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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) FOR PROMOTION OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION & DISABILITY REHABILITATION

This Memorandum of Understanding is made and executed on this **Nineteenth** day of **May 2017** at New Delhi.

The Krishna Kant Handiqui State Open University, a State University enacted by an act of State Legislature (hereinafter referred to as 'KKHSOU'), having its office at Patgaon, Rani Gate, Rani, Guwahati, Assam-781017, India; through its authorized signatory i.e. the Registrar which expression unless repugnant to be context or the meaning thereof shall include its permitted assigns and successors.

AND

Rehabilitation Council of India, (hereinafter referred to as 'RCI'), statutory body created by an Act of Parliament, The Rehabilitation Council of India Act of 1992 having its Office at B-22, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi-110 016 through its authorized signatory i.e. Member Secretary which expression unless repugnant to be context or the meaning thereof shall include its permitted assigns and successors.

Whereas both the collaborating above named parties are hereby agreed to make joint efforts in Assam for promoting and implementing training and education programmes for the empowerment of persons with disabilities under the norms and guidelines Rehabilitation Council of India and will abide by the following provisions to achieve the desired goals.

1. RCI recognizes KKHSOU as State University also for undertaking Special Education courses through ODL mode in English / other regional language. RCI will also extend technical expertise to KKHSOU and its Study Centres through KKHSOU.

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2. KKHSOU will collaborate with RCI in designing programmes and development of multimedia for the Open, Distance Learning Special Education courses and will award Certificate/Degree to the successful candidates.

3. KKHSOU in collaboration with RCI will conduct the following courses through ODL mode in Assam till the validity of MoU. Keeping in view the United Nation Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and Right to Education Act for promoting inclusive education, the courses in Learning Disabilities (LD) may be given emphasis by KKHSOU. Course wise allocations of seats to KKHSOU & Study Centres are as under:

Name of the Course	Max. intake	Duration	Max. Intake per batch for each Study Centre
B. Ed. Spl. Ed. (MR, HI, VI)- ODL	500	2 ½ years (5 Semesters)	50

4. For existing courses the faculty and infrastructural facilities at KKHSOU, academic contents, eligibility conditions, and process of evaluation will be as prescribed by the RCI.

5. KKHSOU in consultation with RCI could propose new programmes, which could be designed by team of experts appointed by RCI with two expert nominees of KKHSOU for which the academics contents, eligibility conditions, design development and delivery of courses will be separately worked out by KKHSOU in consultation with RCI for each course as and when required.

6. The KKHSOU shall also establish a Model Centre at the University to conduct B.Ed.Spl.Ed.-ODL courses in each disability specialization with a maximum intake of 50 per disability specialization till the validity of MoU.

7. The KKHSOU in due course of time shall also establish a Model Special School within the premises of University for Children with Special Needs (CWSN) to facilitate the teaching practice of student's trainees as per the course requirement.

8. KKHSOU shall be responsible for development of Self Learning Material of B.Ed.Spl.Ed.-ODL courses prescribed by the RCI and its revisions & translation in English / other regional language. However, the experts appointed by RCI may vet the content and it will also act as "Resource Centre" of RCI for such works.

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In addition to the above, KKHSOU will also act as "Research Centre" for institutional/ individual research work related to disability; In-service training and Sensitization of Key Functionaries of Central and State Government, Local Bodies; and other Service Provider Scheme(s); and any other prospective scheme(s) assigned by RCI from time to time. Besides, the Resource Centre will focus on major and minor research & development projects relating to disability studies and provide support for formulation of policy-guidelines concerning academics and affiliation to institutions for special education.

To cater to these activities, the University will establish a Centre for Disability Studies in the University under the Department of Rehabilitation and Special Education which will also incorporate scope of outreach centre of RCI without any financial implication on the Council. This centre will strictly adhere to the goals and objectives as determined by RCI.

9. KKHSOU shall act as a Information providing centre/ facilitation Centre/ Channelizing agency in Assam for disseminating information on scholarship, ADIP and other various schemes of RCI and DEPwD, MoSJE in Assam without any financial implication on the Council.

10. This centre for disability studies shall also undertake the responsibility entrusted by RCI, if any, apart from the duties as prescribed above, without any financial implication on the Council.

11. All the special education 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 to meet the running cost of the course which includes:-

- a. Implementation cost of the implanting agencies i.e. Study Centres and KKHSOU.
- b. 10% of course fee to be remitted to RCI for Distance Education Project of the RCI covering staff promotion, maintenance of quality and research etc., as RCI share, and
- c. Generation of development cost to the extent possible for recycling the amount as seed money for future development essential for continuous quality improvement. The amount of the Programme Fee is to be fixed in consultation with RCI to meet the above financial implications for self-financing.

12. On the basis of the criteria in Clause 9, course fees will be shared by the KKHSOU, 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 should be fixed on a long-term perspective as per the following proportion:

KKHSOU	: 50% of the total fee collected in r/o special education courses.
Study Centre	: 40% of the total fee collected in r/o special education courses.
RCI	: 10% of the total collected in r/o special education courses.

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13. Study Material in r/o aforesaid courses will be supplied by KKHSOU to Study Centres and students as per the requirement.

14. Training institutions approved by the Council in Assam may be considered as a Study Centre(s) provided provisions of norms are met, for which KKHSOU will provide the list of prospective Study Center(s) to RCI for issuance of NOC by RCI to prospective training institutions to act as a Study Centre under RCI and KKHSOU. KKHSOU shall issue letter of approval to the concerned Study Centre(s) as per their rules and regulation after obtaining NOC from RCI.

15. The honorarium to the faculty members at the Study Centre(s) and detailed system of admission procedure, conduct of contact classes, examination (Internal/External) will be decided by the KKHSOU under intimation to the Council and also KKHSOU will ensure that Teacher Trainees to be considered eligible to appear in the term end examination, overall 75% attendance (minimum) in practice teaching and contact classes in approved schools is adhered.

16. The passing Certificate and Degree shall be awarded by KKHSOU to the students. However, Authentication Certificate required for registration with the Council shall be issued by the concerned approved Study Centre(s) from where the candidate has completed the course. In case of closure/ defaulter/ discontinuation of Study Centre(s), the aforesaid Certificate may be issued by the KKHSOU to the candidate(s).

17. Any dispute between KKHSOU and the concerned Study Centre shall be resolved by them without any involvement of RCI.

18. There will be an Apex Advisory Committee which will normally meet twice a year to oversee the implementation of the provisions of MoU. The committee will consist of the following:

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| a. Vice-Chancellor | : Chairperson |
| b. Two experts nominated by the Chairperson, RCI | : Members |
| c. Two persons nominated by the VC | : Members |
| d. Member-Secretary, RCI | : Ex-Officio Member |
| e. Registrar/ Deputy Registrar or Nominee of the VC
not below the rank of Asst. Registrar | : Member Secretary |

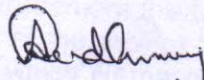
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19. The present MoU will be valid for a period of 5 academic years w.e.f. 2017-18 and may be renewed from time to time at 5 (five) years of interval. In case of violation of provisions of the MoU and non-compliance of prescribed norms/ directions of RCI, the MoU may be terminated earlier by either party giving notice of one academic session. However, the students will be given opportunity to avail the maximum prescribed duration for completion of the course as per provisions of the Programme Guide of various courses and to conduct the supplementary examination, award of certificate and degree to such students.

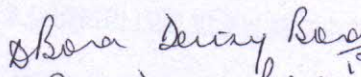
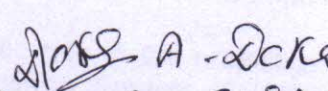
20. Both the parties hereto agree that any dispute arising out of this MoU shall be settled mutually through discussions and that in the event of their failure to settle the dispute, the matter shall be referred to Sole Arbitrator appointed with the consent of both the parties in New Delhi.

On behalf of KKHSOU

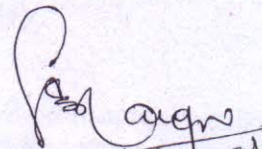

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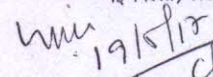
WITNESSES:

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A. Deka
Dir. CWA, CISA, KKHSOU

On behalf of RCI


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Member Secretary
भारतीय पुनर्वासि मंत्रालय / Rehabilitation Commission of India
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Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
विकलांगजन सशक्तिकरण विभाग
Department of Person with Disabilities
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