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Memorandum of Understanding

between

National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan) (NIEPVD)

and

Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata

National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan) (NIEPVD) under administrative control of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India having its office at 116, Rajpur Road, Dehradun- 248001

AND

Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, a State University established for providing higher education through open and distance learning (ODL) mode having its office at DD-26, Salt Lake, Sector-I, Kolkata- 700064.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

a. This MoU is signed to facilitate accessible, books & audio-visual programmes and related resources for students with disabilities.

- b. NIEPVD and Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU), Kolkata will work together to improve learning environment for students with disabilities in the State of West Bengal.

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF MOU

1. Whereas the NIEPVD intends to provide Library Services, comprising Braille Books, Large Print Books and Talking/Audio Books produced available for academic works at the NIEPVD to (he persons with visual impairment. It will be incumbent on the NSOU, Kolkata to enroll all the persons with visual impairment at their Study Centres as members of Braille and Talking Book Library set up NSOU, Kolkata on the terms & conditions as applicable from time to time as per prevailing norms and rules of NIEPVD.
2. NSOU, Kolkata will endeavor to ensure that the benefits of the library facilities reach out to optimum number of persons with visual impairment. NSOU, Kolkata will facilitate Institutional memberships to study centers under his/her administrative control. The lifetime institutional membership fee per Institute /College (as applicable) is to be remitted to the NIEPVD in favor of the Director. The NIEPVD shall provide a set of terms and conditions as applicable regarding institutional membership. NSOU, Kolkata can enroll other persons with visual impairment as members of the Library from and around the state of West Bengal.
3. Whereas the NSOU, Kolkata has agreed to start the library services, for the above-mentioned purposes-and periods, it also agreed to provide sufficient space and other essential infrastructure. Human resource for maintaining the library for setting up the Braille and talking/audio Book Library Service in their premises. The NIEPVD will provide Braille, large print & talking books produced by NIEPVD to the NSOU, Kolkata. University shall arrange distribution of the same to the persons with visual Impairment.
4. Whereas (the talking books are created for special distribution for print disabled in accordance with Section 52 Clause 1 Sub Clause ZB of the Copyright Act of India 1957 as amended from time to time. These books are permitted to be used only by persons with print disabilities and their re- production/distribution to any persons without a print disability or/for any commercial use of this book is strictly prohibited. Quantity of supplying Braille book and talking/audio books will be decided by NIEPVD keeping in the view of its ability and overall production capacity of NIEPVD. The Director, NIEPVD and Registrar, NSOU, Kolkata shall jointly monitor the progress of the library service and issue| directions wherever necessary.
5. NSOU, Kolkata shall at its own expense, submit the quarterly progress report to NIEPVD with details beneficiaries indicating name, father's name, address, category (whether belongs to SC/ST/BC/), age, gender etc. in the prescribed format.
6. NSOU, Kolkata may place additional order if any to NIEPVD for conversion of educational material in accessible format. However, such requests will be processed by NIEPVD on payment basis as per prevailing rates of NIEPVD.





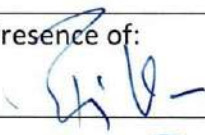

7. NIEPVD and NSOU, Kolkata will strive to jointly organize total two (2) programmes (awareness programs, seminars, workshops &/or training programs) every year with an aim to sensitize and empower PwDs or to development of modules or publication in the field of special / inclusive education.

DURATION, (TERMINATION AND REVIEW OF MOU)

Arrangements under this MoU will be operative for a period of three years commencing from the date of signing this MoU between NIEPVD, Dehradun and the NSOU, Kolkata. Further, continuance of this MoU would be subject to joint review by the NIEPVD and the NSOU, Kolkata to be undertaken prior to the expiry of this MoU. In case any of the terms and conditions of this MoU are violated, either party shall have the right to terminate this MoU and stop all transactions inter se the parties including but not limited to giving/receiving Braille books and audio books, other resources and surrender the sent assets if any.

DISPUTES, IF ANY

Wherever clarification is called for in respect of the clauses contained in this MoU, such matter (s) shall be referred to the Director, NIEPVD and the Registrar, NSOU, Kolkata for mutual settlement. Legal territorial Jurisdiction in the case of any dispute shall be exclusively with the courts of Dehradun or Kolkata only.

For and on behalf of NIEPVD, Dehradun	For and on behalf of Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU)
 30-12-21	 30.12.2021
Name: Dr. Himangshu Das Title: Director	Name: CA Kishore Sengupta Kishore Sengupta Title: Registrar REGISTRAR NETAJI SUBHAS OPEN UNIVERSITY
In the Presence of:  Name: <u>Dr. Pankaj Kumar</u>	In the Presence of:  Name: <u>Dr. Anirban Ghosh</u>