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The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made on 11-11-2024 by and between the "PG and Research Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli-620002. and "Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur" hereinafter called "CUTN", Thiruvarur-610005 (Department of Education) are referred to collectively as 'parties' or individually as 'party'.

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Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, has been at the forefront of women's education for 101 years. It was started for the benefit of the young girls of Tiruchirappalli as early as 1923, when higher education for women was considered almost a transgression against the age-old respected customs concerning Higher Education for girls. Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, run by the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, Province of Tiruchirappalli, is affiliated with Bharathidasan University, and it is one of the oldest Colleges for women in South India. The College was recognized by UGC as a "College with Potential for Excellence" in October 2011. The CPE status has been extended till 2022. The College was accredited by NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) in 1999 with FIVE STARS and was reaccredited with an 'A' grade in May 2005. In the third accreditation cycle, it was awarded an 'A' Grade with 3.5 on a 4-point scale in 2012. The College was placed on the National Education Map in the fourth Cycle of Accreditation when it was awarded A++ with a CGPA of 3.75 on a 4-point scale in February 2020.

The College has established 7 Schools under which 28 Departments offer 23 Graduate programmes, 21 Post Graduate programmes, 5 Post Graduate Diploma Programmes, 14 research programmes in Shift I and 10 Under Graduate programmes, and 2 Post Graduate programs in Shift II.

The Post Graduate & Research Department of Rehabilitation Science, established in 1983, envisages the noble mission of education and training effective manpower to help persons with special needs in society. The Department offers diplomas, undergraduates, postgraduates, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D), and need-based courses to build a cadre of professionals who can work with all categories of persons with disabilities. Since its inception, the Department has strengthened its knowledge, training, and research by networking with many local, national, and international agencies using mutual expertise and resources in various forms.

The Government of India founded the Central University of Tamil Nadu and eight other Central Universities through an Act of Parliament in 2009. It is part of the more significant role the Central Government assumed in making Higher Education accessible to aspirants from the weaker sections of society. With eight students in M.A. English Studies, the University started functioning in November 2009 at the Collectorate Annexe at Thiruvarur, 60 kilometers east of Thanjavur. But today, the University sits astride a major tributary of the famous Cauvery River in the heart of the Delta, seven kilometers northwest of Thiruvarur.

The University has established 13 Schools under which 28 Departments function, offering 64 academic programmes, including 29 research programmes, 22 PG programmes, 6

integrated programmes, 2 undergraduate programmes, and 3 PG diploma programmes. In addition, undergraduate and postgraduate programs are offered in collaboration with Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International School of Textiles & Management (SVPISTM), Coimbatore, and Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), Coimbatore through MoU with CUTN. Furthermore, the University provides nearly 20 courses through the community college. The presence of diverse schools allows for an interdisciplinary approach and adaptable teaching-learning methodology with community engagement.

### 1. Purpose and Objectives:

The parties recognize the benefits of mutual collaboration, cooperation, and interaction toward empowering aspiring, minority, backward, and disadvantaged students in Tamil Nadu. Hence, the parties desire to work together with the following objectives:

- 1.1. *To promote organizing training, seminars, and workshops to enhance teaching and research quality.*
- 1.2. *To promote research studies and activities related to educational research and to carry out independent research and field analysis with mutual collaboration.*
- 1.3. *To encourage and emphasize the Faculty Members to participate and contribute as resource faculty in students' programmes.*
- 1.4. *To encourage teacher education students to have field exposure to friendly, responsive colleges and interact with the students as part of their extra-curricular activities during their studies.*
- 1.5. *To conduct and organize regular training and seminars to promote and produce quality teacher students in Tamil Nadu.*
- 1.6. *To share and exchange a common concern for the development of teacher education and the pursuit of academic excellence in teacher education.*
- 1.7. *The valuable works of the Central University of Tamil Nadu (Department of Education) and PG and Research Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli, should be considered to promote qualitative and equal education to all.*
- 1.8. *To strengthen the educational relationships between the Central University of Tamil Nadu (Department of Education) and PG and Research Department of Rehabilitation Science, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, for the*



*welfare of students belonging to the aspiring, needy, minority, differently abled, and oppressed communities.*

**2. Discretion:**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is subject to the following:

*2.1. The final authority concerning its implementation and coordination shall rest with The Registrar, Central University of Tamil Nadu, and The Principal of Holy Cross College(Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, in Rehabilitation and Special Education. There shall not be any financial commitment on the part of Central University of Tamil Nadu, and Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, under any circumstances.*

*2.2. The program of activities for the period of cooperation with specific project outlines and arrangements, as the parties may agree upon, will be the subject of a series of separate documents.*

**3. General:**

The broad general areas of cooperation envisaged in the Memorandum of Understanding will include:

*3.1. Participation of faculty members, students, and scholars of the Department of Education and field exposure were conducted by PG and Research Department of Rehabilitation Science, Tiruchirappalli, with no financial commitments from either institute.*

*3.2. Development of facilities whereby students and scholars of the Department of Education and PG and Research Department of Rehabilitation Science, Tiruchirappalli, would facilitate to complete their study courses/parts of their study courses, as per the norms and standards of the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), New Delhi.*

*3.3. Conducting off-site short training programs and field-based studies*

*3.4. Exchange of staff, students, and research scholars on collaborative teaching, research, and other academic assignments in accordance with their respective missions.*

*3.5. Participation in academic/social community activities like Seminars, Conferences, Workshops, Library exchanges, and Language Programs,*

4. The authorities of both parties will support the activities carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding by providing the necessary facilities.
5. The Memorandum of Understanding will come into operation on the date of signing this Memorandum and will operate for three years. It may be extended or terminated by mutual consent with a notification period of three months.
6. The functionaries shall meet at least once in three months to plan and implement the programs.
7. The legal jurisdiction is Thiruvavur / Tiruchirappalli.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Memorandum of Understanding is executed by the parties hereto on the date of its signing by the two parties.

**For and on behalf  
Central University of Tamil Nadu  
Thiruvavur**

**For and on behalf  
Holy Cross College (Autonomous)  
Tiruchirappalli**



Signature: *R. Thirumurugan* 11.11.2024

Signature: *Dr. (Sr) Rajakumari* 11/11/2024

Name: **Prof. R. Thirumurugan**  
Designation: **Registrar**  
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Name: **Dr. (Sr) Rajakumari**  
Designation: **Principal**  
**PRINCIPAL**  
**HOLY CROSS COLLEGE,**  
**(AUTONOMOUS)**  
**TIRUCHIRAPPALLI-2.**

**Witness 1:**

Signature: *Srinivas Padmaselvan*  
Name: **Srinivas Padmaselvan**  
Designation: **Professor**

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Signature: *Dr. Sr. Lourdu Mary*  
Name: **Dr. Sr. Lourdu Mary**  
Designation: **Cont. of Examinations,  
HCC, Trichy**

**Witness 2:**

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Name: **S. Venkataraman**  
Designation: **Prof. & Head**

**Witness 2:**

Signature: *Dr. A. Turin Martina*  
Name: **DR. A. TURIN MARTINA**  
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