

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR ONLINE COURSE COLLABORATION

B E T W E E N

PARTY - 1



**Ramakrishna Mission
Vidyamandira**

P.O. Belur Math, Howrah-711202,
West Bengal

PARTY - 2



**Centre for Indic Studies,
Indus University**

Rancharda, Via, Shilaj,
Ahmedabad, Gujarat 382115

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This MOU is made and entered into force this Third day of June 2024 between:

Party 1- **Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira** (represented by Swami Mahaprajnananda, Principal), P.O. Belur Math, Howrah-711202, West Bengal, a fully residential autonomous UG / PG degree college for boys, affiliated to the University of Calcutta founded in 1941 by the Ramakrishna Mission (which expression shall include its successor and permitted assignees) of one part

and

Party 2- **Centre for Indic Studies**, a research department to promote studies and research on various aspects of Indian Civilization (represented by Dr. Ritendra Sharma, HOD) located at Ahmedabad, Gujarat 382115 under **Indus University**, a private university established in 2006, providing Engineering, Management, Architecture, Design, Science, Aviation Degree programs in undergraduate, postgraduate & PhD (which expression shall include its successor and permitted assignees) of the other part.

The Identity of both part have been more fully and particularly described in the ANNEXURE 'A' in this agreement.





1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1. Whereas, Centre for Indic Studies and Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira share a common mission to provide the highest quality of education and have recognized the desirability and feasibility of establishing a collaborative relationship designed to strengthen educational, cultural, and scientific ties between the two institutions.
- 1.2. Whereas, Centre for Indic Studies and Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira agree that it would be in their mutual interest to create programs that promote institutional development and academic enhancement including, but not limited to, student training and academic exchanges, and at the same time strengthen social and cultural relationships between the two institutions, and
- 1.3. Whereas, Centre for Indic Studies and Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira have agreed to establish a formal agreement of cooperation and friendship to reflect their agreement as aforementioned,
- 1.4. Now, Centre for Indic Studies and Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira in consideration of the foregoing, the mutual benefits to be derived by both parties and the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

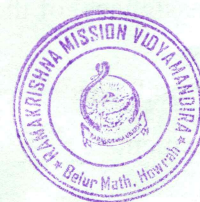
2. GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE MOU

The general purpose of this MOU is to strengthen the bonds between the two institutions, further the academic, social and cultural objectives of the institutions, and promote better understanding between the faculty, staff and students of the respective institutions. It is expected that collaborative relationships thereby established will provide mutual benefits to both parties.

3. SCOPE OF THE MOU

This agreement details the terms & conditions of financial arrangements, modalities of collaboration, provisions of training students in Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), in necessary online and offline modes through

- i. Joint research programs
- ii. Faculty exchange programs
- iii. Collaborative seminar/workshops





iv. Collaborative certificate/add-on/diploma courses

4. THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ARE:

- 4.1. To set up cooperative and collaborative linkage for the joint venture in teaching online courses on Indian Knowledge Systems between Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira and Center for Indic Studies.
- 4.2. To provide Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira and Center for Indic Studies of involving and sending faculties and students (bothways with mutual consent as needed) to conduct programs on Indian Knowledge Systems.

5. PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES:

- 5.1. After due correspondence and permission from and / or between the concerned bodies, the authority of Indus University, Ahmadabad agree to offer certificate and/or add-on and /or diploma courses on Indian Knowledge System, jointly with Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira.
- 5.2. The course instructors, course curriculum, course structure, course fees, class timings and content of the certification will be mutually decided by Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira and Center for Indic Studies. Regarding the course fees there will be **25 % and 75 %** of share between Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira and Indus University respectively.
- 5.3. However, the registration and fees charged from the students for the courses will be done and collected primarily through the payment gateway of the website/portal of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira (and also bank accounts of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira and Indus University or other bank accounts with mutual consent if necessary).
- 5.4. Further, offline academic activities like joint organizations of workshops, seminars etc. on mutually agreed upon subjects may be taken up by Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira and Indus University jointly, after due consultation, assessment and mutual consent.
- 5.5. During on-field offline workshops, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira and Indus University will arrange and look after the food and lodging of the guest instructors and scholars on the particular days of activities, at their respective university premises or elsewhere as per convenience.





5.6. Though, the targeted students are from Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, however, interested students from other institutions, both from national and international backgrounds will be invited, encouraged and allowed for the course.

6. RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTY 1 (RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA):

6.1. After due correspondence and permission from and / or between Indus University and Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, the authority of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira may make necessary changes needed jointly with Center for Indic Studies in terms of the faculty members, course structuring, course arrangement, course conducting and course certificate.

7. RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTY 2 (CENTER FOR INDIC STUDIES)

7.1 After due correspondence and permission from and / or between Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira and Indus University, the authority of Center for Indic Studies may make necessary changes needed jointly with Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira in terms of the faculty members, course structuring, course arrangement, course conducting and course certificate.

8. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR BOTH THE PARTIES

- 8.1. The faculty involvement will be primarily Center for Indic Studies' responsibility and can be, but not limited to, from both the institutions
- 8.2. The share of fees will be decided mutually from both the ends
- 8.3. The participants or students will not be restricted to any one of the current organizations
- 8.4. The certificates will be distributed labeled with the signature and logo of both the institutions

9. FORCE MAJEURE:

Neither Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira nor Indus University shall be held responsible for non-fulfillment of their respective obligations, under this agreement, due to the exigency of one or more of the force majeure events such as but not limited to acts of God, War, Internet Breakdown in city, Flood, Earthquakes, Strikes, Lockouts, Epidemics, Riots, Civil Commotions, etc. provided, on the occurrence and cessation of any such event the party affected thereby, shall give a notice in writing to





the other party within one month of such occurrence or cessation. If the force majeure continues beyond six months, the parties shall jointly decide about the future course of action.

10. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT:

10.1. This agreement may be terminated by either of the parties forthwith if either Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira or Indus University commits breach of any of the terms hereof and shall have failed to rectify such breach within thirty days of the notice served on it by the other party i.e. either Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira or Indus University, in correspondence; as the case may be.

10.2. In addition to the reasons for termination as set forth above, this agreement may be terminated forthwith if either of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira and Indus University voluntarily or involuntarily enters into official dilution, bankruptcy or similar recognizable proceedings or if, applications invoking such proceedings, have been filed.

11. DURATION:

This 'Memorandum of understanding' shall remain valid for a period of 36 months only from the date of signing the MOU. After this 36 months period, this MOU may be terminated or may be renewed after judging the-then situations with mutual understanding.

12. SETTLEMENT:

Upon termination of the agreement all rights granted to and the obligations by Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira and Center for Indic Studies hereto, shall cease to exist forthwith.

13. NOTICES:

All notices and other communications required to be served on Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, under the terms of the agreement, shall be considered to be duly served, if the same shall have been delivered to, left with or posted by registered mail to Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira at its last known address of business. Similarly, any notice to be given to the Center for Indic Studies, shall be considered to be duly served if the same shall have been delivered to, left or posted by registered mail to the Center for Indic Studies at its registered address in Ahmedabad.





14. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT:

No amendment or modification of this MOU shall be valid unless the same is made in writing by both Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira and Center for Indic Studies 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. In general, the MOU will be amended on yearly basis, if at all required, on mutually agreed terms.

15. ASSIGNMENT OF THE AGREEMENT:

The rights and/or liabilities towards the parties to this MOU shall not be assigned except with the written consent of both Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira and Center for Indic Studies, subject to such terms and conditions; as may be mutually agreed upon, by both Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira and Center for Indic Studies.

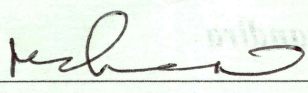


16. SEAL OF PARTIES:

This Agreement has been executed in two originals, one of these has been retained by Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira and the other has been retained by Center for Indic Studies.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have signed this agreement the day, month and year mentioned hereinbefore.





For and on behalf of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira	For and on behalf of Centre for Indic Studies, Indus University
Signature <u></u>	Signature <u></u>
Name: Swami Mahaprajnananda	Name <u>Dr. A.K. Singh</u>
Designation: Principal	Designation <u>Registrar</u>
Seal SWAMI MAHAPRAJNANANDA Principal Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira (A Residential Autonomous College) Belur Math :: Howrah-711202	Seal 
Witness:	Witness:
Name: Pradip Chakraborty	Name <u> (Ritendra Sharma)</u>
Address: Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math, Howrah	Address <u>CIS, Indus University, Ahmedabad 382115</u>
Date: 07-06-2024	Date <u>24.6.24</u>



17. ANNEXURE - 1

BACKGROUND

Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira

Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, a residential autonomous college under the aegis of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, is affiliated to University of Calcutta. The college was envisioned by Swami Vivekananda himself and it was "HE" who chose the name "VIDYAMANDIRA". However, it was in 1941 when the vision of Him was finally translated into a reality. Since then, the college has traversed a long way of many ups and downs. In 2010, the college was conferred autonomy by the UGC and the Government of West Bengal. In 2010, the UGC awarded the college with the status "College with Potential for Excellence". Amidst several cross-currents of Higher Education, the college is trying its best to cater the quality education among the young learners. Presently the college offers 14 Undergraduate Honours courses and 6 Post Graduate Degree courses. The science faculty of this college has earned an international reputation as the generations of the students are now working in different sectors of academics and professions with extraordinary excellence.

Vidyamandira received the 'Star-college status' from the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India in 2019. Vidyamandira ranked 9th (respectively 11th & 7th) by NIRF at the national level in the college category in the year 2018 (respectively 2019 & 2020). Vidyamandira ranked 5th by NIRF at the national level in the college category in the year 2021. In October 2021, the college was re-accredited by NAAC in 3rd cycle with Grade A++ (highest grade with CGPA 3.58). From the session 2021-2022, Post Graduate course in Computer Science & Machine Intelligence was introduced. In 2022, the status of 'Autonomy' was renewed and extended for 10 years by the UGC for A++ Grade in NAAC & for the NIRF Rankings (one of the top 50 Colleges in India). The college was ranked 9th in college category in National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) India Ranking 2022, by Ministry of Human Resource Department, Government of India.



Centre for Indic Studies

The Centre for Indic Studies, a department of Indus University, Gujarat, has been established to promote studies and research on various aspects to imagine a better future rooted in ancient Bharatiya wisdom. Their activities involve, but not limited to, book publishing, documentary shooting, article publishing, YouTube talks, offline events, providing both live and self-paced courses at Indus University Campus etc. Indus University, formerly Indus Institute of Technology and Engineering is a private university established in 2006. In 2012, Indus received university status and was recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC). Indus University is an All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) approved university.

Indian Knowledge Systems (Bharatiya Gyan Parampara)

Indian Knowledge System is a collective quest of a very wide range of themes by Indians. Since the dawn of our civilization, Indians have been inquisitive and engaged in open-minded enquiry of issues ranging from numbers, language, planets, matter to mind, health, ecology and so on. Their quest took them from the minutest particles to the grand scheme of cosmos; from consciousness to matter; from music to language; from pragmatic issues to the ultimate reality.

Indians proposed the holistic nature of knowledge where disciplines knew no boundaries. Such a comprehensive quest for a vast knowledge system has no parallel in the history of humankind. It emphasizes the interconnectedness of various fields of study and seeks to comprehend the ultimate nature of reality. It investigates the nature of the self, the universe, and their relationship to one another and acknowledges the existence of a higher consciousness. The Vedas, the Upanishads, and other sacred texts act as the groundwork of this framework, giving experiences into mysticism and morality; opening up the way to self-exploration.

Furthermore, the Indian Knowledge System places a strong emphasis on observation, contemplation, and personal experience as a means of acquiring knowledge, with the guru-disciple tradition playing a crucial role in transmitting wisdom from generation to generation.



