

SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY with NAAC A+ grade was established in 1954 in the world famous holy temple town of Tirupati on the sprawling campus of 1000 acres with a panoramic and pleasant hill view. The “Objectives of the University” are to increase the capacity of well-rounded faculty through innovative Pedagogy, Training, Research and consultancy for meeting the needs of the industry and achieving societal values, so as to advance the knowledge and dedication of the students in Science, Technology and other areas of Scholarship that will best serve the Nation and the World in the 21st Century.

The range of subject departments, courses and research programmes undertaken and promoted during the last 60 years reflect Sri Venkateswara University’s commitment in promoting socially relevant and inter-disciplinary programmes. The University has 4 constituent colleges and 132 affiliated colleges concerning various conventional and advanced subjects, in order to provide good academic and smooth administrative service to one and all. The University has 54 departments, where in 72 different PG Courses, and several Diploma and Certificate courses are offered. The University has been moving forwards in achieving academic excellence with a strong commitment and dedicated approach, by clearly setting up of a vision of its own. The initiatives taken by the Vice-Chancellor have already started yielding excellent results, in terms of research funding, extension activities keeping the University on the path of excellence.

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INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION (IJM), is a global not-for-profit organization that collaborates with governments in protecting vulnerable citizens from violence and oppression, irrespective of their gender, community, caste, race and ethnicity. IJM's mission is to protect people in poverty from violence by rescuing victims, bringing the criminals to justice, restoring survivors to safety and strength, and helping local law enforcement build a safe future that lasts. IJM liaises with governments, civil society organisations and likeminded institutions to comprehensively address the issues of bonded labour and human trafficking in India.

I: SCOPE OF THE MoU

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred as MoU) is signed between Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati (hereinafter referred to as Sri Venkateswara University) as First Party and International Justice Mission (hereinafter referred as IJM) as Second Party (hereinafter referred as Parties) for the purpose of Academic and Research collaboration with each other on areas pertaining to Human Rights especially focused on issues of bonded labour and human trafficking. In addition to this, active efforts will be made to develop joint events and research program that will be pursued in a collaborative spirit. For the purpose of this MoU, Sri Venkateswara University shall mean any department, school or centre established or recognized as a part of Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati.

This MoU defines the overall relationship between the Parties and sets forth a standard framework for administration, reporting and accountability, within which individual projects and initiatives shall be pursued.

II: OBJECTIVE

The objective of this MoU is to outline the possible ways in which SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY, Tirupati and INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION develop and carry out collaborative activities. Dr.T.Chandrasekarayya,

Associate Professor, Department of Population Studies and SOCIAL WORK, SV UNIVERSITY will be the Coordinator for the activities.

III: PURPOSE OF THE MoU

1. This memorandum of understanding sets out the terms and responsibilities by which the Parties will work in close collaboration.
2. The MoU provides for broad-based initiatives between the Parties. The MoU establishes a foundation for a more robust future relationship between the two Parties. It reflects a shared value and focus for seeking joint opportunities between Parties towards their respective vision, mission, and program focus.
3. The purpose of the MoU is to specify the roles and responsibilities of the Parties in relation to working to combat human trafficking.

IV: SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS

The scope of collaboration on academic and research activities/projects under this MOU may include, but is not limited to the following:

1. Student internships;
2. Formation and implementation of Anti-human Trafficking Clubs (AHTCs) in the 4 colleges in the university campus and all the affiliated colleges in Chittoor District.
3. Exchange of scholarly publication and information;
4. Collaborative research programs or projects in the field of bonded labour, human trafficking and related issues, including but not limited to, women and children;
5. Collaboratively organize and co-sponsor academic discourse such as symposia, seminars, workshops, conferences and training programs;
6. Cooperation in the development of education generally, including the potential of offering joint programs.

Each activity/project developed or to be developed under this MoU shall also contain a detailed plan of action, budget along with the roles and responsibilities mutually agreed upon in writing by both the Parties. Further, it is to be understood that the activities/projects related to this MoU shall begin and end at various times within the duration of this MoU. Such dates (and any changes that may be mutually agreed) shall be reflected in the activity/project descriptions. Additional areas of cooperation may be appended by written consent of both the Parties.

V: JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Parties shall work closely in partnership for the implementation for this MoU.

More specifically, the Parties shall:

1. Implement the MoU in accordance with its term and the project;
2. Prioritize the creation of project description sheets/one-page concept note, for particular initiatives which will be treated as annexes to this MoU. Each project description sheet will contain specific objectives and its own Plan of Action, mutually agreed between the Parties with corresponding roles and responsibilities;
3. Subject to availability of resources, allocate the necessary financial, technical and personnel means and other resources required for the implementation of the MoU promptly, and in compliance with the project description sheets and related plans of action;
4. Ensure that the staff and students are involved in the implementation of this MoU. That the respective activity/project heads of both Parties are briefed and aware of the terms of the partnership/collaboration and contribute to the strengthening of the partnership between the two institutions;
5. Produce and share, where applicable, quarterly narrative and financial reports on projects covered by this MoU, based on mutually agreed formats and procedures.

VI: TERMS OF MoU

Progress in realizing the terms and conditions referred to herein will be reviewed periodically as mutually agreed and the memorandum may be amended at any time by mutual consent and in writing.

IJM may, for any reason and in its sole discretion, elect to execute the terms of this MoU through a different agent, branch office, employee, subsidiary, affiliate, or entity.

Both Parties reserve the right to terminate this Memorandum by giving six months written notice to the other. The implementation and/or continuance of the program or projects established pursuant to this Memorandum prior to the effective date of termination shall not be affected by the termination of this Memorandum.

VII: ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

This MoU may be executed by a party and delivered by a facsimile or electronically in portable document format (PDF) and if so executed and delivered this MoU or such counterpart will for all purposes be as effective as if the party had executed and delivered the MOU or a counterpart bearing an original signature.

VIII: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

1. In respect of each project and program, the Parties shall negotiate and mutually agree in writing on their respective rights to the intellectual property and commercial exploitation of the same (including without limitation, trademarks and service marks, copyrights, patents, designs and confidential information pertaining thereto).
2. Neither Party shall, at any time disclose to any third party any confidential information of the other party which is acquired in the course of activities under this Memorandum, a collaborative project or a program, without the prior consent of other part in writing.

3. The confidentiality obligations herein shall not apply to information in public domain; information in the possession of the receiving Party prior to the disclosure of the information; information which is independently developed by the receiving Party; information required to be release by law; and information which is rightfully received by the receiving Party for third parties without any breach of confidentiality obligations.

IX: NON-BINDING NATURE OF MEMORANDUM

Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed as creating any contract, partnership or agency between the Parties. Further, the Parties agree that the provisions contained in this MoU do not create any legal obligations between the Parties, save for the confidentiality provisions in the MoU. This Memorandum is only a non-binding statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial academic collaboration. Signing of this MOU does not result in any material, financial or other obligation for either of the Parties hereto. Specific initiatives may be considered and agreed upon, a case by case basis, including the contributions and obligations of each institution. Subsidiary agreements may be signed as required.

X: NON-EXECLUSIVITY

Either Party may enter into similar arrangements with any other person or third party, subject always to maintain the confidentiality of the obligations stated herein.

XI: LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY

Except for claims that may arise pursuant to confidentiality clause, in no event shall either Party be liable to the other for any damages including, without limitation, direct, speculative, indirect, incidental, special or consequential damages in connection with this MoU.

XII: MODIFICATIONS

No variations, modifications or alterations of any provision of this MoU shall be made unless by prior written agreement of the Parties.

XIII: TERMINATION

1. This memorandum shall come into force immediately upon its signature by the Parties.
2. The MoU shall be valid for a period of two years from the date of its execution and the same can be further extended on mutual agreement of the parties.
3. In the event of any delay or difficulty in implementation the terms of this Agreement and associate activities/projects, the Parties shall communicate and consult each other promptly. If any of the Parties, decides to terminate this MoU earlier than the stipulated period, they shall issue a notice six months in advance, with reasons and without jeopardizing the coursework or registration of any of Sri Venkateswara University students or the work of either institution. In any case, all possible attempts shall be made by Parties to ensure the needs of the beneficiaries continue to be met by another or alternative means.

XIV: GOVERNING LAW

This MOU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the land. The signatures of the Parties below indicate their consent and willingness to comply with the terms of the agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is executed
by the Parties hereto as they set their hands on the day of month,
_____, 2021.

This instrument, Memorandum of Understanding, contains 1-8 pages in total.

**Prof. O.Mahammad Hussain,
Registrar,
Sri Venkateswara University,
Tirupati,
Andhra Pradesh 517 502.**


**REGISTRAR
S.V. UNIVERSITY
TIRUPATI**

Date:

**Mr. Saju Mathew,
Regional President, South Asia
International Justice Mission**

Date:

