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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR PROMOTION OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION & DISABILITY REHABILITATION, THROUGH OPEN DISTANCE LEARNING MODE

The 1st Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Yashwantrao Chawan Maharashtra Open University (hereinafter referred to as "YCMOU") having its office at Nashik and the Rehabilitation Council of India (hereinafter referred to as "RCI"), a Statutory Body under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, at B-22, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi-110016 was signed on 06th September, 2012 for collaboration in promoting Human Resource Development in Special Education and Disability Rehabilitation.

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In pursuance to the above MoU, Special Education Courses, namely, B.Ed. Special Education in the area of Hearing Impairment, Mental Retardation (ID) & Visual Impairment, were successfully implemented with an encouraging acceptability and increasing demand through distance mode.

The above said MoU is signed on 30th October, 2017 by the Registrar on behalf of YCMOU and by the Member Secretary on behalf of RCI and both the parties agreed to extend the MoU for another five years w.e.f. 05th September 2017 and abide by the following provisions to achieve the desired goals.

The present MoU is an extension of the MoU signed between YCMOU and RCI on 06th September, 2012 and signed on 30th October 2017 for renewal for five years w.e.f. 5th September, 2017 for collaboration in promoting Human resource Development in Special Education & Disability Rehabilitation and is governed by provisions therein,

1. YCMOU, Nashik will collaborate with RCI in designing programmes and development of multimedia for the Open Distance Learning (ODL) Special Education Courses and, will award Certificate/Degree to the successful candidates.
2. RCI recognizes YCMOU as State Open University also for undertaking Special Education Courses through Open Distance Learning (ODL) mode in English medium/Regional language. RCI will also extend technical expertise to YCMOU and its Study Centres through YCMOU.
3. YCMOU in collaboration with RCI will conduct the following Courses through distance mode in the State of Maharashtra till the validity of MoU. Keeping in view the United Nation Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and Right to Education Act for promoting inclusive education, the Courses in Learning Disabilities (LD) may be given emphasis by YCMOU. Course wise allocations of seats to University & its Study Centres are as under :-

| Name of the Course(s)/ Programs | Max. intake | Duration | Max. intake per batch for each Study Centre |
|---|-------------|-----------------------------|---|
| B.Ed.Spl.Ed.(Mental Retardation/ ID) -ODL | 500 | 2 ½ years (05 Semesters) | 30/40 |
| B.Ed.Spl.Ed.(Hearing Impairment) -ODL | | | |
| B.Ed.Spl..Ed.(Visual Impairment) | | | |


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| ODL B.Ed.Spl..Ed.(Learning Disability) - ODL | | | |
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4. For existing Courses, the faculty and infrastructural facilities at the University, academic contents, eligibility conditions, and process of evaluation will be as prescribed by RCI.
5. YCMOU in consultation with RCI could propose new programmes, which could be designed by the team of experts appointed by RCI with two expert nominees of YCMOU.
6. The academic contents, eligibility conditions, design development, and delivery of Courses will be separately worked out by YCMOU in consultation with RCI for each course, as and when required.
7. YCMOU shall also establish a Study Centre at the University Department to conduct B.Ed.Spl.Ed.- ODL Course in each disability specialization with a maximum intake of 30/40 students per disability specialization till the validity of MoU.
8. YCMOU within two years, shall establish a Model Special School within the premises of University for Children with Special Needs (CWSN) to facilitate the teaching practice of student trainees as per the course requirement.
9. YCMOU shall be responsible for development and generation of self learning course material of B.Ed.Spl.Ed.-ODL Course as prescribed by RCI in print, audio-video (including talking books) format, etc. and its revision and translation in English/Regional language. However, the experts appointed by RCI shall vet the content and at YCMOU Centre which will be considered as "Resource Centre" of RCI for such work.
10. All the special education Courses under operation or to be operated in future need to be planned as transparent and on Self-Financing and Self-Sustaining basis with generation of funds through Course fee to meet the running cost of the courses which includes:
 - a. Implementation cost of the implementing agencies, i.e. Study Centres and YCMOU.
 - b. 10% of Course fee to be remitted to RCI for distance education project of the Council covering staff promotion, maintenance of quality and research etc., as RCI share, and
 - c. Generation of development cost to the extent possible for recycling the amount as seed money for future development essential for continuous quality improvement.


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The amount of the Programme Fee is to be fixed in consultation with RCI to meet the above financial implications for self-financing.

11. On the basis of the criteria in Clause 10, Course fee will be shared by YCMOU, RCI and the Study Centre(s) on PRORATA basis as per the norms fixed for each Course as per need. The norm of sharing of Course fee should be fixed on a long-term perspective as per the following proportion:
YCMOU: 50% of the total fee collected in respect of Special Education Courses.
Study Centre: 40% of the total fee collected in respect of Special Education Courses.
RCI: 10% of the total fee collected in respect of Special Education Courses.
12. Study Materials in respect of aforesaid Course will be supplied by YCMOU to Study Centres and students as per the requirement.
13. Training institutions approved by the Council in the State of Meghalaya may be considered as a Study Centre(s) provided provisions of norms are met, for which YCMOU will provide the list of prospective Study Centre(s) to RCI for issuance of NOC by RCI to prospective training institutions to act as a Study Centre under YCMOU. YCMOU shall issue letter of approval to the concerned Study Centre(s) as per their rules and regulation.
14. The honorarium to the faculty members at the Study Centre(s) and detailed system of admission procedure, conduct of contact classes, examination (Internal/ External) will be decided by YCMOU under intimation to the Council and also YCMOU will ensure that Teacher Trainees to be considered eligible to appear in the term end examination, overall 75% attendance (minimum) in practice teaching and contact classes in approved schools is adhered.
15. The Passing Certificate and Degree shall be awarded by YCMOU to the students. However, Authentication Certificate required for registration with the Council shall be issued by the concerned approved Study Centre (s) from where the candidate has completed the Course. In case of closure/ defaulter/ discontinuation of Study Centre(s), the aforesaid Certificate may be issued by the YCMOU to the candidate(s).
16. Any dispute between YCMOU and the concerned Study Centre shall be resolved by them without any involvement of RCI.


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17. There will be an Apex Advisory Committee which will normally meet twice a year to oversee the implementation of the provisions of MoU. The Apex Advisory Committee will consist of the following:

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| a. Vice-Chancellor, YCMOU | - | Chairperson |
| b. Director, School of Education | - | Member |
| c. Two experts nominated by the Chairperson, RCI | - | Members |
| d. Two nominees nominated by VC, YCMOU (Board of Management/ Academic Council / Appropriate Faculty) | - | Members |
| e. Member-Secretary, RCI | - | Ex-Officio Member |
| f. Academic Coordinator, YCMOU. | - | Member Secretary |

18. The present MoU will be valid for a period of 5 academic years w.e.f. 5th September, 2017 and may be renewed from time to time at 5 (five) years of interval. In case of violation of provisions of the MoU and non compliance of prescribed norms/directions of RCI, the MoU may be terminated earlier by either party giving notice of one academic session. However, the students will be given opportunity to avail the maximum prescribed duration for completion of the Course as per provisions of the Programme Guide of B.Ed. Spl.Ed. – ODL and other Courses approved to YCMOU to conduct the supplementary examination, award of certificate and degree to such students.

19. YCMOU shall act as an Information Centre/Facilitation Centre/Channelizing Agency in Maharashtra for disseminating information on scholarship, ADIP and other various Schemes of RCI and DEPwD, M/oSJE in Maharashtra without any financial implication on the Council.


20. YCMOU shall promote Research & Development in the field of disability rehabilitation under the various Schemes of DEPwD, M/oSJE without any financial implication on the Council.

21. To cater these activities, the University will establish a Centre for Disability Studies in the University under the school of Rehabilitation and Special Education which will also incorporate scope of outreach centre of RCI.

22. Both the parties hereto agree that any dispute arising out of this MoU shall be settled mutually through discussions and that in the event of their failure to settle the dispute, the matter shall be referred to Sole Arbitrator appointed with the consent of both the parties in New Delhi.


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On behalf of YCMOU

WITNESSES:

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2. *[Handwritten Signature]* Dr. Sunesh Patil



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On behalf of RCI

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2. *[Handwritten Signature]*
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