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# Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Centre for Disability Research and Training (CDRT),
Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi

And

The Department of English, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, Elgin Road,

Kolkata: 700020, West Bengal, India

Dated: 5th July, 2023

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Prof. Diposh Khattar
प्राप्तां/Principal
किशोदी नव नोशिय/Kirori Mai College
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This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") has been executed on this day of 5<sup>th</sup> of July, 2023 Between

Centre for Disability Research and Training (hereinafter referred to as "CDRT"), Kirori Mal College, New Delhi a constituent college of University of Delhi, New Delhi having its office at University of Delhi, Delhi – 110007, who is authorized to sign and execute his MoU as the first party of the One Part;

And

The Department of English, The Bhawanipur Education Society College (hereinafter referred to as "The Department of English, BESC"), Elgin Road, Kolkata: 700020, West Bengal, India, who is authorized to sign and execute this MoU as second party of the Other Part;

WHEREAS First Party and Second Party may be collectively referred to as the "Parties" or individually as a "Party".

The objective of CDRT is to popularize disability studies as a legitimate field of intellectual inquiry within the Indian academia, promote concerted research in the area, spread awareness about disability and foster a culture of disability allyship in society at large and to undertake steps to provide the students with disability with a wholesome inclusive educational experience within the campus and beyond.

The Department of English, BESC, offers UG and PG courses in English and is affiliated to the University of Calcutta. In keeping with its rich history and legacy of introducing emerging insights and new perspectives to the students pursuing higher education in the state of West Bengal, a need was identified to venture into the arena of Disability Studies, both theoretical as well as practical. The need was also felt to organize seminars & sensitization workshops for furthering the cause of an inclusive pedagogical ethos.

With this in mind, both parties, CDRT and The Department of English, BESC are planning to come together and partner in their effort to realise the above goals. CDRT and The Department of English, BESC have agreed to collaborate under its vision SANKALP- a project that aims to promote the academic discipline of disability studies and create an inclusive pedagogical ethos among various institutions of higher learning across the country.

- 1. Objectives of the MoU: The purpose of the MoU is to arrive at a framework and to agree, understand and enter into formal agreement for collaboration between two parties.
  - 1.1. To establish a Disability Research and Training Unit in the Department of English, BESC on the lines of CDRT.
  - 1.2. To design and evolve add-on academic courses on disability studies that can be offered to students at The Department of English, BESC.
  - 1.3. To evolve research projects that can be carried out by students and faculty at The Department of English, BESC in collaboration with CDRT.
  - 1.4. To enable The Department of English, BESC to plan and organize disability sensitization programmes within its campus to sensitize its students and faculties.
  - 1.5. To help The Department of English, BESC to draft and implement a well-defined disability policy in tune with the UGC's guidelines 2022 and any amendments to the guidelines in future.
  - 1.6. To create systems and structures that could enable The Department of English, BESC to provide its students with a wholesome and inclusive educational experience.
- 1.7. To foster and promote a culture of disability allyship amongst the students and faculty of The Department of English, BESC by developing and implementing disability allied development programmes.

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Teacher in Charge
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# 2. Roles and Responsibilities:

- 2.1. The project will be housed in The Department of English, BESC and the Teacher In Charge of BESC shall authorize the CDRT in collaboration with The Department of English, BESC to roll out and implement the project in The Department of English, BESC.
- 2.2. The Teacher In Charge of BESC, in consultation with the CDRT shall, from amongst the faculty members of the college, appoint one project coordinator and one project co-coordinator to oversee and supervise the implementation of the project.
- 2.3. In order to plan and implement the said project, The Department of English, BESC would collaborate with CDRT, the latter acting as an honorary consultant.
- 2.4. CDRT will provide its expertise to The Department of English, BESC in the area of disability studies and educational inclusion by offering guidance, training, system and processes in the area of accessibility and inclusion for persons with disabilities.
- 2.5. For its part The Department of English, BESC will implement the mutually planned and agreed strategy for promoting disability studies within its curriculum, other academic activities pertaining to disability, disability awareness programmes and educational inclusion for persons with disabilities on its campus.

## 3. Duration:

This MoU will be in force for a period of Five years from the date of signing. This agreement can be terminated by either party with a 03 months advance notice to the other party.

### 4. Financial:

CDRT is offering its counselor services on a pro bono basis. However, it shall bear no financial liability in the course of the implementation of the project. Any mutually agreed and sanctioned incidental expenses such as travel etc. which may be required for the project will be borne by The Department of English, BESC. The Department of English, BESC will in addition be responsible for finding resources to meet the cost of the project which would include costs incurred on the organization of academic events and awareness campaigns as well as expenditures associated with setting up and running support service for persons with disabilities and any other expenses that may come up from time to time to ensure effective role out of the project. The budget for the project would necessarily need to be mutually agreed by both parties and borne by The Department of English, BESC for the projects undertaken by the college in its premises or elsewhere.

# 5. Representation and Warranty:

All parties represent and warrant that they are under no contractual or other restrictions or obligations which are inconsistent with the execution of this agreement or which will interfere with the performance of the engagement.

The parties are entering into this agreement with the full intention of promoting disability studies as an academic discipline and an area of inter-disciplinary research, spreading awareness about disability and ensuring educational inclusion for persons with disabilities. Either or both parties cannot be held liable for any shortcoming/ problem that may arise during the process.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this MoU on the day, month and year set out above.

(মা. বিশ্ব অন্তুখ)
Prof. Dipesh Khattar
সাল্যুখ/Principal
শিৰাকী নল লাজখ/Kirori Mai College
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# Prof. Dinesh Khattar Chairperson, CDRT cum Principal, Kirori Mal College University of Delhi, Delhi – 110007 Prof. Dinesh Khattar Right Principal In the Presence of (witness): 1. Prof. Someshwar Sati Coordinator Centre for Disability Research and Training Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi 2. Dr. Archene Sight Signed and delivered by the within hamed

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