



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
COMMONWEALTH OF LEARNING - COMMONWEALTH EDUCATIONAL
MEDIA CENTRE FOR ASIA
AND
Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University (KKHSOU)

This **MOU** is made between the **Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA)**, the regional centre of **Commonwealth of Learning (COL)**, having its office at 7/8 Sarv Priya Vihar, New Delhi 110016, India, an inter-governmental organization created by Commonwealth Heads of Government in 1987 (herein after called "**COL-CEMCA**") of the one part.

and

The **Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University (KKHSOU)**, an Open University established under the provision of the KKHSOU Act, 2005, enacted by the Government of Assam, and published in the Assam Gazette (extraordinary) dated 29/9/2005, represented by its Vice Chancellor, hereinafter referred to as "KKHSOU" (which term shall, so far as the context admits, be deemed to mean and include its successors and assignees) of the other part.

WHEREAS COL-CEMCA has the objective to encourage the development and sharing of open and distance education, knowledge, resources and technologies and to assist Commonwealth member governments to benefit from this.

WHEREAS the KKHSOU has the objective to provide access to and opportunities for higher education to large segments of the population, particularly the disadvantaged groups in remote and rural areas, in-service people, homemakers, and other adults who wish to upgrade or acquire knowledge through studies in various fields. To strengthen and diversify the programmes of study to lend employability and building the economy of the country by developing competencies in human resource. To enhance better learning opportunities and the Gross Enrolment Ratio in the state of Assam by providing a non-formal channel complementary to the conventional education. To advance and disseminate learning and knowledge through diversified means including the use of Information and Communication Technology; to provide quality education, and training for skills development in the arts and crafts of the state.

NOW THEREFORE, COL-CEMCA and the KKHSOU, collectively referred to as the Parties, inspired by their common objectives in promoting and enhancing the quality of Distance Education in the Asian region. Both parties recognize the importance of collaboration in the field of educational media resources, research, and development for the advancement of Distance Education and agree to collaborate on initiatives aimed at improving the quality and accessibility of Distance Education, therefore, decided to enter this MOU and agree as herein contained as follows:

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Article I. Objective and Purpose

The main objective and purpose of this MOU are:

- 1.1 Development and sharing of educational media resources.
- 1.2 Promoting Open Educational Resources through Collaborative efforts including the creation of an OER repository.
- 1.3 Research and development in Open and Distance Learning methodologies and technical advice for the establishment of a research centre for intensive research on open, distance and technology-enhanced learning.
- 1.4 Training and capacity-building programs for educators and practitioners in Open, Distance and Online Learning.
- 1.5 Training, and capacity-building programmes for schoolteachers of the state through LMS-based interventions.
- 1.6 Joint conferences, seminars, and workshops related to Open and Distance Learning.
- 1.7 Any other activities mutually agreed upon by both parties.

Article II. Mutual Interest

- 2.1 Without limitation to the generality of the objective(s), the possible areas of collaboration and roles and responsibilities include:
 - 2.1.1 CEMCA shall provide expertise, capacity building, research, and advisory support in the field of educational media resources for Open & Distance Learning.
 - 2.1.2 Conduct FDPS for Faculty and Staff of the Open University system in various aspects of ODL.
 - 2.1.3 Build capacity of KKHSOU staff and Faculty to become Master Trainers.
 - 2.1.4 KKHSOU will ensure that quality learning resources are created and are placed in the OER repository.
 - 2.1.5 KKHSOU will delegate staff and faculty for capacity building programmes.

The MOU facilitates and allows sub-contracts for the phase-wise projects aimed at achieving the objectives of the MOU related to the development of OERs and other learning resources and Faculty Development in various aspects of ODL/ Blended and Online Learning. Both parties shall collaborate in the planning and execution of joint initiatives.

Article III. Assignment or Transfer to Third Parties

- 3.1 The responsibilities of the Parties under this MOU are not assignable or transferable without the prior written consent of both parties. Any attempt to assign or transfer, including by operation of law, is void unless there is the prior written approval of both Parties.

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