

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Between



Central Sanskrit University
56-57, Institutional Area, Janakpuri,
New Delhi-110058

and



Karnataka Samskrit University
Sri Chamarajendra Samskrit College Campus
Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpete,
Bangalore - 560018

MOU Dated: 29th January, 2024

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) is for cooperation in education, research, and service fields for developing a collaborative arrangement, whereby the Institutions may participate in collaborative teaching, training, research, and other agreed activities to further enhance the relationship between the two Institutions.

This MOU is entered between:

1. This Memorandum of Understanding is made on 29th January, 2024 between Central Sanskrit University, represented by its Vice Chancellor and Karnataka Samskrit University, represented by its Vice Chancellor.

2. PREAMBLE:

- 2.1. **Central Sanskrit University (CSU)** Established on 30th April, 2020 by an act of Parliament as per the Government of India Gazette No. CG-DL-A-17042020-219068 dated 17th April 2020. Earlier it was running in the name, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan and was established on 15th October, 1970 as an autonomous organisation registered under the Societies Registration Act (XXI of 1860) under the control of MHRD which got transformed as Deemed to be University in 2002.

CSU is a Premier University for promoting Sanskrit studies in India and abroad. It is the biggest Sanskrit University in the world today which is also the only Multi-Campus Sanskrit University. All-round development of all the branches of Sanskrit learning and availability of Sanskrit resources through modern systems are the main objectives of the University. The University is meant for the upliftment of linguistic diversity and cultural plurality while arranging for teaching and research in Sanskrit, Pali and Prakrit in the context of their mutual cultural inter-relationship. It is also committed for the preservation and upliftment of the philosophical and scientific elements in the knowledge systems of these languages and ensuring their availability through the equipments of information and communication technology while establishing the relationship of these knowledge systems with cultural legacy.

The other objectives of the University are:

- To disseminate and advance knowledge by providing instructional research and expansion facilities to the promotion of Sanskrit Language courses in humanities, social sciences and science in its educational Government;

- To take appropriate measures for promoting innovations in teaching- learning process and inter-disciplinary studies and research;
- To educate and train manpower for the overall development;
- To establish the glory of Sanskrit learning in the global context.

Thus, CSU includes all its campuses along with affiliated colleges, research centres and any other related organisations.

2.2. **Karnataka Sanskrit University (KSU)** was established in 2010, as a result of massive efforts of the Government of Karnataka. It is the objective of the Samskrit University to integrate our ancient knowledge with modern science & technology and social sciences; to look at Samskrit not just as a language, but from the scientific and philosophical points of view; with primary focus on teaching and research; to study the history of Indian heritage through Samskrit; to find and light the lamps of Kannada and Samskrit culture. Karnataka Samskrit University has been formed exclusively for the development of Samskrit language. Samskrit has a very ancient, glorious, scientific, literary, cultural tradition and heritage. Its contribution in the area of Prose, Poetry, Drama, Dance, Sculpture, Paintings, Fine arts, Medicines, Philosophy, Science and other allied areas is far more extensive and lasting than has been realised till today.

2.3. **Both institutions state that they:**

- 2.3.1. **Recognize** the value of academic interchange and lively engagement in an international scholarly community by members of academic and research institutions.
- 2.3.2. **Discern** the significance and importance of collaboration in the pursuit of international cooperation and awareness of each institute's interest in and need for establishing and sustaining such cooperative ties.
- 2.3.3. **Confirm** the significance of the furthering of knowledge and the creative role of international scholarly communication and collaboration in the development and dissemination of learning and research.

Hence, in the spirit of promoting exchanges between them in all pertinent areas of education, research and IKS, both institutions agree as follows:

3. **GENERAL OBJECTIVES**

- i. To exchange information, articles, reports, and teaching materials in order to support the educational programs of each institution in the field of Professional Competencies (particularly the areas of Sanskrit-based knowledge systems).

- ii. To strengthen and encourage communication and collaboration in education and research between members of the two institutions, particularly with respect to the Professional Competencies programs.
- iii. To stimulate contacts between investigators in areas of mutual interest and approval from the two institutions.
- iv. To develop academic projects such as collaborative research, teaching, technical cooperation, evaluation, and publication. The human and technical resources which will contribute to designing and operating the program shall be specified by each institution. Also, the mechanism and action to evaluate, supervise, and utilize the products of the aforementioned programs, shall be jointly established.
- v. **To promote bilateral cooperation in research and education in different faculties involving:**
 - a. Teaching and exchange of faculty and Students
 - b. Information exchange on Sanskrit language and Indian Knowledge Systems
 - c. Exchanging information on teaching learning material, other literature, and data sets relevant to their educational and research programmes
 - d. Organizing short-term continuing education programmes on topics of mutual interest to invite each other's faculty to participate therein as per the rules and regulations of both institutes.
 - e. Organizing lectures, seminars or workshops, and scientific meetings on topics of mutual interest and inviting each other's faculty, to participate therein
 - f. Propose and engage research or training programmes sponsored by functional agencies, and invite each other's faculty to participate therein on mutually agreed terms
 - g. Visits of faculty and exchange students at Undergraduate, Graduate, and Doctoral levels for limited periods of time for the purpose of education and/or research for the mutual benefit of both institutions as per mutually agreed terms and rules and regulations of both the institutions
 - h. Co-operation in the conduct of research in the area of mutual interests upon approval of the competent authorities.
 - i. Jointly offering under graduate/post graduate programs.

4. LEGAL CONDITIONS

- 4.1 This MOU is a statement of intent and in no way intended to create a legal or binding obligation on either Institution and serves only as a record of the institution's current intention to enhance the relationship of the Institution going forward. This MoU does not create legally enforceable rights claim, interest, duty, or obligation in favor of either of the party as against the other party.
- 4.2 All students and faculty exchanges will be approved by the competent authorities at the respective institutions.
- 4.3 For the purpose of coordinating visits, correspondence, and projects, exchange visitors will communicate with a counterpart in the partnering institution.
- 4.4 All risk procedures within the policy structure as defined by a concerned institution will be carried out and reported on before any exchanges take place.

5. ASSIGNMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

- 5.1. The Parties agree to develop specified individual proposals in response to the provision of expertise that will be conducted under one or more statements of work to be agreed to, that will detail the assigned work and expectations of each activity including timelines. The scope of any individual programs of work under this MOU will be jointly planned and conducted by the officers nominated by each party with final approval of any statement of work dependent upon the availability of guaranteed financial support by the parties. This MOU provides the parties to work together in identifying funding options on the agreed programs outline.
- 5.2. Wherever applicable, costs will be shared on mutually agreed terms.

6. ACTIONS ENVISAGED

As a demonstration of commitment, CSU and KSU agree that the following actions will be initiated on execution of this MOU.

- 6.1. To offer Under Graduate and Post Graduate programs together.
- 6.2. To conduct multidisciplinary research
- 6.3. Organise conferences and workshops involving Sanskrit Shastras and allied subjects Collaborative research. To offer joint programmes such as Under Graduate and Post Graduate Programmes, Diplomas, Post Graduate Diplomas, Short term Courses, etc..
- 6.4. To take up any activities related to IKS.

- 6.5. To initiate Training programmes (short term and long term) for teachers, students and others.
- 6.6. To initiate Joint publication
- 6.7. To have exchange programs and internships.
- 6.8. To initiate consultancy programs.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS MOU WILL BE ADDRESSED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 7.1.1. For Karnataka Samskrit University: The Registrar Karnataka Samskrit University, Pampa- mahakavi Road, Chamarajpete, Bangalore – 560018
- 7.1.2. For Central Sanskrit University: The Registrar, Central Sanskrit University, 56-57, Institutional Area, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058

7.2. Co-ordination

In order to see the effective implementation of this MoU, both the institutions shall appoint a co-ordinator who shall be the single point of contact for this MoU.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE, DURATION, MODIFICATION OF MOU

- 8.1 This MoU shall remain in force for a period of 10 **years** from the date of signing. The duration may be extended with the consent of both the parties under mutually agreed terms and conditions.
- 8.2 Unless otherwise extended by both the parties, the MoU shall be deemed to be terminated on expiry of the period mentioned above.
- 8.3 Any change/modification in the MoU as introduced/suggested by the Vice Chancellor, CSU or Vice Chancellor of KSU and mutually agreed upon by both the parties at a later date will be binding on both the organizations.

9. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be held responsible for non-fulfilment of their respective obligations under this MoU due to the exigency caused by *force majeure* events, but not limited to acts of God, War, Floods, Earthquake, Strikes, Lockouts, Epidemics, Riots, Civil Commotions, etc.

10. AMENDMENTS TO THE MOU

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

11. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MOU

The rights or/and liabilities arising to any part of this MoU shall not be assigned except with the written consent of the other party and subject to such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the involved parties.

12. CONFLICT RESOLUTION

In the event of any dispute or difference between the parties hereto, such disputes or differences shall be resolved amicably by mutual consultation. In the event of differences remaining unresolved, any external arbitrator mutually agreeable to both parties shall decide on the issue leading to the conflict and the decision of the arbitrator shall be binding on both the parties.

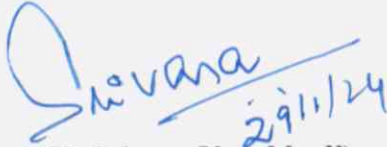
13. IN WITNESS WHEREOF

The parties hereto have signed, sealed and delivered this agreement on the day, month and year first above written in the presence of:

Central Sanskrit University

56-57 Institutional Are, Janakpuri,
New Delhi – 110058,(CSU)

(First Party)



(Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi)

Vice Chancellor

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Witnesses

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Bangalore-560018 (KSU)

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(Dr. S. Ahalya)

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