Memorandum of Understanding

Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University (KSRDPRU), Raitha Bhavana, General Cariappa Circle, Gadag, Karnataka 582 101

And

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This Memorandum of Understanding is made this **17th day of July 2019** between Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Gadag, Karnataka, represented by its Registrar and Centre for Educational and Social Studies (CESS), Bengaluru, represented by its President/Director.

A. Preamble:

The Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University (KSRDPRU), first of its kind in the country was established through the Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Act, 2016, for teaching, training, and research on sustainable Rural Development and Panchayat Raj institutions. The intention of the University is to strengthen local self-Governance system and to give impetus for study and research for comprehensive rural development in the State of Karnataka. The University has its head office at Gadag and a Regional Office at Grameenabhivruddhi Bhavan, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru. The University is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under 2(f) of UGC Act;

Centre for Educational and Social Studies (CESS) has been working on Research projects, policy advocacy and capacity building programs in various domains like Education and Public Health in which studies to evaluate the functionality of VHSNCs in Karnataka, Capacity building of District level officers of AYUSH department, workshops, stakeholder meetings etc and in the domain of Education, Study on Employability skills, Industry Interface- effects on employability, Revival and Rejuvenation of Higher Education, workshops to faculty and students, faculty development programs, on sustenance quality in higher education and so on.

The Executive Council of the KSRDPR University at its Second Meeting held on 26th June 2019 has approved the proposal for entering into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two institutions.

NOW THEREFORE, for furtherance of the objectives of both the organizations, and considering the long term benefits of sharing the knowledge, resources and capacity by undertaking collaborative activities of research and extension, it is hereby agreed between KSRDPRU and CESS as under:

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B. Areas for collaboration:

1. Provide research inputs for KSRDPRU for policy advocacy and decision making by CESS.
2. Study the existing programs of KSRDPRU and identify the gaps, provide inputs particularly in the components of skill development and management.
3. Identify new programs that can be introduced based on need analysis.
4. Promoting faculty and student participation for institutional growth and enhancing quality dimensions at all levels.
5. Creating internal quality assurance systems in the institution and to mentor the same.
6. Identifying areas for technology interface in the delivery of the programs of the university.
7. Creating modules for training, faculty enrichment, student support etc, delivering and evaluating them.
8. Conduct research/provide support on sustainable and comprehensive rural development as per the objectives of the University.
9. Prepare plan of action by prioritization of activities.
10. Work study to identify smooth and efficient flow of organizational/academic & administrative functions.
11. Conduct of conferences, seminars, workshops etc.
12. Jointly work on research and other projects sanctioned by the government, government agencies, private bodies, and trusts.
13. Conduct student satisfaction surveys.
14. Accredit the teachers and measure the teacher quotient.

C. Assignments and Expectations

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.

2. This MOU provides the parties to work together in identifying funding options on the agreed programs outlined.

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D. Responsibilities of KSRDPRU:

1. Designate a nodal officer who will liaise with CESS to implement various aspects of the MOU from time to time.

2. To nominate experts from within the University or outside as per the requirement of the activity in consultation with CESS.

3. Provide the necessary data from time to time for smooth conduct of the agreed activity.
4. Liaise with other Government bodies to help access data, information as per the requirement of the project.

5. Provide adequate office space, transport facility and suitable boarding and lodging for working of CESS officials during their visit to the university or at other places linked to the activity(payment of sitting fee, remuneration etc.).

6. Procure documents/books/journals for conduct of the activities which will finally be the property of the University.

7. To permit study tours for conduct of activities as and when required on mutually agreed terms and conditions.

8. The rules and regulations of the University/UGC/MHRD etc will be the guiding factor for all the above.

9. To allow CESS to source expertise from external agencies if required with prior permission from the University.

10. To ensure the continuity and sustainability of the initiatives taken by CESS from time to time.

E. Responsibilities of CESS:

1. Preparation of proposals as per requirement.
2. Provide expertise for the Research, need analysis, study of existing programs/courses etc.
3. Provide Academic and research Support for the development of new courses/training modules/materials.
4. The data provided by KSRDPRU for the purpose of research work or otherwise will remain the property of KSRDPRU and cannot be shared by CESS with other parties without prior written consent.

5. CESS will refrain from providing any pecuniary benefits directly or indirectly to employees from KSRDPRU associated with CESS in discharge of the provisions of the MOU without prior approval of the University.

6. Organize workshops/seminar/field study survey in collaboration with University and identify resource persons as per requirement.

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7. CESS may with mutual consent use the association with or contents of the MOU by way of publicity/advertisement in their Name boards, letter heads etc.

8. The copyrights of all publications resulting from CESS in association with University will lie with KSRDPRU. However, the CESS is entitled to the good-will of the association and being part of the publication and it can claim the authorship of any such copyrighted material prepared and published in collaboration with the University.

9. During the validity of the MOU the Vice Chancellor, KSRDPRU at his discretion may request for his nominee to participate in the deliberations of General Council of CESS. CESS is obligated to inform KSRDPRU in advance of its GC meetings along with agenda, whenever subjects related to this MoU are discussed.

F. Actions Envisaged

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

1. Nomination of the nodal officer by KSRDPRU;
2. Schedule of meetings for identifying specific activities for execution between KSRDPRU and CESS;
3. Interactive sessions with faculty and staff of the University.

G. Notices

Correspondence relating to the implementation of this MOU will be addressed to the following:

For CESS: The Secretary, Centre for Educational and Social Studies, No. 6/6, "Prajnanam", 10th Block, II Stage, II Stage Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560 072.

For KSRDPRU: The Registrar, Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Raitha Bhavan, General Cariappa Circle, Gadag-582101

H. EFFECTIVE DATE, DURATION, MODIFICATION OF MoU

- This MoU shall be effective from the date of signing and shall remain in force for a period of 60 months from the said date. The duration may be extended with the consent of both the parties under mutually agreed terms and conditions.

- Unless otherwise extended by both the parties, the MoU shall be deemed to be terminated on expiry of the period mentioned above.

- Any change/modification in the MoU as introduced/suggested by the Vice Chancellor, KSRDPRU or President, CESS and mutually agreed upon by both the parties at a later date will be binding on both the organizations.

I. FORCE MAJEURE

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

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J. 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.

K. 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.

L. 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.

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:

FOR and on behalf of KSRDPRU, GADAG

Signature:.....
Name: **(Dr.Suresh V. Nadagoudar)**
Designation: **Registrar**

Seal: REGISTRAR
The Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, GADAG

FOR and on behalf of CESS BENGALURU

Signature:.....
Name:.....JYOTHI VISAM.....

Designation:.....SECRETARY.....
Seal:.....

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WITNESSES

(Name and Address)

1. 17/07/19
[SHASHIBHOOSHAN. G. DEVOOR]

2.
Dr. Abdul Aziz.
Asst. Director
KSRDPRU.

Date: 17.07.2019

(Name and Address)

3.. (N. Sanjeev Kumar)

4. T.K. Lingesetty

Date: 17.07.2019