

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

1. GVM's Dr. Dada Vaidya College of Education, Ponda – Goa.

AND

2. Nirmala Institute of Education, Altinho, Panaji-Goa.

FOR

CLUSTER RESEARCH CENTRE IN EDUCATION

Whereas the aforesaid parties, hereinafter referred to collectively as *institutions*, recognize that academic collaboration will provide mutual benefit of promoting and facilitating research, have reached the following understanding.

1. Objectives of the MoU

- i. To establish a formal joint platform for promoting and facilitating research, namely, Cluster Research Centre in Education under the relevant provisions of the Goa University ordinance.
- ii. To facilitate registration of Goa University recognized Ph.D. Guides from the participating institutions with the Cluster Research Centre in Education.
- iii. To enroll candidates for Ph.D. degree in the Cluster Research Centre under the relevant provisions of Goa University ordinance.
- iv. To undertake academic activities in the nature of workshops, seminars, talks, symposia, and other similar activities under the banner of Cluster Research Centre in Education for the benefit of researchers and teachers.

2. Terms and Conditions of Collaboration and Sharing of Resources

- i. This collaboration is only for the purpose of establishment of Cluster Research Centre in Education under the relevant provisions of Goa University ordinance and would entail exchange of communication between the participating institutions only so far as required for effective functioning of the Cluster Research Centre in Education.
- ii. The Cluster Research Centre in Education shall be affiliated to Goa University only.
- iii. Only Goa University recognized research guides from these institutions shall be allowed to guide through Cluster Research Centre in Education.
- iv. The responsibility of acquiring approval of Goa University for research guideship shall be that of individual teachers from these institutions.
- v. The recognized Ph.D. guides from the participating institutions shall first register themselves with Cluster Research Centre in Education if they intend to use the platform to enroll candidates for research programmes.
- vi. Research guides from the participating institutions shall not canvass for the candidates and shall not resort to activities of competition and malpractice of any nature.
- vii. The Cluster Research Centre in Education shall be effective in agreement and necessary physical and soft infrastructure required for its operation including but not limited to workspace for research scholars, research library, computers, internet infrastructure, databases, software applications, shall be the responsibility of the individual institution. Such resources shall be made available by each institution to candidates registered for Ph.D. under the guides from respective institutions.
- viii. All the member colleges of the Cluster shall share all the common resources
- ix. The Cluster Research Centre in Education shall organize common activities only after mutual agreement between the institutions.
- x. The participating institutions shall consult together upon request by any of the institutions regarding any matter relating to the Cluster Research Centre in Education or this MoU and

will endeavor jointly in a spirit of cooperation and mutual trust to resolve any difficulties or misunderstandings which may arise.

- xi. The ownership of any intellectual property arising out of research undertaken through Cluster Research Centre in Education shall be decided by the concerned individual researcher and his/her research guide. The Cluster Research Centre in Education itself shall not have any ownership rights on such intellectual property.
- xii. The institutions shall extend help in conducting activities of Cluster Research Centre in Education.

3. Confidentiality

- i. The participating institutions shall maintain strict confidentiality of any information, data or communication of any nature between them with regard to this MoU or operation of Cluster Research Centre in Education and shall not disclose the same to any third party without written consent of the other institutions.

4. Amendment

- i. This MoU may be amended by mutual written consent of all the participating institutions and the Directorate of Higher Education.

5. Co-ordination Mechanism

In order to ensure smooth functioning of the Cluster Research Centre, the Directorate of Higher Education will constitute a co-ordination committee consisting of

- 1) Principals of the participating institutions
- 2) Supervising guides
- 3) Any other academicians or subject experts nominated by the DHE

6. Entry into Effect and Termination

- i. This MoU will come into effect on the date of signing the NoU.
- ii. This MoU will remain in effect so long as the Cluster Research Centre in Education setup under the MoU retains the 'recognised' status by Goa University and unless any of the institution notifies in writing with the approval of the DHE, of its intention to terminate this MoU by an advance notice of at least three months before the beginning of the next period of enrollment of research candidates as may be notified by Goa University.

7. Framing of Guidelines

The Directorate of Higher Education may frame the guidelines as and when required for the effective implementation of this MoU.

8. Relaxation

The DHE shall be empowered to relax any or all claims or conditions of the MoU in genuine cases.

9. Interpretation

If any question arises regarding the interpretation of any clause, word, expression of the scheme, the decision about the interpretation shall be with the DHE, which shall be final and binding on all concerned.

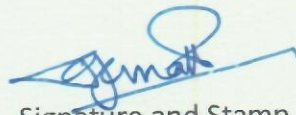
10. Redressal of Grievances and Dispute

Grievances if any arising out of the implementation of this scheme, the Director, DHE shall hear and decide such matters and the decision of the Director, DHE in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned.

11. Signatures

On behalf of

GVM's Dr. Dada Vaidya College of Education,
Ponda – Goa
Altinho, Panaji-Goa.



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