MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN



SHIVAJI UNIVERSITY, KOLHAPUR MAHARASHTRA BHARAT

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BHARTIYA VIDYA SANSTHAN

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The Memorandum of understanding is drawn up and agreed upon to establish cooperation between the Shivaji University hereafter to referred as SUK and the Bhartiya Vidya Sansthan, Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies hereafter referred to BVS.-T and T.

Shivaji University, Kolhapur named after the founder of Maratha Empire Chhatrapati Shivaji and inaugurated in 1962 by Dr. S.Radhakrishnan the then President of India, is a premier institution of higher education and research in western India. The University is committed to meet the educational, social, cultural and economic needs of the region and is dedicated to promote and foster a culture of high quality teaching, learning and research.

Bharatiya Vidya Sansthaan (Institute of Indian Knowledge) of Trinidad & Tobago (B.V.S.) was founded on 21st November, 1966 by our Revered Gurudev Professor Hari Shankar Adesh, the then representative for ICCR of India, in consultation with the High Commissioner for India at that time, the late Shri Munilal. The main purpose of this Institution was to provide a common platform as well as opportunity to the people of all faiths and background of this country to learn any major Cultural subject related to India. It was considered as a private branch of ICCR India or the High Commission of India in Port of Spain. Since then, this Institution has tirelessly and constantly been serving the people of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, neighbouring Caribbean countries and now Canada and regions of the U.S.A. including Florida, Atlanta Georgia, Texas, Boston, and New Jersey.

The two parties recognize human resource development and institutional capacity building as the basis of mutually beneficial co-operative programme, hereinafter referred to as the programme. This memorandum is establishing in year 2011.

ARTICLE I: OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

The objectives of the programme are to provide opportunities for professional education for teaching staff members of SUK and BVS.-T and T, promote institutional linkage between SUK and BVS.-T and T and to explore other avenues for possible purposeful collaboration.

The program initially was for five years which plans to provide collaborative cooperation through:

- Collaborative Research Programs in specific fields of interest SUK and will jointly identify specific fields to conduct collaborative research programs of mutual interest and benefit.
- 2. Student exchange programmes Exchange programme for SUK and BVS.-T and T students (Both UG & PG) will be explored and conducted accordingly which will be mutually beneficial for both parties.
- 3. Faculty Exchange programme Exchange programme for SUK and BVS.T and T. faculty will be explored and conducted accordingly which will be mutually beneficial for both parties.
- 4. Hindi Language Education in BVS.-T and T. The BVS.-T and T. will obtain assistance of the SUK for improving the quality & relevance of Hindi Language Education in BVS.T and T.
- Promote, preserve and propagate authentic knowledge to Indian languages i.e., (Hindi, Sanskrit, and Urdu), Indian Music – vocal, instrumental and dance (classical, semi-classical, devotional light and folk music), Dramas, philosophy, Moral education, Sports, Games, Performing Arts, Yoga and Meditation.
- 6. Publish relevant literature and periodicals in Hindi and English.
- 7. Establish cultural centres in various parts of this country and abroad, where the education of the aforementioned subject is given to the people without any discrimination of caste, creed race or religion, tuition free.
- 8. Organize seminars, training camps, conferences and workshop in the field of Indian Language, Music, Culture and Philosophy.
- 9. Promote the feeling of universal brotherhood amongst the people of all walks of life, projecting human values and harmonious relationships based on inter-faith concepts.
- 10. Build the moral character of younger generations, having the motto: "May this entire world be one family".
- 11. Create a smoke, alcohol and drug free environment as well as the promotion of vegetarianism for healthy living.

- 12. Create an environment for spiritual enhancement.
- 13. Provide authentic knowledge of Indian fasts, festival and occasions of national and international importance as well as celebrate such events in the manner required.
- 14. Produce teachers, composers and performers in Indian Music.
- 15. Train and produce teachers, authors and poets in Hindi, Sanskrit and English.
- Conduct examinations in Hindi, Sanskrit, music and Philosophy locally and externally up to the degree level.
- 17. Assist and work in harmony with any sister organization, having similar aims and objectives, nationally and internationally.
- 18. Produce musical programs, interviews and talks in the field of Indian Culture and Philosophy through all forms of media such as Television, Radio, Newspaper and Public forum.
- 19. Any other form of co-operation that may be agreed upon between SUK and BVS.-T and T.

ARTICLE III: DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

This Memorandum will effective from the date of its signing by both the parties up to a period of next five years. If this MoU is to be terminated without causes, a three months prior notice should be sent by either of the parties as applicable. This MoU may be renewed by mutual consent of both the institutions by written agreement.

ARTICLE IV: SPECIAL: PROVISION

- 1. Both parties shall exchange useful information on each others educational and training programmes and such other activities.
- 2. Both parties hereto shall do their utmost to ensure the smooth and efficient implementation of the programme.
- 3. Both parties shall exert best effort to be available for mutual consultation and shall be prepared to provide necessary information whenever reasonably requested.
- 4. Any amendment to this Memorandum of Understanding shall be made in writing and mutually agreed upon.

- 5. All disputes arising in connection with the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through mutual negation.
- 6. The two parties will maintain efficient communication in order to ensure effective implementation of the programme.
- 7. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be governed by the construed in accordance with the laws of the UNION of INDIA-BHARAT

PLAN:

- 1. There will be Program of exchange faculty for teaching and research for Hindi And Music subject between Bhartiya Vidya Sansthn, Trinidad and Tobago(West Indies) and Shivaji University.
- 2. There will be programme of exchange of students for courses as well for research between Bhartiya Vidya Sansthan, Trinidad and Tobago(west Indies) and Shivaji University for Hindi and music subjects.

This academic exchange programme will continue in future.

This memorandum of understanding is prepared in two identical copies; each party will hold one original copy duly signed by the respective Vice Chancellors.

Signed on at Bhartiya Vidya Sansthn, Trinidad and Tobago, west Indies.

For and on behalf of the

For and on behalf of the Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Bharat Bhartiya Vidya Sansthn, Trinidad and Tobago,

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