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Disability Inclusion Mission,
Directorate of Higher Education
Government of Maharashtra

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Between

Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati,
Government of Maharashtra

and

I Access-Rights Mission, Field Action Project, The Centre for Disability Studies & Action, Tata
Institute of Social Sciences, (Deemed University) Mumbai

Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati, Government of Maharashtra

and

I Access-Rights Mission, Field Action Project, Office 02, Ground floor, The Center for Disability Studies & Action, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai opposite Deonar Bus Depot, Sion Trombay Road, V.N.Puran Marg, Deonar, Mumbai 400088.

The MOU seeks to implement opportunities for joint collaboration: to facilitate academic cooperation; to study and work on the **Issues of Students with Disability in Higher Education and Accessibility** for the period of two years. This may be extended further to five years to advance the work related to students with disability.

To these ends, the institutions agree to foster and promote cooperation in education, to work in collaboration on issues of students with disability in higher education. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provides a general framework for the development of facilities for students with disability in higher education. Based upon principles of National and Inclusive Development (mutual respect, and benefit, cooperation, collaboration, and understanding), I Access Rights Mission, Field Action Project of the Centre for Disability Studies and Action, Tata Institute of Social Sciences Mumbai and Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Government of Maharashtra had agree to work in collaboration on work for Students with Disabilities.

This collaboration and MOU were suggested at the three consultative meetings held at Directorate of Higher Education with the representatives from all Non Agricultural Universities of Maharashtra, as minuted in the meeting dated 15/9/2018 and 26/10/2018, as annexed. The 'Call for Action' guidelines of I Access Rights Mission have already been circulated to all Non Agricultural Universities of Maharashtra for further action as per the minutes of the meeting held in Directorate of Higher education office, Pune dated 15/9/2018 and 26/10/2018 with all representatives of non-agriculture Universities of Maharashtra. It was decided that each university will do the MOU with I Access -TISS and TISS will not have any financial implications and provide the training, expertise and competency related to the field of disability studies for two years as a part of the Field Action Project (FAP) I Access Rights Mission of TISS with the Directorate of Higher Education Pune.

Following suggested academic activities will be conducted by the said University with their financial grants in collaboration with I Access Rights Mission, FAP, TISS-

1. Organise Disability Awareness Programmes for teachers and staff.
2. Organise Conference/Workshop/Seminar on Disability.
3. Needs Assessment of Students with Disability.
4. Accessible Website of the University with their own University budget.
5. Assisting University to start 'I Access-Enabling Unit': University/College Resource Centre for Students with Disability for inclusion and accessibility'.
6. Training on barrier free environment and accessibility.
7. Training on accessibility in curriculum, pedagogy and inclusive education.
8. Disability Access Audit of University campus.
9. Organising Workshops and focus group discussions for Students with Disability(SWD).
10. Assisting in planning and monitoring mechanisms under section 44 of RPWD Act 2016 with University Civil Engineers accountable for making the buildings accessible.
11. Guiding University to develop the data of Students with Disability.
12. Appointment of two I Access Fellows with Disability expertise from the Disability budget of the University for two years, with the Salary of Rs. 35,000/- per month and accommodation in campus.

MOU Statements

I. This Memorandum of Understanding will be considered effective on the date 25.01.2019 after approval of the University, it is signed by official representatives from both institutions and shall continue for a period of two years. Either institution may terminate the MOU at any time, with a one month written notice to each other with mutual consideration.

II. This MOU is an expression of good will and a statement of good intentions between I Access Rights Mission, Field Action Project, Centre for Disability Studies and Action, (TISS) & Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Maharashtra. It is done with primary aim to facilitate and develop a genuine and mutually beneficial Exchange/ Study relationship between the two Institutions on the subject of disability. I Access Fellows will be working in each University in order to conduct Needs Assessment and suggest various services for students with disability with a sustainability approach. I Access Project, TISS will bring experts for training, survey, access audits, needs assessment of Students with Disability, assist planning and development of Resource Centre for Inclusion of Students with Disability. TISS will not have any financial implications and it will be borne by each University based on their infrastructure, data of students with disability, course curriculum and unique needs of students with 21 categories of disability as per RPWD Act 2016. The host University will undertake all the financial responsibility of the two I Access Fellows (including their Salary of Rs. 35,000/- per month and Accomodation for two years) and TISS will not be responsible for these financial implications.

III. Revisions to the MOU and subsequent implementation agreements may be made upon mutual written consent of both Institutions.

Address

1. Name of University- Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati,
Directorate of Higher Education,
Government of Maharashtra.

2. I Access Rights Mission, Field Action Project,
Center for Disability Studies & Action,
School of Social Work,
Tata Institute of Social Sciences.
Deonar,
Sion Trombay Road,
Mumbai.

IV. The administration and implementation of this MOU shall be the joint responsibility of the both the heads of the Institutions/University, except all financial responsibility that will be taken care solely by the host University.

All notices shall be in writing and directed to these individuals as follows:

1. Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati

Vice Chancellor.....

Registrar.....



Civil Engineer

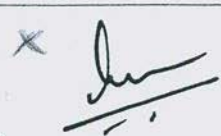

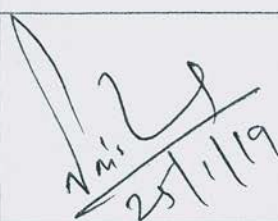
1. Registrar.....
Tata Institute of Social Sciences
Mumbai

and

2. Project Director- I Access Rights Mission
Associate Professor,
Centre for Disability Studies & Action,
School of Social Work,
Tata Institute of Social Sciences,
Mumbai.

Date ... 25.01.2019

Signatures:

| Authority | University Name | Sign | Date |
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| Registrar, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University. | Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati. |  | 11/09/2020 |
| Registrar, TISS. | C. P. Mohan Kumar Registrar Tata Institute of Social Sciences Deonar, Mumbai - 400 088. |  | 25.01.2019 |
| I Access Rights Mission Project Director, Field Action Project, TISS. | Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai |  | 25.01.2019 |