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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is made on
15.09.2021, Wednesday.

Between



Department of Botany, Vivekananda College, Tiruvudakam West, Madurai
District, Tamil Nadu - 625234, an Autonomous College affiliated to Madurai
Kamaraj University, Madurai (hereinafter named as **First Institution**).

And

Empower Trust, no. 3/207, Solakanni Amman Koil Arch, Vellakalpatti, Edumalai (PO),
Tiruchirapalli District. - 621 007. (hereinafter named as **Second Institution**)

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

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ABOUT VIVEKANANDA COLLEGE:

1. Vivekananda College was started by Founder-President Swamiji Chidhbhavanandhaji Maharaj of Sri Ramakrishna Tapovanam, Tirupparaiturai, Trichy in 1971 on the bank of the river Vaigai which is blissfully free from the noise and hurry, the crowds and distractions of the city.
2. Vivekananda College is a residential college functioning under Gurukula pattern. It is Man-making education that is imparted in this institution. Culture, character and curriculum are the three facets of ideal education that make man a better man. This is possible only when the teacher and the taught live together. The Gurukula system of Training is therefore a humble and systematic attempt in reviving the age old GURUGRIHAVASA for wholesome education. Attention to physical culture, devotion to duty, obedience to teachers, hospitality to guests, zest for life, love for the nation, and above all, humility and faith in the presence of God etc. are the values sought to be inculcated. All steps are taken to ensure the required atmosphere for the ideal life training.
3. 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 the 3rd Cycle in 2015 valid upto 2022. The college was recognized as College with Potential for Excellence by UGC.

ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

1. The Department of Botany was started in the year 1982 with allied botany. Nearly 30 to 40 students were studying every academic year. This programme includes (a) Part I Tamil & Sanskrit (which can be chosen by the interest of the students) and Part II English (b) Core courses include Elective and Allied (c) Skill based courses (d) Value Education (e) Environmental studies and (f) Non Major Elective also. No course shall carry more than 5 credits. The student shall select any one of the Choice-based credit courses have offered by the department through their interest on studies.
2. The programme contains 43 courses in six semesters. The total credit of the programme is 140. The programme contains 3 core elective courses, allied courses and skill based courses from the relevant subjects for complementing the core of study. There should be 4 common courses that include the first and second language besides an environmental study and an extension activities course.



3. In order to provide hands on training to students, two separate well equipped laboratories with enough chemicals and sophisticated instruments such as Students microscope, Binocular microscope, Laminar Air Flow, tissue/bacterial Culture chambers, Autoclave, Environmental shaker with incubator, Hot air oven, Colorimeter, pH meter, Digital balance etc. The department has a good stock of herbarium and collection of digital resources for learning purposes. The department library has nearly 2220 books of national & international standard. Apart from this, several field/industrial trips are arranged to expose the students to the nature and also to the industrial environs.

4. Students are studying zoology and chemistry as allied subjects. Non Major Elective courses are conducted for our college under graduate students. Apart from the core curriculum, the Department also offers a number of extra certificate courses such as Horticulture, Energy Resources, Mushroom Cultivation and Medicinal Botany etc.

5. An Association has been formed in the department in the name of Swamy Botanical Association (SBA) to organize students meet, expert lectures and various other student development programmes. Several experts from national/regional institutes are frequently invited to deliver lectures on leading topics in the emerging fields of Botany and interdisciplinary titles. SBA is also functioning with following objectives.

- ✓ To maintain Herbal and ornamental garden in the College Campus.
- ✓ To train the students to prepare herbal formulations
- ✓ To exhibit the details of all plants in college campus

ABOUT EMPOWER TRUST

1. The Empower Trust, a charitable trust has been engaged in the charity activities of providing free education to the poor students especially resides at villages, and other activities of "to undertake a social service activities for the relief of the poor mainly irrespective of the caste, creed and religion, to undertake various awareness programmes for women, unemployed persons, students on Tree Plantations, awareness of drug addiction, self employment training, conducting free health camps to the General Public irrespective of caste, religion and to provide social education, basic elementary, secondary, higher secondary including vocational education,



work experience. The Empower Trust is a Tax Exemption Entity and registered u/s 12A of the Income tax act and has been enjoying the tax exemption.

The two institutions mutually agree upon and sign this document with their full consciousness, understanding and acceptance in the matters mentioned as below.

Both the institutions shall provide support and collaboration to one another in matters pertaining and related to the following:

1. The second institution (Empower Trust) may supply seedlings of medicinal plants to the first institution (Vivekananda College) for conservation in the herbal garden of the first institution.
2. The first institution may supply the medicinal plants to the public identified by the second institution.
3. Both the institutions with the mutual understanding will jointly organize various programmes i.e., workshop, hands on training for students, saplings plantation and public awareness programmes related to herbal plants.
4. Programmes may be conducted either at the premises of the first institution or at the premises of the second institution or at any other places mutually decided by both the institutions.
5. The organization and implementation of above programmes are subject to the rules and regulations of the Management Committee and their Regulatory body of both the institutions.
6. The MoU will be operational for a period of three years and the same will be renewed further as mutually agreed between both the institutions. The MoU can be terminated through mutual consent giving three months advance notice on either side.
7. 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 institutions herein.

IN WITNESS HEREOF THE INSTITUTIONS HEREIN SIGNED ON THE DATE
ABOVE MENTIONED.

Signed for and on behalf of

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

1. *T.V. Venkatesan* 15/9/2021

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Empower Trust, Vellakalpatti, Tiruchirapalli District

1. *Dr. P. Kanimozhi*

Dr. P. Kanimozhi
Founder and Managing Trustee
EMPOWER TRUST
Tiruchirappalli.



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