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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR PROMOTION OF EDUCATION
FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Netaji Subhash Open University (hereinafter referred as "NSOU, KOLKATA ") having its office at DD-26, Sector-I, Salt Lake City, Kolkata- 700064 and the Rehabilitation Council of India (hereinafter referred as "RCI"), a Statutory Body under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, DEPwD, Govt. of India, having its office at B-22, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi-110016 was Signed on 08.12.2004 for collaboration in promoting education through distance mode for the empowerment of person with disabilities for a period of 05 years upto 08.12.2009.

In pursuance of the above MoU, Special Education courses namely B.Ed. Special Education, through Open & Distance Learning mode (B.Ed.Spl.Edn.-ODL) in the area of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Visual Impairment & Hearing Impairment, M.Ed. Special Education, through Open & Distance Learning mode (M.Ed.Spl.Ed.-ODL) in the area of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities & Hearing Impairment were successfully implemented with an encouraging acceptability and increasing demand.

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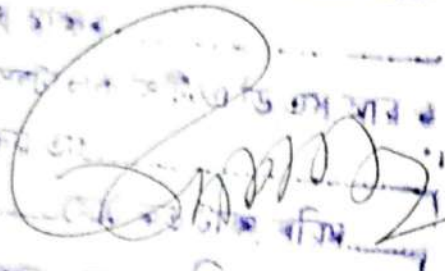
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The above said MoU was renewed on 03.02.2010 for another period of five years upto 08.12.2014 & further renewed upto 07.12.2019 to conduct the special education courses as per the provisions of MoU.

The present MoU is an extension of the MoU signed between NSOU, Kolkata and RCI, New Delhi on 24.04.2015 for collaboration in promoting education for the empowerment of persons with disabilities and is governed by the following provisions:

1. The NSOU, Kolkata will collaborate with RCI in designing programme and development of multimedia for Special Education courses through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) and will facilitate delivery and certification of such courses.
2. RCI recognizes NSOU, Kolkata as State Open University equipped to undertake Special Education courses through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) in Bengali & English medium. RCI will also extend technical expertise to NSOU, Kolkata and its Study Centres as and when required.
3. NSOU, Kolkata as per MoU will conduct the following courses through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode in the State of West Bengal in Bengali & English medium till the validity of MoU. Course wise allocations of seats to University & its Study Centres are as under :-

Name of courses	Max. intake for each courses	Duration	Intake per batch for each study centre
B.Ed.Spl.Ed. -ODL (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities)	500	05- semesters, i.e. 2.5 years (To be completed in max. 10 semesters i.e. 5 years) (For the learners without having any RCI recognized Diploma in Special Education)	50 (Max.)
B.Ed.Spl.Ed. -ODL (Hearing Impairment)		04- semesters, i.e. 2 years (To be completed in max. 8 semesters i.e. 4 years) (For the learners having any RCI recognized Diploma in Special Education)	
B.Ed.Spl.Ed. -ODL (Visual Impairment)			

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M.Ed.Spl.Ed. -ODL (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities)	30	05-semesters, i.e. 2.5 years (To be completed in max. 10 semesters i.e. 5 years)	30 (Max.) (University Only)	Department
M.Ed.Spl.Ed. -ODL (Hearing Impairment)				

4. Training programme(s) through ODL mode for B.Ed.Spl.Ed. & M.Ed.Spl.Ed. shall be conducted as per the prescribed norms and regulations of RCI. SLM shall be developed by the NSOU, Kolkata in light of the revised syllabus.
5. For aforesaid training programmes, the faculty and infrastructural facilities at the University, academic contents, eligibility conditions, and process of evaluation etc. shall be as prescribed by the RCI from time to time.
6. All the Special Education training programmes to be conducted in future need to be planned on Self-Financing and Self-Sustaining Scheme with generation of funds through course fees and other charges to meet the running cost of the course.
7. The amount of the Programme Fee and other charges is to be decided jointly by RCI & NSOU, Kolkata to meet the financial implications for self-financing. No other fee or any other amount shall be charged by NSOU, Kolkata from the students.
8. On the basis of the criteria mentioned at Clause (5), course fees will be shared by the NSOU, Kolkata, RCI and the Study Centre(s) on PRORATA basis as per the norms fixed for each course as per need. The norm of sharing of course fees and other charges shall be fixed on a long-term perspective as per the following proportion;
 - (a) NSOU, Kolkata 50% of the total fee and charges collected in r/o special education courses and other courses as mentioned at Clause (3).
 - (b) Study Centre: 40% of the total fee and charges collected in r/o special education courses and other courses as mentioned at Clause (3).
 - (c) RCI: 10% of the total fee and charges collected in r/o special education courses and other courses as mentioned at Clause (3).
9. Study Material in respect of aforesaid courses will be provided by NSOU, Kolkata to Study Centres and students as per the requirement.
10. Training institutions already running the B.Ed.Spl.Ed. training programme approved by the Council in the State of West Bengal shall only be considered as a Study Centre(s), subject to fulfilment of the prescribed eligibility conditions to become study centres as mentioned in the revised B.Ed. Spl.Ed.-ODL norms, 2021
11. NSOU, Kolkata will provide the list of prospective Study Centre(s) to RCI for issuance of NOC to act as a Study Centre under NSOU, Kolkata.
12. In case approval is not further extended to any training institutions for conducting B.Ed.

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Spl.Ed. programme through face-to-face mode, the eligibility to become Study Centres will automatically stands cancelled. However, the students already enrolled in the study centre concerned will be allowed to continue the course within the time frame as stipulated under Clause-3.

13. NSOU, Kolkata and RCI will jointly decide the norms in respect of the honorarium to the faculty and detailed process of admission, examination and evaluation etc.
14. NSOU, Kolkata shall conduct the training programmes as per the prescribed syllabus of RCI and shall also conduct examination and award Marksheet and degree to the students. However, for registration in CRR of RCI , Authentication Certificate shall be issued by the concerned study centre(s) from where the candidate has completed the course.
15. Any dispute between NSOU, Kolkata and the concerned study centre shall be resolved by them only. RCI will not be responsible for any such dispute.
16. There will be an Apex Advisory Committee which will normally meet twice a year to oversee the implementation of the MoU. The composition of AAC shall be as under:
 - a. Vice-Chancellor, NSOU, Kolkata , - Chairperson
 - b. Two experts nominated by the Chairperson, RCI - Members
 - c. Two nominees of the Board of Management of the NSOU, Kolkata - Members
 - d. Member-Secretary, RCI - Ex-Officio Member
 - e. Programme Coordinator, NSOU, Kolkata , West Bengal - Member Secretary
17. The present MoU shall be valid for a period of 5 years w.e.f. 08.12.2019 and may be renewed from time to time at 5 (five) years of interval on mutual agreement. However, it may also be terminated earlier by either party giving advance notice of one academic session.
18. Both the parties hereto agree that any dispute arising out of this MoU shall be settled mutually through discussions and that in the event of their failure to settle the dispute, the matter shall be referred to Sole Arbitrator appointed with the consent of both the parties in New Delhi.


Registrar (Acting)
Netaji Subhas Open University

On behalf of NSOU, KOLKATA

WITNESSES:

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Member Secretary
On behalf of RCI
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
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2. डॉ. सुबोध कुमार / Dr. Subodh Kumar
उप निदेशक / Dy. Director
भारतीय पुनर्वास परिषद् / Rehabilitation Council of India
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Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)
सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
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REHABILITATION COUNCIL OF INDIA
A Statutory Body of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)
Government of India



Dated: 16.12.2022

File No. 10-11/NSOU/2007/RCI

To

The Registrar,
Netaji Subhash Open University
DD-26, Sector-I, Salt lake City,
Kolkata, West Bengal

Sub: Renewal of MoU reg.

Madam/ Sir,

Please refer to the subject cited above. Enclosed, please find duly signed MoU between RCI and NSOU, Kolkata to conduct B.Ed. Spl. Ed. ODL course in the state of West Bengal, which shall be valid for a period of 05 years from 08.12.2019 to 07.12.2024.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Subodh Kumar)

Dy. Director

Encl : As Stated above.