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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

INFLIBNET

DR. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR OPEN UNIVERSITY, AHMEDABAD

&

INFORMATION AND LIBRARY NETWORK CENTRE, GANDHINAGAR

For

SHODH CHAKRA

A Gateway to Researchers for Resources

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTNDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered on 08-08-2022 by and between:-

(i) Information and Library Network (herein referred to as "INFLIBNET"), An IUC of UGC, Govt of India is located at Gandhinagar, Gujarat- 382007.

(ii) Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University 'Jyotirmay' Parisar, Dr.B.A.O.U. Marg S.G. Highway, Chharodi, Ahemedabad. 382481.

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University and INFLIBNET are referred to individually as **"Party"** and collectively as **"Parties".** Both parties have reached the following broad areas of cooperation & collaboration intent.

WHEREAS INFLIBNET Centre, an Inter-university Centre of the University Grants Commission of India under Ministry of Education, Govt. of India undertakes activities and services that include automation of academic libraries and information centers, providing access to subscribed and open access e-resources, e-content, ranking of institutions, development of web applications to facilitate scholarly communication and maintenance of bibliographic and non-bibliographic database, etc.;

AND WHEREAS University is a University established by the Act No. 14 of 1994 passed by the Gujarat State Legislature, and assented to by the Governor of Gujarat on 27th July 1994. with an objective to conduct research and provide higher education in various disciplines as approved time to time by the academic council of the university. University has agreed to take part in the ShodhChakra.

Shodh-Chakra

Shodh-Chakra is an initiative of Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre under the guidance of University Grants Commission (UGC) to help the academic community during their research life cycle. Shodh-Chakra provides a unique space to the researcher, guide/supervisor and university to manage the research lifecycle of a research scholar. The portal is integrated with millions of resources (including lakhs of full-text theses) along with the helping tools for the researcher which are required during the research work. It will provide the research trends of the country.

Purpose of MoU

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) defines responsibilities, liabilities and commitments of the universities / institutions involved to ensure proper implementation of the ShodhChakra for its stakeholders.

Roles and Responsibilities

1. INFORMATION AND LIBRARY NETWORK CENTRE (INFLIBNET CENTRE)

The broader role and responsibility of INFLIBNET are as follows:

1.1 Shall provide access to Shodh-Chakra platform;

1.2 Shall integrate new features / resources into platform from time to time;

1.3 Shall provide help manual / video tutorials for its stakeholders;

1.4 Shall provide one day orientation / training programme for the University's stakeholders (researchers / guides / other concern officials) on mutual consent;

1.5 Shall ensure the data security;

1.6 Shall customise platform for university on mutual consent.

2. University / Institution

The broader role and responsibility of University / Institute are as follows: -

2.1 Shall register into Shodh-Chakra platform;

2.2 Shall create profile of university including school/department details;

2.3 Shall verify / approve the researchers' / guide details;

2.4 Shall nominate nodal officer for its implementation;

2.5 Shall access the features of the ShodhChakra platform;

2.6 Shall encourage and ensure that every Research Scholar / Research Supervisor participate in said platform;

2.7 Shall not hold INFLIBNET Centre responsible for any errors and omissions contained in researchers and supervisors' data;

2.8 Shall follow UGC respective guidelines (time to time);

2.9 Shall arrange capacity building programmes for stakeholders, if required.

3. RELATIONSHIP

This MoU between the INFLIBENT Centre and **University** is on principle of Service Provider (INFLIBNET Centre) basis and nothing in this MoU shall constitute or deemed

to constitute a partnership between any of the Parties hereto and none of them shall have any authority to bind the others in any way.

4. TERMINATION

Both parties will have rights to terminate this MoU at any time in case of breach of obligations and terms and conditions of the MoU. The MoU signed hereunder may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days prior written notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto have hereunto set and subscribed their hands on the day month and year first above written.

INFLIBENT Centre

5/8/2022

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