

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Between

RAMAIAH PUBLIC POLICY CENTER

Bengaluru, India

And

INDIAN CENTRE FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Bengaluru, India

Ramaiah Public Policy Center is an Unit of Gokulā Education Foundation (Medical) established as a not-for-profit public trust registered under the laws of India, having its registered office at New BEL Road, M S Ramaiah Nagar, MSRIT Post, Bengaluru 560 054, India, represented by Dr. Arkaigud Ramaprasad, Director of the Center, whose mission is to conduct:

- Research on public policies, and the publication of whitepapers and publications on the topic;
- Education, both degree- and certificate-based, on public policies; and
- Extension/service on public policies through participation, partnerships, and consultations.

and

Indian Centre for Social Transformation (Indian CST) is a registered Public Charitable Trust (Registration No. HLS-4-00228-2009-10 dated 26/12/2009) having its registered office at Unit No. 204, 2nd Floor, "Raheja Chambers", No.12, Museum Road, Bengaluru - 560001 whose mission is to work towards realization of a national vision set out in Article 51A (j) of the Indian Constitution- which prescribes the Fundamental Duty for Indian Citizens and exhorts them "to strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavour and achievement." The goal of Indian CST is to promote through its innovative one stop GPMS Transportal (www.indiancst.com), a number of portfolios/programs and projects that will deliver cost effective computing, best practices, knowledge management systems and critical applications at affordable costs to improve governance across India and empower the citizens. Indian CST truly believes in 'IT for Social Change'.

Whereas both the organisations after mutual discussions are desirous of establishing cooperative relations in furtherance of their shared objectives of evidence based decision making to promote public finance management and policy development and therefore agree as follows:

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AREAS OF COLLABORATION

Subject to the availability of resources and the mutual agreement of both the parties, collaboration will be undertaken through activities or programs such as:

1. Data organization, collection, analysis, and interpretation for policy making and assessment;
2. Joint research activities based on the above data;
3. Certificate programs and courses on public policy topics based on the data; and
4. Identify and mobilize funding opportunities and marshal all available resources for joint activities which would lead to public good and mutually beneficial activities to each of the institution.

The initial areas of collaboration identified are:

1. River water sharing
2. Integrated farming management
3. Healthcare
4. Smart cities

The terms, intellectual property rights, and budget for each program or activity implemented under this agreement shall be mutually agreed upon in writing prior to its initiation. Such programs and activities shall be approved by authorized individuals from each party.

Each institution shall designate a liaison officer to facilitate timely and accurate communications between the partners.

For the purposes of this memorandum of understanding and all addenda hereto encompassing specific programs between the Ramaiah Public Policy Center, Bengaluru, India and India Centre for Social Transformation, Bengaluru, India it is understood and agreed that neither party shall be liable for any negligent or wrongful acts, either of commission or omission, chargeable to the other, unless such liability is imposed by law. This memorandum of agreement and all addenda shall not be construed as seeking to either enlarge or diminish any obligation or duty owed by one party to the other or to a third party.

Disputes, if any, in execution of this MOU or any specific Agreement emanating from this MOU shall be settled amicably by both the parties. If any differences persist, the same shall be finally resolved by arbitration which is binding on both the parties.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Any information furnished by either party to the other shall be treated as confidential. Neither party shall disclose such information unless specifically authorized by the other or required to do so by law.

RENEWAL, TERMINATION, AND AMENDMENT

This agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of the last signature, with the understanding that it may be terminated by either party giving ninety (90) days written notice to the partner institution.

The activities under this understanding will be reviewed on a biannual basis as mutually agreed and plans for future activities will be developed each year immediately following the review.

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This agreement may be amended with the consent of the two institutions through a written addendum executed by authorized individuals of both institutions. Such addenda, once approved by both institutions, will become part of this memorandum of agreement.

The present agreement is signed in English, two (2) originals, all texts being equally valid.

This agreement shall be binding upon signing by authorized individuals of the Ramaiah Public Policy Center, Bengaluru, India and India Centre for Social Transformation, Bengaluru, India and shall be effective as of the date last written below.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

**SIGNED for & on behalf of
Ramaiah Public Policy Center**



Arkaigud Ramaprasad
Director

Date: January 22, 2018



Chetan B Singai
Deputy Director

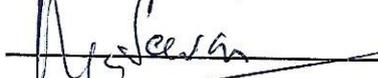
Date: January 22, 2018

**SIGNED for & on behalf of
Indian Centre for Social Transformation**



R Sri Kumar
Chairman

Date: 22/01/2018



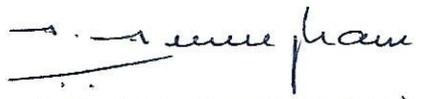
Raja Seevan
Founder Trustee

Date: 22/01/2018

Witnesses.



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