MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into as of 12TH MAY 2025 by and between:

1. **Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad, a higher education institution located at 'Jyotirmay' Parisar, Sarkhej-Gandhinagar Highway, Chharodi, Ahmedabad - 382481, herein referred to as "Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University,"**

And

2. **The International Centre for Cultural Studies, a cultural foundation located at Keshav Kunj, Jhandewala, New Delhi 110005 herein referred to as "ICCS."**

WHEREAS, the parties wish to collaborate on the development, offering, and promotion of an academic credit course focused on Ancient Traditions, exploring the diverse cultural, philosophical, and religious practices from various historical periods and geographic regions;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Objective

The purpose of this MOU is to outline the terms and responsibilities of both parties in the creation, design, and delivery of a credit-bearing course titled "Ancient Traditions," which will explore various aspects of ancient belief systems, philosophies, rituals, and practices across different cultures.

2. **Course Development and Content**

- **Curriculum Design:** The University and the Partner will collaboratively design the curriculum for the course, ensuring it is academically rigorous, culturally comprehensive, and suitable for university-level Credit (ranging from 2, 4 and 6 credits).
- **Content Areas:** The course will cover, but not be limited to, the following areas:
  - Ancient religious traditions as spread globally among Indigenous cultures, civilizations and practitioners
  - Philosophical traditions and schools of thoughts
  - Rituals, symbols, and practices from ancient societies
  - Influence and contributions of ancient traditions on modern societies
- **Faculty Involvement:** Both parties will contribute qualified faculty or subject matter experts to lead course modules, deliver lectures, and supervise academic activities.

3. **Course Delivery**

- **Mode of Instruction:** The course will be delivered in [online, in-person, hybrid] format, based on mutual agreement and institutional capabilities.
- **Course Duration:** The course will run for [e.g., one semester, 12 weeks], with regular classes held [weekly, bi-weekly, etc.].
- **Credit Hours:** Upon successful completion of the course, students will earn 4 credits.

4. **Responsibilities of the University**

- **Academic Oversight:** The University will ensure that the course meets its academic standards and adheres to its policies for credit-bearing courses.
- **Student Enrolment:** The University will manage student enrollment, registration, and academic records for the course.
- **Grading and Assessment:** The University will establish grading criteria, provide assessments, and award final grades for the course.

- **Promotion:** The University along with the ICCS will promote the course to students, ensuring that it is included in the University curriculum documents and other academic materials.

5. **Responsibilities of the ICCS**

   - **Content Expertise:** The ICCS will provide subject matter experts, guest speakers, or researchers with expertise in ancient traditions to enrich the course content.
   - **Resource Sharing:** The ICCS will make available any relevant materials, archives, or resources that may assist in the course's development or delivery.
   - **Co-teaching/Guest Lectures:** The ICCS may be asked to provide co-teaching support or deliver guest lectures as part of the course offering.

6. **Intellectual Property**

   - **All Intellectual Property resulting from the collaborative course development, including course materials, content, and resources, will be owned by the University only unless otherwise agreed upon in writing.

7. **Financial Considerations**

   - **Expense for the Content Development:** The University shall bear the expenses related to content development. This includes payment of honorarium to experts for innovative content writing, content review, language editing, and any other relevant activities associated with the development of academic material.
   - **Tuition Fees:** The University will set tuition fees for the course, and any revenue generated will be handled according to the University's standard practices.

8. **Duration and Termination**

   - This MOU will remain in effect **for 4 years** from the date of signing, unless terminated earlier by mutual agreement.
   - Either party may terminate this MOU with A WRITTEN NOTICE OF 6 months if the collaboration is no longer viable.

9. **Miscellaneous**

- **Amendments:** Any amendments or changes to this MOU must be made in writing and signed by both parties.
- **Dispute Resolution:** In case of any disputes arising out of this MOU, both parties will make reasonable efforts to resolve the matter through informal discussions. If a resolution cannot be reached, the parties agree to seek mediation.
- **Governing Law:** This MOU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Gujarat-INDIA
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the date first written above.

For **Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University,

Ahmedabad** Registrar Signature: _

Name: **Dr. A.K. Jadeja**

Title: **Registrar**

Date: _____

Registrar
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University
Ahmedabad.

**For the ICCS;

General Secretary

Signature: _____

Name: **Shri Sandeep Kavishwar**

Title: **Organizing Secretary, ICCS, Bharat, Delhi**

Date: _____