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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

#### Between

# Rama Devi Women's University and Swabhiman

SWABHIMAN (Disability Information and Resource Centre) Bhubaneswar, established in 2000 and registered under the Odisha Societies Registration Act, 1958 (2002). It is a non-profit and non-government organisation (NGO) working on public interest issues and empowerment of people with disabilities, with the vision of an equal and inclusive society within and across borders. The organization is headquartered in Odisha's capital city Bhubaneswar. It has a network with students of Bhubaneswar (SANDHAN) and one with like-minded individuals and organisations across Odisha (OSdN - Odisha State disAbility Network). At national level it works with National Disability Network, New Delhi. Internationally, it is an associate organisation of CDPF (Commonwealth Disabled People's Forum, London) and Disabled People's International-India (with consultative status in UN).

## SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar as First Party and SWABHIMAN, Bhubaneswar as Second Party for the purpose of academic collaboration that will encompass collaborative efforts to organize conference/seminars, symposium, workshops as well as other academic activities such as collaborative research and publication. In addition to this, efforts will be made to develop joint training and research programmes in a collaborative spirit. Some of the identified areas include the following:

- 1. To organize conference/seminar/workshops on topics related to
  - 1.1. Defining, Measuring, and Understanding Disability

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- 1.1.1. Understanding, Theorizing, and Studying Disability
- 1.1.2. Perspectives on Disability
- 1.1.3. Feminist Perspectives on Disability, Impairment, and Ableness
- 1.1.4. The Able Body and the Pursuit of PowerGet
- 1.2. Global Perspectives
  - 1.2.1. Disability and Development in Global South
  - 1.2.2. Disability, Gender, and Health Care in the Global South
  - 1.2.3. Disability and Human Rights
- 1.3. Representations of Disability in Culture and Media
- 1.4. Experiencing Disability across the Lifespan
  - 1.4.1. Education
  - 1.4.2. Workplace
  - 1.4.3. Education
  - 1.4.4. Evolving Perspectives on Disability, Stigma, and Discrimination
- 1.5. Intersectionality and Inequalities
- 1.6. Disability, Politics, and the Law
  - 1.6.1. Social Policies and Legal Rights
  - 1.6.2. Disability Rights and Citizenship
  - 1.6.3. Barriers to Access in the Justice System
- 1.7. Activism, Inclusion, and Social Justice
- 2. To take up advocacy initiatives for establishing rights of students with disabilities
- 3. To set up EOO in university vis-à-vis disability inclusion
- 4. Campus Accessibility
- 5. Observation of important days
- 6. Initiating SANDHAN
- 7. OTHERS
  - 7.1. Swabhiman to provide opportunities for internship, volunteering and community work to university students
  - 7.2. University students to support the website and social media ecosystem of Swabhiman; and help coordinate and host events.

### I. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF COOPERATION:

- 1. Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar and SWABHIMAN, Bhubaneswar shall collaborate in mutually agreeable academic events, teaching, training and research, wherever feasible. Such collaboration will be based on mutually agreeable terms and conditions specifically agreed for each of the collaborative efforts, separately and independently;
- 2. Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar and SWABHIMAN, shall offer extra-credit/short term/ certificate courses to the under-graduate and post-graduate programme conducted at these institutions from time to time on mutually agreeable terms and conditions; in this venture, exchange reading and study material of the courses imparted; to jointly develop courses and curriculum for greater benefit of the academic needs of the University and academic community in general.
- 3. Faculty members of different departments of Rama Devi Women's University and Project Officers and above designations from SWABHIMAN, will exchange invitations for important academic events viz., seminars, conferences, outreach activities fundraising events and research activities. The financial implications shall be worked out on case to case basis;
- 6. Senior management of both Sociology Department, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar and SWABHIMAN, will jointly explore possibility of undertaking advanced research work

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including research projects, applying for research grants, undertaking fundraising initiatives and making joint presentations for resource utilization; case to case basis with an appended agreement to that effect.

8. Any financial implication emerging out of such collaborations (other than the fees of the students etc.) shall be resolved and decisions will be taken with mutual agreement.

9. This MOU do not include any financial agreement and/or liability at this step.

#### II. AREAS OF COOPERATION:

This Memorandum expresses the common intention of Rama Devi Women's University Bhubaneswar and SWABHIMAN, to collaborate in furtherance of the above-mentioned common intentions directed towards mutually catering academic and intellectual climate and to enhance the research capacity and scholarship. Additional areas of co-operation may be appended by written consent of both the parties. Both parties will act in good faith to ensure that the objectives in this Memorandum are realized.

#### III. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

Progress in realizing the terms and conditions referred to herein will be reviewed periodically as mutually agreed on and the memorandum may be amended at any time by mutual consent and in writing. Both parties reserve the right to terminate this memorandum by giving six months written notice to the other. The implementation and/or continuance of programmes or projects established pursuant to this memorandum prior to the effective date of termination shall not be affected by the termination of this Memorandum.

## IV. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- 1. In respect of each project and programme of co-operation, the parties shall negotiate and mutually agree in writing on their respective rights to intellectual property and commercial exploitation of the same (including without limitation, trademarks and service marks, copyrights, patents, designs and confidential information pertaining thereto).
- 2. Neither party shall, at any time disclose to any third party any confidential information of the other party which is acquired in the course of activities under this Memorandum, a collaborative project or a programme, without the prior consent of the other party in writing. The confidentiality obligations herein will not apply to information in the public domain; information in the possession of the receiving party prior to the disclosure of the information; information which is independently developed by the receiving Party; information required to be released by the department; and information which is rightfully received by the receiving party from third parties without any breach of confidentiality obligations.

### V. NON-BINDING NATURE OF THE MEMORANDUM

Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed as creating any contract partnership, agency or other legal relationship between the parties. This Memorandum is only a non-binding statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial academic collaboration.

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### VI. TERMINATION

- 1. This memorandum shall come into force immediately upon its signature by the parties.
- 2. The validity of this Memorandum of Understanding will be for a period of 3 years from the date of its execution and the same may further be extended on mutual agreement.
- 3. This Memorandum of Understanding can be terminated by either of the parties by giving advance notice of six months and without jeopardizing the coursework or registration of any of the students of either institution.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, this Memorandum of Understanding is executed by the parties hereto on the date of signing of the Memorandum of Understanding by the two parties.

This instrument: Memorandum of Understanding contains three pages in total.

Signature Shababa 03/12/2023

Smt. Shyamali Mohapatra

Registrar

Rama Devi Women's University

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Founder and CEO

**SWABHIMAN** Bhubaneswar

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