



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

St Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, INDIA

AND

NORDIC CENTRE IN INDIA

NORDIC CENTRE IN INDIA (NCI)

The Nordic Centre in India (NCI) is a consortium of 18 universities and research institutions in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Lithuania. It was established in 2001 with the objective to facilitate cooperation in research and higher education between the Nordic countries and India. Through academic exchange NCI seeks to strengthen Indo Nordic ties and understanding. NCI is collaborating with Indian counterparts in organising a wide range of programmes for Nordic students whether in the form of specialised summer programmes, internship programmes, and semester programmes. NCI is exploring ways of offering Indian students the possibility to study on future programs that are organized by the consortium in India and the Nordic countries. NCI further hopes to establish research exchanges and activities through which Indian and Nordic scholars can collaborate on different types of projects of mutual interest.

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, INDIA

A Christian Minority Higher Educational Institution, St. Xavier's was founded in 1860 by a Catholic Minority Religious Body, the Society of Jesus, and was affiliated to the University of Calcutta in 1862. While preference is shown to the educational and cultural needs of the Christian Minority community and the poor i.e. socially and financially marginalized, admission is open to all irrespective of caste, creed and nationality. With a long and rewarding history of achievement of the Jesuits in education, our College community continues to move forward together with confidence, pride and enthusiasm. This institution was created with the objective of providing 360 degree quality education which will enable students not only to thrive in academics but also motivate them towards character building, leadership, extra and co-curricular activities. A very strong, dedicated and capable team of educators has always been the driving force in the growth of the College.

PREAMBLE

In recognition of the importance of cooperation and collaboration in the fields of teaching and research, as well as the special opportunities provided by strengthening contacts between faculty members and students across India and the Nordic region, NCI and St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, India agree to develop programmes within the scope of the following agreement.

ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL TERMS

The two participating parties express their intention to encourage meetings and exchanges between students, researchers, professors, and other members of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, India and NCI's partner institutions. Furthermore, efforts will be directed towards establishing other forms of scholarly collaboration, such as the organisation of colloquia, seminars, conferences, and cooperative research projects, including the exchanges of relevant academic material.

ARTICLE 2 – SPECIFIC COLLABORATION –

The two participating parties will work together to develop mutual linkage agreements for cooperation based on their respective academic, scientific and educational needs. The activities in which specific agreements may be developed include:

1. Exchange of students and faculty for study, research, internships and short study tours;
2. Summer training programmes for Students.

ARTICLE 3 – ORGANISATION OF COLLABORATIONS

Each party to this agreement will designate its representative for matters relating to planning, academic coordination and the execution of collaborative activities. The representatives will establish the summer training programmes and/or other collaborative programmes.

ARTICLE 4 – RESEARCH EXCHANGES

The present agreement encourages St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, India and NCI to make efforts towards establishing various forms of scholarly collaboration, such as the organisation of workshops, seminars, conferences, and cooperative research projects. This agreement also encourages faculty members and researchers from St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, India and the member universities of NCI to spend a period of time at the other partner institution. The individuals will be designated by common accord jointly between the two parties.

ARTICLE 5 – MISCELLANEOUS STUDENT PROGRAMMES

NCI and St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, India will aim to collaborate in organizing joint short training programmes and/or semester programmes for students and also aim to nominate researchers for research affiliations at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, India. The NCI students/researchers will remain registered in his/her home institution and will be non-degree students at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, India.

The students must themselves ensure that the courses and credits from St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, India will be acceptable as part of their degrees at their home universities. The student will accept all the rules and regulations of the host university. All NCI nominated students will enjoy the status of a St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, India student, have access to all the facilities of the St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, India, including the Library, Computer Centre, Health Centre, etc. Funding for the exchange students will be organised on a case to case basis. Travel expenses shall be borne by the individual students.

Furthermore, students of the member universities of NCI (Final year Bachelors level and above) may also be provided opportunities for Independent or Directed Studies and Internships at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, India that match the background and interest of the student and the strengths of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, India. The duration of this kind of directed study will be determined on a case to case basis.

ARTICLE 6 – HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The two participating parties will ensure that all participants are covered in accordance with the local regulations by health and accident insurance during travel and for the period of exchange.

ARTICLE 7 – DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The present agreement will be valid for five years as of the date of the final signature and remain active for five years.

The two parties may extend the agreement mutually. Five year extension periods (with subsequent renewals possible for additional five year periods) are possible by a joint commitment in writing by both institutions, to be completed at least six months prior to the expiration date of the present agreement.

In so far as they do not interfere with any activities in progress, amendments to this agreement may be made at any time, provided they are in writing and reflect the joint wish of both parties to this agreement.

In so far as the termination does not interfere with any activities in progress, this agreement may be terminated at any time before its end by one of the parties, provided it is in writing and atleast six months in advance.

In the absence of prolongation, the agreement will lapse at the end of five years.

ARTICLE 8 - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Intellectual Property developed by the joint efforts would be the joint property of the Parties. Any financial benefits or otherwise arising would be shared proportionately by the parties in consonance with the efforts / inputs given by them.

ARTICLE 9 - UNDERTAKING BY (NAME OF THE PARTNERING HEI) AND NCI

The parties hitherto undertake to work closely and cooperate in the implementation of this MoU and to endeavour to resolve disputes arising between them in relation to this MoU by amicable means. Should this not be possible because of irreconcilable differences this MoU may be terminated by mutual consent of the two parties.

The parties to this MoU, or their authorized representatives acknowledge having read and understood the MoU and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

This MoU will also place no financial responsibilities on either party unless agreed upon amicably by both sides in the context of a specific programme.

This MoU will not prevent the NCI from collaborating with other universities or institutions in India.

ARTICLE 10 – This MoU places no financial obligations on either parties.

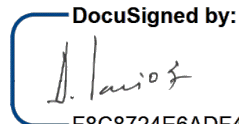
ARTICLE 11 - AMENDMENT OF MOU

(i) The obligations of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, India and NCI have been outlined in this MOU. However during the operation of the MOU, circumstances may arise which may call for alterations or modifications of this MOU. These modifications /alterations will be mutually discussed and endorsed in the form of an "Appendix or Addendum to the MOU". These modifications / alterations will be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing and shall be effective only if executed by the respective duly authorized representatives of each of the Parties hereto;

(ii) In the event of more specific collaborations the terms of the engagement will be worked out mutually by both parties.

The undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Agreement in two original copies in English at the place and on the date(s) indicated below:

For **St. Xavier's College (Autonomous),
Kolkata, INDIA**

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Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ
Principal

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For **Nordic Centre in India**

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Christabel Royan
Director

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