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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

YEAR 2015-16

Memorandum of understanding between Ministry of Culture (MOC), Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi & Nava Nalanda Mahavihara (NNM) (Deemed to be University), Nalanda 803111, Bihar for the financial year 2015-16.

1. This agreement made this **24th day of April 2015** between MoC, as the first party and Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, Nalanda an organization under the Ministry of Culture, herein after called the Second party.
2. Whereas the Ministry of Culture have the following mandate:
 - i. To preserve, promote and disseminate all for forms of art and culture. In order to achieve this, the department undertakes the following activities;
 - ii. Maintenance and conservation of heritage, historic sites and ancient monuments;
 - iii. Administration of libraries;
 - iv. Promotion of literary, visual and performing arts;
 - v. Observation of centenaries and anniversaries of important national personalities and events;
 - vi. Promotion of institutions and organizations of Pali and Buddhist Studies;
 - vii. Promotion of institutional and individual non-official initiatives in the fields of art and culture;
 - viii. Entering into cultural agreements with foreign countries;
 - ix. The functional spectrum of the Department ranges from creating cultural awareness from the grass root level to the international cultural level.
3. And whereas the **Nava Nalanda Mahavihara** have the following mandate:
 - i. to develop a residential centre of education of international importance on the line of the ancient/old Viharas (where the teachers and the taught lived together devoting themselves to studies and higher academic pursuits) for the promotion of higher studies and research in Pali language and literature, and Buddhist studies through Sanskrit, Tibetan, Chinese, Mongolian, Japanese and other Asian languages. In Addition, contemporary Buddhism in various parts of the world may also be made subjects of studies and research;
 - ii. to set up and maintain departments of studies in (1) Pali and Buddhism, (2) Philosophy with special reference to Buddhist Philosophy (both Hinayana and Mahayana), Logic and Epistemology including outlines of Indian Philosophy and Comparative Religion, (3) Ancient Indian and Asian Studies with special reference to Buddhist history and culture and spread of Buddhism, (4) Linguistics and Modern Languages, (5) the Department of Tibetan and Chinese

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Studies including Mongolian, Korean and Japanese languages, and (6) such other subjects as the "Society" may decide to introduce from time to time;

- iii. to undertake extra mural studies, extension programmes and field outreach activities for development of the Indian Society;
- iv. To maintain a modern and rich library in order to facilitate teaching and research;
- v. to accommodate monks, nuns and lay scholars versed in traditional Buddhist monastic learning and to acquaint them with modern methods of research and comparative studies;
- vi. to send its scholars and professors to recognized centres of Buddhist learning in the world, specially to neighbouring Buddhist countries to acquire firsthand knowledge of their traditions and also to revive the old cultural ties existed between India and those countries and vice versa;
- vii. to critically edit, translate and publish classical Buddhist works from Pali, Sanskrit, Tibetan, Chinese, Japanese, Mongolian and other languages;
- viii. to publish journals, periodicals on different aspects of Buddhism and allied subjects;
- ix. to co-operate with educational and other institutions in and outside India having objects wholly or partly similar to those of the Society by exchange of teachers, scholars in order to coordinate research work with them and generally in such a manner as may be conducive to their common objects;
- x. to subscribe to or become a member of, or to co-operate with any other Associations or Society, whose objects are similar, wholly or partly, to the objects of the Society or the promotion of which may be conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Society;
- xi. to do all such other acts and things as may be necessary or desirable for or conducive to attain or furthering the objectives specified above as may be expedient for functioning of the Mahavihara.

4. Purpose of the MOU:

- a) To achieve the organizational goals by optimum use of the funds available and proper functioning of the organizations;
- b) To achieve this, the following deliverables are required: -

5. Budget/Account :

- i. Budget outlay for the year 2015-16 amounting to **Rs. 21.45 Crores** is being allotted to Nava Nalanda Mahavihara for carrying out organizational work. Expenditure is to be ensured;

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- ii. The Annual Report and Audited accounts for the year 2014-15 to be prepared on time as per schedule given in Activity Calendar;
- iii. Utilization Certificate has to be submitted to this Ministry in time;
- iv. To dispose of all pending CAG paras, internal audit paras and PAC paras;
- v. Submission of RE-BE/Annual Plan/Outcome Budget as per Activity Calendar;
- vi. Quarterly Expenditure Plan (QEP), Targets achieved to be reported to MoC in time;
- vii. Ensuring that the inputs for preparation of EFC/SFC are submitted on time.
- viii. Creation of online system for application, Utilization Certificate and accounting.

6. Human Resource :

- i. Human Resource Policy for the organization to be framed/reviewed;
- ii. The Recruitment Rules (RRs) for all the cadres to be framed/reviewed with the approval of the Competent Authority;
- iii. The process of filling up of vacancies in a time bound manner;
- iv. All pending vigilance cases to be disposed of on time and as per rules;
- v. Training of the staff of the organization to be ensured as per the Staff Training Policy. A Training Calendar to be designed in the beginning of the year and training schedule uploaded in the website. Training of staff in Budget and Accounts, Establishment matters, Vigilance matters, Official Procedure etc. in ISTM, NIFM etc. to be ensured.
- vi. Holding of DPCs for promotion and MACPs as per DOPT instructions.
- vii. Implementation of New Pension Scheme.

7. Legal Matter :

- i. Amendments to the MoA to be carried out, if necessary with approval of Competent Authority;
- ii. The Bye-laws of the organization to be framed/reviewed;
- iii. Monitoring and defending of the Court cases on behalf of Union of India.

8. Parliament Matters :

- i. The Audited Accounts and Annual Report for the year 2014-15 to be submitted to MoC by 15th November 2015 for laying in winter session;

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- ii. To take necessary steps to ensure the removal of anomalies/deficiencies pointed out by the UGC Review Committee during the current FY;
- iii. To look after the case of de-recognition of the Nava Nalanda Mahavihara as deemed to be university along with 40 other Deemed to be Universities pending in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- iv. To take necessary steps to get Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, Nalanda accredited by the NAAC during the current FY;
- v. Creation of teaching and non-teaching posts as per UGC norms to be ensured during the current FY, as it is pending with the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India since long;
- vi. Appointment of Vice-Chancellor to be taken up during the current FY;
- vii. Appointment of Faculty members as well as non-teaching staff as per UGC norms, which is one of the recommendations of the UGC Review Committee, to be completed during the current FY;
- viii. To organize Buddha Mahotsava (Buddhist Festivals), Nalanda Mahotsava and Purvottara Buddha Mahotsava (North – East Buddhist Festivals), Ladakh Festival etc. for promoting and generating awareness towards the universal and value based teachings of the Buddha.
- ix. Mapping for tangible and intangible cultural heritage of Gaya.

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Signature on behalf of MOC

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Signature of the Head of the organization

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