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**Letter of Understanding
Between
United Nations Development Programme
And
Commissionerate of Collegiate Education
Government of Telangana**

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), an agency of the United Nations, helps countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and build resilience in order to sustain development results. UNDP works in more than 170 countries and territories, helping to achieve the eradication of poverty, and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion.

The Commissionerate of Collegiate Education, Government of Telangana's mandate is to promote Collegiate Education, giving special attention to the areas located in Backward and Rural areas, to strengthen Women education at undergraduate and post-graduate levels to create educational opportunities for weaker sections of the society and to introduce need-based vocational courses replacing the conventional courses in a phased manner. The Government's initiative of Telangana Skills & Knowledge Centre (TSKC) addresses help students learn and practice employability skills as a dependable solution to the problem of unemployment faced by students studying non- professional courses in Government Degree Colleges.

Through this Letter of Understanding (LOU), UNDP and the Commissionerate of Collegiate Education, Government of Telangana wish to explore areas of collaboration in the framework of the UNDP implemented Project, 'Creating Opportunities for Employment and Entrepreneurship for Women in India'. This initiative seeks to leverage the needs for skilled personnel and other inputs in the business sector (as well as their financial and institutional capacity) and to create opportunities for skill development, employment and entrepreneurship for women. This multi-state initiative is funded by the IKEA Foundation and is supported by Xynteo, an international advisory firm which will help build partnerships with the business sector as well as the India Development Foundation (iDF) which is responsible for concurrent monitoring and research. The project has been duly endorsed by the Department of Economic Affairs, Union Ministry of Finance.

This LOU is aimed at harnessing the initiatives of the Commissionerate of Collegiate Education, government of Telangana to make the students of non- professional courses in Government Degree Colleges employable. The core of this partnership will be to bridge the information gap that college students particularly the women confront with regard to information on opportunities for skill development and employment as well as public programmes created to serve these needs.

This LoU will facilitate collaboration in the following areas:

Strengthen the Government Degree Colleges in their efforts as career guidance, counselling & skills centres in the form of Telangana Skills & Knowledge Centres (TSKC) to :

- » Provide information, Psychometric profiling & career guidance to girl students.
- Facilitate establishment of close linkages with the businesses / private sector to open up a range of internship and job opportunities for girls.
- « Facilitate linkages with the government & private training providers to promote employability and entrepreneurship among students.
- Train & build capacity of select college teachers as trainers & counsellor for Career guidance & counselling so as to sustain the initiative.

The joint programme will be piloted initially in 40 government degree colleges across Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, Medak, Mahbubnagar, Warangal, Adilabad and Khammam districts.

The LoU will be operational from the date of signing till 31 October, 2018.

A brief project outline is attached for reference (Annex-1). To ensure smooth implementation of the project, a detailed action plan with specific deliverables, timelines and responsibilities will be mutually worked out within a month of signing of the partnership LOU.

The focal points persons under this partnership will be Mr. Clement Chauvet, Chief Skills and Business Development for UNDP and Ms. Vani Prasad, IAS, Commissioner, Commissionerate of Collegiate Education, Government of Telangana.

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