

Memorandum of understanding

BETWEEN

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams

Sri Venkateswara College University of Delhi, New Delhi &

K. J. Somaiya College of Science and Commerce, Mumbai

to establish collaboration through academics, research and extensive activities

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Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, New Delhi, India

and

K.J. Somaiya College of Science and Commerce, Vidyavihar, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, New Delhi and K.J. Somaiya College of Science and Commerce, Mumbai, Maharashtra have recognized their strengths in research and education and their mutual interest in engaging in research, capacity building and academic cooperation.

PREAMBLE

Sri Venkateswara College, NewDelhi:

Sri Venkateswara College is one of the top colleges of the University of Delhi that offers undergraduate programmes in Sciences, Humanities & Commerce. Sri Venkateswara College, under the aegis of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) of Andhra Pradesh is now in its 60th year since its inception in 1961. Fired with the zeal of promoting the cause of education the three stalwarts in the public domain, Smt. Durgabai Deshmukh, Dr K. L. Rao and Dr. C. Anna Rao, transformed their spirited vision and dream to reality in the shape of Sri Venkateswara College. The foundation stone for the construction of a full-fledged building in the spacious 15 acres

provided at Dhaula Kuan was laid on August 20, 1961 by Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, India's outstanding teacher, scholar and statesman. The college has seen tremendous development since its inception. TTD's constant efforts in providing quality education throughout the country are widely known. Sri Venkateswara College has over the years emerged as a premier institution in the country. The college is known for excellence in academics, sports and overall development of students who have the privilege of studying here. It is indeed no mean achievement to be recognized by NAAC as A grade (2016), Star College Status by the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India (2016) and ranks in the top 15 colleges of the country in MHRD-NIRF National rankings (2020). The College has been ranked at 9th Best Science College in the India Today Survey (2020) and 6th Best Arts College in the recent Outlook Survey (2021). Research has been an integral part of the academic process in the college that allows broader learning and experience for the students. The College promotes UG research programme through its flagship program - Sri Venkateswara Internship for promotion of Research and Academics, "SRIVIPRA" that has attracted every year over 400 students for short term projects under the guidance of faculty mentors. Internalization of education has been promoted by the college in the form of academic exchanges, MoUs/Agreements and joint research projects with several foreign Universities. Sri Venkateswara College believes in serving the need of the community around its precincts and has a well-defined community outreach program towards this idea. In the current pandemic period, the NSS volunteers have been actively involved in coordinating with NGOs to help people in distress, organizing yoga sessions and promoting awareness sessions on mental wellbeing. The college offers a platform for students from diverse backgrounds and strengths to excel in academics, research, cultural as well as social activities and sports. "Venkyites" are known for their penchant to excel in all walks of life. With this foundation, the College looks forward to a future of constant growth, a future that keeps pace with the changing times, a future that enshrines the values of this rich and honorable tradition.

K.J. Somaiya College of Science and Commerce, Maharashtra:

Under autonomy, changes were made in the existing syllabi which are in tune with the changing business, industrial and social needs. Furthermore, the designed curricula are relevant to the local needs and demands. The learning methodologies such as project-based learning, experiential learning, Peer learning are used.

Therefore, Sri Venkateswara College, New-Delhi and K. J. Somaiya College of Science and Commerce mutually agreed to establish a program for cooperation in areas of mutual interest, and in accordance with terms and conditions set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The goal of this cooperation is to foster collaboration, provide opportunity for mutually beneficial experience and to facilitate advancement of knowledge on the basis of reciprocity. The MoU between the K. J. Somaiya College of Science and Commerce and Sri Venkateswara College, New-Delhi include the following:

- Student/staff exchange for academic and research internship during the period of mutual availability
- 2. Activities involving mutual exchange, teaching, research and industrial/conversational practice, joint proposal for research grant, conferences (national and international level)
- 3. Publishing joint research work and other academic publications such as books, manual etc.
- 4. Organizing capacity building programmes such as workshop, trainings and seminars
- 5. Community outreach activities through involvement of students and staff
- 6. Encouraging students to work excessively in field of life sciences, wildlife and conservation biology
- Co planning certificate / diploma courses of mutual interest (Planning handling and implementing academic and Co-curricular courses for students) (preferably involving curricular based on skill India program).
- 8. Encouraging staff exchange or guest lecture series.
- 9. Fundraising for research and capacity building.
- 10. To develop bridge courses leading to Masters through research.
- 11. Exchange students will be selected by mutual agreement between the parent institution and the host institution.
- 12. An exchange student will continue to be treated as full-time student at his/her home institution.

- 13. An exchange student will be considered as a full-time "exchange" student at the host institution.
- 14. His/her program of study at the host institution will be determined by mutual consultation between his/her academic advisor at the home institution and his/her "interim" academic advisor identified by the host institution.
- 15. If an exchange student has undertaken research, then the host institution will evaluate the exchange student's performance in the research, and issue a letter to that effect, together with a technical "report" of the research carried out. The home institution will take note of the performance evaluation and the technical report, and take steps in accordance with its own procedures.
- 16. Both the parties agree to provide assistance in obtaining suitable accommodation at reasonable expenses (expenses will be borne by the student).
- 17. The exchange students will pay tuition and other fees at their home institution.
- 18. Basic lab facilities will be provided by the host institution, however any extra ordinary chemical or instrument facilities required will be chargeable (expenses will be borne by the student)
- 19. Guidelines will be decided based on mutual agreement for research paper publication, department/ faculty level collaboration. A road map for joint activities related to joint research proposal submission for major minor research grants in various funding agencies needs to be formulated.
- 20. This MoU shall continue in force for five years from the date hereof and may, by mutual consent of both the organizations set down in an exchange of letters, continue in force from year to year thereafter.
- 21. This agreement could be renewed with mutual understanding and agreement between two organizations after the expiry of its validity period with or without any amendment or modification. Either party has the right to terminate this agreement upon six months written notice to the other. However, any research work, Ph.D., or pursuit of any other degree already initiated at the time of such a termination shall be continued till the completion of such research works or degree, as the case may be, in the same manner and under the same terms and conditions as those during the currency of the agreement.
- 22. This MoU does not impose any financial burden on the parties.

23. Nothing contained herein would restrict the K. J. Somaiya College or Sri Venkateswara College, New-Delhi to enter into a MoU with other university / academic institutions for similar research or academic works on any or all subjects.

Committees

The activities of the Collaborative Platform (CP) will be guided and monitored by a steering committee:

Steering Committee:

This committee will mentor the activities of the collaborative platform including initiation/continuation/ discontinuation of work, approval of joint collaborative initiatives and to suggest mechanisms to achieve objectives of MoU, monitor the activities under the MoU, to expand the scope of MoU, to review the overall progress and ensure self-sustainability over a period of time. It will also coordinate and monitor the day-to-day activities and functioning of the collaborative platform according to the work plan/ agenda mentioned earlier.

The Principal KJSSC and Principal SVC will jointly Chair the steering committee. One faculty from each institution will be authorized by the Chairpersons to convene this committee and coordinate the activities of the Collaborative Platform in their respective institution.

Composition of steering committee, KJSSC

Dean (Research) will be the KJSSC nominee as the convener of the steering committee. In addition, there will be three senior faculty members from KJSSC, which would include Dean (Academic), KJSSC, who would be responsible for academic collaborations and two faculty nominated by Principal KJSSC, who would be responsible for collaborations related to research and extension activities, respectively.

Composition of steering committee, SVC

Principal, SVC, will nominate the convener and co-convener of the steering committee and two additional senior faculty as members of the steering committee. The convener and co-

convener will be responsible for research and academics, respectively. The two senior faculty members will be responsible for various extension and outreach activities.

Validity of Committees

The Chairs of KJSSC and SVC will serve in Ex-Officio capacity. Dean (Research), KJSSC and Dean (Academic), KJSSC, will also serve as ex-officio members of the steering committee and their tenure will be co terminus with their occupancy of their respective posts. Similarly, steering committee convener, SVC, will also serve as ex-officio member of the steering committee. All other members will have a three-year term. The Steering Committee will meet online/offline once in a year to discuss the annual agenda and review the action report of the activities undertaken.

The steering committee can constitute subcommittees for a specific purpose and duration as and when needed to facilitate the work of the Collaborative Platform.

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