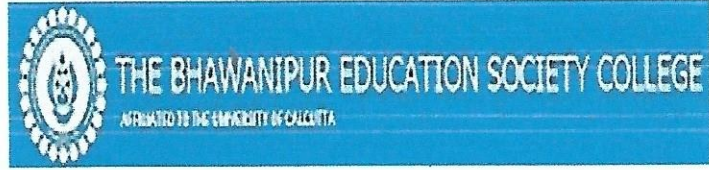


**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
UNITED SERVICE INSTITUTION OF INDIA (USI), NEW DELHI
AND
THE BHAWANIPUR EDUCATION SOCIETY COLLEGE (BESC)**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is executed between United Service Institution of India, New Delhi, hereinafter referred as “USI”, and The Bhawanipur Education Society College, hereinafter referred as “BESC” and collectively referred to as “the Parties”.

About the USI

2. The USI of India is India’s oldest and premium tri-service think tank founded in 1870, by Colonel (later Major General) Sir Charles MacGregor, for ‘Furtherance of knowledge in the art, science and literature of the National Security in general and of the Defense Services in particular’. It was registered as an Institution on 02 Jan 1874 under the Societies Registration Act 1860. Today USI has about 15000 members, comprising officers of the security forces, diplomats, bureaucrats, academicians and scholars. USI has niche expertise in the field of National security, Geopolitics, International Relations, Military Diplomacy, Military Heritage, UN Peacekeeping operations, professional skill developments of policy-makers, Revolution in Military Affairs and Atamnirbhar Bharat in defence technology. The USI conducts number of events at the national and international level, exchanges delegations with partner research institutions, publishes a host of seminal literature, runs website, blog page and social media platforms. It is the lead agency in grooming policy-makers for shouldering higher responsibilities. The institution regularly conducts programmes for the National Defense College, War Colleges, IAS Academy, Foreign Service Institute, National Policy Academy and Universities. Besides, it supports Indian mission abroad in conducting various events. Over the last 151 years, USI has contributed in developing strategic culture amongst India’s Armed Forces and strategic community. Thus, USI is unique in the sense that it brings strategic community and policymakers on one platform for informed debates and reflection on evolving strategic affairs in a global backdrop. Institution has robust tie-ups with similar foreign institutions. A number of joint projects have been undertaken with foreign collaborators. USI is registered for undertaking CSR activities.



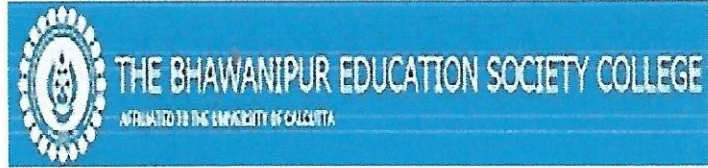
3. Before independence Viceroy and Governor General had been the Patrons of USI. Post - independence the President of India remained the Patron till 2002. Presently, the three Service Chiefs are the Vice Patrons of the Institution. Management is vested in a Council composed of 24 members, ten ex-officio and 14 elected for a period of three years. CISC is the President of the USI Council and the three Service Vice Chiefs as the Vice Presidents. The Executive Committee is Chaired by the DCIDS (DOT). Other ex-officio members include the Defense Secretary, heads from various directorates and Chief of Staff, ARTRAC. Veterans of eminence from the Armed Forces, Civil Services and Academia are elected by USI members for a duration of three years through a confidential ballot. The Director, who is appointed by the Governing Council after deep selection, is the Chief Executive of the Institution.

4. USI has an imposing and self-contained campus with a library of 70,000 books, including rare vintage books. It has an auditorium with a capacity for 300, seminar rooms with video conferencing facility and graded living accommodation for 30 members with a restaurant for their meals.

Scope of Activities

5. USI activities are undertaken by the following centers:

(a) **Centre for Strategic Studies and Simulation (CS3)**. This center undertakes Strategic Studies and Simulation. It specializes in the Net Assessment (NA) Process, Scenario Building and Strategic Game Exercises. The NA methodology is a holistic, integrated, scientific and objective approach to examine macro strategic and operational issues. CS3 also undertakes project studies of strategic nature for the NSCS, Ministries, HQ IDS and Service HQs. It organizes customized training programmes for senior policymakers and conducts strategic gaming exercises at the premium training establishments. It guides officers deputed by the three services for focused research during study leave. Besides, it allots 'Chairs of Excellence' to eminent experts for research on the subjects of national security.

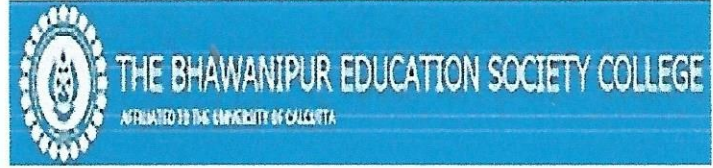


(b) **Centre for Military History and Conflict Studies (CMHCS).** This Centre is a repository of India's military heritage and has widely published books and varied literature on pre independence and post-independence Indian wars, participation in UN and other out of area operations. In 2018 the USI (CMHCS) had collaborated closely with the MEA to commemorate the centenary of World War I, and had undertaken with the MEA, the construction of the Indian War Memorial at Villers Guislain, France which was inaugurated by the Vice President of India in Nov 2018. The centre is presently working on a number of projects associated with preservation of India's military heritage, running virtual gallantry award museum and publishing stories of valour for students and common people.

(c) **Centre for Distant Learning.** It was established in 1957 to prepare service officers for promotion examinations, Technical Staff College and Defense Services Staff College (DSSC) entrance examinations for the Army and Navy. These are essentially welfare programmes in the military education domain

(d) **United Nations Peacekeeping Cell.** Indian Centre for UN Peace Keeping (CUNPK) was established and nurtured by the USI for 12 years in its premises. Consequently, CUNPK bloomed into a regional node of excellence on UN diplomacy and became a full-fledged unit of the Indian Army. The USI is a founder member of UN related initiatives such as the 'Challenges Forum' and Responsibility to Protect (R2P) since 1986. USI regularly collaborates with Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), Effectiveness of Peace Operations (EPON) and Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). The USI and Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) have entered in a partnership to research and conduct events at the policy and doctrine level on the UNPKO. These initiatives among other things are aimed at building a strong case for India's membership for the UNSC.

(e) **Editorial Branch (EB).** The USI journal is Asia's oldest quarterly journal published regularly since 1871. These journals contain priceless articles that encapsulate evolution of India's strategic thought over last 152 years. USI also publishes the prestigious Strategic Yearbook, which is patterned on the lines of National Security Strategy/Strategic Defense Review, besides host of other Monographs/ Occasional Papers /Policy papers and regular You Tube series on strategic affairs.



(f) **Rehabilitation of War Wounded.** USI is collaboration with the War Wounded Federation of India (WWF) publishes literature and conducts workshops and seminars to highlight the problems of war wounded military personnel and galvanise support for their dignified rehabilitation in the society.

(g) **Atambnirbhar Initiative.** In keeping with the current government policy, USI is providing a platform to the designate, developers, manufactures and Armed Forces/ Security Forces to cross-fertilise ideas and develop and robust ecosystem for the success in indigenization and self-reliance in defence technology.

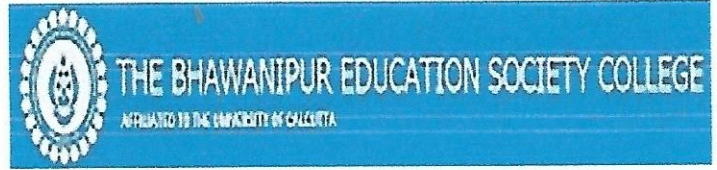
(h) **Memorial Lectures.** Every year a number of memorial lectures are conducted in the memory of iconic national personalities who contributed toward security and development of over nation.

Chairs of Excellence (COE)

6. Presently, there are following eleven COE being run at the USI: -

- ✓ Field Marshal KM Cariappa Chair, sponsored by Indian Army.
- ✓ Admiral RD Katari Chair, sponsored by Indian Navy.
- ✓ Air Marshal Subroto Mukherjee Chair, sponsored by Indian Airforce.
- ✓ MEA Chair, sponsored by MEA.
- ✓ Prof DS Kothari DRDO Chair, sponsored by DRDO.
- ✓ Flying Officer Amandeep Singh Gill Chair, sponsored by Col Gill, father of officer.
- ✓ Director General Assam Rifles Chair, sponsored by DGAR.
- ✓ General Bipin Rawat Memorial Chair, sponsored by Indian Army.
- ✓ USI-War Wounded Foundation (WWF) Chair, sponsored by WWF – To highlight issues related to welfare and rehabilitation of war disabled military personnel.
- ✓ Maharana Pratap Chair.
- ✓ Chhatrapati Shivaji Chair.

Note – Last two Chairs are on military history related themes.



7. The USI Has a very well-established system of executing Chair of Excellence For guided research for two years. Guided research is carried out by eminent scholars on the matters of national security under the aegis of Centre for Strategic Studies and Simulation (CS3) and of military history related under Centre for Military History and Conflict Studies (CMHCS). On the given subject, proposals are invited from Research Scholars. Selection is carried out based on the paper submitted by scholar and presentation to Board of Management. After selection of scholar, a subject expert is nominated as a 'Guide' and time line of future submissions and presentation is shared. Till completion of the project, it is monitored by guide, Board of Management and section concerned. As per USI regulations, book is peer reviewed and then shared with publisher. After book is received from publisher, its release is than planned by USI.

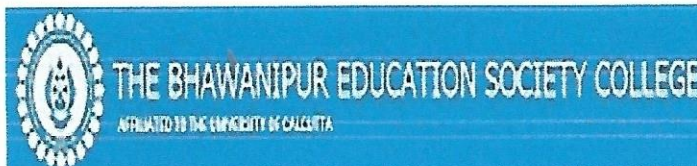
About BESC

8. A group of Gujarati businessmen settled in Calcutta gave birth to the Institution, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, in 1966; to impart holistic education to children irrespective of their socio-economic backgrounds. Over time, with the changes leading to an ever-increasing need for quality education, the Institution has evolved, flowering into the multi-disciplined, multi-cultural, multi-ethnic entity of the present.

9. The campus has world-class facilities such as astro turf, state of the art Library, air-conditioned smart classrooms, Wi-Fi enabled campus, world class Games & Sports activity room are perhaps the best any student can ask for. It is located in the heart of the city, creating an ambience for comprehensive development.

10. The college offers a number of undergraduate honours programs in - Arts (English/Bengali/History/Pol Science/ Sociology/ Journalism & Mass communication), Commerce, Management and Science (Economics/Physics/Chemistry/Maths/ Electronics/Comp Science), and a post-Graduate degree course in Commerce and English, offered under the University of Calcutta.

11. BESC has unleashed a quiet revolution by unfettering the students from classroom and textbook oriented pedagogy. Students are exposed to real life situations and to acknowledge experts from respective domains aimed at helping students turn their passions into profession, empowering them to make the transition from the academic campus to the commercial shop floor as seamlessly as possible.



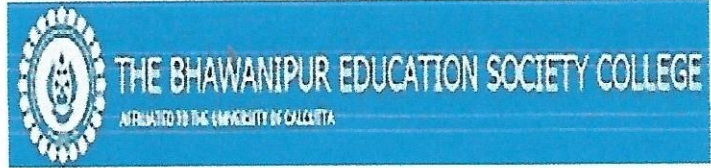
12. BESC organises innumerable seminars, workshops, factory visits and lectures aimed to provide high-quality education through innovative learning methods and hone innate skills among students through practical studies and co-curricular activities. That is what really sets Bhawanipur apart, is "Limitless Possibilities - To Explore, To Collaborate and To Challenge Yourself". - BESC is a way of life.

Article I
Scope of the Cooperation

13. The cooperation between **USI** and **BESC** may deal with any of the topic (s) mutually agreed upon on as required basis 'by' the **two Parties** through the following methods:-

- (a) Invitations/ Exchange of visits by officials/ researchers for attending seminars/ conferences/ discussions.
- (b) Both USI and BESC will permit the use of equipment, software, data and other infrastructural facilities available in various divisions of these institutions for research programmes.
- (c) BESC and USI will collaborate for various research and project studies on the topics of mutual interest.
- (d) BESC and USI will jointly undertake projects on strategic studies of national / international importance.
- (e) BESC may avail the expertise of USI for teaching and training programmes for the Post graduate and Doctoral students on the topics of Security and strategic Issues.
- (f) BESC will set up a Chair of Excellence at the USI to research on National Security.

14. USI can conduct an internship programme for the students of BESC for a period of one month or as decided by both the parties from time to time. This internship programme will acquaint participants with contemporary national / international strategic affairs and national security issues, research methodology, writing of occasional papers, blogging, conduct of Round Table Discussions, seminars, visits to academic institution and publication of research materials.



15. On demand the USI could conduct electives / training capsules on one or more of the following topics:-

- (a) National Security Strategy and Structures
- (b) Counter Terrorism
- (c) Geopolitics of Energy Security
- (d) Space and Cyber Security.
- (e) Nuclear Deterrence
- (f) Maritime Issues
- (g) Strategic Net Assessment, Scenario Building and Strategic Gaming.

16. USI shall organise 'Panel Discussions' or a two-to-three-day capsule on the above-mentioned topics or on any other topics of mutual interest.

Article II Costs/Expenses

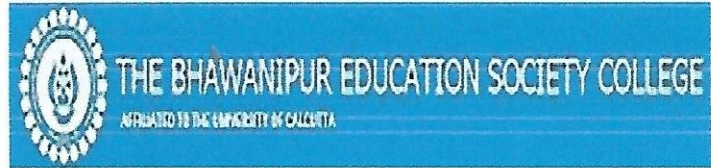
17. Funding for COE is needed for paying honorarium to researcher, guide, peer reviewer, meetings, discussions with subject experts and scholar presentation, publication of book and book release. BSEC will fund Rs 10 Lakh per year for **BSEC Chair of Excellence**.

18. For all other activities, funding will be as mutually agreed between the Parties.

Article III Validity / Extension / Termination of Agreement

19. The MoU will come into force from the date of signing. It will be valid for five years unless:-

- (a) Prior to the expiry of the validity, both Parties decide to extend it by mutual written consent.
- (b) Either Party invokes the 'Termination' Clause/Article.
- (c) This MoU shall come into force from the date of Execution of the MoU and be valid until terminated by either of the Parties by giving a prior written notice of 90 days in advance. Notwithstanding the termination of this MoU, the terms and conditions of this MoU shall remain in force with regard to all rights and obligations of the Students / Scholars enlisted Parties which existed prior to termination and shall remain in effect until all such rights and liabilities have been fulfilled.



Article IV
Revision / Modification of MoU

20. This MoU may be revised / modified, if so, required by any party in writing subject to mutual agreement.

Article V
Maintenance of Confidentiality

21. Data and information furnished / exchanges by both Parties are not to be disseminated to other sources without the written consent of each other.

Article VI
Termination of Agreement

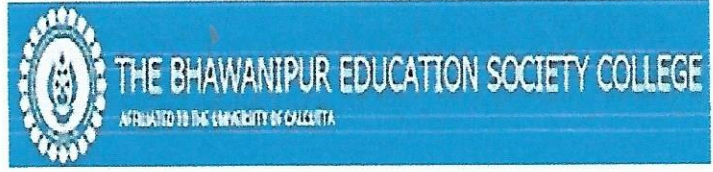
22. Either Party reserves the right to terminate this MOU after ninety (90) days written notice of its intention to do so without assigning any reason thereof.

Article VII
Settlement of Disputes

23. Disputes, if any will be settled amicably through mutual discussions. The jurisdiction for any major dispute, unless solved through mutual consultation between the parties, shall be the State of Delhi.

Article VIII
Copyrights

24. Copyrights of either Party will not be infringed in any way. At no time during or after the Term, shall a Party infringe or assist any third party to infringe the other Party's Intellectual Property Rights. Neither Party shall, and shall ensure that third parties engaged by it shall not, challenge the validity of the other Party's Intellectual Property Rights. In the event the Intellectual Property Rights of a Party, in the other Party's opinion, is being, or is likely to be, infringed or misappropriated, that Party shall act expeditiously to inform the Party whose Intellectual Property Rights are being / likely to be infringed or misappropriated, and assist such Party to take necessary action against such third parties infringing or misappropriating its Intellectual Property Rights. Any Intellectual Property Right developed under the scope of MOU shall be jointly owned by the Parties to this MOU.



Article IX
Mode of Communication

25. Both Parties will exchange correspondence/communication concerning cooperation or any other matter between them through written communication with the undersigned.

Signed in two originals in the English Language

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