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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 Subhas Open University ( hereinafter referred as 'NSOU') having its office at DD-26, Sector-i, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700064 and the Rehabilitation Council of India, (hereinafter referred to as 'RCI') a Statutory Body under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Disability Affairs, having its office at B-22, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi-110016 was signed on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2004 for collaboration in promoting education through distance mode for empowerment of persons with disabilities.

In pursuance of the above MoU, Special Education courses namely B.Ed-Special Education through Distance Education (B.Ed.-SEDE) in the area of Mental Retardation, Hearing Impairment & Visual impairment, Post Graduate Professional Diploma in Special Education (PGPD) in the area of Mental Retardation, Hearing Impairment & Visual Impairment were successfully implemented with an encouraging acceptability and increasing demand.

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24/04/15

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The above said MoU was renewed and extended further on 03 February, 2010 for another five years w.e.f. 09<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 to conduct the special education courses as per the provisions of the MoU.

Based on the MoU as signed between NSOU & RCI on 03<sup>rd</sup> February, 2010 the present MoU is signed on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 at Kolkata by the Registrar on behalf of NSOU and by the Member Secretary on behalf of RCI and both the parties agreed to extend the MoU for another five years w.e.f 08<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 and abide by the provisions therein to achieve the desired goals.

The present MoU is an extension of the MoU signed between NSOU & RCI on 03<sup>rd</sup> February, 2010 for collaboration in promoting education for empowerment of persons with disabilities and is governed by the following provisions:

1. The NSOU 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 accepts NSOU as State Open University equipped for undertaking Special Education courses through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) in Bengali & English medium. RCI will also extend technical expertise to NSOU and its Study Centres as and when required.
3. NSOU in collaboration with RCI will conduct the following courses through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode in the State of West Bengal in Bengali and English Medium till the validity of MoU. Course wise allocations of seats to University & Study Centres are as under :

Sl.No.	Name of courses	Max. intake for each course	Duration	Intake per batch for each study centre	
				Min.	Max.
1.	B.Ed.-Spl.Ed. (MR & Inclusive Education) -ODL  B.Ed.-Spl. Ed. (HI & Inclusive	500	05 - semesters, i.e. 2 ½ years  (To be completed in	20	40

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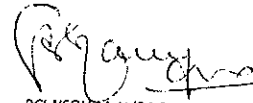
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	Education)- ODL B.Ed.-Spl. Ed. ( VI & Inclusive Education)-ODL B Ed- Spl Ed (LD & Inclusive Education)- ODL*		max. 10 semesters i.e. 5 years)		
2.	Foundation Course on Education of Children with Disabilities through Open & Distance Learning (FCECD -ODL)*	500	3 months	20	40
3.	Foundation Course on Education of Children with Learning Disabilities through Open & Distance Learning (FCECLD-ODL)	500	3 months	20	40
4.	Diploma in Community Based Rehabilitation through Open & Distance Learning (DCBR-ODL)*	500	2 years	20	40
5.	Pos <sup>t</sup> Graduate Diploma in Community Based Rehabilitation through Open & Distance Learning (PGDCBR-ODL)*	500	2 years	20	40

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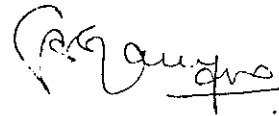
  
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
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- I. Programmes marked (\*) shall be launched on subject to development of Study Learning Material (SLM) by NSOU, vetted by experts appointed by RCI in the light of syllabi developed by RCI.
  - II. SLM for the FCECLD-ODL shall be provided by the RCI
  - III. B.Ed. Spl. Ed. (Disability & Inclusive Education) –ODL mode is to be implemented as per the latest norms and guidelines of RCI from the academic session 2015-16. Accordingly, SLM shall be developed by the NSOU in light of the revised syllabus.
4. For aforesaid courses, the faculty and infrastructural facilities at the University, academic contents, eligibility conditions, and process of evaluation etc. will be as prescribed by the RCI.
  5. All the Special Education courses under operation or to be operated in future need to be planned as Transparent and 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.
  6. The amount of the Programme Fee and other charges is to be fixed in consultation with RCI to meet the financial implications for self-financing. No other fee or any other amount shall be charged by NSOU from the students.
  7. On the basis of the criteria mentioned at Clause (5), course fees will be shared by the NSOU, 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 proportions:-
    - (a) NSOU: 50% of the total fee and charges collected in respect of special education courses and other courses as mentioned at Clause (3).
    - (b) Study Centre: 40% of the total fee and charges collected in respect of special education courses and other courses as mentioned at Clause (3).
    - (c) RCI : 10% of the total fee and charges collected in respect of special education courses and other courses as mentioned at Clause (3).
  8. Study Materials in respect of aforesaid courses will be supplied by NSOU to the Study Centres and students as per the requirement.



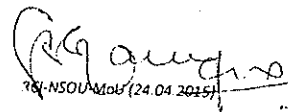
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9. Training institutes already running the teacher training courses approved by the Council in the State of West Bengal may only be considered as a Study Centre(s) provided they meet the norms, for which NSOU will provide the list of prospective Study Centre(s) to RCI for issuance of NOC by RCI to prospective training institutes to act as a Study Centre under NSOU. The NSOU shall issue letter of approval to the concerned Study Centre(s) as per their rules and regulations. No other institute who are not running RCI approved courses shall be eligible to become Study Centre. If the approval granted to any Study Centre is withdrawn by the RCI after issuance of NOC then the affiliation of that Study Centre by the NSOU will automatically stand canceled. 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.
10. NSOU and RCI will jointly decide the norms in respect of the honorarium to the faculty and detailed process of admission, examination, and evaluation etc.
11. The passing Certificate and Degree shall be awarded by NSOU to the students. However, Authentication Certificate required for registration with the RCI shall be issued by the concerned approved Study Centre(s) from where the candidate has completed the course.
12. Any dispute between NSOU and the concerned study centre shall be resolved by them without any involvement of RCI.
13. There will be an Apex Advisory Committee (AAC) which will normally meet twice a year, to oversee the implementation of the MoU. The composition of AAC shall be as under:
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| a. Vice-Chancellor, NSOU                           | - | Chairperson       |
| b. Two experts nominated by the Chairperson, RCI-  |   | Members           |
| c. Two nominees of the Board of Management of NSOU | - | Members           |
| d. Member-Secretary, RCI                           | - | Ex-Officio Member |
| e. Programme Coordinator, NSOU                     | - | Member Secretary  |
14. The present MoU will be valid for a period of 5 years w.e.f. 08<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 and may be renewed from time to time at 5 (five) years

  
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interval. However, it may also be terminated earlier by either party giving advance notice of one academic session.

15. 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

*Day* 24/04/2015

Registrar  
On behalf of NSOU

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Member Secretary  
On behalf of RCI

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2. *Signature* 24.04.2015  
Finance Officer

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(Dr. Subodh K.)  
Dy. Director  
R. C. I. N. Delhi

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Dr. Anand 24/4/2015  
Director