

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between



**CENTRAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY
NEW DELHI, INDIA**

And



**Oxford Sanskrit Text Society
Oxford, United Kingdom**

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Executed on

25.03.2026



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Between

CENTRAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY, New Delhi, India

And

OXFORD SANSKRIT TEXT SOCIETY, OXFORD, UNITED KINGDOM



THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made on this 25th day of March, two thousand twenty six by and between Central Sanskrit University, established by an Act of Parliament of India, which is represented by its Registrar [under section 13(2) of The Central Sanskrit Universities Act 2020], who is authorized to enter into this understanding on behalf of Central Sanskrit University, herein after called 'CSU', (Which expression unless excluded by or repugnant to the subject shall mean and include its successor-in-office and permitted assignee)

And

Oxford Sanskrit Text Society, a Society registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales, bearing Charity number 1198239, which is represented by its Trustee, Oxford Sanskrit Text Society 85, Banbury Road, OX51AH, Oxford, who is authorized to enter into this understanding on behalf of Oxford Sanskrit Text Society, herein after called 'OSTS', (Which expression unless excluded by or repugnant to the subject shall mean and include its successor-in-office and permitted assignee)

Objectives/ Purpose of MoU:

The Central Sanskrit University has the unique distinction of being the largest and the only multi-campus language university in the world. The Central Sanskrit University also has the privilege of acting as the nodal agency for the implementation of Sanskrit related policies and schemes of the Government of India. In that capacity, the university works in close coordination with the Ministry of Education, Government of India. The objects of the

University are to disseminate and advance knowledge by providing instructional, research and extension facilities to the promotion of Sanskrit Language and such other branches of learning as it may deem fit; to make special provisions for integrated courses in humanities, social sciences and science in its educational programmes; to take appropriate measures for promoting innovations in teaching-learning process and inter-disciplinary studies and research; to educate and train manpower for the overall development, promotion, preservation and research in the field of Sanskrit and Sanskrit traditional subjects. Through the mandates of "The Central Sanskrit Universities Act 2020", the university has the specified powers "to co-operate, collaborate or associate with any other University or authority or institution of higher learning, including those located outside the country, in such manner and for such purposes, as the University may determine" [6(xii)].

Oxford Sanskrit Text Society was set up with the objective of advancing the education of the public in Oxford and across the U.K. and South Asia on the historic, cultural, and intellectual traditions of the Hindus, Buddhists, and Jains from Asia, particularly but not exclusively, literary and intellectual works composed in the Sanskrit language that is the vehicle of the most sublime thoughts of the ancient Indian store-house of knowledge and wisdom, Veda-Vedanta of the *Rishi Pararmpara* (the tradition of the seers and sages who had direct realization of these sublime truths through their intense *tapasya* (austerities) and divine insight) and to support students and scholars working on Sanskrit texts in the U.K. and South Asia; a forum for appreciation and cultivation of Sanskrit and Sanskritic works from Hindu, Bauddha, and Jaina academic traditions; a platform for academic interaction among learners, specialists, and other connoisseurs of Sanskrit in the UK and beyond.

The objective of memorandum entered into by these two prominent entities is FOR COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST IN REGARD TO RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS, EXCHANGE OF SCHOLARS AND OTHER ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES LIKE SEMINARS, SYMPOSIA, WORKSHOPS, SPECIAL LECTURES, SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOLS, ETC.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is being executed between the above Organizations, hereinafter called 'Parties', for the purpose as mentioned above.

ARTICLE - 1

Through this MoU, both the parties have agreed upon the following points:

- a) Organizing seminars, workshops, special lectures, summer courses, etc., on areas of common interest as set forth hereinbefore;
- b) Exchange of scholars, teachers and researchers for defined periods;
- c) Exchange of literature, information and methodology;
- d) Exchange of other materials and knowhow as available and required in the programmes of common interest as may be mutually agreed upon;
- e) Run and conduct courses in areas of common interest sharing resources, both human and otherwise, under the joint seal and banner of these two organizations with common goals and objectives;
- f) Bring out publications of common interest as set forth hereinbefore, with mutual cooperation in terms of sharing of expertise, knowhow and resources as may be mutually agreed upon;
- g) Development and implementation of collaborative research projects, the areas and methodology to be as mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE - 2

(Implementation)

- a) Either of the parties may organize a programme and request collaboration of the other party. The collaboration may involve supporting participants by the other party.
- b) Organiser of the programme - seminars, workshops, special lectures, summer courses, etc - will share required information on the programme with the other party requesting participation by teachers, scholars, researchers, etc. well in

advance.

- c) The names and number of participants will be decided through mutual consultations.
- d) The expenditure related to hospitality, including food and lodging, transportation of the participants and scholars in any programme, etc., including the expenditure related to overseas air travels by the scholars shall be borne by any of the party or both the parties through mutual consensus.
- e) The programme may be organised by both the parties either in India or the UK or any other place as mutually consented.
- f) With respect to points b through g, as referenced in Article 1, the specific arrangements governing the collaboration shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the competent authorities of the Parties, subject to funding availability and other pertinent factors, in real time.

ARTICLE - 3

(Amendments)

The Parties to this MoU may, by mutual consent in writing, add, modify, amend or delete any words, phrases, sentences or Articles in this MoU.

ARTICLE - 4

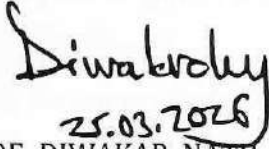
(Validity/ Termination)

This MoU shall be effective from the date of its signing by both the Parties and shall be valid for a period of five years. Before expiry of five years the Parties will meet and decide upon the course of action for renewal or otherwise. But the termination of this MoU shall not affect the validity or duration of specific collaborative programmes already started or being undertaken thereunder, unless decided otherwise by the Parties by mutual consent in writing.

IN WITNESS whereof, the Parties hereunto have signed this MoU this day, the 25th day of the month of March in the year 2026 (25 March 2025), in original in English.



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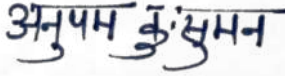
WITNESS THEREOF


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