

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Janki Devi Memorial College, DU

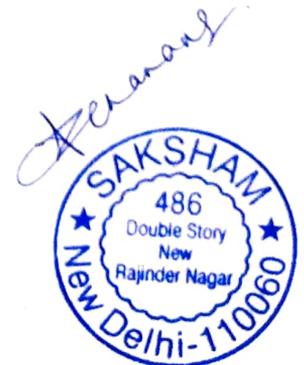


And

SAKSHAM Trust

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disability

An Initiative towards
Creating Opportunities for Inclusion of Students with Blindness
and Low Vision
in Higher Education



This **Memorandum of Understanding** (herein after called the 'MOU') is entered into on 5th day of **August- Two Thousand and Twenty one (05.08.2021)** by and between

Janki Devi Memorial College (JDMC), Delhi University, Delhi 110 060, The First Party represented herein by its **Principal/Representative** (herein after referred as '**First Party**', the institution which expression, unless excluded by or repugnant to the subject or context shall include its successors – in office, administrators and assigns).

AND

SAKSHAM Trust, 486, Double Storey, New Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi – 110 060, The Second Party, and represented herein by its Founder Managing Trustee, Dipendra Manocha, (hereinafter referred to as '**Second Party**' organization which expression, unless excluded by or repugnant to be subject or context shall include its successors - in office, administrators and assigns).

(First Party and Second Party are hereinafter jointly referred to as 'Parties' and individually as 'Party') as

WHERE AS:

A. First Party is a Higher Educational Institution named:

1. Janki Devi Memorial College (JDMC), Delhi University

- B. First Party and Second Party believe that collaboration and cooperation between themselves will promote more effective use of each of their resources, and provide each of them with enhanced opportunities.
- C. The Parties intent to cooperate and focus their efforts on cooperation within area of Skill Based Training, Education, provision of Assistive Technology Solutions and workshops for students with visual impairment, associated staff members and peer group.
- D. Both Parties, being legal entities in themselves desire to sign this MOU for advancing their mutual interests.
- E. **SAKSHAM Trust**, the Second Party, is engaged in providing various service for education and empowerment of students with visual impairment. **SAKSHAM Trust**, a non-profit organisation registered as charitable trust on 14th February 2003, created with the sole purpose of empowering persons with visual impairment and print disabled. It plays a key role in advocacy and act as a service provider in the field of rehabilitation, education, training and offering assistive technology solutions for students with visual impairment.



NOW THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL PROMISES SET FORTH IN THIS MOU, THE PARTIES HERE TO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

**CLAUSE 1
CO-OPERATION**

- 1.1 Both Parties are united by common interests and objectives, and they shall establish channels of communication and co-operation that will promote and advance their respective operations within the **Institution** and its related wings. The Parties shall keep each other informed of potential opportunities and shall share all information that may be relevant to secure additional opportunities for one another.
- 1.2 First Party and the Second Party co-operation will facilitate effective utilization of the intellectual capabilities of the faculty of First Party providing significant inputs to them in developing suitable teaching/training systems for the visually impaired students, keeping in mind the needs of the organisation, the Second Party.
- 1.3 The general terms of co-operation shall be governed by this MOU. The Parties shall cooperate with each other and shall, as promptly as is reasonably practical, enter into all relevant agreements, deeds and documents (the 'Definitive Documents') as may be required to give effect to the actions contemplated in terms of this MOU. The term of Definitive Documents shall be mutually decided between the Parties. Along with the Definitive Documents, this MOU shall represent the entire understanding as to the subject matter hereof and shall supersede any prior understanding between the Parties on the subject matter hereof.

**CLAUSE 2
SCOPE OF THE MOU**

Saksham in collaboration with Janki Devi Memorial college attempts to address the above- mentioned challenges through its multi- pronged approach and aims at taking students with visual impairment of the college ahead together with their sighted peers.

2.1 Objectives of the collaboration

1. Facilitate quality education for persons with blindness or low vision.
2. Enable students and staff with blindness to read and write assignment and examinations in mainstream script.
3. Provide books and instructional materials in accessible format to persons with blindness and low vision that can be read with eyes, ears and fingers

2.2 Focus Areas

- 2.2.1. Ensure access of appropriate assistive technology solutions in an affordable manner

As part of the program, a thorough assessment will be conducted to understand the specific needs of each beneficiary, based on which the most suitable assistive device will be made available to them.

The range of assistive devices which have been shortlisted for this intervention include:



- Laptop
- Electronic (Refreshable) Braille Display
- Android Smartphone with physical keyboard
- DAISY player
- Tactile Books

To ensure that these devices become affordable and obtainable for the end users, their cost will be subsidized/provided free of cost as per the subsidy schemes/funds available at Saksham.

2.2.2 Providing accessible content

The study material (notes and reference material; text books in digital and braille format) of their syllabus will be made available to the students in accessible format which they can read with the help of provided devices.

In addition, books with tactile diagrams will also be made available to the students as per their requirement to aid them in education of subjects like Science, Mathematics, Geography, Economics etc. These books contain embossed tactile diagrams which can be explored by visually challenged students through touch of their fingers, and allow them to understand various diagrams, images and other visual concepts that are highly critical and integral to the learning of these subjects.

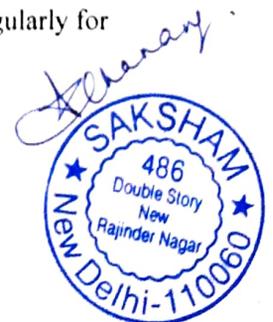
2.2.3 Membership of Sugamya Pustakalaya

Janki Devi Memorial College will be made member of Sugamya Pustakalaya by paying a membership fee to DFI and through which all the students with visual impairment of the institute will get access to thousands of books available on Sugamya Pustakalaya (an online library of accessible books), and the required content will be made available to them in E-text, audio and braille formats.

2.2.4 Trainings and workshops

It has been well documented and researched globally that training is vital for the successful adoption of any assistive technology and accelerate the process of cascading any new concept or program.

- Therefore, Saksham will bundle up devices with the requisite training (duration of the training as per the complexity of the technology/device being provided). This will be given by Assistive technology trainers of Saksham.
- Awareness and sensitization workshops will also be organized for the students, parents, staff members and supporting staff.
- Training and orientation sessions will also be arranged for producing accessible content which will involve digitization of notes, preparing assignments and making images and diagrams accessible.
- Employment Oriented workshops, trainings and courses will be provided regularly for guiding the students and help them set their career goals.



2.2.5 Organise Recreational and Sports activities for SBLV

Recreational activities like movie shows of audio described movies will be organized from time to time for students with Blindness and low vision. Adaptive sport activities like Chess competitions with the help of accessible Chess Boards and races using smart cane and tethers can also be organized at the campus.

2.2.6 Awareness and Sensitization activities for Non- disabled students and staff members

Many fun activities can be organized to facilitate social inclusion of PWD. Simple day to day activities with blindfolding the sighted students can be organized which will make them realise the challenges of a student with visual impairment and help to sensitize them.

2.2.7 Making Built Environment Accessible for PWD

Saksham will help the institute make the necessary adaptations with the existing infrastructure for making the built environment accessible for Persons with Disabilities. This includes putting up braille signboards, tactile markings, installing anti- skid and colour reflecting tapes etc..

2.2.8 Provide Need based support to faculty by special educators

Special Educators at Saksham resource Centre can provide support as and when required to the faculty of the college. This would help them to provide necessary support to students with Visual Impairment and low vision in the classroom for their inclusion and education.

2.2.9 Organise financial resources

Saksham will make efforts to arrange funds for carrying out the above- mentioned activities. Funds would be raised through leveraging various schemes of the government of India and through CSR/Individual donations. However, the college would contribute financially wherever it is necessary. The financial commitments related to each of the above-mentioned activities will be decided mutually by the first and the second party.

CLAUSE 3 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

3.1 Nothing contained in this MOU shall, by express grant, implication, Estoppel or otherwise, create in either Party any right, title or interest in or to the intellectual



property (including but not limited to know-how, inventions, patents, copy rights and designs) of the other party.

**CLAUSE 4
VALIDITY**

- 4.1 This Agreement will be valid until it is expressly terminated by either Party on mutual agreed terms,
4.2 Both Parties may terminate this MOU upon 90 calendar days' notice in writing. In the event of termination both Parties have to discharge their obligations.

**CLAUSE 5
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTIES**

- 5.1 It is expressly agreed that the **First Party** and **Second Party** are acting under this MOU as independent entities which have come together for the purpose of facilitating the education and empowerment of students with visual impairment and the relationship established under this MOU shall be construed as a partnership.

FIRST PARTY

SECOND PARTY

Any divergence or difference derived from the interpretation or application of the MOU shall be resolved by arbitration between the Parties as per the Arbitration Act 1996. The place of the arbitration shall be the District Head Quarters of the First Party. This undertaking is to be construed in accordance with the Indian Law with exclusive jurisdiction in the courts of **New Delhi**.

AGREED:

For JDMC, DU

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