



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) For Academic Cooperation

Between

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

&

**Holy Cross College, Agartala (HCCA)
Jubatara, Agartala, Tripura**

In accordance with the principles of friendship, equality, and mutual academic benefit, to strengthen friendship ties and to further the mutual understanding between St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) (herein after referred as **SXC**), Kolkata and Holy Cross College, Agartala (herein after referred as **HCCA**), Jubatara, Tripura (affiliated to Tripura University) agrees for institutional collaboration in education and other activities through academic cooperation and for this they are of one accord in entering this MoU.

Both "**SXC**" and "**HCCA**" together and collectively for the purposes of the MoU be referred to as "**Parties or Institutions**" and individually as "**Party or Institution.**"

Whereas,

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, is a premier Christian Minority Higher Educational Institution founded in 1860 by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). Anchored by the spirit of "Magis" and the motto "Nihil Ultra" (Nothing Beyond), the college is dedicated to forming men and women for others through a commitment to academic excellence, social justice, and the inherent dignity of every individual. As the first autonomous college in West Bengal, it serves a diverse student body from across India and abroad, providing a transformative environment for scholarship and character building. The institution's primary mission is to impart 'holistic education' that integrates rigorous intellectual discipline with the development of the heart and mind. St. Xavier's offers a wide array of undergraduate and postgraduate programs across the Arts, Science, Commerce, Business Administration, and Education faculties, including doctoral research in various disciplines. The college has been consistently recognized for its excellence, having been re-accredited with a Grade A++ (CGPA 3.53/4) by NAAC and designated as a "College of Excellence" by the UGC.

Whereas,

HCC, Agartala is a private English medium co-educational post-graduate institution of higher learning, founded, animated and enlivened by the Congregation of Holy Cross, a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person. This institution provides opportunities of scholarship for academically qualified graduates primarily for the state of Tripura and also from the rest of India and its neighbouring Nations. Its prime focus is to provide 'holistic education', educating the hearts and the minds of the young. The courses offered by the institution are B.A., B.Sc., B.Com, BBA, (Teacher Education) B.Ed along with PG courses in the disciplines of Arts and Management. The college has been accredited with grade A+ by NAAC, in its second cycle of accreditation in the year 2023.

PREAMBLE

Following communications between SXC and HCCA a formal Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective for a period of **five (5) years** from the date it has been signed by both the parties, with a desire to initiate certain cooperative programs beneficial to the respective educational institutions and to promote the development of academics, research, training activities and other educational programs of mutual interests.

AGREEMENT

In contemplation of the relationship to be established and for consideration, both parties agree as follows:

1. This agreement supplants the previous agreements between the two parties, subsequent discussions, agreements and understandings, whether verbal or in writing, are subsumed by this agreement. Palpable modification requires a fresh written agreement reached by both parties.
2. This agreement is not considered to be a contract creating legal and financial obligations between SXC and HCCA. **The primary objective of this agreement is to promote interaction and collaboration between faculty members, staff and students of the two institutions through visits, study programs, research activities and exchange programs on a reciprocal basis.**
3. It is agreed that SXC and HCCA will work together to promote the following:
 - a. **Research Collaboration:** Faculty/researchers/students of SXC and HCCA can collaborate in future research activities that either involve working cooperatively with partner institutions and/or cover a research topic with an international component.
 - b. **Student exchanges:** Students can be given an opportunity to travel among the parties to participate in activities/events that will enhance their knowledge. Activities include, but are not limited to, a semester, study with credit transfer, dual specialization, taking short term certificate courses, etc. (as per the provision/norms laid down by the parent University and other regulatory bodies).
 - c. **Faculty exchanges:** Faculty members of SXC and HCCA can participate in activities that can enhance their knowledge and also to foster relations between the parties. Activities include, but are not limited to, delivering lectures, teaching a course, taking a sabbatical, acquiring skills for institutional governance and developing collaborative research etc.
 - d. **Promotion of integrated curriculum for related studies:** The parties can look at integrating an international-intercultural dimension into their teaching, research, and service functions of the institution which would enable the students to acquire a better understanding on a global perspective.
 - e. **Faculty Development Programme (FDP)/Workshops/Seminar/Conferences:** Both parties can organize FDP/workshops/seminars/conferences, in collaboration

with one another, such that faculty members from either institution can be invited as speaker/expert/resource person in these programme/activities. Similarly, faculty members of both the institutions can participate in these programmes.

- f. Collaboration in the exchange of information relating to their activities in teaching and research in fields of mutual interests; sharing of e-content between the parties; access to library and repository services, e-content development, other resource mobilization, external examiner and question paper setter etc.
 - g. Conducting cultural projects, study tours, as mutually agreed upon in writing between SXC and HCCA prior to commencement of these activities.
4. This agreement is incorporated into and will provide the foundation and framework for the particular projects developed by academic and administrative units from the two institutions and embodied in subsequent agreements. As specific projects are developed, memoranda of agreements will be created and signed by both parties regarding the specific terms of those projects.
 5. This agreement, when executed by the parties, shall continue for a period of **five (5) years** from the date it has been signed by both parties. Upon written agreement by both parties, this may be renewed for an additional period of time with notification at least **six (6) months** before expiration of the agreement. Either party may terminate the agreement with **six (6) months** written notice of intent to terminate. **(However, specific commitments made prior to such intimation shall be honoured by both the parties including ensuring that any student at that time participating in any programme is able to complete the term of the assignment and be assessed for it.)**
 6. Neither party is obligated to expend any resources in connection with this agreement. Each party is responsible for the resources necessary to perform its obligations under this agreement. No implementation of any portion of this agreement or commencement of any specific projects may be initiated prior to the written assurance of adequate budgetary resources. SXC and HCCA may jointly or individually seek funding and other support from third parties to support activities under this agreement.
 7. This agreement shall not be construed to create a relationship of partners, brokers, employees, servants, joint ventures or agents as between the parties. The parties to this agreement are acting as independent participants. In the event that the parties decide to engage in activities which involve employment, separate agreements addressing those issues will be required.
 8. The parties shall cooperate mutually to resolve any dispute or misunderstanding by collaboration and discussion within **two (2) months**, if the dispute or misunderstanding could not be resolved during the said time-frame then the agreement may be terminated by publishing a notice by any one of the parties.
 9. This agreement shall be considered in effect upon the signatures of all required representatives of each institution.
 10. Contact persons shall be:

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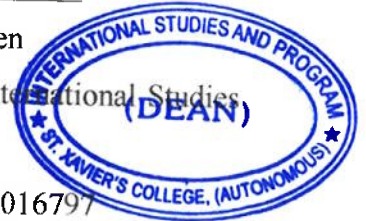
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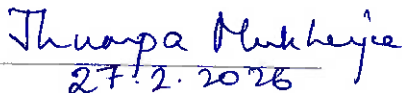
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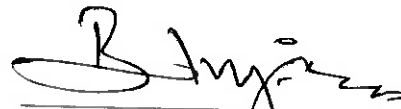


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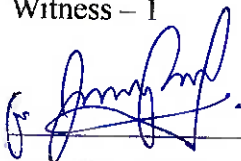
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