



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
For Academic Cooperation**

Between

**Bhavan's Tripura College of Teacher Education (BTCTE)
Narsingarh, Tripura**

&

**Holy Cross College (HCC), Jubatara
Agartala, Tripura**

In accordance with the Principles of friendship, equality and mutual benefit, to strengthen friendship ties and to further mutual understanding between Bhavan's Tripura College of Teacher Education (**herein after referred as BTCTE**), Agartala and Holy Cross College (**herein after referred as HCC**), Jubatara, Agartala, Tripura (affiliated to Tripura University) agrees for institutional collaboration in education on other activities through academic cooperation and for this they are of one accord in entering this MoU.

Whereas

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan founded with the blessings of Mahatma Gandhi, was set up by Dr. Kanailal Manaiklal Munshi in 1938, giving form and reality to vision for cultural and spiritual regeneration of India. With the motto of "Let noble thought come to us from every side", (a quote from the Rigveda), in Tripura, Bhavan's Tripura College of Teacher Education (BTCTE) was established on 12 May, 2005 with the objectives of value -based quality teacher education. The college is permanently recognized by National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and permanently affiliated to Tripura University (A Central University) also SCERT (Agartala) and in Dec 29, 2016 the college achieved the UGC recognition under section 2 (f) & 12 (B) of UGC Act, 1956. On 9th May 2024 College is accredited by NAAC with grade B++. At present the college is running two years regular B. Ed course under Tripura University and two years regular D.El.Ed course under SCERT, Agartala with intake 100 each and inclined to start the course like 4 yrs ITEP (Integrated Teacher Education Programme) & M.Ed very soon. The college is equipped with digitalized library, play ground, smart class, big auditorium, computer lab, well furnished laboratories and a hygienic canteen. With proper physical infrastructure, sufficient teacher-student ratio, qualitative evaluation system, essentials for fostering creativity and self development, community development programmes, thought provoking seminars, special lectures, workshops and conference programmes the college is inclined to reach the zenith of knowledge. The scenic beauty with beautiful gardens of flower, vegetable and medicinal plant has made the college gem of the necklace in Tripura.

Whereas

Holy Cross College, Agartala is a private English medium Catholic co-educational post-graduate institution of higher learning, founded, animated and enlivened by the Congregation of Holy Cross, a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person. This institution provides opportunities of scholarship for academically qualified graduates from the state of Tripura and the north-eastern states of India. Its prime focus is to provide 'holistic education', educating the hearts and the minds of the young. The courses offered by the institution are - i) Bachelor of Arts in English, Political Science, Sociology, History, Geography, Economics, Education, Social Work, Psychology, Kokborok and BA General ii) Bachelor of Science in Zoology, Botany, Human Physiology, Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science and B.Sc General iii) Bachelor of Commerce iv) Bachelor in Business Administration v) Bachelor in Teacher Education, along with PG courses in the disciplines of vi) English vii) Political Science viii) Master in Business Administration. The college has been crowned with "A+ GRADE" by NAAC in the year 2023.

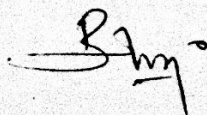
PREAMBLE


Following communications between BTCTE and HCC a formal Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective for a period of **five (5) years** from the date of the execution of this agreement, with a desire to establish certain cooperative programs beneficial to the respective educational institutions and to promote the development of academics, research, training activities and other educational programs of mutual interest by giving more emphasis on teacher education program.

AGREEMENT

In contemplation of the relationship to be established and for consideration, parties agree as follows:


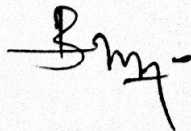
1. This agreement replaces any and all previous agreements between the parties. Subsequent discussions, agreements and understandings, whether verbal or in writing, are subsumed by this agreement. Any changes require written agreement by both parties.
2. This agreement is not considered to be a contract creating legal and financial obligations between BTCTE and HCC. The primary objective of this agreement is to promote interaction and collaboration between faculty members, staff and students of the two institutions through visits, study programs, research activities and exchange programs on a reciprocal basis.
3. It is agreed that BTCTE and HCC will work together to promote the following:
 - a. **Research Collaboration:** Faculty/Researchers/Students of BTCTE and HCC can collaborate in future research projects that either involve working cooperatively with partner institutions and/or cover a research topic with an international component.
 - b. **Student exchanges:** Students can be given an opportunity to travel among parties to participate in activities/events that will enhance their knowledge. Activities include, but are not limited to, a semester, study with credit transfer, dual specialization, taking short term certificate courses, etc.
 - c. **Faculty exchanges:** Faculty members of BTCTE and HCC can travel between to participate in activities that can enhance their knowledge and also to foster relations between the parties. Activities include, but are not limited to, delivering lectures, teaching a course, taking a sabbatical, faculty in other institutions Board of Studies/Academic Councils, acquiring skills for institutional governance and developing collaborative research etc.
 - d. **Promotion of integrated curriculum for related studies:** The parties can look at integrating an international intercultural dimension into their teaching, research, and service functions of the college which would enable the students understanding on a global perspective.
 - e. **Faculty Development Programme (FDP)/Workshops/Seminar/Conferences:** Both parties can organize FDP/Workshops/Seminars/Conferences in collaboration with one another, such that faculty members from either institution can be invited





as speaker/expert/resource person in these programme/activities. Similarly, faculty members of both institution can participate in these programmes.

- f. Collaboration in the exchange of information relating to activities in teaching and research in fields of mutual interests; sharing of e-content between the parties; access to library and repository services, if possible.
 - g. Conducting cultural projects, study tours, as mutually agreed upon in writing between BTCTE and HCC prior to commencement of this activity.
4. This agreement is incorporated into and will provide the foundation and framework for the particular projects developed by academic and administrative units from the two institutions and embodied in subsequent agreements. As specific projects are developed, memoranda of agreements will be created and signed by both parties regarding the specific terms of those projects.
 5. This agreement, when executed by the parties, shall continue for a period of **five (5) years** ending **five years** from the date of signing by both parties. Upon written agreement by both parties, this may be renewed for an additional period of time with notification at least **six (6) months** before expiration of the agreement. Either party may terminate the agreement with **six (6) months** written notice of intent to terminate. **(However, specific commitments made prior to such intimation shall be honoured by both the parties including ensuring that any student at that time participating in any programme is able to complete the term of the assignment and be assessed for it.)**
 6. Neither party is obligated to expend any resources in connection with this agreement. To the extent that resources are expended in connection with this agreement, each party is responsible for the resources necessary to perform its obligations under this agreement. No implementation of any portion of this agreement or commencement of any specific projects may be initiated prior to the written assurance of adequate budgetary resources. BTCTE and HCC may jointly or individually seek funding and other support from third parties to support activities under this agreement.
 7. This agreement shall not be construed to create a relationship of partners, brokers, employees, servants, joint ventures or agents as between the parties. The parties to this agreement are acting as independent participants. In the event that the parties decide to engage in activities which involve employment, separate agreements addressing those issues will be required.
 8. The parties shall cooperate mutually to resolve any dispute or misunderstanding by collaboration and discussion within **two (2) months**, if the dispute or misunderstanding could not be resolved during the said time-frame then the agreement may be terminated by publishing a notice by any one of the party.
 9. This agreement shall be considered in effect upon the signatures of all required representatives of each institution.



10. Contact persons shall be:

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