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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (AIILSG), NEW DELHI and RAMA DEVI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY (RDWU), VIDYA VIHAR, BHUBANESWAR, 751022, ODISHA, INDIA for Establishment and Operation of a Center of Excellence for Researchers in Nutrition, mental well-being, leadership, Naturopathy, Health, Ancient science, children and geriatric health.

This Memorandum of understanding (MoU) is made on the 8th day of May 2024 between both the officials of AIILSG and RDWU.

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (AIILSG), NEW DELHI, a Not-for-Profit Organization, registered under Society Act. It is committed to providing a better world for the people and the planet. This organization was established with a focus on plugging the gaps in environmental management to provide an institutional platform for coordination, facilitation, advocacy, and regional and international collaboration to develop targeted solutions.

AND

RAMA DEVI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY (RDWU), BHUBANESWAR Odisha has been established by an Act No.5 of 1989 of State Legislature of Odisha as a State University vide Notification No.-HE-FE-I-B-MISC-9/2015/11605 dated 30.05.2015 and is empowered to award degrees as specified by the UGC under Section 22 of the UGC act 1956 through its own departments, its constituent Colleges and/or through its affiliated Colleges in regular mode with the approval of concerned statutory bodies/councils, wherever required.

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I. PREAMBLE

The parties are desirous of pursuing and promoting joint research and development activities of mutual interest in various aspects of environment-related research and design projects in accordance with their respective needs and objectives and shall by the agreement, determine the areas and subject or such collaboration on the basis of this MoU which sets out the general understanding of the parties' collaboration in scientific research and development and in consultation with their respective core team foreseeing a long-term relationship to pursue national and international interests.

This MoU details the modalities and general conditions regarding the collaboration between AIILSG and RDWU.

II. MODALITIES OF COLLABORATION

In the spirit of intellectual cooperation, scholarly exchange, and the development of national partnerships with leading institutions, AIILSG and RDWU agree to establish a program of exchange and collaboration on related matters of mutual interest that may emerge over time.

The purposes of the cooperation are to promote cooperative research and facilitate the exchange of ideas, develop new knowledge, and enhance high-quality research acumen. The major thrust of the research (broad areas) on which the parties will cooperate (but are not limited to) is in alignment with the growing recognition of the contributions of women in research and academia, and acknowledging the significance of their participation in the fields of naturopathy, health, and ancient healing techniques such as Ayurveda, the establishment of a Center of Excellence marks a pivotal step towards fostering gender inclusivity and expertise enhancement.

1. The modes of cooperation will include:

- Development and implementation of cooperative research projects, professional development programs, and capacity-building efforts
- Organize symposia, conferences and meetings on timely research issues
- Dissemination of findings through scholarly publications, white papers, media etc.
- Exchange of faculty and students and mutual access to relevant facilities and personnel
- Exchange information pertaining to the agreed-upon research areas.

Roles and Responsibilities:

1.1. AIILSG's Responsibilities:

- a. Provide expertise in the field of women empowerment, Naturopathy, Health Sciences, nutrition, geriatric, child care and Ancient Healing
- b. Contribute to the development of curriculum and training materials.

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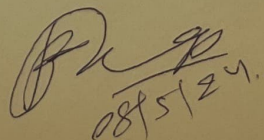
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- c. Organize seminars, workshops, and training programs.
 - d. Offer access to AILSG's research and knowledge resources.
- 1.2. RDWU's Responsibilities:
- a. Provide infrastructure and facilities for the CoE.
 - b. Assist in curriculum development and academic activities.
 - c. Collaborate on research projects and publications.
 - d. Promote the CoE through its academic network.
2. Prior to the initiation of any particular project or activity, the specific terms of cooperation and exchange for that project will be discussed and agreed upon in writing by the appropriate responsible representatives of both institutions.
3. Both parties understand that all financial arrangements for specific exchange activities must be mutually agreed upon and will depend on the availability of funds. In addition, the scope of the activities will be subject to funds available at the institutions for the type of collaboration undertaken and any financial assistance that may be obtained by either from external sources.
4. Either party may propose to the other specific individual research projects for collaboration. Such a proposal may be made at any time, and the parties will develop an agreement for each agreed-upon project.
5. The protection and exploitation of any intellectual property arising out of any individual project will be addressed in each individual project agreement. Any such IP possibility in a specific case or project shall be recognized a-priori and shall be incorporated in the joint work being undertaken as indicated above.

III. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Day-to-day implementation of this MoU will be coordinated by **Dr Biswabadita Kar , KIIT University as the Program Advisor, CoE and Mr. Harish Sharma , Program Director, AILSG New Delhi**. Any change of coordinators will be with the mutual consent of both parties.
2. Each institution agrees to release and hold the other harmless from and against any claims, damages, liability or costs, to the extent such claims damages, liability or costs arising from the negligent or wilful acts or omission of the other party or any of its agents or employees in connection with their respective performance under this MoU.
3. This MOU shall be effective from the date of signing. The duration of the MoU shall be for a period of five years from the effective date. During its tenancy, the MoU may be extended or terminated by prior notice of not less than one month by any party.
4. Neither party shall be held responsible for non-fulfilment of their respective obligations under this MoU due to the exigency of one or more of the force majeure events such as but not

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limited to Act of God, War, Flood, Earthquakes, Strikes, Lockouts, Epidemics, Riots, Civil Commotion, etc. provided on the occurrence and cessation of any such events, the party affected thereby shall give notice in writing to the other parties within one month of such occurrence or cessation. If the force majeure conditions continue beyond six months, the parties shall jointly decide about the future course of action.

5. No amendment or modification of this MoU shall be valid unless the same is made in writing by both party or their authorized representatives, specifically stating the same to be an amendment to this MoU. The amendment shall be effective from the date on which they are made/executed unless otherwise agreed to.

6. Any dispute between the parties arising from this MoU shall be settled amicably through negotiations and dialogue in good faith.

SO AGREED

In witness whereof the parties, hereto have entered into this MoU effective as of the day and year first above written.

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| For and on behalf of Rama Devi Women's University | For and on behalf of AILSG New Delhi <i>Bradipita Kumar Kanungo</i> |
| <i>Shapaba</i> <u>08/05/2024</u> (Signature) | <i>[Signature]</i> (Signature) |
| Shyamali Mohapatra Registrar Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar | Mr. Ravi Ranjan Guru DDG , AILSG , New Delhi |
| <i>Shapaba</i> Registrar RD Women's University Bhubaneswar <u>08/05/2024</u> (Seal) | (Seal)  |
| Witness: | Witness: <i>[Signature]</i> Kamita Satapathy |
| <i>Sucheta Priyabadi</i> <u>8.5.24</u> (Signature) | <i>[Signature]</i> (Signature) |
| Prof(Dr) Sucheta Priyabadini Chair Professor MRDC, RDWU (Name & Designation) | Prof(Dr) Biswabandita Kar Program Advisor, AILSG & Dean, KIIT University (Name & Designation) |

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