

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

This Memorandum of Understanding is executed in this 17<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH month of the Year 2017 at Panaji - Goa

**BETWEEN**

**The Governor of Goa** through its Directorate of Women and Child Development, Department of Women and Child Development, through its Secretary, Smt. Shilpa Shinde, IAS, major age, Indian National, having its office at Old Education Bldg., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 18<sup>th</sup> June Road, Panaji-Goa 403 001, hereinafter referred to as the **“Government”** (which expression include its executors, legal representatives, administrators and assigns) of the **FIRST PART**

**AND**

**Goa University**, established by the Goa University Act, 1984, represented herein by its Registrar, Shri. Y. V. Reddy, major age, Indian national, having its office at Goa University, Taleigao Plateau, Goa herein after referred to as the **“University”** (which expression include its executors, legal representatives, administrators and assigns) of the **OTHER PART**.

Whereas, the Government have decided to undertake the works of **“State Resource Centre for Women of Goa”** set up at Goa University Taleigao Plateau Goa and executed through the Department of Women’s Studies, Goa University.

**And whereas**, it has been decided by the Government to entrust the work of **“State Resource Centre for Women of Goa”** (hereinafter called the said ‘scheme’) to the Goa University.

**AND WHEREAS** the Government and the Goa University to reduce the terms and conditions of the said scheme into writing. Now therefore this MOU witnesses and the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

**Role of Goa University**

SRCWs are mandated to give focused attention to inter-sectoral issues affecting women by undertaking research, maintaining gender related data and engage in training and capacity building programs to enable greater understanding on Women’s issues especially bringing the discourse on women belonging to vulnerable and marginalized communities on the forefront it aims to:-

1. Function as the technical body to support the implementation of women centric schemes at the State level and undertake measures to improve the effectiveness of such programmes through convergence initiatives.

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2. Create an environment through awareness generation to fuel demand by women for schemes/programmes and facilitate the process through which the gap between demand and supply can be reduced.
3. Regularly review and evaluate existing policies, programmes and legislations impacting women and bring suitable recommendations before the State Government / UT Adm.
4. Develop and implement gender sensitive training & capacity building modules. The strategy needs to factor in the requirements of diverse stakeholders (elected representatives, government officers, staff including field functionaries, women's collective members and individuals), training needs (sensitization, awareness generation, technical skills, behavioural change), modalities (either directly or through agencies) etc.
5. Develop different strategies for women empowerment such as enhancing livelihood options for women using the women collective including promoting SHG federations, producer companies of women etc. Carry out public service campaign, workshops, awareness generation about the different programs/ schemes, health and education through suitable media strategy to achieve the mission objectives. Design and implement the Information Education and Communication (IEC) strategy to generate awareness about issues facing women including "patriarchal beliefs" that impedes all round development of women.
6. Identify steps and undertake measures to improve the effectiveness of government programmes from the perspective of impact on women. This will cover facilitating changes in policies, design and implementation of programmes.
7. Identify existing or potential problems in achieving convergence of government programmes, schemes, and services; it will involve coordination with different departments /agencies/ missions in the state to identify factors in the design, process and delivery of schemes/ legislations that hinder convergence and facilitate in adoption of appropriate suggestive measures.
8. Liaise with the existing institutions and structures (Gender cells within Departments) for monitoring and reviewing government schemes with a gender perspectives. It will also develop partnership models with Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), CSOs and Private Sector for initiating activities that promotes women's empowerment.
9. Identify best practices (Government, CSO, PRI) in various sectoral areas like health, education, microfinance, livelihoods, etc. from a gender perspectives, document initiatives and disseminate within the state.

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10. Undertake innovative measures and practices to promote convergence and coordination of schemes, programmes and services that effect women at different levels. (State, District, Block and village).
11. Send regular reports on the operations of the project in the state and contribute to the national repository of information of best practices maintained by NMEW.
12. Prepare and submit the following reports // documents: annual and quarterly work plans, annual and quarterly progress reports and update on monitoring plans and any other report as required by the NMEW from time to time.

### **ROLE OF DIRECTORATE OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

1. The Department has to prepare Action Plans / Reports based on women issues specific to the State, in consultation with the Department of Women's Studies, Goa University.
2. The Department has to forward the Action Plan and Utilization Certificate for every financial year received from Goa University to Ministry for receipt of funds.
3. Transfer funds received from the Ministry immediately on receipt of the same to the Goa University for the proposed State Resources Centre for Women at Goa University
4. Maintenance of accounts and auditing.

### **Monitoring**

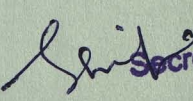
1. To prepare and submit the following reports/ documents :- annually and quarterly work plans, annual and quarterly progress reports and update on monitoring plans and any other report as required by the NRCW from time to time.
2. To organize the meeting of the GSMA at least twice in a year including related works of preparing agenda, minutes, follow up on decision.
3. To ensure regular review meeting held at State, District Block and village levels to ensure effective monitoring of convergence efforts at the grass roots.
4. Any other activity as suggested by NRCW in the overall interest of the Mission.

### **Funding**

The Scheme NMEW will be implemented in the State of Goa with 100% central funding as a central sector scheme.

### **Period of the MOU**

The MOU shall be valid for a term of three years effective from the date of signing of this MOU or until the MOU is terminated in writing to that effect between the parties as per the provisions of this MOU.

  
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**Amendment to the MOU**

The MOU may be modified or amended at any point of time by written agreement between the parties to this effect.

**Termination of the MOU**

The parties hereto may terminate this MOU at any time by giving a reasonable notice, within 30 days, to the other party of its intention not to carry forward the understanding entered into this MOU. If the MOU is terminated by either Party, steps shall be taken to ensure that the termination does not affect any prior obligation, project or activity already in progress.

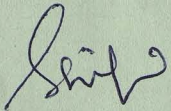
**Dispute Settlement**

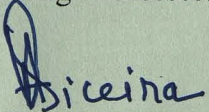
All disagreements/ difference of opinions/ disputes regarding the interpretation of the provisions of this MOU shall be resolved by mutual consultation by the signatories.

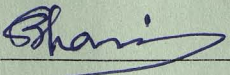
Further if the parties are unable to resolve the dispute amicably within a period of 3 months, then the dispute shall be arbitrated by appointing an arbitrator under the Indian arbitration and Conciliation Act. All disputes and differences arising out of this MOU or in relation to this MOU shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts in Panaji Goa.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have put their hands, on the day and year first hereinabove mentioned.

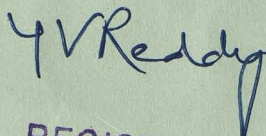
Signed, Sealed and Delivered by Smt. ShilpaShinde, IAS  
Secretary, Women & Child Development, for and on  
behalf of the Governor of Goa, in the presence of the  
following witnesses:

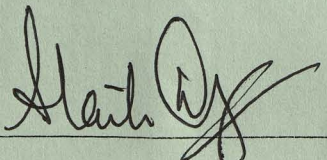
  
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Signed, Sealed and Delivered by "University"  
Registrar, Goa University, Taleigao Plateau Goa  
For and on behalf of Goa University:

  
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