

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

BETWEEN

SRI VENKATESWARA VEDIC UNIVERSITY

(Created by an Act of the State Legislative Assembly of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Sponsored by Tirumala-Tirupati Devasthanams and Recognized by University Grants Commission, New Delhi)

AND

THE SCHOOL OF INDIAN HERITAGE OF

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIVEKANANDA UNIVERSITY, BELUR MATH,
WEST BENGAL, INDIA

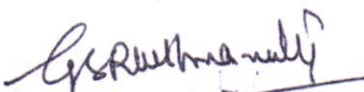
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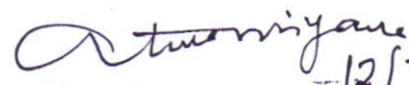
FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST
IN REGARD TO TEACHING-LEARNING, PUBLICATION, RESEARCH, ETC.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made between Sri Venkateswara Vedic University (Created by an Act of the State Legislative Assembly of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Sponsored by Tirumala-Tirupati Devasthanams and Recognized by University Grants Commission, New Delhi), having its office at Alipiri-Chandragiri Bypass Road, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, India, (hereinafter called "SV Vedic University") of the one part, and the School of Indian Heritage, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, having its Head Office at Belur Math in the district of Howrah in the State of West Bengal, (hereinafter called "RKM Vivekananda University") of the other part;

WHEREAS SV Vedic University, was established for the preservation, promotion, revival and rejuvenation of the immortal body of knowledge, the ancient Indian wisdom embodied in the Vedas, which Swami Vivekananda called "the accumulated treasury of spiritual laws discovered by different persons in different times", through teaching-learning, research, publications and any other means in the furtherance of the following objectives:

- (i) to preserve, foster and promote oral traditions of Vedic, Agamic and Cognate Literature, with focus on right intonations,
- (ii) to conduct research and propagate the relevance of knowledge system and the wisdom contained in the Vedic Literature for meeting the challenges of life in the technology-driven contemporary society,
- (iii) to bring out the profoundness of the rational approach and the scientific temper, presented in the Vedas in the context of pursuit of knowledge and realization of higher levels of consciousness,
- (iv) to consolidate, revive and promote the Vedic learning and Sanskrit study so as to integrate the scientific thought contained in the Vedas particularly in the disciplines of mathematics, astronomy, agriculture, meteorology, chemistry, metallurgy, yoga, humanities, social sciences and management with the modern scientific and technological studies, so that through integration of


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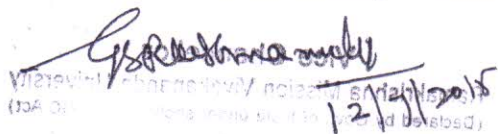

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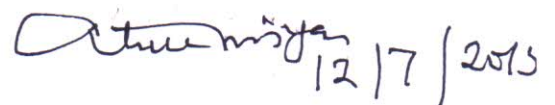
Vedic and Scientific concepts advancement of scientific knowledge can be facilitated,

- (v) to bring out awareness about the authentic interpretation of the Vedas in India and abroad, facilitating proper understanding of richness of the rational approach to life and scientific temper presented in the Vedic knowledge system,
- (vi) to create a network of Vedic, Sanskrit and other academic Institutions with reciprocal arrangement and facilities for interaction with a view to fostering a synergy of efforts to propagate the Vedic Wisdom in the contemporary society,
- (vii) to publish all the Vedas and related texts, Bhashyas and commentaries in all Indian scripts,
- (viii) to create a body of literature in modern Indian Languages on the contents of the Vedas,
- (ix) to translate the Vedas and Bhashyas (commentaries) in all modern Indian languages and publish them,
- (x) to build up Audio and Audio-visual records of Vedic chanting and various rituals,
- (xi) to prepare various kinds of tools, such charts, diagrams and pictures of various kinds of rituals as a measure of preservation and to digitize and computerize the Vedas and develop required software for various purposes.
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- (xiii) to organize seminars, conferences, Sastratha Goshtis etc., with a view to propagating Vedic knowledge in the society.

AND WHEREAS RKM Vivekananda University, through its School of Indian Heritage, has *inter alia* the following objectives which it is trying to actualize in the light of the educational vision of Swami Vivekananda, a great luminary in the horizon of Indian firmament, the awakener of India from its slumber and maker of modern India, through its various programmes and courses:

- (i) To conduct and undertake higher studies in Indian heritage—cultural, aesthetic, poetic, literary, architectural, religious, spiritual, scientific, etc., with special emphasis on Vedas and Vedanta (Upanishads) in all its phases as interpreted by our great Acharyas like Shankara, Ramanuja, Madhva and others,
- (ii) To undertake studies of other forms of Indian heritage like language, fine arts, music, dance, etc.,
- (iii) To undertake various projects and to conduct research in the above areas of Indian heritage,
- (iv) To supplement and reinforce the studies and research as described in (i) and (ii) hereinabove with extension activities to spread awareness among the general public so that educated Indians will become enlightened about India's glorious heritage and the legacy of our forefathers, in the light of what Swami Vivekananda said: "My whole ambition in life is to set in motion a machinery which will bring noble ideas to the door of everybody,


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and then let men and women settle their own fate. Let them know what our forefathers as well as other nations have thought on the most momentous questions of life."

- (v) To promote the study of Sanskrit by conducting preliminary, intermediate and advanced courses for the general public; undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Sanskrit to be conducted fully in Sanskrit medium in order create a pool of scholars who will be fluent in spoken Sanskrit and facile in written Sanskrit in order to pass on the legacy of ancient Indian wisdom through generations of students,
- (vi) To conduct research leading to doctoral and postdoctoral degrees in Sanskrit studies, with special reference to the six systems of Indian philosophy (*shad-darshana*) and Sanskrit grammar with emphasis on the Paninian system,
- (vii) To promote and achieve excellence in the area of 'Translation Studies' to bring out the rare gems of thought embedded in Indian heritage—spiritual, religious, cultural, etc.—to the attention of the world at large, concentrating on Indian and foreign languages, especially European languages of non-English countries,
- (viii) To create human resource through teaching, research, training and grooming a pool of professional personnel, scholars, teacher-researchers, to promote and strengthen Sanskrit education and research as well as Indian heritage,
- (ix) To develop the School of Indian Heritage gradually into a Centre of Excellence for any or all of the following niche areas: 'Sanskrit education and research', 'Indian philosophy', 'Translation Studies' 'Indian cultural and spiritual heritage and legacy', 'Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Studies and Thoughts' by synergizing teaching and research.

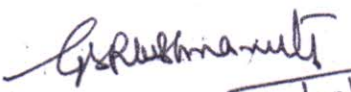
NOW THEREFORE, SV Vedic University and RKM Vivekananda University, inspired by their common objectives to promote and reinforce, accelerate and quicken the progress of research, teaching and training in the various areas of common interest as set forth hereinbefore

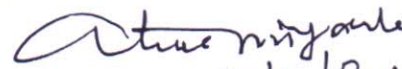
HAVE decided to enter into this MoU for fostering academic cooperation and a synergy of efforts to propagate the ancient Indian wisdom in contemporary society between these two institutions with similar and common noble ideals and agree as herein contained:

ARTICLE -I
Objectives

The Parties hereby agree to promote cooperation in the fields of:

- a) Exchange of scholars, teachers and researchers;
- b) Exchange of literature, information and methodology;
- c) Exchange of other materials and knowhow as available and required in the programmes of common interest as may be mutually agreed upon;
- d) introducing & running courses in areas of common interest sharing resources, both human and otherwise, under the joint seal and banner of


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