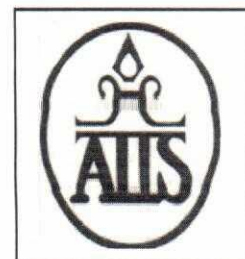


## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



BETWEEN

GOA UNIVERSITY, GOA



AND

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDIAN STUDIES (AIIS),

NEW DELHI

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING [hereinafter called as the MoU] is made and entered into on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2023 between the **Goa University**, Goa, India, herein represented by its Registrar, Prof. V. S. Nadkarni, having its official address at the Administrative Block, University Campus, Taleigao Plateau, Goa 403206 (hereinafter referred to as **GU** and which expression shall unless it be repugnant to the meaning or context thereof, be deemed to mean and include its executors, administrators and permitted assigns ) on the ONE PART and **THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDIAN STUDIES, NEW DELHI** through its Director General, Ms. Purnima Mehta, major in age, Indian National, having its Headquarters at D-31, Defence Colony, New Delhi 110 024 (hereinafter referred to as **AIIS** and which expression shall unless it be repugnant to the meaning or context thereof, be deemed to mean and include its executors, administrators and permitted assigns) on the OTHER PART (who for the purpose of this MoU are hereinafter individually referred to as PARTY and collectively referred to as the PARTIES).

AIIS has been recognized by the Government of India as:

- A) An Educational & Research Institution by the Ministry of Education, Government of India vide letter DO No. 25-01/81-U.4 dated 27.05.1981
- B) Not-for-profit organization by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Ministry of Finance under section 10 (23C) (vi) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

C) A Not-for-profit organization by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Ministry of Finance under section 80G (5) of the Income Tax Act 1961.

### **SCOPE OF THE COOPERATION**

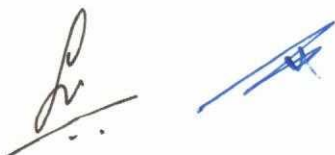
This MoU establish a formal understanding of cooperation and friendship which is intended to further academic objectives of each institution and encourage and promote subjects of mutual interest through such activities and program as in the following Areas of Cooperation:

1. Participation in seminars and academic meetings
2. Carrying out joint research activities.
3. Admission of students sponsored by **AIIS** in joint programs offered by **GU**.
4. Exchange of academic materials and other information as mutually agreed upon,
5. Any other activities which may be of mutual interest.

At **GU**, Director, Directorate of International Cooperation & Exchange (**DICE**) will oversee the implementation of the MoU. At **AIIS**, Office of Director General, will oversee the implementation of MoU.

### **AREAS OF COOPERATION**

- A) The areas of cooperation include, subject to mutual consent, any Programme offered at either Institution as felt desirable and feasible on either side which both the parties feel can contribute to fostering and development of cooperative relationships between the two Institutions.
- B) The assistance to be provided by each of the parties, will be in the field of research, faculty lectures and language training as deemed beneficial by the two institutions.
- C) Recognizing the importance of fostering academic interests and enhancing awareness and better understanding of Indian Civilization, Culture, Languages, and other subjects by scholars and students outside India.



**THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET OUT HEREIN, WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS: -**

- 1) **GU** shall encourage and promote studies on Indian Civilization, Culture, Languages and other subjects by foreign scholars. **AIIS** a 62-year-old consortium of 92 leading American Universities & Colleges in the United States of America established for the purpose of encouraging and facilitating scholarly studies in India about Indian Civilization, Culture, Languages and Social Sciences. Both the parties, will undertake to assist each other in developing a proper database, library and archives that can assist the studying of Indian Civilization, Culture and Languages and social sciences.
- 2) **GU** will assist **AIIS** fellows and students to register with the Foreigners Regional Registration Office, (FRRO), including online registration and issue of bonafide as well as creating unique ID. All FRRO registrations are managed online through FRRO portal i.e. Indianfro.gov.in maintained by Bureau of Immigration, Ministry of Home Affairs. Procedure of Registration as outlined on the portal mentioned herein has to be followed.
- 3) Language partners for **AIIS** sponsored students may be selected from the **GU**.
- 4) To facilitate students to obtain ' student visa ', **GU** will issue admission letter for the Joint summer program that may be conducted by **GU** for **AIIS** sponsored students at Goa which shall be decided upon mutual consultation and subsequently communicated and agreed in writing.
- 5) To facilitate **AIIS** Fellows to obtain 'research visa', **GU** will issue Certificate of Association (3 copies) along with a covering letter for the scholar.





## 6) AIIS Responsibilities: -

**AIIS shall have the following responsibilities for each student / faculty sponsored by the Institute:**

- (a) **AIIS** shall be responsible for all the financial liability for the students and scholars sponsored by it.
  - (b) **AIIS** shall take complete responsibility in making housing arrangements for its scholars and students pay the rental.
  - (c) **AIIS** shall take complete responsibility for International and domestic travel costs of the students/scholars from the USA/India/USA for the sponsored students/fellows.
  - (d) **AIIS** shall be responsible for the conduct and activities of the students and scholars and if anything, adverse comes to notice, **AIIS** shall repatriate him/her at its own cost.
  - (e) In the event of illness, **AIIS** shall take full responsibility of treatment/repatriation, if necessary, of the sponsored student/scholar.
  - (f) **AIIS** scholars shall submit quarterly academic reports and final report to the Department with which they are affiliated.
  - (g) **AIIS** scholars will be available to deliver lectures in their field of specialization if and when required by **GU**.
  - (h) The **AIIS** scholars who come for doing research work in their field of specialization will have the freedom to travel within the country in connection with their research work as per law applicable.
- 7) **AIIS** shall pay fees for the candidates sponsored by it for the entire duration of specified programmes. The fees payable to **GU** will be per participant for the specified category of programme. The duration and the fee structure of these programmes are as mentioned below:



Sr. No.	Category	Duration	Fees
01.	Research Fellows		
	a. Junior Fellow (Ph.D. students).	4-6 months	Rs.7000/-
	b. Senior Fellow (Faculty)	1 year	Rs.10,000/-
c.	Language Programme		
	a. Summer Language Programme	8 weeks	Rs.5000/-
	b. Academic year language programme	8 months	Rs.7000/-

- 8) Both the parties will explore the possibilities of jointly organizing lectures, workshops and seminars.
- 9) **AIIS** will make available to students and faculty members of **GU** the use of **AIIS** archives and libraries in the fields of Art & Archaeology and Ethnomusicology located at **AIIS** Gurgaon Campus without any charge.
- 10) Correspondence on e-mail address (properly intimated) may also be accepted if acknowledged by the other party. The correspondence relating to the procedures for the fees shall be valid only if they are signed by both the parties.



**11) TERM AND TERMINATION**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date it is signed by the authorized officials of the two Institutions. It may further be extended or amended with the written consent of both parties based on the review of previous year activities. This MoU may be terminated by either party subject to the delivery of 3 months prior written notice to the other Party at the address given hereunder or any change of address intimated in writing to the other party, provided that the work of any batch in process shall be completed so that their interests are not adversely affected

**12) NOTICES**

Unless otherwise agreed between the Parties in writing, all notices and other communications required or permitted to be given under this MoU shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been properly given if delivered by hand or by courier, or sent by registered mail or addressed to intended recipient's registered address as mentioned above. Any change in the particulars shall be promptly notified to the other Party in writing.

**13) AMENDMENT**

No amendment, modification, alteration or enlargement of this MoU or its Schedules, if any, shall be valid or binding unless it is in writing and signed by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties.

**14) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTIES**

It is expressly agreed by the Parties acting under this MoU as Independent entities. Neither Party is authorized to use the other Party's name in any way to make any representations or create any obligation or liability expressed or implied on behalf of the other Party without the prior written consent of the Party. This MoU is not intended to and does not give any person who is not a Party to it any rights to enforce any of its provisions. Nothing in this MoU will be construed as creating a binding legal

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relationship between the Parties. This MoU is a broad statement of intent which sets forth the general basis upon which the Parties wish to proceed. No legal liability will arise in respect of any subject matter hereof unless a subsequent binding agreement is negotiated, approved, executed and delivered by the Parties to this MoU.

**15) SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE**

Normally, it is expected that no dispute will arise in the assignment. Should any dispute arise, the same shall be amicably settled by the Dispute Resolution Committee constituted by both the Parties to this MoU. The Dispute Resolution Committee shall consist of senior representatives of the **GU** who shall be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor of **GU** and by the Director General of **AIIS**. The decision of the Dispute Resolution Committee shall be final and binding on the parties.

**16) FORCE MAJEURE**

The Parties agree and confirm that, for the purpose of this MoU, Force Majeure means an event which is beyond the reasonable control of either Party, and which makes the Parties performance regarding its obligations hereunder impossible or so impracticable as reasonably, to be considered impossible in the circumstances and includes, but is not limited to war, riots, civil disorder, earthquake, fire, explosion, storm, flood, and other adverse weather conditions, strikes, lockouts, state or any public enemy or acts mandated by applicable laws, regulation or order, whether valid or invalid, or any governmental body or any other similar action which are not within the power and control of either Parties, invoking force majeure to prevent confiscation or any other action. Neither Party shall be liable for damages for any delay or failure to perform its obligations herein, if such delay or failures due to such Force Majeure events.

17) There shall be two originals of this MoU and both shall be treated as originals of each other.

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18) That this MoU has been signed by the Registrar on behalf of **GU** and by the Director General on behalf of **AIIS**, in their ex-officio capacity, who have declared that they have the necessary authority of the organization to enter into this MoU.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, THE PARTIES have executed this MoU on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of the December month and the year 2023 and represent that they approve, accept and agree to the terms contained herein.

For and on behalf of **GOA UNIVERSITY**

For and on behalf of **THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDIAN STUDIES**





Name: Prof. V. S. Nadkarni

Name: Ms. Purnima Mehta

Title : Registrar **REGISTRAR**  
Goa University  
Taleigao Plateau-Goa.

Title : Director General **General** Purnima Mehta  
Director General  
American Institute of Indian Studies

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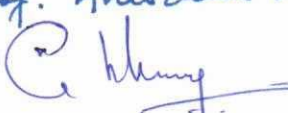




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