



Institute of Indic Studies, Gujarat University



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN:

**INSTITUTE OF INDIC STUDIES
GUJARAT UNIVERSITY
GUJARAT, INDIA
(HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS GU)**

AND

**ANAADI FOUNDATION
4/84, IVVAR MALAI
NORTH THATHANAICKENPATTI
PALANI TALUK 624621
(HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS AF)**

WHEREAS:

1. **Institute of Indic Studies, Gujarat University** is engaged since 2017 activities related to study and research of all subject broadly falling under Indian Philosophy; including, Indology, languages, literatures, history, dharma, religion, spiritual, sociology, astronomy, astrology, polity, National security, demography, arts, economy, archaeology, medicine, and all subject which may form a part of the cultural heritage of India. To make arrangement for study, research, designing and making of policies, programs, projects and by other means based on Indian knowledge heritage and traditions for making it related to present and future context which may be the most beneficial to India and the world irrespective of cast, creed, community, religion and/or sex.

Anaadi Foundation: Anaadi Foundation is a socio-spiritual organization started in 2015 by Shriman Adinarayanan and Matrushree Smrithi Adinarayanan. Education, Well-being, Sustainability and Culture are the focus areas of the foundation. Shriman Adinarayanan is a Siddhayogi who has spent more than 250 days in mouna tapasya. The dampati belong to the spiritual parampara of Mahavātar Kriya Babaji. After a deep spiritual experience (which he later realised as the experience of Samadhi)

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during his graduate studies in the US, Siddhayogi Shriman Adinarayanan had a strong desire to return to India to dedicate himself to spirituality and serving the society. After spending some time in the software industry and with the intention of living a life that can be of benefit to a larger number of people, especially the youth, they moved to academics and left academia to start Anaadi Foundation. They started Dharma Gurukulam in 2021. They continue to teach at various institutions including IIT-Delhi. They work closely with the Indian Knowledge Systems division of Ministry of Education, Govt of India on research and curriculum.

- A. The parties hereto share a common interest in many academic and educational fields; and
- B. In order to facilitate future institutional cooperation, the parties hereto wish to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU").

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **Objective:** The objective of this MOU is to outline the possible ways in which IIS, **GU** and **AF**, could develop and carry out collaborative activities.
2. **Scope of Activities:** The scope of collaboration on academic and research activities under this MOU may include, but is not limited to the following:
 - I. To make arrangement for study and research of all subjects broadly falling under Indic Knowledge System; including, Philosophy, Indology, Languages, Literatures, History, Dharma, Religion, Spiritual, Sociology, Astronomy, Astrology, Polity, National Security, Demography, Arts, Economy, Archaeology, Medicine and all subjects that may form a part of the cultural heritage of India more focused on Ayurveda, Yoga, Cognition, Psychology, Neuroscience & Wellbeing, Indian Mathematics, Astronomy, Cow-Centric Sustainability & Indian Psychology.
 - II. To make arrangement for study, research, designing and making of policies, programs, projects and by other means based on Indic Knowledge System and Traditions for making it related to present and future context which may be the most beneficial to India and the world irrespective of cast, creed, community, religion and/or sex.
 - III. To institute a library of books, manuscripts, records, collections and/or any other material, knowledge resources which would help the subject matter of a research and/or study of all above mentioned subjects.
 - IV. For furtherance of research and other objects of the institute to invite and accept services of suitable persons on a suitable terms to act as an Directors, Guides, Mentors, Scholars,

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Teachers, Gurus, Shāshtrīs, Consultants and to make arrangement for housing and maintaining them.

- V. To run classes, training program, invite and accept students on suitable terms for education, studies, research in subjects mentioned above, to hold discussions, lectures, seminars, to organise public program and do all necessary and advisable to systemise these studies including establishing and running classes and/or institutions and to run residential accommodations for the students.
- VI. To translate, print, reprint and publish textbooks, journals, magazines, books, periodicals, audio visuals, films, channel documentaries and/or any other communication forms in any of the subjects mentioned above.
- VII. To promote, advertise, spread the knowledge acquired by the study and/or research on the above subject.
- VIII. To plan and carry out all other projects not inconsistent with the forgoing promulgation of ancient/cultural/oriental studies in general and to do all such things as are necessary incidental or conducive to the achievement of any of the forgoing objects of the institute.
- IX. To collaborate, partner, joint venture, promote, engage with any other person, Institute, University, NGO, Government agencies, private or public funded companies for running the study and/or research in above mentioned subject as short term or long term projects
- X. To accept funds, donation, grants and/or other help/aids in monetary, material, accommodation and/or other forms from person, group of persons, organisation, NGO, public or private companies, Government – semi government agencies, corporation and boards to meet requirement of fulfilling objects of the institute.
- XI. To establish a centre for collaborations with ancient centres of Indian culture and traditions to impart Indian wisdom, to re-read existing scriptures, to retrieve manuscripts of immense importance, to hold joint research in Vrihatt Bharat Khand Pradesh and to define the dimensions of Indian epicentres throughout the world.
- XII. To define the corridor of learning, not restricting to in-place work, establish and re-establish cultural contacts world-wide with the places of considerable interest in view of national revival of Indian thought. Organise field visits, tours, excursions, promote yatrās, and centres of ancient Bharat as referred to in various texts which fall under the dominion of Brihad Bharat dimensions.



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- XIII. Development of joint initiatives with partner institutions, including joint or collaborative degree programmes and opportunities for full-degree fee paying undergraduate/graduate study.
- XIV. Permission is given to Gujarat University to use the official marks of Anaadi Foundation, specifically the institutional name and/or institutional logo and facilities solely for the purposes of promoting and administering the collaborative activities between the institutions; provided, however, the partner institution shall comply with MOU's guidelines with respect to such use as set out at the understanding.

A comparable statement, inserted by the partner institution, should be inserted here, providing permission to AF to use their official marks.

3. **Not Legally Binding:** This MOU is not intended to be and is not to be construed as a legally binding agreement. Signing of this MOU does not result in any material, financial or other obligation for either of the parties hereto. By signing this MOU, the parties are signifying their desire for future collaboration. Specific initiatives may be considered and agreed upon on a case by case basis, including the contributions and obligations of each institution. Each such initiative shall be negotiated between and have the mutual agreement of the partners and shall be formalized by a signed appendix to this general agreement.
4. **Term:** This MOU is effective for a period of 5(five) years from the date the MOU is signed by both parties. It may be extended or amended with the written agreement of both parties and may be terminated by either party with 6 (six) months' written notice to the other party. Any notice of termination should be addressed as follows:

If to _____ PARTNER INSTITUTION,

Attention: Institute of Indic Studies, Gujarat University

_____ IF TO PARTNER INSTITUTION,

Attention: ANAADI FOUNDATION

5. This MOU is completed in English and is signed in two (2) originals with one (1) original remaining in the possession of each party.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year below.

GUJARAT UNIVERSITY

Name: Dr. P M Patel
Title: Registrar
Gujarat University



12/1/2024

(Date)

ANAADI FOUNDATION

Name: Adinarayanan Venkatachalam
Title: Founding Guru
Anaadi Foundation

12/01/2024

(Date)

WITNESSED By

Name: Dr. Rakesh Rawal

Designation: Director
Institute Name: Institute of Indic Studies
School of International Studies & Diaspora
Gujarat University

V. Anitha
V. SMRITHI REKHA