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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Scense No.C3/2851/88

Between

SCHIZOPHRENIA RESEARCH FOUNDATION (INDIA)

Chennai 600101

India

And

DWARAKA DOSS GOVERDHAN DOSS VAISHNAV COLLEGE,

Chennai 600106

India

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Collaborative Research and Academic Programme

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) sets down the mutually agreed broad framework for joint research and academic activities in various fields of interest between the Schizophrenia Research Foundation (SCARF) and Department of Social Work, Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College (DGVC). It also incorporates the modalities of collaboration.

1. Preamble:

Schizophrenia Research Foundation is a non-profit nongovernmental organization registered as a society involved in research, training, treatment and rehabilitation in the field of Mental Health. It is a World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Center for mental health training and research. It is also recognized by the Department of Science and Technology, Govt of India. It is also a PG teaching centre for DNB in Psychiatry.

The vision and mandate of Schizophrenia Research Foundation are the following:

- To offer Comprehensive Mental Health Care to the Mentally disabled
- With special emphasis on Psychosocial Rehabilitation
- Initiate, conduct and support research programs
- Increase awareness about mental illness, disability, treatment and other welfare measures
- Mental health capacity building
- Lobbying to initiate and implement MH policy changes

Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College (DGVC), a linguistic minority institution was established in the year 1964 by the Rajasthanis and Gujaratis settled in Chennai for the cause of higher education. College was founded on the principles of Vaishnavism, with the sole purpose of imparting value based quality education and empowering the youth. The college has seen a phenomenal growth in terms of its infrastructure and constantly restructured and revamped curriculum to cater to the specific needs of the student's community. Outstanding performance of the students in academics and extension activities has enabled the college to emerge a one of the premier institution of higher learning. An interdisciplinary, multi disciplinary approach in designing the course work is adopted to ensure industry - academia collaboration. The college has entered into collaborations with many reputed institutions / organizations.

Vision

To impart value based quality academia; to empower students with wisdom and to charge them with rich Indian traditions and culture; to invoke the self, to broaden the same towards nation building, harmony and Universal brotherhood.

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Mission

To ensure sustained progress and development in imparting quality education, to pioneer new avenues of teaching and research and to emerge as an institution with potential for excellence.

Whereas Schizophrenia Research Foundation (herein referred as SCARF) and Department of Social Work, Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College (herein referred as DGVC) wish to co-operate in their respective fields of mutual interest

Now therefore, the parties hereto agree to sign a general framework agreement on collaboration, subject to specific annexes, which will permit the exchange of research, experience and the organization of joint activities, in close collaboration:

2. Purpose

SCARF and DGVC would like to initiate cooperative and collaborative activities, which would address clinical and educational problems of relevance to the country. The instrument of this MOU, elements of which, facilitates this as follows:

Whereas SCARF and DGVC wish to co-operate in their respective fields of mutual interest:

Article 1:

Consistent with the goals and purpose of the collaboration, SCARF and DGVC have proposed the following areas of technical support, joint research and academic activities:

- Youth mental health program including promotion of mental health, screening for common mental health issues among students for early identification and youth friendly clinic for management of mental health issues
- 2. Community development activities pertaining to youth mental health and community mental Health.
- Teacher Training Workshops on Mental health covering the entire teachers of the College
- 4. Establishing a Clinic and visit by a counselor from SCARF, once in two weeks for two years
- 5. Strengthening the existing Counseling facility through therapy support, guidance and training.

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6. Mental health screening program and stress management workshop for teachers to help the students.

Additional areas may be identified from time to time in the future.

Now therefore, the parties hereto agree to sign a general framework agreement on collaboration, subject to specific annexes, which will permit the exchange of research, experience and the organization of joint activities, in close collaboration, pursuant to the following fundamental objectives:

- 1. To establish close collaboration in all relevant fields.
- 2. To enable the exchange of information between both institutions in all areas relating to training and teaching activities.
- 3. To promote joint research projects in areas relevant to psychiatry, psychology, social work and other relevant areas that may be identified in the future.
- 4. To develop joint publications and support the exchange of publications (bulletins, journals, books, CPD online) between both professional institutions, with special emphasis being placed on the establishment of a direct relationship between their web sites, thus permitting, by means of specific agreements, the distribution of training materials and public education materials of mutual interest to both institutions into the corresponding languages.
- 5. To study the viability of establishing assistance to professionals who wish to undertake periods of training in subjects that are the object of this agreement.
- 6. To study ways of working together that will lead to greater participation for both bodies in other relevant institutions worldwide.
- 7. To establish all measures with respect to support and exchange that may assist the institutions in fulfilling their statutory objectives with more ease.
- 8. To share experience in raising understanding of advocacy about mental health with the Government of India

Article-2

The faculty of SCARF and DGVC will hold regular scientific meetings on problems of mutual interest. The faculty and research scholars of SCARF and DGVC will have access to the appropriate facilities of both the institutes, subject to their respective rules and regulations.

Financial Liability

No financial liability will arise for SCARF or for DGVC under this Agreement.

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Article-3

Provision is hereby made for the:

- 1.Exchange of faculty,research scholars and students between SCARF and DGVC
- 2. Joint Organisation of symposia, seminars and workshops and lectures
- 3. Mutual sharing of research material and data and scientific knowledge on collaborative projects, ensuring the material is not transported outside India.

Article 4

Intellectual property:

- 1. Important research findings arising out of the activities covered under this MOU may be published in national and international journals, and presented at national and international scientific meetings reflecting collaboration.
- 2. Knowledge developed, which can result in commercial exploitation, shall be covered by patents filed jointly by SCARF and DGVC involved in the collaborative research work.
- 3. SCARF and DGVC can make use of, for their internal purposes, all the information and data generated during collaborative research programs. However, neither of them shall reveal intellectual property belonging to the other institute, to any third party without the prior written concurrence of the scientists involved from the other institute.
- 4. If any IP is developed from the collaborative projects between SCARF and DGVC the benefits of that will be shared equally between these two institutes.

Article-5

Non-exclusivity of the MOU:

Notwithstanding anything contained in the provisions, excepting Article of the MOU, both institutes have the unrestricted right to seek additional funding for and to cooperate with any agency or institute, ensuring that it is outside the purview of the collaboration agreed upon.

Article-6

Changes and Modifications:

Any articles of the MOU may be modified or changed by mutual agreement of the parties hereto in writing. The modifications and changes shall be effective from the date on which they are made unless otherwise agreed to.

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Article-7

All disagreements, difference of opinion, disputes regarding the interpretation of the provision of this MOU shall be resolved by mutual consultation of the heads of the institute or their authorized representatives.

Article-8

Use of Logo

The crests and logos of the two institutions are the intellectual property of those institutions, and may not be used without the express written permission of the institution that owns a particular crest or logo.

Article-9

Term

This Agreement remains valid for a term of 2 years (December 2018 to December 2020), unless terminated by either party at any time before the end of the term, subject to three months' prior written notice and the settlement of any outstanding obligations. This Agreement supersedes any previous agreements between SCARF and DGVC.

In witness whereof the undersigned, duly authorized thereto, have signed this on this day 25th January 2020

For Schizophrenia Research Foundation, Chennai, India

Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College, Chennai,India

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