policy 2020.
- 2. The academic bonding is based on the principle of mutual respect, cooperation and sharing between the two parties as equal partners.
- 3. The First Party shall extend its academic resources and facilities available with the aim to be catalyst for the faster growth of the latter. The Second Party shall share it academic resources with the first Party to the extent possible, on a collaborative basis in the fields of academics, education and research.
- 4. The areas of cooperation between the two Partner institutes shall include the following:
 - 4.1. Organize online/ offline lectures, workshops, trainings, meetings and other such programmes aimed at capacity building of the faculty members of both the Partner institutes. To the extent possible, visits of faculties will be facilitated for this purpose.
 - 4.2. The teachers and researchers of the both the Partner institutes may be engaged in Joint research activities and be co-investigators in the research programmes submitted to funding agencies.
 - 4.3. Joint research publication by teachers/ researchers of the Partner institutes shall be encouraged.

- 5. The MoU will come into force from the date of putting the last signature on this MoU.
- The MoU shall be for duration of 5 years.

The Parties may renew the MoU for a further period of the same duration with mutual consent of the Parties. The process for renewal may be initiated three months prior to the expiry of the term of the MoU by any of the two parties.

- 7. The MoU may be terminated prior to the completion of the term by any Party to the MoU by giving one-month prior written notice to the other party.
- 8. Any disagreement/ differences/ dispute between the Partner institutes shall be resolved through mutual discussion between them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto, through their duly authorized representatives, have signed and executed this Memorandum of Understanding on the day, month and year mentioned herein.

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