

# **Memorandum of Understanding**

**Between**

## **TUMKUR UNIVERSITY**

A university set up by the Government of Karnataka and having its office at Vishvavidyalaya Karyalaya, University Constituent College Campus, B.H Road, Tumkur 572103, Karnataka, and hereinafter referred to as "Tumkur University" (which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof) be deemed to mean and include its successors and permitted assigns of the One Part;

**AND**

## **HIGHER EDUCATION CELL CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF CULTURE AND SOCIETY**

A Cell set up by the Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore in 2007 for Research and Programme Development in Higher Education and having its office at No.827, Poornaprajna HBCS Layout, Uttarahalli, Bangalore 560061, and hereinafter referred to as "HEC" (which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof) be deemed to mean and include its successors and permitted assigns of the Second Part.

### **1. Background and Aims:**

- i. Tumkur University was established by the Government of Karnataka in 2004 vide a state legislation. Tumkur University has courses in

disciplines spanning across the Arts, Science, Commerce and Management streams and offers PhD programmes in many of the areas. Tumkur University is also expanding its programmes to innovative and upcoming areas.

- ii. The Higher Education Cell (HEC) set up in the Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore, in 2007, aims to evolve innovative research and interventionary practices in Higher Education. HEC has partnered major donor agencies like Sir Ratan Tata Trust, Navajbai Ratan Tata Trust and Ford Foundation as also the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, along with many major State and Central Universities in India.

## **2. Scope:**

- i. To design and implement projects in the area of quality reform in higher education with special focus on teacher capacity building, innovative courseware development and academic resource production
- ii. To present collaborative projects aimed at the development of social sciences, possibility of interface between social and natural sciences and inter-disciplinary education at the tertiary level in India.
- iii. To field-test through the Tumkur University institutional network, the new materials produced, and set up forums for teacher capacity building.

### **3. Monitoring of the Programme:**

- i. The execution of the Collaborative Project will be jointly designed, altered and carried out as mutually agreed upon by the two institutions during each financial year, and they will all be planned in the beginning of the financial year based on a report on the previous year's utilisation.
- ii. The execution of the Project will be evaluated and monitored by a joint Program Advisory Committee (PAC). The PAC shall consist of the Team Leader, HEC and the Vice Chancellor of Tumkur University as co-chairs and two senior faculty members from each institution.
- iii. The method of working and the role of each member of the PAC shall be as mutually agreed upon between Tumkur University and HEC.

### **4. Modifications in the Programme:**

Modifications, changes or enlargement of the scope of the Collaborative Programme or this Memorandum of Understanding document, if required, shall be decided in mutual consultation by both Institutions.

### **5. Non-exclusivity:**

It is understood between the Parties that this arrangement is a non-exclusive arrangement and accordingly, both Tumkur University and HEC shall be free to enter into similar arrangements with other organizations in related areas.

#### **6. Induction of Third Parties:**

The present collaborative programme as described in this Intent of Collaboration is only between Tumkur University and HEC. Accordingly, a separate set of arrangements would have to be drafted, in mutual consultation, to directly involve a third party in this collaborative activity. The organizations in collaboration with either Tumkur University or HEC do not automatically become active partners in this joint programme.

#### **7. Statutory Approvals:**

As set out above, it is understood between the Parties hereto that this Memorandum of Understanding is subject to such clearances/approvals as may be necessary from the appropriate authorities from either side.

#### **8. Miscellaneous Provisions:**

Any other issues not covered under this MoU shall be sorted out by mutual consent and agreement.

#### **9. Validity:**

This agreement shall be in effect initially for a period of ten years from the date on which this MoU is signed by both the parties and may be renewed thereafter, if mutually agreed. Either party may terminate the agreement by written notification sent to the proper officer of the institution. Such notice must be received by either party one month to the effective termination date.



In witness whereof the parties hereto caused this instrument to be executed as on the date, month and year indicated below.

  
**Director**

Centre for the Study  
of Culture and Society  
Bangalore



  
**Registrar**

Tumkur University  
Tumkur

Date: 6/6/2011  
Place: Bangalore

Date: 15.06.2011  
Place: Tumkur

Witnesses:

1. The Director


Department of PG Studies  
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**Director**

**University Departments**  
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2. Administrative Officer

Centre for the Study of Culture and Society  
Bangalore

  
**M. P. NAGARAJ**  
**Admin. Officer**  
**Centre for the Study of Culture and Society**

**Registrar**  
**Tumkur University**  
**Tumkur**