

# Memorandum of Understanding



**Centre for Youth and Social Development,  
Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India**

&



**Berhampur University, Bhanja Bihar,  
Berhampur, Odisha-760007, India**

**Date: March 18, 2023**

**Place: Berhampur University, Odisha**

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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This **Memorandum of Understanding** (MOU) made and entered into on this **18.03.2023** by and between the following parties:

- 1. WHEREAS** Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD), as a Pan Odisha organisation has been working since last four decades improving the quality of lives of the tribal and rural people focusing on eradicating extreme poverty and hunger; educating socio-economically distressed people to have access to their entitlements; strengthening institutional mechanism to enhance the quality of service delivery; enabling community organisations to take up their development agenda; carrying out research and building evidences in favour of the marginalised and under-privileged people for promotion of a just and inclusive society. Its grassroots activities are aimed at enabling people to create their own institutions to fulfil their needs and secure their entitlements. At another level, it extends capacity building support to primary-level community-based organisations (CBOs), Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), and other tertiary level development organisations and networks to accelerate the process of social change. It also joins hands with the special initiatives taken up by the government, civil society and communities to address inequality both in number and intensity.

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The livelihood interventions implemented by CYSD are intended towards food and nutrition security; promotion of skill and entrepreneurship for better employability of the youth; and income enhancement opportunities for rural poor, more particularly the tribals. About 2117 CBOs involving 40000 plus members have been strengthened to complement the larger governance initiatives in the state. CYSD strives to improve the governance system that truly represents the voice of the poor. The efforts have been focused towards strengthening local governance institutions, facilitating citizen-led monitoring and processes for ensuring community rights over food, natural resources and information by using legal space offered by progressive acts like Right to Food, Right to Education, Right to Information, Forest Rights Act, Mahatma Gandhi National Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) etc. Under gendered approach to development, the key interventions include gender budgeting, development of women leadership, capacity building of women PRI representatives on their roles and responsibilities, promotion of education among the girls, prohibition of girl child marriage and addressing gender-based violence.

CYSD has facilitated and experienced use of different social accountability tools including Community Score Card and Citizen Report Card; community monitoring of Public Distribution System (PDS), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), education and maternal health; social audit of MGNREGS, budget analysis and budget tracking. CYSD has also developed an identity as a strong regional player in disaster preparedness & response and has enhanced its efforts towards innovating climate change adaptation practices and research. In this process, the organisation has a great learning from the experiences in responding natural disasters (cyclones & floods) starting from super Cyclone – 1999 till FANI and Covid – 19 in Odisha. CYSD has facilitated development of Village Level Disaster Management Plans (VDMPs) for 530 villages in 7 districts assigned by respective District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs) in the state.

CYSD is recognised as a 'Knowledge Partner' to support various tribal development activities by the Department of Scheduled Tribe & Scheduled Caste Development Department, Government of Odisha. Further, the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Government of Odisha has recognised CYSD as a 'Technical Partner' towards improving the quality of lives of the small and

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marginal farmers in the tribal districts of Odisha. CYSD has also forged strategic partnerships with Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies (NCDS) for conducting Social Impact Assessment (SIA); the Odisha Skill Mission, Odisha Khadi and Village Industries Board, and corporate houses for skill development and enterprise promotion; and the National Health Mission (NHM) for evaluation of health projects in Odisha. The two Rural Livelihoods Training Centres (RLTCs), one in Koraput and another in Keonjhar, are accredited as Skill Training Centres under PMKVY & DDUGKY and nodal training centres for AC & ABC, Govt. of India.

2. **WHEREAS Berhampur University of Odisha (BU)** established on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1967 by the Odisha Act 21 of 1966 as an affiliating university. It is one of the oldest universities of Odisha and located on a more than 250 acres of sprawling green campus near Berhampur City. The motto of the University is '*Tamaso Ma Jyotirgamaya*' to become a beacon light of knowledge to eliminate ignorance 'from darkness, lead me to light'. The University started with one Post-Graduate Department of Labour and Social Welfare (later renamed as Industrial Relations and Personnel Management) in 1967. Subsequently, another 24 regular PG departments and self-finance courses were established in phases. They are: Botany, Business Administration, Chemistry, Commerce, Computer Science, Economics, Electronic Science & Technology, English, History, Home Science, Journalism and Mass Communication, Law, Linguistics, Marine Sciences, Mathematics, Odia, Physics, Political Science, Zoology. In October 2021, the Khallikote University has been amalgamated with Berhampur University and the Syndicate of the University created four new P.G. Departments, namely, P.G. Department of Biotechnology, P.G. Department of Library & Information Science, P.G. Department of Tourism & Travel Studies and P.G. Department of Environment Studies. These teaching departments offer various courses at the diploma and post-graduate level and also carry out Ph.D. & D.Litt. programs. The University offers courses on self-financing mode in Pharmacy, Education (B.Ed) and Finance (MBFM).



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The University empowers students with knowledge, skills, values and sensitivity necessary for successful citizenship. It creates and disseminate knowledge through interdisciplinary research and creative inquiry in developing a meaningful and sustainable society. Other than that, it equips the students with

problem solving, leadership and team works skills and inculcating a sense of commitment to quality, ethical behaviour and respect for others. It provides an enabling platform for free flow of ideas where discovery and creativity will foster professional growth and will usher in a better world. It ensures academic excellence in this dynamic knowledge economy by exposing the students to new ideas, new ways of understanding, and new ways of knowing in their journey of intellectual transformation.

3. **NOW THEREFORE**, the CYSD represented by the Member Secretary and the BU represented by the Vice Chancellor (VC) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and agree to work in the areas of research and collaboration towards improving socio economic development of people of Odisha in general and the quality of lives of the tribal and marginalised communities of South Odisha in particular.

#### 4. **Areas of Engagement**

1. Collaboration of CYSD with BU presently will cover the Departments of Economics, Women's Studies, Political Science, Journalism and Mass Communication, Centre for Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy for holistic approach to development for the benefit of the tribal people of the areas. In course of opening of new departments/subjects which can come under its broad objectives.
2. Undertake shaping of collaborative research agenda concerning issues around food and nutritional security, health, education, entitlements and other social protection measures.
3. Promote SDG-based planning by measuring social impacts using social accountability frameworks.
4. Undertake longitudinal study on income enhancement of small and marginal farmers.
5. Undertake Mid-term and Impact Assessment of the projects implemented by CYSD in South Odisha.



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6. Development and dissemination of knowledge products including promising practices, policy briefs, approach papers and concepts around various issues; and jointly publish Research Articles in reputed journals.
7. Scoping exercise on climate-resilient and sustainable livelihood practices with focus on natural farming, integrated farming clusters, and nature-based solutions to respond to climate change.
8. Value chain analysis of selected NTFPs and realisation of MSP
9. Assessment of the effectiveness of the Community Institutions and the local government.
10. Host Interns to pursue their academic insights.
11. Create opportunities for placements of students.
12. Facilitate field immersion of Faculty.

## **5. Duration and Other Terms of MoU**

1. The MoU will be effective for a period of five (5) years from the date of signature. The duration may be extended with the consent of both the parties under mutually agreed terms and conditions.
2. It is further agreed that the Vice-Chancellor, BU and the Member Secretary, CYSD through periodic meetings will monitor the progress of this MoU. Any change/ modification/termination as introduced/ suggested by the Review Committee (comprising of Vice-Chancellor, BU and the Member Secretary, CYSD) will be binding on both the organisations.
3. This MoU reflects the respective Institution's commitments to terms and conditions mentioned in MoU. The MoU may be amended at any time by either party to the other party before thirty (30) days of the date on which the termination or the amendment is intended to become effective. The commitments, made before the date of termination of MoU, will continue to be operative. Disputes between the parties shall be resolved through mutual agreements.



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In Witness whereof, the undersigned, duly appointed representatives of the parties, have on behalf of the parties signed the present Memorandum of Understanding, in two (02) originals at Berhampur University on this day 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023.


For and on behalf of

Berhampur University  
Ganjam, Odisha

  
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Date: 18.3.23

  
Witness 1:  
(Name and address) 18.03.2023  
REGISTRAR  
BERHAMPUR UNIVERSITY

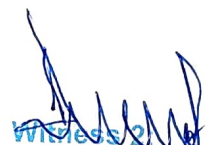
  
Witness 1:  
(Name and address) 18.3.2023  
CHAIRMAN  
P.G. COUNCIL  
BERHAMPUR UNIVERSITY


For and on behalf of

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Odisha, Bhubaneswar, India

  
Member Secretary

Date: .....

  
Witness 2:  
(Name and address)  
Basant K. Mahapatra  
Treasurer U/S

  
Witness 2:  
(Name and address)  
(Prof. Bhogabata Patra)

  
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