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Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar &

Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar Flamingo &

Rotary E Club Coastal Bay of District 3262 &

Young Indians, Bhubaneswar

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) specifies areas of cooperation and collaboration between the Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar Flamingo, (represented through its Literacy Chair Rtn. Dr. Smita Sinha), Rotary E Club Coastal Bay of District 3262, (represented through its Literacy Chair Rtn. Aayush Jasoria), Young Indians, Bhubaneswar (represented through its Chapter Chair Ms Sonal N More) and Rama Devi Women's University (represented through its Registrar Smt. Shyamali Mohapatra) for bringing synergy in their efforts to promote Adult Literacy in India.

Whereas, Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar Flamingo & Rotary E Club Coastal Bay of District 3262 will be the implementing partner of Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM) Vidya Program which is a registered society under The Societies Registration Act (1860) and has embarked upon one of the most comprehensive programs on Total Literacy and

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**Quality Education**. This mission wishes to achieve the literacy goals through its comprehensive program called **T-E-A-C-H**:

- Teacher Support
- E-Learning
- Adult Literacy
- Child Development &
- Happy Schools

Each of these programs with specific focus is inter-linked with the others in objective and content, accompanied with improvement in learning outcome of education in various parts of the country. Understanding the enormity of the task, it has been decided to adopt, in implementing T-E-A-C-H, a strategy of meaningful co-operation with all actors in the field, by forging strong partnerships with the Government, Corporate, National/ State specific Non-Governmental Organizations as well as international organizations working in various segments of this country wide endeavor.

#### AND WHEREAS

Young Indians, Bhubaneswar has offered to be the Support Partner to this Adult Literacy Project 'VIDYA' (including bearing the required expenses for providing Adult Literacy Primers towards Literacy certification) and provide logistic, Training &monitoring support for the program.

Whereas, the Rama Devi Women's University (hereinafter referred to as RDWU), has offered to assign volunteers from NSS and other Student / Teacher Volunteers known as 'Akshara Sathi' as facilitators for the Adult Literacy program.

Whereas, Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar Flamingo, Rotary E Club Coastal Bay of District 3262 & Young Indians, Bhubaneswar have approached Rama Devi Women's University to partner to promote adult literacy to bring "Total Literacy in India".

The Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar Flamingo, Rotary E Club Coastal Bay of District 3262 & Young Indians, Bhubaneswar, and **RDWU** (hereinafter referred to as Parties) have together decided to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the following scope of collaboration:

### 1. Scope of collaboration

The Parties have mutually agreed to cooperate to promote adult literacy in India so that India becomes totally literate. The Scope of collaboration includes the following:

- a. Collaboration for creating awareness about the importance of adult literacy.
- Collaboration for improving adult literacy rate by making adult non-literates literate.



- c. Collaboration for conducting basic literacy assessment examinations through district administration.
- d. Collaboration for visibility platforms.
- e. Collaboration for knowledge sharing.
- f. Collaboration for anything that is not mentioned but would be required for the successful implementation of the activities mentioned in this MOU.

# 2. Roles and Responsibilities

# 2.1 Roles and responsibilities of Rotary Clubs

The role of Rotary Clubs in various activities proposed to be taken up under this MoU shall primarily be that of a facilitator on behalf of RILM. The role of RILM shall include the following activities:

- a. To provide the required soft copies of campaigning material to create awareness for adult literacy.
- b. To facilitate printing/despatch/availability of adult literacy kits to make adult non-literates literate.
- c. To impart training jointly with the Rotary Club Coordinators, to the NSS volunteers and other student/teacher volunteers/Akhara Sathi, so that they implement the project efficiently.
- d. To facilitate conducting an assessment of basic literacy for adult neo-literates at the end of the adult literacy training.
- e. To keep the adult literacy portal functional so that proper documentation is ensured.
- f. To provide the visibility platforms for activities undertaken by RDWU & Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar Flamingo, Rotary E Club Coastal Bay of District 3262, Young Indians, Bhubaneswar, under this MOU.
- g. All other necessary initiatives will be taken by RILM to make this a successful program.

### 2.2 Roles and responsibilities of RDWU

- To motivate its volunteers to take initiative for implementation of the project in their respective areas.
- b. To identify adult illiterates with local District Administration & Rotary Clubs support, and enroll them for the project.
- c. To draw a roadmap to reach-out to the maximum number of adult nonliterates in and around their colleges, in consultation with Rotary Clubs and Young Indians ,Bhubaneswar.
- d. To maintain record of training progress and completion.
- e. RDWU would ensure entering of data of all adult learners and NSS and other student Aksara Sathi /teacher volunteers, and later during the learning

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- f. RDWU to collaborate and fine-tune the curriculum as may be required from time to time and prepare the assessment process in Odia.
- g. For each batch, RDWU would prepare course-end assessment questionnaires and handover the answer key to RILM.
- h. RDWU would provide support for conducting assessments, etc, as would be mutually agreed from time to time, in the areas where they have a presence.
- i. On the basis of the examination data received from the participating volunteer-teachers who shall provide the details of the adult-learners who successfully passed an examination, Certificates will be issued by RILM and RDWU jointly to such Learners, after their successful completion of the Adult Literacy course.
- j. All the parties of this MOU should maintain the confidentiality about the database, curriculum, assessment process, certification process and all other related information with regard to this program.

RILM and RDWU shall jointly issue the course-end assessment certificate to all candidates state/nationwide (in Odia).

## 2.2 Roles and responsibilities of Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar Flamingo, Rotary E Club Coastal Bay of District 3262 & Young Indians, Bhubaneswar

The role of Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar Flamingo, Rotary E Club Coastal Bay of District 3262 & Young Indians, Bhubaneswar shall include the following activities:

- a. To arrange the learning material viz. Primer prescribed by RILM and Instructional
- b. To coordinate the examination process with RDWU for adult neo-literates wishing to appear for certification examination towards literacy.
- c. To provide logistic support to the NSS and other student Akhara Sathi / teacher Volunteers for the program.
- d. To support RDWU in identifying adult illiterates with local District Administration support and enroll them for the project
- e. To jointly provide Training support with RILM, for the student/teacher volunteers
- f. To monitor and coordinate the progress of the Adult Literacy program .
- g. Facilitate examination setup, for certification of adult illiterates, at the end of the literacy training, in coordination with RDWU & RILM.
- h. Collate and analyze records of training progress and completion.

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# 3. Impact assessment evaluation

The activities undertaken as part of the MOU shall be subject to impact assessment evaluation at mutually agreed intervals.

# 4. Financial Obligations

- a. Young Indians, Bhubaneswar would deliver their responsibility such as financial remuneration at the rate as prescribed by RILM to the Akshara Sathi for each pass certificate with their own resources without any financial contribution from other party.
- b. RDWU would conduct Adult Literacy training/teaching without expecting any financial remuneration for its time and efforts.
- c. Rotary Clubs financial obligation will be limited to sponsoring the RILM Primer, instructional videos as prescribed by RILM, logistic support to the student/teacher volunteers as part of their training delivery (to be mutually agreed with RDWU)
- d. There is no commercial transaction and no fee is to be charged from any candidate.

### 5. Reviews

- a. The progress of implementation of the programme undertaken under this MOU shall be jointly reviewed by all Parties in six months or at an interval as mutually decided.
- b. Based on the reviews, if required, revised implementation plan would be formulated.
- c. This MOU shall be effective for a period of 5 (five) years or such period as may be mutually agreed between the Parties.

#### 6. Liability:

The parties of this MOU will not assume any liability of any claims against the damages, deaths, injuries, losses or debts arising out of the activities connected with employees, agents or third parties involved under this MOU.

As all Parties have entered into this MOU in good faith for the welfare of the community, there would be no deemed target numbers required to be achieved. However, all efforts will be put in by all parties to attempt to achieve the same.

#### 7. Termination

The Parties may terminate the MOU after giving a minimum of two month's notice.

### 8. Settlement of Disputes

This Agreement will be governed by Indian Law. Courts at Bhubaneswar shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

The parties shall in the event of any dispute in respect of or in connection with this agreement before making any reference to arbitration attempt to resolve the disputes by negotiations after giving a written notice of all such disputes within 30 days of such notice. On the negotiations not fructifying in resolving the disputes the parties hereto shall refer the disputes to a single arbitrator to be mutually agreed upon and in the event of disagreement to be appointed by the Hon'ble court.

The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 shall govern the proceedings.

Any modification or change to this MOU shall only be in writing signed by the authorized representatives of the parties to this MOU, to be binding on the parties hereto.

First Party: Signature and Seal	Second Party: Signature and Seal	Third Party: Signature and Seal	Fourth Party: Signature and Seal	
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