



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)
Between

Karnatak University, Dharwad (KUD)
and
PEN Media Foundation Society, Jaipur

This MoU is made and entered into this 10th December 2022 by and between **Karnatak University**, Pavate Nagar, Dharwad 580003, represented by **The Registrar**, here in after referred to as the First Party,
And PEN Media Foundation, 151/17, Shipra Path, Mansarovar, Jaipur - 302020 represented by Dr Shipra Mathur, Secretary, here in after referred as second party.

Background:

The Bombay legislature of the erstwhile Bombay Presidency established Karnatak University through the Karnatak University Act 1949. It became a statutory University on 1st March 1950. The jurisdiction of the University covers Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri and Uttar Kannada districts. It has several Post Graduate centres. The University (888 acres) is offering courses in the faculties of Arts, Commerce, Education, Law, Management, Science and Technology and Social Sciences. Symbolic of the University's vision and mission the emblem of the University consists of papal tree at the centre, an open book. Figures of a bull, a rising sun and the legend 'Arive Guru' i.e., Wisdom is Guru, implying that both wisdom and knowledge should be all pervading like the ramifying pipal tree and light up the world with knowledge and eradicate illiteracy. There are 51 PG Departments, 154 teachers and 4500 students (PG, M.Phil., Ph.D.).

The University identifies the regional needs and overall development of students of this backward region of north Karnataka. A large number of students suffer from lack of communication skills and opportunities to develop their personality. The University has considered the region specific and community specific needs and has introduced (a) Computer Applications, (b) Environmental problems and Human Rights, (c) Indian Constitution and (d) Development of Communication Skills and personality as compulsory papers at the UG level. Periodic ICT workshops are conducted for students and staff (teaching and non-teaching) to equip them with the skill to access and utilize electronic information. The central library is equipped with thousands of books on all subjects. Journals and educational CD-ROMs. The University is part of the UGC-INFONET which affords access to more than 5000 electronic journals for advanced study and research. A full-fledged Computer Centre has been set up in the Students Home. All the class rooms are equipped with modern teaching and learning aids including audio-visuals, slides and LCD projectors.

Shipra Mathur
Secretary
PEN Media Foundation
Jaipur (Raj.)

PEN Media Foundation, registered in 2011 under Rajasthan Society Act, with larger objective of media literacy, development/change communication and creating spaces for voices/issues/communities on the margin through people's engagement. Deriving from Indian ethos, the foundation is building conversation both informally and formally through customised innovative modules for citizen empowerment, digital-communication, sustainability and harmonious co-existence as enshrined in the constitution. Catering to community, academia, media and development sector, the foundation has conducted range of programmes for better understanding of gender representation, developing solution approaches in work, reflecting concerns of the marginalised community, working with strategic planning and delivering for impact.

The foundation has collaborated with agencies like Indian Social Responsibility Network (ISRN), UNFPA, Pairavi, DRI (Deendayal Research Institute), IIS School for implementing various projects of mutual interests. Has offered specialised guidance and mentoring to various community and village groups, foundations for impacts and developed concepts like 'Kishori Reporters' and 'Water-Reporters' for NGOs for engaging rural youth for social leadership and solution approaches.

Through several projects, the foundation is serving rural community to fill knowledge gaps, engaging with youth to impart knowledge about digital tools and process of critical thinking for nation building, with larger aim to move from ignorance to knowledge. Appreciating the value of diversity, democracy, culture, history and harmony, the foundation offers consultancy, training and platforms to learn and work closely with issues to contribute, to express, exchange thoughts and to grow together.

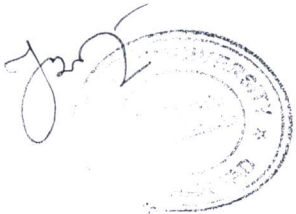
The foundation, through a separate vertical, also works in the domain of livestock management and animal welfare through a special project and innovation, popular as Krishna Limb, recognised at national and international forum for its unique approach and service aspect. Through this vertical, other than the specialised services offered to farmers and animal owners for disabled animals, a team also works separately to educate diverse groups and community about animal welfare acts and ethics, government policies, international protocols and constitutional framework on human-animal interaction, idea of sustainability, humanity and management of animal centres for improved efficiency and sustenance.

The Registrar of Karnatak University, Dharwad along with its Post Graduate Studies in Women issues and the Secretary of PEN Media Foundation Society, Jaipur, have arrived at an agreement for mutual co-operation in Media Literacy, Rural development, Research, Training, Certification Courses, Sustainable management, Extension activities and sharing of all academic resources between two institutions. Hence, this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article I

The Terms of Agreement are as follows:

1. Prepare joint research projects, which are mutually beneficial for funding by various agencies/institutions in India and abroad
2. Train people for media literacy/development communication activities in adopted villages and also across Karnataka and Rajasthan
3. Design and conduct customised Certification/Short term courses in the areas of digital media, livestock management and sustainability
4. Identify, develop and implement targeted joint activities for the media literacy, development and change communication aspects
5. Allow experts and students of both the institutions/organisations to deliver sessions and joint consultations in research, prepare project proposals, extension activities etc for the benefit of society on mutually agreeable terms



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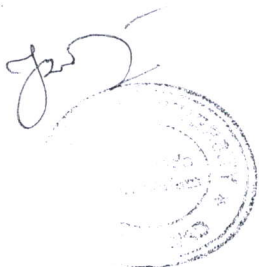
6. Jointly work on developing new subjects, inclusive of new technologies, content development for academia and community on mutually agreeable terms
7. Jointly organise, host and participate rural participative programs, Management Development Programs, Seminars, and Conferences on mutually agreeable terms
8. Design customised training programs for Govt, Non Govt organisations/institutions to empower women, child and socially disadvantaged community/groups
9. Undertake collaborative work on action researches and publication of students, faculty and staff of both the parties
10. Make facilities like library, research tools including USIC Lab etc available to the members of both the parties on mutually agreeable terms
11. Jointly design and host TOT programs across both the states
12. Allow academic resource exchanges between both the parties such as student exchange, internships etc
13. Organise awareness program, addressing issues of larger social concerns, media literacy activities and finding innovative ways of exchange through digital power
14. Jointly work on providing social justice, economic justice, and rural development etc in both areas on mutually agreeable terms

Article II

- The MOU between both the parties may be supplemented by detailed work plans to be developed jointly which describe more specifically the activities to be carried out under this collaborative program
- The Parties shall consult with each other to determine the availability of resources for implementing the activities under this MoU and the most equitable way of meeting such expenditures, including joint fund-raising
- Any Outcome of the Research in terms of Publications, funding, copyrights, patents and IPR can be shared based on the effort shall be used either or both the parties with due recognition of each parties contribution
- If a need arises, **KUD** and the **PEN, Jaipur** may constitute a Joint Committee to work out the practical problems of collaboration if any, between the two institutions in general and to ensure proper and effective implementation of this MOU
- The benefits accrued or arising from this collaborative effort may be used by either or both the parties with due recognition of each parties contribution

Article III

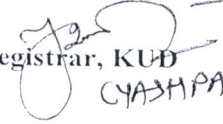
This agreement shall be in effect initially for a period of Five Years from the date on which this MOU is signed by both the parties and may be renewed thereafter, if mutually agreed. Either party may terminate the agreement by written notification sent to the proper officer of the institution; such notice must be received by either party, in Two months prior to the effective termination date. The agreement shall be subject to the Jurisdiction of the courts of Dharwad.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF BOTH THE PARTIES HAVE AFFIXED THEIR SIGNATURE TO THIS MOU WITH THE TRUE INTENT AND SPIRIT ON THIS DAY ,MONTH AND YEAR MENTIONED ABOVE.

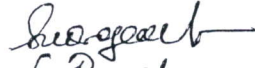

On Behalf of
Karnatak University, Dharwad

Registrar, KUD

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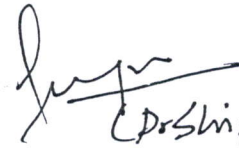
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DHARWAD

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(Saif Ahmad)


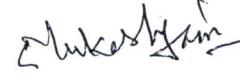
On Behalf of
PEN Media Foundation Society, Jaipur

Secretary

(Dr. Shripa Mathur)

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Secretary
Pen Media Foundation
Jaipur (Raj.)

Date

Witnesses:

1. 
(T. P. Mathur)
2. 
(DR. Mukesh K. Jain)