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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad

And

Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari (VKK)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into on this 24th day of April, 2026

By and Between:

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University (BAOU)

Located at: 'Jyotirmay' Parisar, Sarkhej - Gandhinagar Highway, Chharodi, Ahmedabad – 382481, Gujarat, India.

A state open university established under the Government of Gujarat, having its headquarters in Ahmedabad.

Hereinafter referred to as "BAOU", which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors and permitted assigns.

AND

Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari (VKK)

Located at: Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu

Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari (VKK) is a spiritually oriented service mission founded in 1972 by Eknath Ranade. It is headquartered at Kanyakumari, near the iconic Vivekananda Rock Memorial, built in memory of Swami Vivekananda.

Hereinafter referred to as "VKK", which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors and permitted assigns.

BAOU and VKK shall hereinafter collectively be referred to as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party."

1. BACKGROUND

About BAOU

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University (BAOU), situated in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, Bharat, was founded in 1994 through a legislative act passed by the Government of Gujarat. Upholding its core vision of "Education for All," the university remains committed to delivering inclusive education.

In 2023, BAOU was officially brought under the framework of the **Gujarat Public Universities Act** following approval by the Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat on 25th September 2023. The university operates from its modern headquarters, the **'Jyotirmay Parisar'**, located in Ahmedabad. Its extensive reach is reflected through **Nine Regional Centres** and over **300+ Learner Support Centres** across Gujarat.

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As the sole Open University in the state, BAOU has played a vital role in advancing higher education, enrolling more than **3.5 lakh learners** over the past three years. Its accessible and flexible academic structure removes traditional barriers of age, geography, and time, offering more than **111 academic programmes**, including Ph.D., Postgraduate, Undergraduate, Diploma, and Certificate programmes.

The university has earned **A++ accreditation** from the **National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)** in its very first cycle, with a remarkable **CGPA of 3.55 on a 4-point scale**. This makes BAOU the **first and only university in Gujarat**, and the **only State Open University in India**, to achieve such a distinction.

Further, BAOU has been recognized as a **Category-I institution** under the **UGC (Categorization of Universities for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018**. It is authorized by the **University Grants Commission (UGC)** to offer programmes through both **Online** and **Open and Distance Learning (ODL)** modes.

The university has also been granted **12B status** under the **UGC Act, 1956**, highlighting its excellence in academic and research activities. Notably, in the **India Rankings 2024** issued by the **National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)** of the **Ministry of Education, Government of India**, BAOU secured the **3rd position among Open Universities** in the country.

The university has been recognised as Awarding Body Dual Category (AB-Dual) by NCVET under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India.

BAOU has been awarded with the 'Excellence in Institutional Social Responsibility' Award by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University is a premier open university committed to providing inclusive and equitable access to higher education through innovative teaching-learning processes and technology-enabled delivery modes. It aims to empower marginalized communities and expand opportunities for lifelong learning.

About VKK

Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari (VKK) is a spiritually oriented service organization founded in 1972 by Eknath Ranade at Kanyakumari, inspired by the life and vision of Swami Vivekananda. Conceived as a "living memorial" alongside the iconic Vivekananda Rock Memorial, the Kendra embodies Vivekananda's message of spiritual awakening combined with national service. Its guiding philosophy, "Man-Making and Nation-Building," emphasizes the development of strong, value-based individuals who can contribute meaningfully to society.

The organization undertakes a wide range of activities focused on holistic human development. These include yoga and meditation sessions, personality development programs, youth camps, and leadership training initiatives. VKK also plays a significant role in education through its network of Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalayas, especially in rural and tribal regions, promoting value-based and culturally rooted learning. In addition, it is actively engaged in rural development, healthcare awareness, women empowerment, and cultural programs that foster national integration and social harmony.

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With a widespread presence across India, Vivekananda Kendra operates through numerous centers, dedicated volunteers, and service projects that reach grassroots communities. Its efforts have earned national recognition, including the prestigious Gandhi Peace Prize. VKK continues to serve as a powerful example of how spirituality can be translated into practical service, inspiring individuals to lead lives of discipline, selflessness, and commitment to nation-building.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE MoU

This MoU is intended to establish a framework for mutual collaboration between **Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University (BAOU)** and **Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari (VKK)** for the following objectives:

1. **To establish an Information and Facilitation Centre** of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University at VKK and its affiliated centres, to promote awareness, access, and student support for BAOU's academic online programs, micro credentials and domain specific courses.
2. To conduct **short-term certificate courses** in Indian Culture, Yoga, Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), Research Methodology, and Documentation of Indigenous Cultures.
3. To provide **academic recognition** for research articles and scholarly contributions published in journals such as VKK's journal *Quest*.
4. To organize **annual lectures and academic events** focused on education, career guidance, and cultural studies at VKK and its affiliated centres.
5. To facilitate **academic exchange, content development**, and **joint initiatives** in mutually identified areas of interest and expertise.
6. **Collaborative research** and joint publications, along with the organization of conferences, workshops, and symposia in mutually agreed areas of interest and research domains.

3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University (BAOU) shall:

- Conduct at least one bi-annual lecture on "Education, Career, and Culture" at VKK and its affiliated centres.
- Provide certification for short-term courses conducted by VKK and its affiliated centres in the domains of Indian Culture, Yoga, Indian Knowledge Systems, and Research & Documentation.
- Extend remote academic and technical support, including provision of resource persons.
- Collaborate in the design and development of course content.
- Explore and identify funding opportunities for joint projects.

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Vivekananda Kendra and its affiliated centres shall (based on the availability of the Human Resources and Physical Infrastructure):

- **Explore and identify potential areas of collaboration and joint initiatives** aligned with shared interests and institutional strengths.
- **Facilitate outreach and engagement with educational institutions** (schools, colleges, and universities) to promote programmes, micro-credentials, and online courses offered by BAOU under this MoU.
- **Support awareness and guidance initiatives**, including pre-admission counselling, for prospective learners interested in BAOU's academic offerings.
- **Enable academic interaction and learner support mechanisms**, including facilitating counselling or mentoring sessions between BAOU faculty and enrolled learners.
- **Extend infrastructural and logistical support**, wherever feasible, for programme delivery, learner engagement activities, and assessment processes.
- **Collaborate in documentation, dissemination, and publication of research outcomes** emerging from joint activities and initiatives.

4. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

4.1 Principal-to-Principal Basis

The Parties acknowledge that this MoU establishes a collaborative relationship on a principal-to-principal basis or best efforts. Neither Party shall be liable for the acts, omissions, or obligations of the other unless otherwise mutually agreed in writing.

4.2 Duration

This MoU shall remain valid for a period of **three (3) years** from the date of signing, unless earlier terminated in accordance with Clause 4.5.

4.3 Amendment

This MoU may be amended, modified, or supplemented only through a written agreement mutually executed by both Parties.

4.4 Confidentiality

Each Party shall maintain confidentiality of proprietary and sensitive information exchanged during the collaboration unless such information is publicly available or disclosure is required under applicable laws.

4.5 Termination

Either Party may terminate this MoU by providing three (3) month's prior written notice to the other Party.

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4.6 Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

The Parties shall jointly develop and agree on SOPs for each specific project or program, detailing terms of engagement, cost-sharing arrangements, responsibilities, and operational modalities.

4.7 Costs and Expenses

Unless otherwise agreed upon, each Party shall bear its own costs and expenses incurred while discharging responsibilities under this MoU. Any cost-sharing arrangement must be recorded in writing in advance.

4.8 Governing Law and Dispute Resolution

This MoU shall be governed by the laws of India. The Parties shall endeavour to resolve any disputes amicably through mutual discussions or mediation. Failing which, the disputes shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts at **Ahmedabad**, India.

5. EXECUTION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding in two original copies on the date mentioned above.

For Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University

(Signature) M Trivedi

Name: Dr Maheshprasad Trivedi

Designation: Director – Academics

Date: 24 April, 2026

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Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University * Ahmedabad *

For Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari

(Signature) Bhanudas

Name: Bhanudas Dhatvas

Designation: General Secretary

Date: 24 April 2026

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