

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

**Between**

**Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University**

**(Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India)**

**and**

**Blind People's Association**

**(Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India)**

Date:04/03/2020

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, represented by The Registrar (I/c), Dr. Bhavin Trivedi, acting under Charter on one hand and Bind People's Association hereinafter referred to as (BPA) represented by Dr. Bhushan Punani, acting under the Charter, on the other hand, individually called as "Partner" and collectively referred to as "Parties" have agreed to the following:

### **1. The Purpose and Objective of the Agreement**

- The purpose of this Agreement is MoU for the following reasons,
- People with disabilities will get access to individual need based services as a matter of right, will have good qualities of life and will be an indivisible element of communities and the nation.
- To promote skill development, and employment/self-employment opportunities to the people with disabilities.

### **2. Strategic areas of Cooperation**

The Parties shall determine the following main areas of cooperation:

- 2.1. to introduce, run, and certify various skill development courses, professional training and employment/self-employment oriented skill development courses.
- 2.2. to provide qualified, trained and experienced human resources to monitor skill development programs run with Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University.
- 2.3. to prepare monitoring report and submit the same on timely basis.
- 2.4. to arrange seminars, workshops and conferences for how employment exchange can be made disabled friendly. BPA will identify the vacancies and organize special job fairs for disabled.

  
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with the help of Employment Exchanges. Further special self-employment motivation camps will also be conducted in co-ordination with employment exchanges.

- 2.5. to contact employers, and motivate them to employ people with disabilities if they are fulfill the required criteria for employment.
- 2.6. Will conduct research on disability related issues focusing on thematic areas such health, education, skill development, livelihood, social security, and accessibility.

### **3. Mechanisms to implement this Agreement**

3.1. The Committee shall be comprised of 3 members from each partner and shall meet at least once in 3 months with a view to discuss and plan combined activities to be organize.

3.2. To implement this Agreement the Parties shall develop and approve a plan of joint activities in the above areas of cooperation.

3.3. As needed each partner shall prepare mutually agreed proposals for the implementation and cooperation in the above areas and inform the otherparty.

3.4. After joint consideration of proposals for each of the above areas of cooperation the parties shall mutually approve plans for joint activities.

3.5. Under this agreement the parties may conclude additional agreements and contracts between each other as well as with third party organizations to determine the financial commitments, confidentiality issues, the parties' rights to intellectual property as a result of the implementation of this Agreement, as well as other issues agreed upon by the parties.

3.6 This initial MoU does not imply any financial or legal liabilities on any of the partners.

### **4. Terms of the Agreement**

4.1. The present Agreement is in effect and enters into legal force on the date of its signing. The Agreement is valid for a period of three (3) years. In the event if neither partner is willing to terminate this Agreement in writing not later than 6 months before the expiration of this Agreement, this Agreement shall stand extended for the same period.

4.2 This agreement can be terminated by either of the partners with a notice period of 1 month with valid reason on either side.

4.3 In the event of a decision to terminate this Agreement, its provisions shall remain in legal force with respect to the current projects and programs under this Agreement until their full completion.

### **5. Final Provisions**

5.1. This Agreement is not exclusive and shall not restrict the parties to sign similar or any other agreements or contracts with third party/parties.

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5.2. Controversial issues related to the agreement or interpretation of this agreement shall be settled through consultation and negotiation between the parties in accordance with Indian legislation in forcethen.

5.3. This Agreement is made in two equal, in English and for each partner. All agreement copies are of equal legal force and will be in effect from the day of signing.

5.4. All changes and additions to this Agreement shall be provided as an appendix in writing.

**6. Addresses and identification of the Parties**

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<p>Signatures</p>	
<p>          -----          Dr. Bhavin Trivedi          Registrar (I/c)          Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University</p> 	<p><b>Blind Peoples Association (India)</b>            -----          Dr. Bhushan Punani          Executive Secretary          Blind People's Association</p> 