



MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING

between



Vasanta College for Women, Rajghat Fort, Varanasi

and

Sri Sathya Sai University for Human Excellence, Kalaburagi

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is being made on 14th Nov 2022 by and between **Vasanta College for Women, Rajghat Fort, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh** hereinafter referred to as "VCW" and **Sri Sathya Sai University for Human Excellence, Kalaburagi, Karnataka** hereinafter referred to as "SSSUHE"

Whereas,

i) **Vasanta College for Women** is one of the oldest colleges of Varanasi (estd. 1913), admitted to the privileges of Banaras Hindu University and runs under the aegis of Krishnamurti Foundation India, a world-renowned foundation devoted to the cause of education. The college is recognized by UGC under section 2(f) and 12B of the UGC Act, 1956. The college solemnizes the confluence of visionary ideals and objectives of Dr. Annie Besant, Shri Jiddu Krishnamurti and Bharat Ratna Pt. Madan Mohan Malviya. Maintaining its rich legacy for more than a hundred years, the college provides an opportunity to young women for quality higher education and aims to work for an inclusive society that promotes and protects dignity, equality, social justice and human rights for all.

ii) The **Sri Sathya Sai University for Human Excellence** is a State Private University established in the year 2019 by an Act of Govt of Karnataka. It was envisioned as a modern day Gurukula by its founder Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai based on the inspiration of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. The vision of SSSUHE is to provide values-based quality higher education of global standards free of cost, making it accessible to the rural and poorer youth.

The philosophy of University for Excellence emphasises a holistic education for the body, mind and soul of a human personality thereby creating individuals with exceptional intellect, compassionate hearts and competent hands. The University is keen on making education accessible and affordable to the rural children and aspires to spread this gift of knowledge to the girl children in an effort to empower them and make them self-dependent individuals.

VCW and SSSUHE, recognising the importance of collaboration between them, have discussed and reached an understanding on the matters set below:

A. Academic Visits/Exchange of Faculty and Staff

Both the institutions will facilitate student and staff exchange for visiting the campus of the other institution and learn by interaction as well as participating in relevant events like workshops and conferences. Both the institutions agree to encourage collaboration between two institutions.

A. Joint Teaching Program, Research Activities and Publications

Both the institutions will collaborate in planning, development and delivery of value-oriented programmes as well as programmes pertaining to gender equality and empowerment.

Both the institutions will facilitate effective utilisation of the intellectual capabilities by sharing significant inputs with each other in developing suitable training systems, teaching methodologies, customising curriculum, designing courses, etc., on need basis, to benefit the students.

The two institutions will also take up joint Research Projects.

B. Participation in Seminars and Academic Meetings

The two institutions will promote participation in Seminars, workshops and conferences to disseminate value oriented character-building sustenance to all the stakeholders related with the institutions.

VCW and SSSUHE will also jointly conduct National and International seminars, workshops, conferences and promotion programmes on the topics of Women Safety, Self Defence, Women Rights, Women Capacity Building etc., having a focus on Women Empowerment, Gender Equality and Gender Sensitisation.

C. Use of facilities for Academic and Research Work

VCW would allow students of Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Doctoral levels from SSSUHE, the use of its library, cyber library and other facilities for academic and research purposes in the area of Value education as well as women empowerment and gender equality. SSSUHE in turn would in the same manner allow scholars from VCW to avail of its facilities for academic and research purposes in the above mentioned areas.

Apart from the above listed matters, both the institutions shall mutually agree to and abide by the following:

1. Both the institutions intend to cooperate, collaborate and focus their efforts to revive and promote Indian culture, traditions and values by providing expert guidance.
2. Both the institutions will extend the necessary support to deliver guest lectures to students of various programs.
3. Both institutions will design and conduct suitable faculty development programs to exchange their knowledge, enhance their skills and competency.
4. Both the institutions will obtain all internal approvals, consents permissions for conducting collaborative programmes which require joint effort.
5. Any financial commitment and impact will be dealt and considered separately with suitable internal reviews and approvals from the respective authorities of the two institutions.
6. Both the institutions shall come together to jointly conduct events pertaining to women's welfare such as International Women's Day (8th March).
7. The Girl students from both the institutions can participate in training workshops conducted jointly by both the institutions on core career skills, work-life balance, public speaking, etc.

Termination:

- i. This MoU will be valid for three years from the date of its signing and it would be renewed on such modified terms and conditions as may be deemed necessary on mutual consent of both the parties.
- ii. If any of the parties wants to terminate this MOU before the expiry period, then the said party will issue a written notice of one month to the other party indicating the intention.
- iii. Any dispute arising with regard to the MoU shall be settled through mutual consultations between the two parties.

Date: 14.11.2022

Place: Varanasi



Principal,

Vasanta College for Women

Admitted to the privileges of

Banaras Hindu University

Krishnamurti Foundation India

Rajghat Fort, Varanasi

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