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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) made and executed at Chennai on 5th day of October, 2022, by and between



Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi

Having its office at 56-57 Institutional Area, Janakpuri, New Delhi – 110058, India, represented by its Registrar, Prof. Ranjit Kumar Barman, duly authorized to execute this MOU.

AND



Siddhanta Knowledge Foundation

A Section 8 Company registered under the Companies Act, 1956, having its office at 72, Marshalls Road, Egmore, Chennai – 600008, India, represented by its Director, Shri G Vishnu Vardhan, duly authorized to execute this MOU.

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REGISTRAR
CENTRAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY, DELHI
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Director

WHEREAS

Central Sanskrit University (CSU), Central Sanskrit University (CSU) is Established on 30th April, 2020 by an act of Parliament as per the Government of India Gazette No. CG-DL-A-17042020-219068 dated 17th April 2020. Earlier Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan was established on 15th October 1970 as an autonomous organisation registered under the Societies Registration Act (XXI of 1860) under the control of MHRD which got transformed as Deemed University in 2002. Hereafter, Central Sanskrit University will be referred as CSU.

CSU is a Premier University for promoting Sanskrit studies in India and abroad. It is the biggest Sanskrit University in the world today, which is also the only Multi-Campus Sanskrit University. All-round development of all the branches of Sanskrit learning and availability of Sanskrit resources through modern systems are the main objectives of the University. The University is meant for the upliftment of linguistic diversity and cultural plurality while arranging for teaching and research in Sanskrit, Pali and Prakrit in the context of their mutual cultural inter-relationship. It is also committed for the preservation and upliftment of the philosophical and scientific elements in the knowledge systems of these languages and ensuring their availability through the equipment of information and communication technology, while establishing the relationship of these knowledge systems with cultural legacy.

The other objectives of the University are:

To disseminate and advance knowledge by providing instructional research and expansion facilities to the promotion of Sanskrit Language courses in humanities, social sciences, and science in its educational Government.

- To take appropriate measures for promoting innovations in teaching-learning process and interdisciplinary studies and research.
- To educate and train manpower for the overall development;
- To establish the glory of Sanskrit learning in the global context.

Thus, CSU includes all its campuses along with affiliated colleges, research centres and any other related organisations.

AND

Siddhanta Knowledge Foundation (SKF) is a non-profit organization (registered Company in India) dedicated to restoring the pride of Bharat amongst its younger generation. Hereafter, Siddhanta Knowledge Foundation will be referred as SKF. Specifically, SKF helps build ecosystems that can unearth wisdom embedded within the Bharatiya knowledge systems, and then disseminate this wisdom such that it is relevant to contemporary society and era. SKF's approach is to partner with organizations that are engaged in revival of Sanatana Dharma.

The two parties hereby agree, through this MoU, to collaborate as follows:

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Section 1 : The Intent

A key goal of SKF is to revitalize Dharma in Hindu society. To this end, SKF would like to engage with experts in Bharatiya Shastra Knowledge and help make it accessible and usable to the wider society including dissemination of knowledge through its own online platform.

Both CSU and SKF, recognize the need to re-contextualize Bharatiya shastras or sciences for benefitting the contemporary social, cultural, political, environmental ecosystem. This requires (i) identifying, engaging, supporting and leveraging multiple scholars having the right knowhow, (ii) promoting research in various Shastras and other Bharatiya literature with the objective of paraphrasing the knowledge thereof, for non-traditional contexts and audiences (iii) providing training to researchers in tools and technology that will help in the process (iv) harnessing the latest technologies and practices for rapid impact and outreach at scale.

SKF brings the resources, industry connections and institutional experience necessary to sustain this effort over the long haul. CSU brings access to scholarly expertise, ability to contribute to a rigorous research process and use technology to make complex traditional knowledge matrices more accessible and conducive to wider dissemination through modern adaptations.

Hence, a confluence of their complementary skills will likely help both organizations in their mission to rejuvenate Bharata's intellectual tradition to benefit not only present and future generations of Bharata, but also of the whole world.

Section 2: Representatives for regular coordination and project-based discussions

- a. **Central Sanskrit University (CSU)**, will be represented by its Dean of Academic Affairs, Prof. Banamali Biswal
AND
- b. **Siddhanta Knowledge Foundation (SKF)** will be represented by its Deputy Director, Ms. Lakshmi Sarma or any other representative as nominated by SKF, from time to time

Section 3: Scope of MoU

This MoU shall cover all campuses of Central Sanskrit University (CSU) along with CSU affiliated colleges, research centres and any other related organisations.

Section 4: Key areas of collaboration

- a. CSU and SKF shall jointly execute projects to develop easy, effective and logical learning resources for various texts pertaining to traditional Bharatiya knowledge, including pedagogy creation, dissemination and training
- b. CSU and SKF to jointly design and launch online courses on various Shastra and IKS topics including interdisciplinary courses. Courses can be offered for both Sanskrit students and for others, using existing models

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- c. CSU, after due consideration of their norms and policies, shall consider awarding certifications in case of both online and offline courses and/or programs that are developed and/or offered jointly with SKF
- d. CSU and SKF shall collaborate and jointly sponsor various outreach activities pertaining to traditional Bharatiya knowledge systems and literature in general, as well as the subject matter of respective research projects in particular, including organising seminars and conferences, lectures and other events. Participation in such outreach activities will be mutually discussed and decided
- e. CSU and SKF agree that output of projects executed under this MoU can be utilized by either party.
- f. The terms of collaboration for specific projects will be mutually discussed and decided, on a case-to-case basis. This includes specific works and funding therein, scope of such works, their modalities, execution parameters, quality of service, evaluation of output, etc.
- g. Since this MOU is a basic understanding between the parties, the specific terms of collaboration not covered in this MoU, shall be mutually agreed to, via relevant annexures, as and when the need arises.

Joint Obligations:

As Research Navigation Partners: As RESEARCH NAVIGATION PARTNERS, CSU and SKF shall work towards:

- i. Re-defining research project outcomes to meet specific objectives, aligned with CSU's research policy
- ii. Converting existing research output with CSU into courses to be offered in both online and offline modes
- iii. Enriching and empowering existing CSU research networks with SKF support and expertise to contemporaries Shastra-research from an IKS and nation-building perspective
- iv. SKF to work with CSU towards enabling CSU's digitisation projects including palm-leaves, manuscripts and e-versions of current catalogue

Branding and Communication: CSU and SKF agree to declare their partnership, as well as joint events and announcements covered under this MoU, in their respective branding and communication.

Obligations of Central Sanskrit University:

As Execution Partner: As EXECUTION PARTNER, CSU shall select and appoint Research Scholars to enable knowledge capture from various Shastra literature as well as other relevant texts and design a suitable schedule and process mechanism to achieve the desired objectives / output(s) as agreed upon with SKF.

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As Primary Resource Partner: CSU shall provide access to existing research and academic databases and output as well as networking support with regard to scholars and academicians towards achieving aforementioned obligations.

Obligations of Siddhanta Knowledge Foundation:

1. **As Project Owner:** As PROJECT OWNER, SKF shall ensure that resources required for execution of various projects shall be jointly facilitated with CSU. Further, SKF shall periodically monitor and review the progress of these projects, along with CSU, in order to ensure timely completion and achievement of the stated objectives.
2. **As Consulting and Training Partner:**
 - a. SKF-nominated scholar(s) may be included as part of Boards of Studies, constituted by CSU, in line with existing CSU policy
 - b. SKF shall provide training to faculty and research scholars across all CSU campuses as well as at academic institutions associated with CSU, incorporating technology tools as part of methodology both from a pedagogy and research perspective

Section 5: The Period

Whereas both parties desire to have a long term and mutually rewarding relationship, both Central Sanskrit University (CSU) and Siddhanta Knowledge Foundation (SKF) agree to this MoU for a period of 5 (Five) years from the date of signing this MOU, with provision for further period of extension with mutual discussion and consent.

Section 6: Modification of Agreement

This agreement can be modified at any time by mutual discussion and consent by both the parties in writing.

Section 7: Intellectual Property

Both CSU and SKF will be the joint owners of any intellectual property created under this MoU and can be used by both the parties with no further commitments to/from the other party.

Section 8: Termination

This agreement can be terminated by either party by issuing a prior notice of 6 months to the other party subject to completion of on-going projects and their respective obligations.

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Section 9: Effects of the Termination

- All material produced during the tenure of this MoU, as part of research projects and other knowledge collaboration projects can be accessed by both parties with no further commitments to/from the other party.
- Upon termination of this MoU, no claims of any nature will be entertained by either party.

We, representing the two parties, Central Sanskrit University (CSU) and Siddhanta Knowledge Foundation (SKF), sign this MoU.

**For & on behalf of
Central Sanskrit University**

R.K. Barman.

**REGISTRAR
Prof. Ranjit Kumar Barman
CENTRAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY, DELHI
(Registrar)
56-57, INSTITUTIONAL AREA
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Date : 05th October 2022**

Place : 56-57, Institutional Area
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Witnesses

- B. Bisual*
1. Prof. Banamali Bisual
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2. *[Signature]*
Prof. R. G. Murali Krishna
Professor, CSU, Delhi - 110058

Notary

**For & on behalf of
Siddhanta Knowledge Foundation**

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**Shri G Vishnu Vardhan
(Director)**

Date : 05th October 2022

Place : 72, Marshalls Road, Egmore
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