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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

BETWEEN

State Institute of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj - Tamil Nadu. Chennai

And

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai

11th December 2023,

This Memorandum of 'Understanding (MoU) is made and executed at (Palayamkottai on this date 11th December of the year 2023 between State Institute of Rural Development (hereinafter called SIRD&PR), a statutory body of Government of Tamil Nadu, having its registered office at Maraimalai Nagar, Chennai (which expression shall, where the context so admits, be deemed to include its executors, administrators and assigns) be the First Party.

And

Name of the college and its establishment details St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai (which expression shall, where the context so admits, be deemed to include its executors, administrators and assigns) be the Second Party or the Participating Institution (PI).

Both Parties have reached the following intent to collaborate as per below described articles of this MOU.

PURPOSE of MoU:

The MoU is aimed at collaborating on the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) program implemented by the First party. The second party (St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai) will work as a partner in this development intervention to achieve the goals of locally achieving the sustainable development (LSDG).

Now therefore the parties hereto have agreed to enter into a memorandum of understanding considering the longterm benefits of sharing the knowledge and resources

of the PIs and establish a collaboration, by undertaking joint responsibilities and activities in their respective field of excellence, resources, knowledge and expertise.

AREAS OF COLLABORATION

The parties hereby agree to work collaboratively on following points for the effective and efficient engagement by fulfilling the purpose of this MoU. The mutually agreed activities by and between the parties are as under:

- A. The second party (St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai) will mobilise the students as part of its academic social responsibility (ASR) to engage with rural communities and PR institutions for the UBA facilitation. This will be done by creating suitable groups of students from different disciplines of studies to fit into the thematic areas. It will be ideal if students from the same panchayat can be included in the group. These student groups shall be guided by the academic staff to carry out the grass-root level interactions and development interventions. These groups can be also suitably named for identification and visibility of their rural development engagements (For eg. GP Development Corps).
- B. The second party (St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai) will leverage its internal resources from different departments viz knowledge of sustainable development by establishing a multidisciplinary group (involving different departments and faculties for different action domains) within the institution to engage in the rural development activities by identifying the panchayats and create an enabling eco-system for the last mile delivery of development. This eco-system shall be hybrid in nature that it will enable to create values by leveraging the low/no cost activities among the communities. It is expected that at least 10 no/low cost activities are identified per theme and included in the panchayat plan every year and implement it to establish the momentum of self development.
- C. The second party (St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai) will mobilise the community in identified panchayats by the help of its team of faculties and students to sensitise the scope and options of sustainable development and capacitate them in achieving the development goals.

- D. The second party (St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai) will prepare Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDP) of the identified village panchayats involving the panchayat administration and the local communities. This will involve the assessment of development potential of the panchayat, actual level of development currently and the gaps to be filled. It further envisages to prepare a detailed document as per the prescribed format covering the chapters in detail and coordinate for its approval from gram sabha and subsequently to handhold in implementing the approved plan.
- E. The second party (St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai) will associate with the identified panchayats in implementing the GPDP by imparting necessary skills, capacities and establish sustainable linkages in achieving the goals in the 9 themes. The nine intervention themes for the second party (PI) to work in a systematic and prioritised manner to bring in sustainable development at local level are
1. Poverty free/enhanced livelihood
 2. Healthy Village
 3. Child friendly village
 4. Water sufficient village
 5. Clean and Green village
 6. Self sufficient infrastructure
 7. Socially secured village
 8. Village with good governance and
 9. Engendered development
- F. The second party (St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai) will document and show case the development outcomes enabled by their planning and handholding of its implementation in the respective panchayats by using appropriate media and technologies.
- G. The first party will pay the second party (St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai) an amount of Rs.20,000 (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only) for a year per village panchayat. 50 percent of this amount will be released after the PI

identifies the village panchayats to work with and submit a preliminary report of its strength and capacities in carrying out the said functions in the selected locations and getting the concurrence of the village panchayats to collaborate in the program. The second instalment of 50 percent will be released after the plan is prepared by incorporating the priority interventions covering the nine themes in the form of low cost/no cost activities to be carried out and started its implementation after approval by the gram sabha and its uploading in the designated web portal.

- H. The list of village panchayats the PI has identified to work with are as follows.
1. Tharuvai
 2. Nanjankulam
 3. Nochikulam
 4. Mavadi
 5. Koonthakulam
- I. The main strategy to achieve the set goals is an inclusive approach - involving all the stakeholders. This could be done by creating specialized new GP development corps involving students. Further the academic institution can aim to involve existing youth clubs, SHGs, local NGOs and other social capitals and CBOs.

Term and Termination:

The term of this MoU shall be for a period of five years from the date of execution, unless terminated earlier by a written notice of thirty (30) days by a Party seeking such termination to the other Party hereto. However, all commitments and obligations till date of termination will be honoured by both the parties.

Dispute Resolution:

Any and all disagreements / differences / disputes arising hereunder shall be resolved amicably by the designated senior executives / officers of the good offices of both Parties. The legal jurisdiction for this MoU will be the Chennai Metropolitan courts only.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this MoU by their duly authorized representatives.

State Institute of
Rural Development & Panchayat Raj

The collaborating college


Signature


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Witnessed by:

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