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## Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made on this, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018

BETWEEN

the **Gangadhar Meher University (GMU)**, Sambalpur, Odisha, which expression shall, unless excluded by or repugnant to the context or meaning thereof be deemed to include its successors and permitted assigns) of the **ONE PART**;

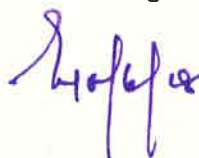
AND

the **Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur**, established by an Act of Govt. of Odisha with its headquarters at Sambalpur and jurisdiction over entire state of Odisha (herein after referred to as **OSOU**, which expression unless excluded by or repugnant to the context or meaning thereof be deemed to include its successors and permitted assigns) of the **OTHER PART**;

**WHEREAS**, the Gangadhar Meher University established by an act of Govt. of Odisha came into existence on the 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 as a unitary university of higher learning in Odisha, with arrangements for teaching and research in several disciplines, intends to provide skill based, job oriented add-on courses to their students at postgraduate and undergraduate levels;

  
10/6/18  
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Registrar  
Odisha State Open University (OSOU)  
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**AND WHEREAS**, OSOU, has been engaged in providing skill based and job oriented programmes by developing appropriate modules at PG Diploma, Diploma and Certificate level, targeting the postgraduate and undergraduate students, intends to share its resources as add-on courses;

**AND WHEREAS**, both the parties hereto, having developed an understanding with a desire to join hands and pursue together activities that eventually are expected to help students in both the universities to get various job opportunities;

**THEREFORE**, both the parties to this agreement decide to offer the following skill based modules for the benefit of the students;

- IT Skill ( Basic Computer) & Soft Skill
- Communicative English
- Leadership/Personality Development
- Entrepreneurship Development

### **1.0 Objective**

The ultimate objective of the joint endeavour is to help the youth in acquiring adequate knowledge and skills required for wide range of employment opportunities.

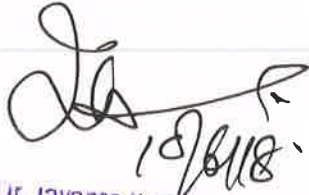
The immediate objective would be to set up a joint committee having representatives of both universities to finalise the road map for achieving the above objective and to monitor the progress periodically.

### **2.0 Scope of the MoU**

Identifying specific non-credit add-on courses under the MoU to serve the objectives as defined above. Each activity would be carried out with clear goals, approaches, deliverables and timeline, details of which shall be worked out jointly between the parties hereto.

Organising specialized training programmes for counsellors and conducting skill development programmes for students for furthering the objective of the joint endeavour.

### **3.0 Effective date and duration**

  
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Registrar  
Odisha State Open University (OSOU)  
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- (i) The MoU shall take effect from the date of execution hereof and shall remain valid for 36 (thirty six) months.
- (ii) This MoU unless extended by mutual written agreement of both the parties, shall expire 36 (thirty six) months after the date specified above. This MoU may be amended/modified or terminated earlier by mutual written agreement of the parties at any time. Either party shall have the right to unilaterally terminate this MoU upon 90 (Ninety) days prior written notice to the other party.

#### **4.0 Obligations of the parties**

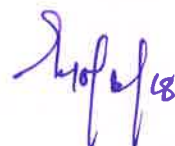
##### **4.1 Gangadhar Meher University**

- i. Nominate two members from the teaching community to represent the university in joint coordination committee meetings.
- ii. Shall motivate the students to join the above mentioned skill-based modules to enhance their job opportunities.
- iii. Provide available facilities/infrastructure as would be required for the joint endeavour.
- iv. Share resource persons of Gangadhar Meher University as would be required in various joint programmes.
- v. Shall reflect the grade/marks secured by the students in the statement of marks issued to students as non-credit add-on courses.
- vi. Fulfil obligations as identified under the join programmes.

##### **4.2 Odisha State Open University**

- i. Nominate two members from the teaching community to represent the university in joint coordination committee.
- ii. Share resource persons and course modules available with Odisha State Open University, as would be required in various joint programmes.
- iii. Collect Rs.500 from students, towards registration in each module under the MoU.
- iv. Establish study centre in the university campus.
- v. Provide soft copy of the Self Instructional Material (SLM) to each student.
- vi. Make payment to study centre staff and counsellors.

  
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vii. Fulfil obligations as identified under the joint programmes.

#### **5.0 Confidentiality & Ownership**

- i. The parties shall ensure that no information/document received from each other is made public without the formal approval of the partner.
- ii. All intellectual property created through the common programmes shall belong to joint group that would decide the future of such property.

#### **6.0 Liability**

The Gangadhar Meher University shall not be held liable for any loss, damage, expense or any other liability caused on the part of OSOU in connection with the services rendered under this MoU.

#### **7.0 Force Majeure**


Neither of the parties hereto shall be liable for non-performance or delay in performance for causes due to force majeure. For the purpose of this MoU, force majeure is defined as cause beyond the control of the party affected including natural calamities, acts of terrorism, war and civil commotion, etc.

#### **8.0 Miscellaneous**

As this venture is collaborative in nature, both Gangadhar Meher University and Odisha State Open University shall take all initiatives to discharge their respective obligations in order to achieve the objective of each of the identified programme in accordance with the spirit of the MoU. The detail modalities for implementation of programme will be chalked out after discussion of both parties.

#### **9.0 Coordination and review**


A **Joint Coordination Committee (JCC)** as prescribed in Annexure -1 will be responsible for day-to-day execution of the terms of the MoU.

  
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Registrar  
Odisha State Open University (OSOU)  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement on the day, month and year herein above written.

  
Registrar  
Dr. Jayanta Kar Sharma (ESR)  
Registrar  
Odisha State Open University (OSOU)  
Sambalpur

  
Registrar  
Gangadhar Meher University (GMU)

Witness -1 Aseem Kumar patel  
Dt 10.06.18

Witness -1 Jayanta K. Sharma  
10.6.2018

Witness -2 Sibanaradu Panda  
10-06-2018

Witness -2 Hema Kumar Nayak  
10.6.2018

### ANNEXURE-1

#### **a) Joint Coordination Committee (JCC)**

JCC shall consist of the following members:

1. Vice-Chancellor Gangadhar Meher University – Chairperson
2. Vice-Chancellor Odisha State Open University – Co-Chairperson
3. Two academics from Gangadhar Meher University – Members
4. Two academics from Odisha State Open University – Members
5. Registrar Gangadhar Meher University – Convener
6. Registrar Odisha State Open University – Co-Convener

#### **b) Terms of reference:**

As stated in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

#### **c) Provision for meeting:**

JCC meeting shall be held at least once in every four months alternatively at Gangadhar Meher University and Odisha State Open University.