

विषय क्र. १४(२) भूशास्त्र संकुल, पुण्यश्लोक अहिल्यादेवी होळकर सोलापूर विद्यापीठ आणि केलनिया विद्यापीठ, केलनिया श्रीलंका यांच्यातील सामंजस्य करार करण्याची बाब विचारार्थ.

टिपणी: भूशास्त्र संकुल पुण्यश्लोक अहिल्यादेवी होळकर सोलापूर विद्यापीठ आणि केलनिया विद्यापीठ, केलनिया, श्रीलंका, महाराष्ट्र भूगोल परिषद व पंजिया जॉग्रफिकल असोसिएशन यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने दिनांक २३ ते २६ फेब्रुवारी, २०२३ दरम्यान श्रीलंका येथे आंतरराष्ट्रीय परिषद आयोजित करण्यात येणार आहे.

केलनिया विद्यापीठातील भूगोल विभाग आणि प्रस्तुत विद्यापीठातील भूशास्त्र संकुल यांच्यामध्ये जर सामंजस्य करार झाला तर याचा फायदा विद्यापीठ तसेच संकुलातील विद्यार्थी, संशोधन करणारे विद्यार्थी तसेच शिक्षक यांना होणार आहे. या संकुलामधील पर्यावरणशास्त्र विभाग व भूमाहितीशास्त्र विभाग व भूगर्भशास्त्र विभागांना आणि त्यांच्या विद्यार्थ्यांना याचा जास्तीत जास्त फायदा होणार आहे.

सबब, उपरोक्तप्रमाणे सामंजस्य करार करण्याची बाब विचारार्थ तसेच सोलापूर ते हैद्राबाद ते श्रीलंका जाणे व येणे विमान खर्च व व्हिसा व श्रीलंका येथे तीन दिवसासाठीचा होणारा हॉटेल खर्चाची बाब विचारार्थ.

ठराव: भूशास्त्र संकुल, पुण्यश्लोक अहिल्यादेवी होळकर सोलापूर विद्यापीठ आणि केलनिया विद्यापीठ, केलनिया श्रीलंका यांच्याशी सामंजस्य करार करण्यास तसेच सोलापूर ते हैद्राबाद ते श्रीलंका जाणे व येणे विमान खर्च व व्हिसा व श्रीलंका येथे तीन दिवसासाठी होणाऱ्या हॉटेल खर्चास सर्वानुमते मान्यता देण्यात आली.



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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

*Between*



**PUNYASHLOK**

**AHILYADEVI HOLKAR**

**SOLAPUR UNIVERSITY SOLAPUR (PAHSUS), MAHARASHTRA,**

**INDIA**

*And*



**UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA (UoK),**

**SRI LANKA**

*For*

**Collaborative Education Programmes & Joint Research Projects**

**February, 2023**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING****For****Collaborative Education Programmes & Joint Research Projects****BETWEEN****PUNYASHLOK AHILYADEVI HOLKAR,  
SOLAPUR UNIVERSITY SOLAPUR, MAHARASHTRA, INDIA****AND****UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA, SRI LANKA**

Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University is young (Established on 01-08-2004) and set up in 2004, Solapur University, a State University, constituted by the Government of Maharashtra vide Gazette No. USG-1004/ (9412004)/UNI-1 dated 22 July 2004. University has received 2F and 12B recognition from UGC, New Delhi in 2013; NAAC accreditations with 'B++' grade having CGPA 2.96 in 2022 and is emerging with commitments to competitive, professional quality and academic excellence in Higher Education and Research-Development in innovative & emerging areas. Over a short span of 18 years, distinguished itself as one of the best in the state as a hub of teaching, research and creativity.

The formation of the university at Solapur was a long-cherished desire of the people of this region. Earlier, to the formation of University, Solapur had a P.G. Centre of Shivaji University, Kolhapur (MH) for over two decades. The centre for P.G. studies had three postgraduate science departments and 7 postgraduate courses conducted in the P.G. departments. With this sound background PAH Solapur University has been established to cater the needs of over 60,000 students' community.

The entire Solapur District is under the Jurisdiction of Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University. Presently there are 104 colleges with about 71,000 enrolled students. The university is poised for an ambitious growth. The University is now a hub of various academic activities. Good numbers of Engineering, Agricultural, Architectural, Medical and Traditional institutions of national fame are located in and around the city. Solapur district is



home of religious saints of various languages, since the district is at a triple junction of linguistic states of Telangana, Karnataka and Maharashtra. Therefore, Solapur is secular, multilingual and metropolitan to its core. This backdrop makes the University stands for transcendent principles and embodying noble mission. It is a small team yet progressive and forward-looking. Perched on a plateau, the PAH Solapur University is a citadel of higher learning. From the 2008, the PAH Solapur University has introduced the concept of school system and has decided to bring its various departments under umbrella of eleven schools, viz. 1) School of Chemical Sciences 2) School of Computational Sciences 3) School of Earth Sciences 4) School of Physical Sciences 5) School of Social Sciences 6) School of Commerce and management 7) School of Languages and Literature 8) School of Technology 9) School of Allied Health Sciences 10) School of Performing Art and Fine Arts 11) School of Life Sciences. To cater the need of the academic information the University has a full-fledged library – Knowledge Recourse Centre housed in the premises measuring nearly 400 sq. meters.

On the basis of academic, research and extension activities performance, the University has received appreciation from the Department of Higher Education, State Government and UGC, New Delhi. Recently, the University awarded the International UI Green Metric Award 2020 for Green, Eco-friendly and Sustainable Campus also in 2022.

University has received Education Excellence Award in Educational Technology for Excellence in use of Technology adaptation and development by administrators to Enhance the working Environment in Educational Institutions Solapur University at Indo-American Educational Summit -2016 .

The university research work and faculties listed in the Global ranking. The University provides a platform for enhanced research interaction with various research and academic institutions; the faculty and students to get publications in top ranked journals. The new National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) has already stepped into action and initiated several measures in the line of the NEP guidelines. Our aim is to learn, acquire and understand Society with new dimensions and accept innovative education policy.

Our university always plans to have updated new flexible, dynamic and competitive programs / courses under CBCS syllabi. With the involvement of all the stakeholders namely, students-parents, teaching faculty, non-teaching staff, College Principals, Managements,

authorities of various bodies, Governments -State & Central, University Grants Commission, New Delhi; Industries and Chamber of Commerce; and the People of the Society, we shall try our best to provide the best physical and infrastructure facilities for the all-round developments of the students. The new mantra of higher education of P. A. H. Solapur University is outcome-based course content and formation of participatory activities. Providing job opportunities through Skill-based Courses and employability's to the younger generation is the most important act for us. In the present-day context, it is the need of Solapur, State of Maharashtra and of the country to provide innovative ideas to the students through university education. It will continue to enhance the workforce for Solapur and empower the students to work for the development of the society. Development of good human beings, earning money with hard work, setting up of business, entrepreneurship awareness etc. are part of our all courses/programmes and Skill Development curricula.

Considering the new development agenda of our country, the areas like modern Information technology, agriculture, art and culture, sports, yoga, naturopathy, textile, disaster management, earth and environment and life sciences, etc. are added in the university's day to day systems for effective outcomes. Inquest to quality, Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University puts extra efforts in reaching the unreached rural youth. The University is committed to encourage individuals from socially, physically challenged sections students, women's students thereby increasing the Gross Enrolment Ratio; alleviate backwardness and improve quality in higher education. The University aspires for academic integrity, intellectual and critical abilities of students to build competencies so that they become part of the modern industrial society acquiring need based social, scientific and technological education. The University aims at the holistic development of the students with a motto of "Vidyaya Sampannatta". Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University has placed its bet on the education of youth as it is the best possible investment in human resource for development of a society and in turn the nation. It's our pleasure to welcome you all to Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University, our university is committed to implement NEP for holistic development and invite you to embark on a lifetime partnership with the University.

**AND**



University of Kelaniya Sri Lanka a Higher Educational Institution Established under the Universities Act No 16 of 1978 and its subsequent amendments and having its principle office at Dalugama, Kelaniya, and their respective successors in office (hereinafter referred to as UOK). UOK is a unique and historic institution. The University of Kelaniya has its origin in the historic Vidyalankara Pirivena, founded in 1875 by Ratmalane Sri Dharmaloka Thera as a centre of learning for Buddhist monks. UoK is a state university in Sri Lanka. Just outside the municipal limits of Colombo, in the city of Kelaniya, the university has two major institutions and seven faculties.

With the establishment of modern universities in Sri Lanka in the 1940s and 1950s, the Vidyalankara Pirivena became the Vidyalankara University in 1959, later the Vidyalankara Campus of the University of Ceylon in 1972, and, ultimately, the University of Kelaniya in 1978.

The University of Kelaniya has pioneered a number of new developments in higher education. It was one of the first universities to begin teaching science in Sinhala and the first to restructure the traditional Arts Faculty into three faculties: Humanities, Social Sciences, and Commerce and Management. It has several departments not generally found in the Sri Lankan University system and some Kelaniya innovations have been adopted subsequently by other universities.

The Faculty of Science started functioning in October 1967. The faculty consists of eight departments. The Faculty of Medicine of the University of Kelaniya. It is one of eight medical schools in Sri Lanka. The Faculty of Social Sciences, in student population, is the largest faculty in the University of Kelaniya. The Humanities faculty includes disciplines associated with Buddhist and Asian cultures, such as Pali and Buddhist Studies, Sinhala, Tamil, Sanskrit, Hindi, Japanese and Chinese, while teaching courses in modern European languages such as English, French, German and Russian. Commerce and Management faculty consists of five departments. The University established its 7<sup>th</sup> Faculty - the Faculty of Computing and Technology (FCT) on 30 December 2015 and the faculty commenced its operations on 18 January 2016. Seven centres are working under this faculty. Twenty-three postgraduate degree programmes and six postgraduate diploma programmes are coordinated by the Faculty of Graduates Studies.

The University of Kelaniya Library, has a history spanning over 60 years. In parallel to Vidyalankara Pirivena became Vidyalankara University in 1959, the library was started with a collection of books belonging to Vidyalankara Pirivena. Presently, the library owns a collection of over 245,000 books and monographs relevant to various study programmes and research activities in the university. Furthermore, the library has subscribed to EBSCO HOST, JSTOR, Emerald, Oxford University Press, Taylor and Francis databases with access facilities for more than 20,000 academic e-journals and more than 100,000 e-books.

The ICT Centre provides support services in IT-related teaching, research, internet services, staff development and hardware maintenance for the entire university. It conducts a computer literacy course open to all students and advanced courses in Visual Basic, web designing and hardware technology for the students who have successfully completed the computer literacy course. These include the Departments of Industrial Management and Microbiology in the Faculty of Science; Departments of Linguistics, Fine Arts, Modern Languages and Hindi in the Faculty of Humanities; and Mass Communication and Library and Information Sciences in the Faculty of Social Sciences. Twenty-three postgraduate degree programmes and six postgraduate diploma programmes are coordinated by the Faculty of Graduates Studies.

University of Kelaniya possesses a national reputation for its innovative undergraduate educational experience. An undergraduate degree is usually your first degree. It is the 1st step towards shaping your future. As a well-qualified state university, University of Kelaniya provides a standard undergraduate education. Courses at University of Kelaniya encompasses a huge number of subjects and study options, allowing you to specialise in your interests. Graduate education encompasses research, study and teaching beyond the bachelor's degree. It involves learning and studying for academic or professional degrees, academic or professional certificates, academic or professional diplomas, or other qualifications. Graduate education leads to master's degree and doctorate, also called a doctoral degree. University of Kelaniya also holds renowned for its external degrees. It provides external degrees for a number of subjects and study options, allowing you to specialise in your interests. University provided standard certificate courses & diplomas for both internal & external students. Certificate courses are freely available for the internal students. Diplomas can be followed



with charges. At the end of the course or the diploma, certificates & diplomas are awarded in a certificate awarding ceremony.

The UoK, being one of the leading universities in Sri Lanka as well as in the South Asian region, is highly committed to enhance research in many disciplines in broad areas of studies including Commerce, Management studies, Humanities, Medicine, Science and Social Sciences. It has been continuously engaged in many activities to improve the research culture and encourage academics to engage in quality research. With the recent establishment of the Research Council of the University, many new initiatives have also been introduced.

University of Kelaniya comprises many student clubs. Some of them are Gavel club, Leo club, Aisee club, Rotract club, career fair...etc, which work under the Career Guidance Unit. University students can join with these clubs and improve their soft skills so that they will have a good career after leaving the university.

**Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University Solapur, Maharashtra, India** and the **University of Kelaniya** are each referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively as “Parties”

### **Introduction**

Whereas believing in the significance of academic and cultural understanding and cooperation, **Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University Solapur, Maharashtra, India** and the University of Kelaniya have decided to initiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two Universities to enhance better relations and exchange of expertise to boost academic development for the general interest of students, research scholars and teaching staff.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall delineate the main features of cooperation between the two Universities, particularly in academic development, research, exchange of students, faculty, and staff; and development of educational opportunities to enrich campus internationalization at each University.

THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES agree to do the following activities with the cooperation of each other:

### **Article 1**



**Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University Solapur, Maharashtra, India** hereinafter referred to as 'PAHSUS' and the University of Kelaniya hereinafter referred to as 'UoK' agree to explore the possibility of establishing a relationship in order to advance global understanding, research, teaching relationships, and faculty and student exchanges.

**Article 2**

The Institutions shall explore the feasibility of developing a selected number of co-branded (joint or dual UoK-PAHSUS) certificate & degree awarding programmes.

**Article 3**

Certificate & degree students of PAHSUS may also pursue their dissertations at the UoK and vice-versa and also have joint supervision of students' dissertations.

PAHSUS students may take some study units at the UoK and vice-versa. Both Universities may recognize/accredit these study units and add these credits to the students' final credit (subject to the approval from both the Universities).

**Article 4**

The PAHSUS & UoK after consultation with each other shall explore the possibilities of sending students for pursuing the courses as agreed.

**Article 5**

The two Parties shall encourage the exchange of academic and administrative members of staff from both Universities for teaching and professional development, and/or research endeavour; and/or encourage staff to carry out non-residential partnerships to develop academic and scientific research in areas and fields of interest to both Parties.

**Article 6**

The two Parties further agree to encourage to offer short, specialized courses, Skill Courses and training sessions in areas needed by both Universities (for example, through short-term summer "Discovery" Programmes hosted on the campus).

**Article 7**

The two Parties shall encourage student visits from both Universities. All procedures and mechanisms to study the cost and share of both Parties to implement these visits successfully shall be laid down separately by formal agreement. All such visits shall be strictly subject to the cost and share amount agreed between the parties to this MOU after approval and verification of the data and number of the students.

**Article 8**

The two Parties shall encourage exchanges of ideas, processes and procedures in student life and campus leadership.

**Article 9**

One liaison officer from each institution will be appointed to follow up the implementation of the MOU and to brief the officials in both Universities about progress achieved.

**Article 10**

The two Parties will explore collaborative research projects and funding opportunities. Both PAHSUS and the UoK will share experiences and expertise with these projects to ensure better chances of getting grant proposals approved.

**Article 11**

The MoU shall be open for all upcoming and need based programs as agreed between both the universities.

**Article 12**

The MoU shall be effective from the date of last signature.

**Article 13**

This Memorandum of Understanding reflects the respective institutions' commitments to the terms and conditions mentioned in the MOU. **This MoU does not confer any financial liability upon the parties to this agreement.** This MOU shall remain in effect initially for Three (03) years and thereafter and can be renewed after taking review for another period as agreed by both the universities. This MOU may be amended or terminated at any time by either Party provided that written notice of termination or amendment is given by



the notifying Party to the other Party before (90) 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, shall continue to be operative.

#### Article 14


#### DISPUTE RESOLUTION


Any dispute that may arise between the Parties in relation to and/or any activity under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be resolved through mutual negotiations between the Parties.

#### Article 15

#### GOVERNING LAW

The interpretation and construction of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be governed and determined in accordance with the laws of the land in which a breach, if any, is said to have been committed.

<p><b>Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University Solapur (PAHSUS), Maharashtra, India</b></p>	<p><b>University of Kelaniya (UoK), Sri Lanka</b></p>
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<p>Witness Signature <u><i>Dhulap.</i></u></p> <p><b>Dr. Vinayak Popat Dhulap</b></p> <p>Date: <u>23/02/2023</u></p> <p>Seal</p> 	<p>Witness 01 <u><i>M.M. Gunathilaka</i></u></p> <p><b>Prof. M.M. Gunathilaka</b> Dean/ Faculty of Social Sciences</p> <p>Seal</p> <p>Witness 02 <u><i>Lal Mervin Dharmasiri</i></u></p> <p><b>Senior Professor Lal Mervin Dharmasiri</b> Cadre Chair, Department of Geography</p> <p>Seal</p> <p>Prof. Lal Mervin Dharmasiri B.A. (Hons.) Kel., M.A. (SKU), India, PG.Dip &amp; MSc. (AUN), Norway, PhD (Pune), India Senior Professor and Chair Department of Geography University of Kelaniya Sri Lanka</p>
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