



JYOTI NIVAS COLLEGE AUTONOMOUS

Affiliated to Bengaluru City University

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

Between

Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous,
Bengaluru, Karnataka



And

MyndStories, Bengaluru, Karnataka

This Agreement is made on the 2nd day of June 2023 between Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous, Bengaluru, Karnataka represented by its Principal, Dr. Sr. Lalitha Thomas (hereinafter referred to as "JNC") as the first party and, MyndStories, a part of Metta Media Pvt. Ltd. Bengaluru represented by its Founders Smitha Murthy and Swati Nair (hereinafter referred to as "MS") as the second party.

PURPOSE

Whereas

- Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous, Bengaluru, (hereinafter referred as "JNC") is a minority Christian college founded in the year 1966 by the Sister's of St. Joseph of Tarbes with the specific aim of providing a balanced higher education to young women, to turn out intellectually enlightened, morally upright, spiritually oriented, socially committed and emotionally balanced young persons. It offers a range of UG and PG programmes in Arts, Humanities and Sciences and is affiliated to Bangalore City University.
- Jyoti Nivas College (herein referred to as "JNC") is desirous to associate with MS on various areas as discussed in the purview of this MoU, which will be mutually beneficial to both organizations.

Whereas

- MyndStories, Bengaluru (hereinafter referred as "MS") is a part of Metta Media Pvt. Ltd., committed to empower and support Indians on their mental wellness journey with India-specific mental health content and guidance. We aim to foster more conversations and raise awareness on mental wellness by providing culturally relevant content verified by professionals.
- MS is desirous to associate with JNC on various areas as discussed in the purview of this MoU, which will be mutually beneficial to both institutions.

That, relying on the principle of good faith, by virtue of which they will carry out all the possible actions for their due fulfillment,

And relying also on their common bonds and concerns, they state their interest in strengthening their relationships through cooperation, and for this end they are of one accord in entering this MoU.



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THEREFORE THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITNESSES AS FOLLOWS

1. OBJECTIVE:

- a) The parties agree that the objective of the present MoU is to establish a cooperation program in order to collaborate towards the formation of students, awareness and relevant projects for the promotion and development in the field of mental health.

2. METHOD FOR ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES:

- a) In order to achieve the aforementioned objectives, both parties, in mutual agreement, shall develop cooperation programs and projects that will specify the commitments each of them is to make for the performance of said programs.

3. AREAS OF COOPERATION:

- a) Whereas, MS and JNC recognize that the collaboration would be of mutual benefit and would provide strengths in research and mental health and their mutual interest in engaging themselves in cooperation. As per the purpose of the said agreement, the two parties shall collaborate in:
- i) Student/Faculty Development Programmes related to Mental Health through collaboration on articles and features where JNC students will intern as writers and faculty can submit guest posts
 - ii) Awareness Campaigns/Consultancy in the field of mental health by inviting JNC faculty to be content reviewers for MS, encouraging JNC students to join the MyndStories Mental Health Ambassador Program, and by creating awareness campaigns together for social media
 - iii) Collaborations for Webinars/Workshops related to mental health by inviting JNC faculty to lead sessions in Spaces, our group support feature
 - iv) Any other area of mutual interest that may emerge in the future related to mental health.

4. FUNDING:

Expenses for organizing any program, if needed, by either of the institutions shall be decided based on the nature of the event/program.

5. NO EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP:

- a) The parties agree that this Agreement shall not be construed in any manner as establishing any kind of partnership or bond of a labor nature between them. Thus, in all activities stemming from the present MoU and from subsequent specific action plans, the parties are in the understanding that, in all cases, employment relationships shall remain in force between the employing institution and its respective personnel.

6. CREDITS/ACCREDITATION:

- a) Credits and grades shall be awarded in accordance with the academic achievement policies in force at the Institution/Affiliating University/Government. However, the Institution reserves the right to accept or reject any accreditation leading to an academic degree.
- b) The Institution shall issue a certification recognizing the grades obtained, as well as the hours invested on projects/papers completed by the students.



- c) It is noted that 6(a) and 6(b) are subject to the laws of the land, and rules and regulations promulgated by the affiliating university, if any, regarding the academic administration as well as transfer of academic credits.

7. RIGHTS AND DUTIES:

- a) The Host Institution is committed to counseling and supporting students on exchange through advice on academic and administrative procedures, as well as to foster their integration, inviting and encouraging guest students to become involved in student life in the field of mental health.
- b) JNC shall act as facilitators, but they will have no obligation whatsoever in terms of the actions, behaviour or financial aspects of the students / participants involved in the exchange.
- c) The students/ participants shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as regular students/faculty, and shall observe the norms and rules of the Host Institution and the Host State. Any violation of the laws of the receiving State and/or the rules of the Host Institution by an exchange participant shall be grounds for the immediate termination of the privileges in the context of this Agreement.
- d) The host institution agrees to assist to provide boarding, lodging and necessities and to provide workspace, library and laboratory facilities as appropriate.

8. AUTONOMY:

- a) This agreement is a statement of intentions and does not involve, in any instance whatsoever, any financial obligations between the subscribing institutions. Projects with financial implications would be separately contracted adhering to agreed terms and conditions.

9. TERM:

- a) This MoU shall be effective for a period of one (1) year from the date of execution of this agreement, and shall be automatically renewed thereafter for another one (1) year unless a written notice to terminate or amend this agreement is given to the other party one (1) month in advance.
- b) It is expressly agreed that neither party shall be liable for damages that they might cause each other as a result of a **forceful suspension** of a collaboration program. Causes for forceful suspension must be explicitly set forth in the action plans.
- c) This agreement may, at any time during its period of validity, be terminated by either party upon one month's prior notice to the other in writing.

10. CONFLICT RESOLUTION:

- a) Any dispute resulting from the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled through direct negotiation and **common agreement** by the persons delegated to such end by each Institution. Either party may propose to the other a modification of the Agreement at any time in writing.

11. ACTION PLANS:

- a) Every work program or specific activity that is agreed upon between both institutions shall be defined through an action plan, which shall be under the responsibility of two individuals, appointed respectively by each university / Institution, and which shall define the following aspects:
- i) Foundations or considerations that warrant the plan for inter-institutional collaboration;
- ii) Exchange of scholars (Faculty Members, Researchers or Associates) and students
- iii) Objective of the action plan for inter-institutional collaboration;

