



गुजरात गुजरात GUJARAT

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) FOR PROMOTION OF
EDUCATION FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

The memorandum of understanding is made and executed on 11th day of July, 2018 at Ahmedabad.

Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, hereinafter referred to as 'BAOU' having its office at "Vyotirmay Parisar", Sarkhej - Gandhinagar Highway, Chharodi, Ahmedabad-382 481 through its authorized signatory, the Registrar which expression unless repugnant to be context or the meaning thereof shall include its permitted assigns and successors.

AND

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Rehabilitation Council of India, hereinafter referred to as 'RCI' a body created under the Rehabilitation Council of India Act 1992 having its office at B-22, Qutub institutional Area, New Delhi- 110 016 through its authorized signatory, the Member Secretary which expression unless repugnant to be context or the meaning thereof shall include its permitted assigns and successors.

Collectively referred to as the parties

Whereas both the collaborating above named parties agree to make joint efforts in promoting and implementing training and education programmes for empowerment of persons with disabilities within the jurisdiction of BAOU and will abide by the following provisions to achieve the desired Goals.

1. The BAOU will collaborate with RCI in programme design and development of multimedia for the distance mode Special Education Programmes and rehabilitation programmes and, will facilitate delivery and certification of such programmes.
2. RCI recognizes BAOU as state Open University equipped for undertaking Special Education and rehabilitation programmes through distance mode and in regional language (Gujarati). RCI will also extend technical expertise to BAOU and its Study Centers.
3. BAOU and RCI have launched/ implemented B.Ed. (Special Education) Programme. Post Graduate Professional Diploma (PGPD) and propose to launch Post Graduate Professional Certificate in Special Education (PGPCSE), Foundation Course on education of children with disabilities, Foundation Course on education of children with learning disabilities through online and distance and open learning mode and methods from the academic year 2018, covering the basic skills in education and including components for all major disabilities referred to in the RCI Act.
4. For existing programmes, the faculty and infrastructural facilities at the University, academic contents, eligibility conditions and process of evaluation will be as prescribed by the RCI. However, BAOU, in constitution with RCI could propose new programmes which could be designed by team of experts appointed by RCI with two experts, nominees of the BAOU.
5. The academic contents, eligibility conditions, design development and delivery of programmes will be separately worked out by the Rehabilitation Council of India and Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University for each programme as and when required.
6. The transition of the contents of B.Ed. (SEDE) Programmes of RCI will be done a team of experts appointed by BAOU in Gujarati language. The content will be vetted by the experts appointed by RCI.



7. All the education programmes under operation or to be operated in further shall be planned as transparent and on Self-Financing and Self-Sustenance Schemes by generating sufficient funds through programme fees to meet the running cost of the programmes which include:
 - a. Implementation cost of the implementing agencies i.e. Study centers and BAOU.
 - b. 10% of programme fee to be remitted to RCI for the distance education projects of the council covering staff promotion, maintenance of quality and research etc., as RCI share, and
 - c. Generation of development cost to the extent possible for recycling the amount as seed money for future development essential for continuous quality improvement.
8. The amount of the programme fee is to be fixed in consultation with RCI to meet the above financial implications for the self-financing.
9. On the basis of the criteria in Article 7, the programme fees will be shared amongst BAOU, RCI and the study center(s) on PRORATA basis as per the norms fixed for each programmes as per need and long term perspective.
10. The responsibility of development and generation of self-learning course material in print, audio-video (including talking book) format etc., will be of BAOU. Approved material will be supplied by BAOU to institution(s) and students as per the requirement. However, the panel of experts will be identified jointly by BAOU and RCI.
11. The selection of the study centers for conducting the programmes will be done by BAOU in consultation with RCI. BAOU shall issue the letters of approval to the concerned study centers as per their rules and regulation.
12. BAOU and RCI will jointly decide the norms for identification of study centers, the honorarium to the teachers (Counselors) and details about the system of admission and evaluation. However, 75% attendance in practice teaching in recognized schools/ centers and counseling sessions will compulsory for the Teacher Trainees to be eligible to appear in the term end examination.
13. The certificate and degree shall be award by BAOU to the students
14. BAOU and concerned study centers shall resolve any dispute between them without any involvement/interference of RCI.
15. There will be an Apex Advisory Committee which will normally meet twice a year, to oversee the implementation of the MoU. The committee will consist of the following:
 - a. Vice-Chancellor, BAOU - Chairman
 - b. Two experts nominated by the Chairman, RCI - Members
 - c. Two nominees of the Executive Council of the University, BAOU- Members
 - d. Member Secretary, RCI - Ex-Officio Member
 - e. Academic Coordinator, BAOU - Member Secretary

 

16. The MoU will be valid for the period of 5(five) years w.e.f.26th September, 2018 renewable from time to time at interval of 5(five) years. However, it could also be terminated earlier by either party giving notice of one academic session.

17. Both the parties hereto agree that any dispute arising out of this MoU shall settled mutually through discussion and that in the event of their failure to settle the dispute the matter shall referred to Sole Arbitrator appointed by the appointed with the consent of both the parties in New Delhi.

Registrar,
On behalf of BAOU



Member Secretary,
on Behalf of RCI

Witness:

1. Dr. Pankaj L. Jani
(Honorable Vice -Chancellor, BAOU) – Chairman
2. Dr. Mahendrabhai Chotaliya,
Member, Board of Management
3. Dr. Avaniben Trivedi *Bhatt*
Member, Board of Management
4. Shri Akhil Paul
Nominee of Chairman, RCI Member
5. Shri Bhushan Punani
Nominee of Chairman, RCI Member
6. Dr. Ajit Sinh Rana
(Director, SoE)-Academic Coordinator, BAOU

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