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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) Between St. Ann's College of Education (Autonomous), Secunderabad, TG, India.

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Andhra Mahila Sabha College of Teacher Education,Jamia Osmania, Hyderabad, TG, India.

This Agreement is made on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2024 between St. Ann's College of

**Education (Autonomous), Secunderabad, TG, India**, represented by its Principal, Prof. Dr. Sr. Marry Kutty P.J (hereinafter referred to as "SACOE") and Andhra

Mahila Sabha, College of Teacher Education, Hyderabad, TG, India represented by its Principal, Dr. C.M.Neeraja (hereinafter referred to as "AMSCTE") as the second

party. Prof. Dr. Sr. Marry Kutty P

Principal

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#### **Background of the Institutions:**

**St. Ann's College of Education (Autonomous),** Accredited by NAAC with 'A' Grade (4th Cycle), Secunderabad, TG, India is founded in 1966 is a Catholic Minority Institution managed by the Society of the Sisters of St. Ann. This college is the first fully private aided college of education focusing exclusively on women empowerment in and around the state. It is affiliated to Osmania University. It is included in the list of colleges maintained under section 2 (f) & 12 (B) of the UGC Act, 1956. The college offers B.Ed & M.Ed Programme as per the NCTE guidelines.

**College of Teacher Education, Andhra Mahila Sabha, Hyderabad** owes its origin to the dedicated efforts and dynamic leadership of Padma Vibhushan Dr.(Mrs.) Durgabai Deshmukh, the Founder President of AMS, the first voluntary organization in India that pioneered the cause of women and their empowerment. She established the college in 1971 by receiving permission from Government of Andhra Pradesh and got it affiliated to Osmania University. AMS CTE is also included under 2 (f) & 12(b) of UGC in the year 1976. In 1997, the college was upgraded as a College of Teacher Education (CTE), a unique privilege conferred on a private aided college of education. As a CTE, apart from conducting pre-service teacher training programmes to primary and secondary level teachers, its onus included the conduct of orientation programmes, content enrichment programmes, workshops, seminars and research projects on thrust areas of content transaction. The college offers four teacher education programmes from Early Childhood to Post Graduate level viz. B.Ed., M.Ed., B.Ed. Spl.Edn.(H.I) and P. G. Dip in Early Childhood Education (ECE).

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

The following are the objectives of this MoU. The two teacher education institutions would collaborate:

- to align with the objectives of NEP 2020 and implement its core ideas.
- to mutually support each other in strengthening the teaching –learning process and in maintaining quality standards
- to design common curricular transaction processes and activities
- to conduct workshops/seminars/conferences
- to work on collaborative research projects
- to exchange faculty to deliver special lectures and share academic work
- to conduct capacity building programmes for teachers and non-teaching faculty

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- to collaborate in designing and develop art and music based learning resources and activities.
- to extend consultancy services for NAAC Accreditation process
- to work on extension and outreach activities
- to generate digital and print based learning resources and writing books articles
- to share best practices and participate in academic auditing and institutional performance
- to align with the rules and regulations of regulatory bodies likeUGC,NCTE,NAAC, and other institutions of higher learning.
- to publish teacher educator journal and publish collaborative research

# **METHOD FOR ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES:**

In order to achieve the aforementioned objectives, both parties, in mutual agreement, shall develop cooperation programs and projects that will specify the commitments each of them is to make for the performance of said programs. Brain storming sessions with all the stakeholders would be conducted for identifying the gaps in the system and work out various strategies to realize the above objectives.

## FINANCES AND FUNDING

The above-mentioned two institutions would bear the expenditure equally on the activities stated in the objectives. The institutions also collectively explore various sources of funding and sponsoring bodies

## NO EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP:

The parties agree that this Agreement shall not be construed in any manner as establishing any kind of partnership or bond of a labor nature between them. Thus, in all activities stemming from the present MoU and from subsequent specific actionplans, the parties are in the understanding that, in all cases, employment relationships shall remain in force between the employing institution and its respective personnel.

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## **CREDITS / ACCREDITATION:**

- Credits and grades shall be awarded in accordance with the academic achievement policies in force at the Institution. The institutions would follow the acceptance of credit as stipulated by national/ international standards and deposit them in the ABC appropriate in the degree awarded.
- SACOE and AMSCTE shall issue a certification recognizing the grades obtained, as well as the hours invested or projects/papers completed by the students and appropriate credentials to the faculty involved.

#### **RIGHTS AND DUTIES:**

- The host Institution is committed to counseling and supporting exchange students through advice on academic and administrative procedures, as well as to foster their integration, inviting and encouraging guest students to become involved in student life.
- 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 involved in the exchange.
- The students / participants shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as regular students / faculty, and shall observe the norms and rules of the Host Institution and in the host country. Any violation of the laws of the receivingcountry and / or the rules of the Host Institution by an exchange participant shall be grounds for the immediate termination of the privileges in the context of this agreement.
- The host institution agrees to assist to provide boarding, lodging and necessities and to provide work space, library and laboratory facilities as appropriate.

#### **AUTONOMY:**

• This agreement is a statement of intentions and does not involve, in any instance whatsoever, any financial obligations between the subscribing institutions.

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#### TERM:

- 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 party six (6) months in advance.
- It is expressly agreed that neither party shall be liable for damages that they might cause each other as a result of a forceful suspension of a collaboration program. Causes for forceful suspension must be explicitly set forth in the action plans.

# **CONFLICT RESOLUTION:**

• Any dispute resulting from the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled through direct negotiation and common agreement by the personsdelegated to such end by each Institution. Either party may propose to the other amodification of the Agreement at any time in writing.

## **ACTION PLANS:**

• Every work program or specific activity that is agreed upon between both institutions shall be defined through an action plan, which shall be under the responsibility of two individuals, appointed respectively by each Institution, and which shall define the following aspects.

#### **CONFIDENTIALITY:**

• Each of the parties accepts and declares that every information from the other party is of a confidential nature, is the exclusive property of the latter and has been or will be disclosed to the former solely with the purpose of enabling the full accomplishment of the present Agreement. For this reason, every piece of information provided by one party to the other before signing this Agreement and/or during its performance must be kept confidential and therefore may not be disclosed to any third parties

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### **AMENDMENTS:**

• The parties 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. The parties may not assign, in whole or in part, the performance of the present MoU to any third party, except through prior and express authorization in writing by both of them.

And since both parties are in agreement regarding the content of the present document, andas a token of conformity, we sign it in two counterparts, both of which will be considered originals.

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