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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU")

is made on 08.03.2022 between

THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, VIVEKANANDA COLLEGE, Tiruvedakam West, Madurai District, Tamil Nadu - 625234, an Autonomous College affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai (hereinafter named as **first institution**)

and

IRAGUKAL AMRITHA NATURE TRUST, Reg. No. BK-15/2020, 61, Ramachandra Thadagam Street, Tirumangalam (hereafter named as **Second Institution**)

(VIVEKANANDA COLLEGE and IRAGUKAL AMRITHA NATURE TRUST are herein collectively referred to as "the **Institutions**" and individually as "**Institution**").

#### **BOUT VIVEKANANDA COLLEGE:**

1. Vivekananda College was started by Swami Chidhbhavanandha of Sri Ramakrishna Tapovanam, Tirupparaiturai in 1971. The college is located 15 kms west of Madurai, far away from the din and distractions of a crowded city, in a sylvan setting on the bank of river Vaigai.
2. Vivekananda College is a residential college run on the Gurukula pattern as advocated by Swami Vivekananda. It is life-training Institute that offers a man-making education which aims at the harmonious development of Hand, Heart and Head to result in a complete personality.
3. Work-culture; capability coupled with humility; simplicity; devotion to one's duty; obedience to elders; love for the nation and ever in the service of fellow beings are the values inculcated in the institution.
4. Vivekananda College is an aided college and affiliated to the Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai. The College became Autonomous since 1987. The College was accredited with **A Grade (CGPA 3.59)** by NAAC in 2015. The college was recognized as **College with Potential for Excellence** by UGC.

#### **ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

The Department of History was started in the year 1980. It offers under graduate programme in History. This programme includes Part I-Tamil or Sanskrit (chosen by students) and Part II-English; Part III-Core, Elective & Allied Courses; Part IV-Non-major Elective & Skill based courses; Part V-Value Education and Environmental studies.

History being the study of the human past is closely associated with human activity and is the only subject that is linked with varied fields. A major in History is an excellent preparation for a career in Teaching, Public Administration, Diplomacy, Library, Archives, Archaeology, Museum, Journalism, Tourism and other areas. Besides, the study of History provides intellectual satisfaction and enjoyment in its own right.

The Department offer courses in ancient, medieval and modern periods on areas -regional (Tamil Nadu), national (India) and international (World) history, and allied subjects like Economics, Modern Governments, Archaeology, Epigraphy, Museology, Numismatics, Temple Studies, Iconography, Cultural-heritage and Eco-Tourism and Indian Geography.

In the method of teaching, besides lecturing, audio and visual aids are used to bring the lessons alive and interesting. Frequent tours and trips are conducted to places of educational importance (to places of both cultural and natural attraction) to make the student learn through direct observation.

The Department is well equipped with a Smart Classroom, History Museum and a Library of its own and has 2818 books for the reference of Staff and Students.

#### **ABOUT IRAGUKAL AMRITHA NATURE TRUST**

The Iragakal Amritha Nature Trust is a Non-governmental Organization, established in the year 2014 with a mission to conserve nature and to reduce the most pressing threats to the diversity of life on earth.

The institution is committed to enlighten the society about the need to conserve nature. It reaches out to students of all age groups to garner their interest in the study of nature and to make them participate in activities - both indoor and outdoor, which would make them realize the importance of our environment and its well-being.

In the past three years, the first institution has come closer to the second institution and has invited Mr N. Raveendran, its founder President, to offer lectures and to instruct on our Natural Heritage and Wildlife Tourism.

### **I. Objectives**

The Institutions intend to work in collaboration for the benefit of students

- To make them participate in the activities of the second institution
- To take them on guided field trips to places of nature.
- To spot our flora and fauna.
- To instruct on the ethics of Wildlife Tourism.
- To learn the professional skills needed for Green Tourism.

### **II. Memorandum Of Understanding**

The MoU is made on 08<sup>th</sup> March 2022, between the **Department of History, Vivekananda College, Tiruvedakam West, Madurai District, Tamil Nadu - 625 234 (Party-1)** and Iragukal Amritha Nature Trust, Reg. No. BK-15/2020, 61, Ramachandra Thadagam Street, Tirumangalam **(Party-2)** that the two parties mutually agree upon and sign this document with their full understanding and acceptance in the matters mentioned as below.

### **III. Contents of memorandum of understanding:**

The Memorandum of Understanding between these two institutions includes the below activities, which are mutually agreed by both the parties.

- To jointly organize seminars and workshops on the topics of our Natural Heritage and Green Tourism.
- To share information and literature on Green Tourism.
- To arrange for guided field trips to places of nature.
- To arrange for spot lectures at the places of visit.
- Help students to identify the flora and fauna.
- Understand what habitat means to living beings.
- To understand how human intrusion has affected environment.
- To impart the ethics of Wildlife Tourism to students.
- Impart ideas that would improve our rural economy with Green Tourism.
- To involve students in the conservation of nature and in wildlife photography, Wildlife Journalism and Wildlife Tourism with professional skills.

### **IV. MoU Implementation & Tenure:**

The tenure of this MoU shall be in force for a period of three (3) years from the date of signing and is subject to further renewal by giving prior notice by the First Party to the Second Party on mutual terms and conditions.

This MoU is subject to foreclosure by serving 60 days discussions notice on either side.

#### V. Coordination

Both the parties constitute coordination committee which consists of the members from both the institutions. This coordinating committee will periodically review the workings of the MoU and suggest ways to strengthen the co-operation between two institutions.

#### VI. Signatures:

The Memorandum of Understanding is based on good faith and support extended by both parties to conduct various programmes. Hence, such terms which are spelt herein could be discussed mutually and agreed thereupon benefiting both the parties herein.

#### Signed for and on behalf of

Department of History, Vivekananda College, Tiruvedakam West, Madurai District

In the presence of:

1. *T. Venkatesan* 8/3/2022

**Dr. T. Venkatesan**

Principal

Vivekananda College

Tiruvedakam West

Madurai-625 234.

Principal

**VIVEKANANDA COLLEGE**  
Tiruvedakam West-625234  
Madurai District



2. *N. Nagendran*

**Dr. N. Nagendran**

Head, Department of History

Vivekananda College

Tiruvedakam West

Madurai-625 234.

**Dr. N. Nagendran**  
Associate Professor and Head  
Department of History  
Vivekananda College  
TIRUVEDAGAM WEST-625 234

#### Signed for and on behalf of

Iragukal Amritha Nature Trust, Reg. No. BK-15/2020, 61, Ramachandra Thadagam Street,  
Tirumangalam,

In the presence of

*N. Raveendran*

Mr N. Raveendran

Founder President

Iragukal Amritha Nature Trust