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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) among

10 AUTONOMOUS COLLEGES (Affiliated to Osmania University)

for implementing CLUSTER COLLEGE CONCEPT



















This Agreement is made on the 23rd May 2022 among the following TEN Autonomous Colleges, (hence called associate/partner colleges), affiliated to Osmania University, Hyderabad, Telangana under the **Cluster College Program**.

- 1. St. Ann's College for Women, Mehdipatnam, Hyderabad
- 2. Loyola Academy, Secunderabad
- 3. St. Joseph's Degree & PG College
- 4. St. Francis College for Women
- 5. RBVRR Women's College, Narayanaguda, Hyderabad
- 6. Bhavan's Vivekananda College, Sainikpuri, Secunderabad
- 7. Nizam College, Hyderabad
- 8. Government College for Women, Begumpet
- 9. University College for Women, Koti
- 10. Government City College, Hyderabad

I. OBJECTIVES

The partners agree that the objective of the present MoU is to establish Cluster Colleges program in order to provide an opportunity to students who want to discover & learn new things regardless of the field/branch/discipline/institution they're in. The cluster colleges program will be integrated to multiply productivity, efficiency, optimization of resources and better learning outcomes.

It aims -

- 1) To offer students a vast choice of subjects across partner colleges. They would get an open field to polish their skills and knowledge by taking courses not offered at their institutions.
- 2) To provide varied campus culture and learning ambience to maximize the exposure and networking.
- 3) To augment the student outcomes with shared resources
- 4) To cater to students' aspiration of learning in highly ranked colleges.

II. AREAS OF COLLABORATION

- > Exchange of Faculty Members, Researchers and Students
- ➤ The organisation of joint Research Projects and Publications
- Collaboration in the area of Curriculum development/MOOC Course Content in 4 Quadrant for AECC/SEC/Co-curricular activities.

- Conduct of and participation in seminars, conferences, symposia and faculty training programmes
- Technical support for setting up ICT centers/labs/development of software
- Academic exchanges such as Skill Development
- Sharing of Best Practices
- Social Media presence
- Gender Sensitization, Green Audits, Environmental Concerns
- Study Tours, Cultural Exchanges
- Sports Events at State/National level
- > Placements, Campus Recruitment training, Entrepreneurship Development
- ➤ Incubation Eco- system

III. PLAN OF ACTION

- > Each partner college should identify a Coordinator
- > One member from coordinators should be Convener of the program to monitor the implementation
- > In order to achieve the aforementioned objectives, all partners, in mutual agreement, shall develop cooperative strategies and implementation plans that will specify the commitments towards sharing of intellectual and material resources; each of them is to make for the success of the initiative.
- > The committee shall meet once in a month during first year of implementation for hassle free implementation of the process
- > To begin with this, program will be offered to the students of partner colleges only.
- ➤ The college can offer degree, diploma, certificate course, skill enhancement courses or any other innovative program existing or jointly designed at a later date.
- > The institutions shall act as facilitators, but they will have no obligation whatsoever in terms of the actions, behaviors or financial aspects of the students/participants engaged in study/research at partner institution.

IV. FINANCES AND LOGISTICS

a) Course fee and user charges will be levied as planned by the institution offering a particular course.

- b) Expenses for exchange of students, teachers or officers shall be covered by each individual/college. Students will have to pay their registration, course and examination fee for professional and administrative services.
- c) This MOU is a statement of intentions and does not involve, in any instance whatsoever, any financial obligations between the subscribing institutions.
- d) The faculty shall be governed by service rules of their colleges.
- e) Mutually convenient time table shall be prepared.
- f) Classes may be conducted in blended mode.

V. CREDITS / ACCREDITATION

- a) Academic Credit Transfer shall be done between the partner colleges, after the host college assess the students, credits shall be transferred to the parent college on the name of the student.
- b) Credits and Grades shall be awarded in accordance with the academic policies in force at the host institution.
- c) The Institution shall issue a certification recognizing the grades obtained, as well as the hours invested or projects/papers completed by the students.

VI. TERM

- a) This MOU shall be effective for a period of three (3) years from the date of execution of this agreement, and shall be automatically renewed thereafter for another three (3) years unless a written notice to terminate or amend this agreement is given to the other partners six (6) months in advance.
- b) CONFLICT RESOLUTION: Any dispute resulting from the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled through direct negotiation and common agreement by the persons delegated to such end by each Institution and OU/TSCHE/CCE.
- c) Any partner institution may propose to others, a modification of the Agreement at any time in writing.

VII. CONFIDENTIALITY

Each of the partners accepts and declares that any information from the other partners is of a confidential nature, is the exclusive property of the cluster partners and has been or will be disclosed with the purpose of enabling the full accomplishment of the present Agreement.

VIII. AMENDMENTS

The partners may amend or amplify this Agreement through agreements in writing to that effect. Said amendments or additions will be binding on the signatories as of the date of their signature.

And since all partners are in agreement regarding the content of the present document, and as a token of conformity, all college principals will sign in all the copies.

S.No	Name of the Autonomous Institution	Name of the Principal	Signature
1	St. Ann's College for Women, Mehdipatnam	Dr. Sr. P. Amrutha	ser
2	Loyola Academy, Secunderabad	Rev.Fr.Dr.L.Joji Reddy S	July
3	St. Joseph's Degree & PG College, Kingkoti	Rev. Fr D Sunder Reddy	Co Marco
4	St. Francis College for Women, Begumpet	Dr. Se Sandia Horte	Sch
5	RBVRR Women's College, Narayanaguda	Dr. J. Achyutha Devi	J. Aluphia
6	Bhavan's Vivekananda College, Sainikpuri , Secunderabad	fry. y. Abhok	THE
7	Nizam College, Hyderabad	poof. B. Shima	RC \
8	Government College for Women, Begumpet	Dr.K.Padmavathi	ladin
9	Government College for Women, Koti	Prof. M. Vijjulatha	giste
10	Government City College, Nayapul	Dr.P.Bala Bhaskar	R

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is signed in the presence of

Chairman-

Telangana State Council For Higher Education

Commissioner_

Commissionerate of Collegiate Education

Vice-Chancellor

Osmania University