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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR PROMOTION OF EDUCATION FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Tamil Nadu Open University, Tamil Nadu (hereinafter referred as "TNOU") having its office at no. 577, Anna Salai, Saidapet, Chennai, Tamil Nadu and the Rehabilitation Council of India (hereinafter referred as "RCI"), a Statutory Body under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, DEPwD, Govt. of India, having its office at B-22, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi-110016 was Signed on 14.07.2006 for collaboration in promoting education through distance mode for the empowerment of person with disabilities.

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In pursuance of the above MoU, Special Education courses namely B.Ed. Special Education, through Open & Distance Learning mode (B.Ed.Spl.Edn.-ODL) in the area of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Visual Impairment, Hearing Impairment were successfully implemented with an encouraging acceptability and increasing demand.

The above said MoU was renewed and extended further on 04.10.2011 for another period of five years w.e.f. 04.10.2011 to conduct the special education courses as per the provisions of MoU. The above said MoU was further renewed and extended on 17.02.2017 for another period of five years w.e.f. 03.10.2016 to conduct the special education courses as per the provisions of MoU.

Based on the MoU as signed between TNOU and RCI on 14.07.2006, the present MoU is signed on 12.12.2022 by the Registrar on behalf of the TNOU and by the Member Secretary on behalf of the RCI and both parties agreed to extend the MoU for another five year w.e.f. 12.12.2022 and abide by the provisions therein to achieve the desired goals.

The present MoU is an extension of the MoU signed between TNOU and RCI, New Delhi on 14.07.2006 for collaboration in promoting education for the empowerment of persons with disabilities and is governed by the following provisions:

1. TNOU, Tamil Nadu will collaborate with RCI in designing programme and development of multimedia for Special Education courses through Open &



Distance Learning (ODL) and will facilitate delivery and certification of such courses.

2. RCI accepts TNOU as State Open University equipped to undertake Special Education courses through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) in Regional Language (Tamil) & English medium. RCI will also extend technical expertise to TNOU and its Study Centres as and when required.
3. TNOU in collaboration with RCI will conduct the following courses through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode in the State of Tamil Nadu in Tamil (Regional language) & English medium till the validity of MoU. Course wise allocations of seats to University & its Study Centres are as under :-

Name of courses	Max. intake	Duration	Intake per batch for each study centre	
			Min.	Max.
B.Ed.Spl.Ed.- ODL (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities)	500	05- semesters, i.e.2.5 years for students without D.Ed. in Special Education (To be completed in max. 10 Semesters i.e. 5 years)	-	50
B.Ed.Spl.Ed.- ODL (Hearing Impairment)		04- semesters, i.e.2 years for students with D.Ed. in Special Education (To be completed in max. 8 Semesters i.e. 4 years)		
B.Ed.Spl.Ed.- ODL (Visual Impairment)				

Note: B.Ed.Spl.Ed.-ODL (HI, VI & IDD) is to be implemented as per the latest norms and guidelines of RCI from the academic session 2022-23. Accordingly, SLM shall be developed by TNOU in light of the revised syllabus.

4. For aforesaid Courses, the faculty and infrastructural facilities at the

University, academic contents, eligibility conditions, and process of evaluation etc. shall be as prescribed by the RCI from time to time.

5. All the Special Education training courses under operation or to be operated in future need to be planned as Transparent and on Self-Financing and Self-Sustaining Scheme with generation of funds through course fees and other charges to meet the running cost of the course.
6. The amount of the Programme Fee and other charges is to be fixed in consultation with RCI to meet the financial implications for self-financing. No other fee or any other amount shall be charged by TNOU from the students.
7. On the basis of the criteria mentioned at Clause (5), course fees will be shared by the TNOU, RCI and the Study Centre(s) on PRORATA basis as per the norms fixed for each course as per need. The norm of sharing of course fees and other charges shall be fixed on a long-term perspective as per the following proportion;
 - (a) **TNOU:** 50% of the total fee and charges collected in r/o special education courses and other courses as mentioned at Clause (3).
 - (b) **Study Centre:** 40% of the total fee and charges collected in r/o special education courses and other courses as mentioned at Clause (3).
 - (c) **RCI:** 10% of the total fee and charges collected in r/o special education courses and other courses as mentioned at Clause (3).
8. Study Material in respect of aforesaid courses will be provided by TNOU to Study Centres and students as per the requirement.
9. Training institutions already running the teacher training courses approved by the Council in the State of Tamil Nadu may only be considered as a Study



Centre(s) provided they meet the norms, for which TNOU will provide the list of prospective Study Centre(s) to RCI for issuance of NOC by RCI to prospective training institutions to act as a Study Centre under TNOU. The TNOU shall issue letter of approval to the concerned Study Centre(s) as per their rules and regulation. No other institute who are not running RCI approved courses shall be eligible to become study centre. If the approval granted to any study centre is withdrawn by the RCI after issuance of NOC then the affiliation of that study centre by the TNOU will automatically stand cancelled. However, the students already enrolled in the study centre concerned will be allowed to continue the course within the time frame as stipulated under Clause-3.

10. TNOU and RCI will jointly decide the norms in respect of the honorarium to the faculty and detailed process of admission, examination and evaluation etc.
11. The passing certificate and degree shall be awarded by TNOU to the students. However, Authentication Certificate required for registration with the RCI shall be issued by the concerned approved study centre(s) from where the candidate has completed the courses.
12. Any dispute between TNOU and the concerned study centre shall be resolved by them without any involvement of RCI.
13. There will be an Apex Advisory Committee which will normally meet twice a year to oversee the implementation of the MoU. The composition of AAC shall be as under:

a. Vice-Chancellor, TNOU

- Chairperson




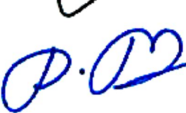
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| b. | Two experts nominated by the Chairperson, RCI | - Members |
| c. | Two nominees of the Board of Management of the TNOU | - Members |
| d. | Member-Secretary, RCI | - Ex-Officio Member |
| e. | Programme Coordinator, TNOU, Tamil Nadu | - Member Secretary |

14. The present MoU shall be valid for a period of 5 years w.e.f. 12.12.2022 and may be renewed from time to time at 5 (five) years of interval. However, it may also be terminated earlier by either party giving advance notice of one academic session.
15. Both the parties hereto agree that any dispute arising out of this MoU shall be settled mutually through discussions and that in the event of their failure to settle the dispute, the matter shall be referred to Sole Arbitrator appointed with the consent of both the parties in New Delhi.


Registrar

On behalf of TNOU


WITNESSES:

-  Dr. M. MANIVANNAN
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Member Secretary

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