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# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/AGREEMENT

1. This MOU is made on this day, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2022, between **Bharata Mata School of Legal Studies (BSOLS)**, having its office at Aluva, Ernakulam, Kerala, represented by the Director, Rev. Fr. Sebastian Vadakumpadan for the first party, hereinafter referred to as the First Party.

#### And

2. St. Teresa's College (Autonomous), having its office at Ernakulam, Kerala, represented by the Principal, Dr. Alphonsa Vijaya Joseph for the second party, hereinafter referred to as the Second Party.

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is for the purpose of academic cooperation and to establish effective channels to facilitate cooperation in education, training and research in the fields of mutual interest.

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Bharata Mata School of Legal Studies (BSOLS) is a centre of excellence in legal education affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam and approved by the Bar Council of India, New Delhi. BSOLS believes that all students have the drive for excellence.

St. Teresa's College, Autonomous is committed to enriching the lives of our students by empowering them. They provide holistic education that enables them to actively participate in community life. Women's education is a crucial factor that contributes to nation building and for the past ninety-seven years we have been educating young women from different strata of our society.

# 1. Purpose of agreement

The purpose of this memorandum is to develop academic and educational cooperation. It is in the highest interest of both the educational institutions to develop reciprocally beneficial programmes for their institution's students and staff within the framework of this memorandum.

# 2. Areas of cooperation

Both institutions agree to foster partnership under the domains of academics (teaching and learning), research and community engagement with a special focus on "law and technology", "law and management" and "law and social work".

The following are the broad areas envisaged for collaboration

- Joint educational activities
- Joint lectures, symposia, conferences and workshops
- Student, academic and administrative exposures
- Internship/Field placements
- Exchange of academic resources including faculty exchange

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- Collaborative researches
- Any other activities as mutually agreed

### 3. Joint Activities

Any joint activity of the parties that might involve fees, reimbursements, or the awarding of degrees shall require execution of a separate agreement.

# 4. Implementation

All programmes or activities implemented under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be mutually agreed upon in writing, including the necessary budget for the programme or activity as the need may arise. Additional proposals, not mentioned in this document, may apply on the basis of additional agreements signed by both parties. Each of the participating institutions shall be fully responsible financially for the activities carried out under its direction or by its staff.

# 5. Intellectual property

Both parties will ensure that any results and publications originating from this collaboration will be available at The Bharata Mata School of Legal Studies and, St. Teresa's College (Autonomous), Ernakulam.

# 6. Duration and renewal of agreement

This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective immediately after being signed by representatives of both institutions, for a period of 1 year and is subject to revision or modification by mutual agreement. It may be extended further by the mutual consent of both the parties.

# 7. Representatives

Both educational institutions shall appoint its own duly authorized representative to serve as liaison for the execution of this Memorandum.

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#### 8. Amendments

- This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by a written agreement signed by the duly authorized representative from both institutions.
- In the event of any unforeseen incident during collaborative activities in either institution, both parties shall try to negotiate a mutually acceptable solution.
- Should any disagreement arise out of this Memorandum or its application or implementation, both parties shall endeavour to exercise best efforts to sort out their differences.

### 9. Termination of agreement

This agreement may be terminated at any time during its operation by either party upon written notice to the other no later than 2 weeks before the termination date. Termination shall not affect the completion of any programme or activities underway at the time the notice of termination is given.

10. The representatives of the institutions will communicate at least on an annual basis to evaluate past and ongoing activities, and to work out detailed plans for the succeeding year.

The institutions will review this MOU in the last year of the term to evaluate the progress and the quality of the activities carried out under the MOU.

Sd/- This day of the 1st day of July, 2022.

Fr. Sebastian Vadakumpadan

**Executive Director** 

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