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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Between

Howrah Sanskrit Sahitya Samaj (HSSS),

P-14 Biplabi Harendra Ghosh Sarani, Howrah-711101

(Hereinafter referred to as the "First Party")

And

Bhaktivedanta Research Center (BRC),

110A, Motilal Nehru Road, Kolkata-29

(Hereinafter referred to as the "Second Party")

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Howrah Sanskrit Sahitya Samaj

Background:

HSSS, an institution dedicated to the preservation and dissemination of ancient manuscripts, possesses a rich collection of over 5000 texts covering Smrti, Nyaya, Kavya, and Vyakarana. Recognizing the importance of safeguarding this cultural heritage, HSSS has partnered with BRC, a distinguished center with a profound commitment to the preservation of cultural and philosophical heritage. BRC, known for its expertise in manuscript preservation, cataloguing, and digitization, aligns perfectly with the mission of HSSS. This collaboration aims to combine the scholarly resources of HSSS with the technical proficiency of BRC to ensure the comprehensive preservation and dissemination of these invaluable manuscripts.

Scope:

- 1.1 HSSS hosts over 5000 ancient manuscripts on Smrti, Nyaya, Kavya, and Vyakarana.
- 1.2 BRC will undertake preservation, cataloguing, and digitization in accordance with the guidelines of the National Manuscript Mission.

Time Period:

- 2.1 The project duration shall be one year, commencing from March 2024 to February 2025.

Team:

- 3.1 The project will be led by Dr. Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty and Dr. Ratna Basu.
- 3.2 A supervisor from HSSS will oversee daily progress on-site.
- 3.3 Two personnel with appropriate experience for manuscript digitization will be recruited.

Details:

- 4.1 HSSS operates six days a week, from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm (closed on Tuesdays).
- 4.2 BRC will issue appointment letters and ID cards for the appointed personnel.
- 4.3 A dedicated room will be provided by HSSS for digitization.
- 4.4 BRC will provide a Czur ET 16 scanner and a computer for digitization.



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Book Digitization Process:

5.1 Manuscripts will undergo the following process:

- Physically cleaned
- Digitized
- Watermarked with the logos of HSSS and "Digitized by BRC"
- Catalogued
- Entered in a physical register

5.2 At the end of each day, both parties will sign the register confirming the number of digitized manuscripts returned to the manuscript room.

Outcome:

6.1 Phase 1:

- Digitized, watermarked, and catalogued copies of the manuscripts.
- One copy each will be shared with HSSS and BRC
- Discussion on digital libraries, publication and sales will be after the first phase.

6.2 Phase 2:

- Creation of a digital library (similar to www.darshanmanisha.org).
- Detailed plan for Phase 2 to be developed under the guidance of Dr. Nirmalya Narayan Chakraborty and Dr. Ratna Basu.

Publicity:

7.1 After a couple of months into the project, BRC will fund a press meet to publicize the project.

Budget:

8.1 BRC will cover the following costs for the project:

- Stipend for the two digitization staff

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the date first above written.

DEBABRATA MUKHOPADHYAY

For The Howrah Sanskrit Sahitya Samaj

Signature Amukherjee
Secretary

Name: Dr. Debabrata Mukhopadhyay

Designation - Secretary

Witness Sankar Kumar Sanjal

Date: 4/3/2024

Sumanta Rudra

For the Bhaktivedanta Research Center

Signature Sumanta Rudra

Name: Dr. Sumanta Rudra

Designation- Trustee and Dean academics

Witness Gomish Das

Date: 4/3/2024