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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

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This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") is made and entered into on 24th January, 2025 ("Effective Date") by and between:

'IFI Foundation', a not-for-profit organization registered under Section 8 of the Indian Companies Act, with its registered office at 37, NRO Sagar Srikshetra, Janla – 752054, Bhubaneswar Urban, Odisha (may be called as "Knowledge Partner"),

and

'Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar', a state university governed under the Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha (may be called as "Academic Partner")

That, IFI Foundation, supported by its active partners from the industry, development sector and various government orgs, has been working in curating and promoting information & knowledge, with a focus on digital resources, while building community awareness and mobilizing youth in the areas of Climate Change, Public Health along with different facets of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) etc. With 'Information For Impact', as the slogan, the Foundation voices for investing on youth for building a future Knowledge Society.

That, the Rama Devi Women's University, formerly known as Rama Devi Women's College, is one of the oldest higher education institutions of Odisha which has been promoting education and empowering women to achieve their lifegoals and contribute to the society in every sphere.

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That, while the IFI Foundation shall be represented by Shri Sidharth Rath, Executive Director, the Rama Devi Women's University shall be represented by its Registrar. However, for functional purposes the Head, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, to be the Nodal Point on behalf of the University during planning and execution of various programs and activities. Further, Heads of other Departments may be included in the working committee(s) during any interdepartmental and mega events.

WHEREAS, the Knowledge Partner and the Academic Partner share a common goal of promoting education, skill development, research and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to collaborate and leverage each other's strengths to achieve their objectives.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

Key Objectives of the MoU

1. To promote education, skill development, research and community engagement among the students of Rama Devi Women's University and its constituent colleges/ institutions.
2. To collaborate on hosting awareness, skill upgradation and life-skills programs, seminars, workshops, conferences, short-term orientation programs, and mega events, (in the areas such as Menstrual Health and Hygiene, Role of Youth in Stroke Prevention and Management, Mental Health, Energy Conservation, Climate Change, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) etc) from time to time.
3. To undertake relevant research and community-based projects that benefit the students and prepare them as responsible future citizens.
4. To facilitate Internships, Campus Interviews and other exposure programs for the students empowering them for achieving their career goals.
5. To work together in various social impact areas helping building future solutions for the communities by promoting dynamic policies and programs, thus making social commitment an integral part of the academic culture.

Deliverables by the Partners

1. **Knowledge Partner (IFI Foundation):**
 - Provide knowledge and expertise for programs and events.
 - Collaborate with industry experts and partners to support programs.
 - Contribute to the development of content and relevant materials to support the programs.
2. **Academic Partner (Rama Devi Women's University):**
 - Provide support in mobilizing UG, PG, and Post-Doc students from various departments of the University and its Constituent Institutions.

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- Offer ground support, including auditorium, hall, and related facilities.
- Facilitate access to university resources, including libraries, laboratories, and faculty expertise, where required.

Financial Understanding

In broad terms, this is a non-financial understanding between the partners. However,

1. The parties agree to mobilize and share costs and expenses related to joint programs and events, where required.
2. The Knowledge Partner shall be responsible and allowed for securing funding and sponsorships (from the industry, relevant partners, and government orgs) for joint initiatives.
3. The Academic Partner shall provide in-kind support, including facilities, equipment, and personnel.

Term and Termination

1. This MoU shall be effective for a period of three (3) years from the Effective Date.
2. Either party may terminate this MoU upon written notice to the other party, with a minimum of thirty (30) days' notice. However, any such termination can be initiated after one (1) year of completion of the MoU.

Governing Law and Jurisdiction

1. This MoU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of India.
2. Any disputes arising out of or in connection with this MoU shall be resolved through arbitration only.

By signing below, the parties acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this MoU.

Knowledge Partner (IFI Foundation)

Signature: Priyanka IFI FOUNDATION
 Name: PRANATI PARIDA
 Designation: CO-CHAIR IFI Director
 Date: 24.01.2025

Academic Partner (Rama Devi Women's University)

Signature: Shyama
 Name: Smt. Shyamali Mohapatra
 Designation: Registrar, RDWU Bhubaneswar
 Date: 24.01.2025