



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN
UNIVERSITY OF LUCKNOW, LUCKNOW, INDIA
AND

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDIAN STUDIES (AIIS), NEW DELHI

Whereas the University of Lucknow, (hereinafter called LU) is a public state University based in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (India) established in 1867 is one of the premier universities of India which has necessary facilities for higher education in the faculties of Science, Arts, Social Science, Commerce & Management and particularly Studies in Indian Civilization, Indian Culture, Languages and Social Sciences, etc.

Whereas the American Institute of Indian Studies (hereinafter referred to as AIIS) a 60-year-old consortium of 92 American Universities in the United States of America established for the purpose of encouraging and facilitating scholarly studies in India about Indian Civilization, Culture, Languages and Social Sciences with Headquarters at D-31, Defence Colony, New Delhi 110 024.

Hereby establish a formal understanding of cooperation and friendship which is intended to further academic objectives of each institution and encourage and promote subjects of mutual interest through such activities and program as in the following Area of Cooperation:

1. Participation in seminars and academic meetings
2. Carrying out joint research activities.
3. Admission of students sponsored by AIIS in programs offered by LU
4. Exchange of academic materials and other information as mutually agreed upon,
5. Any other activities which may be of mutual interest.

AIIS has been recognized by the Government of India as:

- A) An Educational & Research Institution by the Ministry of Education, Government of India vide letter DO No. 25-01/81-U.4 dated 27.05.1981
- B) Not-for-profit organization by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Ministry of Finance under section 10 (23C)(vi) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.
- C) A Not-for-profit organization by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Ministry of Finance under section 80G(5) of the Income Tax Act 1961

Scope of the Cooperation

The areas of cooperation include, subject to mutual consent, any Programme offered at either university / Institution as felt desirable and feasible on either side which both sides feel can contribute to fostering and development of cooperative relationships between the two Institutions.

The assistance to be provided by each of the contracting parties will be in the field of research, faculty lectures and language training etc. as deemed beneficial by the two institutions.

Recognizing the importance of fostering academic interests and enhancing awareness and better understanding of Indian Civilization, Culture, Languages, and other subjects by scholars and students outside India, LU and AIIS have reached an understanding on the issues set-forth in this MOU, as given hereunder:

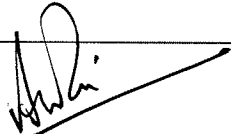
1. LU shall encourage and promote studies on Indian Civilization, Culture, Languages and other subjects by foreign scholars. Both the LU and AIIS, will undertake to assist each other in developing a proper database, library

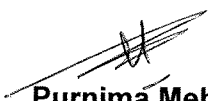
- and archives that can assist the studying of Indian Civilization, Culture and Languages etc.
2. LU shall have a simplified procedure for issue of Certificate of Association (COA) to research scholars and admission letter for language students sponsored by AIIS affiliated with Universities in the USA. The arrangements for the summer program will be outlined and finalized by mutual discussion between LU and AIIS. Issue of such COA and enrollment letter will not entail any financial liability on the part of LU.
 3. Language partners for AIIS sponsored students may be selected from the University
 4. To facilitate students to obtain 'student visa', LU will issue admission letter for the "LU summer program for AIIS sponsored students" at Lucknow for the duration of the program
 6. To facilitate coordination from LU, Coordinator, Office of International Affairs will be the nodal office and from AIIS, it will be the Director General's office.
 7. AIIS will help AIIS fellows and students to register with Foreigners Regional Registration Office, Lucknow, including online registration as well as creating a Unique ID. LU will issue of bonafide certificate for students
 8. AIIS will have the following responsibilities for each student / faculty sponsored by the Institute:
 - (a) AIIS will be responsible for all the financial liability for the students and scholars sponsored by it.
 - (b) AIIS will take complete responsibility in making housing arrangements for its scholars and pay the rental.
 - (c) AIIS will take complete responsibility for International and domestic travel costs of the students / scholars from the US/India/US for the sponsored fellows.
 - (d) AIIS will be responsible for the conduct and activities of the students and scholars and if anything, adverse comes to notice, AIIS will repatriate him/her at its own cost.
 - (e) In the event of illness, Institute will take full responsibility of treatment / repatriation, if necessary, of the sponsored scholar.
 - (f) The LU will admit sponsored research scholars as per the pre-requisite governed by the LU Ph.D. By Laws.
 - (g) AIIS sponsored scholars will report to the concerned Indian Research Guide named in the CoA upon arrival in India.
 - (h) AIIS scholars will submit quarterly academic reports and final report to the Department with which they are affiliated.
 - (i) AIIS scholars will be available to deliver lectures in their field of specialization (if and when required by the LU).
 - (j) The AIIS scholars who come for doing research work in their field of specialization will have the freedom to travel within the country in connection with their research work as per law.
6. AIIS will pay fees for the candidates sponsored by it as noted below:
- For Research Fellows:
- Rs. 10,000/- for a short term fellow (upto 6 months)
 - Rs. 15,000/- for a long term fellow (more than 6 months)
- For Urdu/Persian Language Program:
- Rs. 5,000/- for summer language program per participant
 - Rs. 7,500/- for academic year language program per participant


The issue of fees can be reviewed periodically through mutual discussions.


6. LU and AIIS will explore the possibilities of jointly organizing lectures, workshops and seminars.
8. AIIS will make available to students and faculty members of LU the use of AIIS archives and libraries in the fields of Art & Archaeology and Ethnomusicology located at AIIS Gurgaon Campus without any change.
9. This MOU will come into effect from the date of signing of this Understanding and will be in force for three years from the date it is signed.
10. That either of the parties may at any time terminate this LU – AIIS MOU by giving notice of at least 3 months in writing, to the other party at the address given hereunder or any change of address intimated in writing to the other party, provided that the work of any batch in process shall be completed so that their interests are not adversely affected.
11. Correspondence on e-mail address (properly intimated) may also be accepted if acknowledged by the other party. The correspondence relating to the procedures for COA and fees shall be valid only if they are signed by the said two officers.
12. That this MOU has been signed by the , on behalf of LU and by the Director General on behalf of AIIS, in their ex-officio capacity, who have declared that they have the necessary authority of the organization to enter into this MOU.

Signed and delivered on this 20th day of June 2023 in token of acceptance of the above mentioned terms and conditions.



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Place: Lucknow

Date: June 20, 2023